

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

Catholic Church



7th Sunday
I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

February 20, 2022

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Mass Schedule

Mass of Anticipation—5pm Saturday in English

Sunday Masses—7:30am, 9am, 11:00am in English
12:30pm in Polish

Daily Mass—8am in English

Mass Intentions

The 2022 Mass Book is open. Please stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours to discuss available dates. Mass intentions can be requested for a deceased person or for a special intention for the living.

Reconciliation—English and Polish

Saturday—4pm to 5pm and **First Fridays**—6pm to 7pm

And by appointment.

Additional times offered during Advent and Lent.

Please check the bulletin.

First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

- 6pm to 7pm—Adoration & Reconciliation in English & Polish
- 7pm Mass—Polish

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday—Thursday 8:30am to 7pm in the Daily Chapel

Rosary

- 8:30am—Monday-Friday after Daily Mass
- 5:30pm—Second & fourth Tuesdays of the month

Parish Office Phone Number

708-342-2400

LiveStream

St. Stephen's 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass is live-streamed weekly on our parish YouTube page. You can find a link on our parish website ststephentinley.com

Prayer List

To be added to our bulletin prayer list, please contact Deacon Pete Van Merkestyn.

Ministry of Care

Holy Communion for homebound parishioners can be arranged by calling Barbara Black in the Parish Office at x137.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one needs the holy sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office. If this sacrament is needed after office hours, you can still reach a parish priest.

Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office to make funeral arrangements. Funeral dates and times are dependent upon clergy and church availability.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

RCIA is a spiritual journey of faith for adults who would like to become Catholic. If you are interested in starting this faith and education process, please contact Barbara Black in the Parish Office at x137.

Sacrament of Baptism

New parishioners are required to register and a baptism preparation class is required. Start the inquiry process at www.ststephentinley.com/baptism-prep

- English baptisms are celebrated at 2:30pm on the first, third, and fourth Sunday of every month.
- Polish baptisms are celebrated at 2:00pm on the second Sunday of the month and during the 12:30pm Polish Mass on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples interested in the Sacrament of Matrimony can start the process by completing the Marriage Inquiry form found on our parish website:

ststephentinley.com/sacrament-of-marriage

Scripture Study

Fridays from 8:45am until 10am—Room 153

Uniting Our Hearts in Prayer

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 21—8 AM

- ✠ Byron Grober—Req. by Family
- ✠ Clem Hojnacki—Req. by J. Hojnacki

Tuesday, February 22—8 AM

- ✠ Fannie Zurawski—Req. by M/M Rychetsky
- ✠ Rosemarie Pagliero—Req. by Husband

Wednesday, February 23—8 AM

- S.I. Jennifer Mikulskis—Req. by Mom
- S.I. Fr. Bob Stuglik—Req. by J. Hojnacki

Thursday, February 24—8 AM

- ✠ Geneva R. Graziano—Req. by Family
- ✠ Marie Balestri—Req. by Tony and Rox Pantano

Friday, February 25—8 AM

- ✠ Clem Hojnacki—Req. by J Hojnacki
- ✠ Hugh Twoney—Req. by Family

Saturday, February 26—5:00 PM

- ✠ Theresa Manikowski—Req. by Husband
- ✠ John O'Donnell—Req. by Frank and Mary Werr
- S.I. Blessings for our daughter Natalie—Req. by Mom & Dad
- ✠ Jean Magiera—Req. by Family
- S.I. Blessings for Ragauskis Family

Sunday, February 27

7:30 AM

- S.I. For the People
- ✠ Nancy Gatto—Req. by Ushers of St. Stephen
- ✠ John Werr—Req. by Frank and Mary

9:00 AM

- ✠ Joan Rispoli—Req. by Counters and Ushers
- ✠ David Newquist—Req. by Wife

11:00 AM

- S.I. Kathy Ernst—Req. by Margaret Wendt
- ✠ Ken Dellorgo—Req. by Wife

12:30 PM

- S.I. Intencje Zbiorowe
- ✠ Kazimierz Kwiatkowski
- ✠ Irena Bartoszewicz—Req. by Family
- ✠ Kazimierz Niezgoda—Req. by Family



S.I.—Special Intention V Deceased

LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday: St. Peter Damian
- Tuesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Wednesday: St. Polycarp
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

We pray for those in need of healing:

Tony Calich, Karen Opyd, Bill Nosek, Jim Tebo, Gerald Gernson, Lynn Packert, Deacon Bill Engler, and the sick of our parish.

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Patricia O'Reilly, Eugene Smaciarz



Alms to the Poor

n.d.

Rodolphe Bresdin

French, 1825–1885

Art Institute of Chicago

Luke 6:38

Give, and gifts will be given to you;
a good measure, packed together,
shaken down, and overflowing,
will be poured into your lap.

**Seventh
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Ordinary
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February 20, 2022

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

It's likely that some friends or followers of Jesus told him, from time to time, to "get real" when his teachings seemed too hard or impractical. John's Gospel, near the end of the Bread of Life discourse, reports that some disciples out and out turned away because it was too hard to continue following Jesus. When Jesus said to love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, or do good for those who hate us, the response, "get real," wouldn't be surprising. And yet, the very life and witness of Jesus is filled with his prophetic examples of doing just that; of refusing to return harm for harm. The lives of the saints are likewise filled with such examples, especially those saints who were laborers in the field for justice and peace. Is this command of Jesus difficult? Yes. Is it impossible? No.

ROLE REVERSAL

It could have come straight out of a Hollywood script: two enemies, former friends and admirers of each other now pitted against each other. So it is today with Saul and David. Saul had actually praised David for slaying Goliath, and rewarded him by placing him in charge of Israel's military force. David flourished, and was praised, admired for how clearly the hand of God was upon him. Of course, Saul became jealous, and soon hatched a plot to finish him off. In a turning of the tables, Saul actually becomes the vulnerable one, and David has more than one opportunity to kill him. But it is not a surprise ambush that keeps David from slaying Saul, but the realization that Saul is a meshiach (Messiah), God's anointed one, the first to bear this title in Israel. Twice David has an opportunity—the second time he even has a witness and accomplice—and yet he will not do what it seems like the script says he should.

REWRITE!

Jesus is also a master of subverting our expectations of what the script is going to do. The scriptwriter we call Luke is even more detailed than Matthew in what "love your enemies" means. Luke spells out specific, active ways to counteract the deeds of those whom we would label "enemies." Beyond that, Luke's Jesus says not to lend merely the shirt off our back, but our coat as well; to lend money not only to those who can repay, but to those who can't. This is the script of God's Meshiach: do not perpetuate or escalate violence, but reply to it with love. What you think is sufficient generosity needs to be doubled, at the very least. Whenever it seems like the direction of the story needs to be changed—so that harm or sin or cruelty is overcome by love—change the story. Through God's goodness, we are free to change our story; through God's grace, we have Jesus to show us the way.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23

Psalms 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13

1 Corinthians 15:45–49

Luke 6:27–38

Gospel Reflection—February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

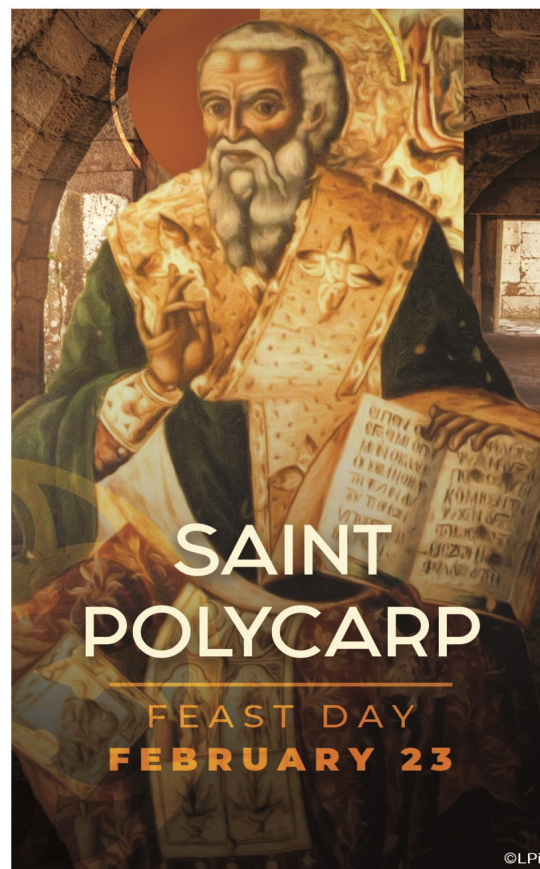
Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

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Join us after daily Mass at 8:30am
to pray the rosary. Rosary will also be
said this week on Tuesday at 5:30pm.

All are welcome.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

As a disciple of St. John, the Evangelist, St. Polycarp was able to hear about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection directly from those who witnessed it. Because Polycarp was ordained as Bishop of Smyrna by St. John, he is one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch.

During his life Polycarp defended the Church against heresies. His important writing, the *Letter to the Philippians*, quoted the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, stressing Paul's authority in the Church and setting out clear arguments against the gnostic heresy that denied Christ's divinity.

The early period of the Church was a dangerous time to be a Christian and like many, St. Polycarp was martyred. He was captured by Romans and sentenced to burn at the stake. However, the fire did not touch him, instead rising up like sails around him. Seeing that the flames would not injure Polycarp, the Romans stabbed him instead. The Martyrdom of Polycarp is perhaps the earliest fully preserved account of a Christian martyr.

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Would You Like to Distribute Holy Communion at Mass?

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist is the formal title of laypeople who distribute the Eucharist during Mass. Training that is required by the Archdiocese, provides all those wishing to serve in this ministry sufficient spiritual, theological and practical preparation to fulfill their roles with knowledge and reverence. All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine.

Liturgical Minister Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will take place on Wednesday, March 9 and March 16, 2022 at Incarnation Church which is located at 5757 W. 127th Street in Crestwood. Both sessions must be attended and run from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Once you have completed training, a short individualized training session will be held at St. Stephen to familiarize you with our procedures.

If you are interested in this important ministry, please contact Barbara Black via email at barbara@ststephentinley.com or call the parish office at (708) 342-2400.



Birthday blessings for anyone celebrating a February birthday will be given at all Masses the weekend of February 27 and 28.

Unless you become like little children

A six-month old delights in His Eucharistic Presence during Adoration

By Rafael Chavez

In 2012, Gina and I went to our scheduled Adoration time with our six-month-old son, Sebastian. As we entered the Chapel door, Sebastian started reaching out toward the Monstrance with a great smile on his face, as if greeting a beloved family member.

For the next 5-10 minutes, our Lord Jesus entertained him. Sebastian was reacting as if perhaps playing “peek-a boo” or a marvelous form of “tickle.” He repeatedly turned to look at and reach out to our Lord with smiles and giggles; then he would hide his face in Gina’s arms.

Our Adoration partner also noticed what was happening and watched for a while, awe-struck. She told me later that she decided to try a little test. She leaned forward a bit toward the monstrance, put her head closer to the activity range, and looked at Sebastian with what she described as “my best grandmotherly smile.” Sebastian turned to look at her momentarily, and his face went blank for a couple of seconds, as if to say, “nothing there to pay attention to.” He then turned back to Jesus and resumed the playful interchanges, arm, and body movements, smiles and laughter as before.

My partner told me later that, having raised four babies herself, she knew that this was truly miraculous. Sebastian, much too young to pretend, was playing with a Person in the room. He may have been invisible to us—except under His Sacramental Sign—but He was clearly visible to our young son, who was delighting in His Presence.

Rafael Chavez and his wife, Gina Martorano, are originally from Peru and Venezuela, respectively. They met in Ann Arbor and married in 2009. They have two children, Sebastian and Sofia.

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If you would like to commit to a *regular holy hour* in Eucharistic Adoration, go to <https://adorationpro.org/stephentinley>, click on **Weekly Commitment** (gold box), scroll to a day and time, click on **Sign Up**, fill in your information and chose your frequency. Frequency can be once a week or twice a month (or more) at the day and time of your choice.



This Lent, we invite you to join us for spiritual opportunities to rekindle your relationship with our Lord. All are welcome!

Polish Lenten Retreat

Friday, March 18 at 7:30pm
Saturday, March 19 at 7pm
Sunday, March 20 at 12:30pm

Behold Adoration Event

Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30pm

English Lenten Speaker—Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.M.

Wednesday, March 30 at 7pm

Stations of the Cross

All Fridays of Lent after the 8am Mass (English)

Friday at 6:30pm (Bilingual)
on March 4 and April 1

Friday at 6:30pm (English)
on March 11, March 18, March 25, April 8

Friday at 7:30pm (Polish)
on March 11, March 18, March 25, April 8

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

April 24 at 3pm (Bilingual)



Mass in English
8am, Noon, 6:30pm

Distribution of Ashes
at Services
7am and 4pm

Mass in Polish
7:30pm

Ash Wednesday—March 2, 2022

Old Palms Needed for Ash Wednesday

Donation boxes for old palms will be in the narthex from Saturday, February 19 through Sunday, February 27. Please do not put any plastic bags in these containers. Parishioners are invited to attend the palm burning ceremony after the 8am Mass on Tuesday, March 1.

Visitation of the Seven Churches

During Holy Week, the Last Supper Mass will be celebrated at 7pm at our church. After Mass St. Stephen will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. Following the Lord's Supper, we would like to offer our parishioners a pilgrimage to seven area churches. If interest exists in this pilgrimage, we would like to secure a bus for that evening to drive parishioners from parish to parish. We anticipate leaving here after Holy Thursday Mass and returning for our final prayers at St. Stephen by 11:45pm. We would need between 28 and 56 persons to commit in order to secure the bus. We expect the cost to be no more than \$10 per person. **If you would be interested in participating in this Holy Thursday pilgrimage, please contact the parish office at 708-342-2400 to sign up.**

Ash Wednesday Ashes

Question: Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Answer: Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "out of the dust of the ground" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

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Duszpasterstwo w Parafii pw. św. Szczepana Diakona i Męczennika w Języku Polskim



Msza Święta:

w każdą niedzielę o godz. 12:30pm



Sakrament Pokuty i Pojednania:

soboty od godz. 4-5pm oraz w pierwsze piątki miesiąca od godz. 6-7pm



Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu:

od poniedziałku do czwartku od 8:30am (po zakończeniu Mszy świętej) do 7pm
w kaplicy oraz w pierwsze piątki miesiąca od 6-7pm

Nabożeństwo Pierwszych Piątków Miesiąca:

- Wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu od godziny 6:00pm.
- Sakrament Pokuty i Pojednania 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- Litania do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa
- Msza Święta w języku polskim 7:00pm

Mówimy po polsku

Osoby pragnące porozumiewać się w języku polskim
w biurze parafialnym, mogą to uczynić w
poniedziałek lub środę w godzinach od 9am 12:30pm

Odwiedzenie Chorego oraz Sakrament Namaszczenia Chorych:

Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym. W każdym przypadku poważnej choroby lub wypadku należy wezwać księdza.
Komunia Święta oraz/lub oleje święte zostaną udzielone chorym na żądanie.

Sakrament Chrztu Świętego:

W drugą niedzielę miesiąca o godz. 2pm oraz w czwartą niedzielę miesiąca podczas Mszy świętej. Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym w celu rejestracji i wypełnienia potrzebnych form.

Sposoby wspierania duszpasterstwa parafii pw. Św. Szczepana Diakona i Męczennika:

GiveCentral - przez www.GiveCentral.org parafianie mogą dokonywać automatycznych darowizn w wybranym przez siebie czasie i częstotliwości. Rejestracja zajmuje tylko kilka minut. Wejdź na naszą parafialną stronę internetową www.ststephentinley.com i przeczytaj instrukcję jak się zarejestrować.

Koperty tygodniowe. Zarejestrowani parafianie otrzymują pocztą specjalne kopertki, w których ofiarowują swoje donacje. Pakiety kopert są wysyłane co drugi miesiąc.

Bóg zapłać za wszelkie formy wsparcia. Świętemu Szczepanowi powierzamy nasze rodziny i naszą parafialną wspólnotę.

Zaświadczenia Podatkowe za rok 2021

Zapisani członkowie naszej Parafii, którzy potrzebują zaświadczenia do Income Tax w celach podatkowych za ofiary złożone na kościół w roku 2021, proszeni są o kontakt z biurem parafialnym pod numerem 708-342-2400 lub o wysłanie wiadomości pocztą elektroniczną do księgowego parafii Mr. Jay Castrogiovanni na adres castro@ststephentinley.com. Proszę wpisać w linii temat: "2021 tax letter requested".

Intencje na Msze Św. na rok 2022

Zachęcamy Państwa do składania intencji na Msze Św. na rok 2022. Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym od poniedziałku do czwartku w godz. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm. W piątki od 8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1 pm - 4:30 pm. Po polsku: poniedziałki i środy od 9am-12:30pm. W soboty biuro parafialne jest czynne od godz. 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Polskie strony w biuletynie parafialnym są edytowane przez Marsha Geurtsen. Jeżeli chciałbyś przesłać informację o ważnym wydarzeniu parafialnym, to wyślij email na adres:

marzena25@gmail.com

Aby umieścić ogłoszenie na ostatnich stronach biuletynu-dzwon do Nancy Krzystek lub wyślij jej email: krzystekn@jpsaluch.com



**w poniedziałki, wtorki,
środy & czwartki
8:30am -7:00pm.**



Biblia w języku polskim

instrukcja wprowadzenia QR kodu do telefonu:

1. Włącz kamerę telefonu i nakieruj ją na QR kod
2. Po ukazaniu się paska informacyjnego na górze ekranu naciśnij na niego
3. Telefon odeśle do *APP Store* pokazując Pismo Święte
4. Należy nacisnąć na ikonę *Instaluj*
5. Telefon zainstaluje i utworzy ikonę z której można korzystać.



The Queen of Hearts

Zachęcamy do wsparcia naszej
loterii *The Queen of Hearts*.



Bilety na loterię do nabycia po Mszy Świętej.
więcej informacji w biurze parafialnym.

Błogosławieństwo Urodzinowe

Błogosławieństwo dla osób, które obchodzą
swoje urodziny w miesiącu lutym
będzie udzielane w następną niedzielę
podczas Mszy świętej.



**Środa
Popielcowa**

W Środę Popielcową, 2 Marca, rozpoczynamy
czterdziestodniowy okres Wielkiego Postu, w którym przez
modlitwę, pokutne uczynki i czynną miłość bliźniego
przygotowujemy się do obchodzenia Świąt Wielkanocnych.

W środę Popielcową obowiązuje wstrzemięźliwość
od pokarmów mięsnych i post ilościowy.

Mszę św. z posypaniem głów popiołem w języku polskim
sprawować będziemy o godz. **7:30pm**.

Zaleca się pielęgnowanie zwyczaju zabierania dla
nieobecnych poświęconego popiołu jako znak łączności
z całym Kościołem rozpoczynającym okres pokuty.

Stypendia Świętego Papieża Jana Pawła Wielkiego

Liga Katolicka Pomocy Religijnej Polsce i Polonii
po raz piąty w swej 78-letniej historii oferuje w
tym roku osiemnaście stypendiów akademickich
i formacyjnych dla Polonii w USA. Każde stypen-
dium jest \$5000. Polonijna młodzież akademicka,
aktywnie zaangażowana w życie lokalnego para-
fialnego Kościoła Rzymsko-katolickiego, albo w
współpracującymi z Ligą organizacjami Polonij-
nymi, ma możliwość ubiegania się o odnawialne
stypendium im. Świętego Jana Pawła II na rok
akademicki 2022-2023. Termin składania aplikac-
ji i dokumentów upływa z dniem 31 marca 2022.

Po więcej informacji o warunkach, kryteriach
przyznawania stypendiów i pobrania aplikacji
zapraszamy na stronę internetową Ligi:

www.catholicleaguepolonia.org

Msza w języku polskim: 7:30pm

Msze Święte po angielsku: 8am, 12pm, 6:30pm

Posypanie głów popiołem można też będzie otrzymać o godzinie 7am & 4pm

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Doroczna Kwesta Katolicka 2022

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Boża obietnica i nasza odpowiedzialność



Prosimy o znalezienie czasu w tym tygodniu na refleksję nad materiałami Dorocznej Kwesty Katolickiej, które powinniście otrzymać pocztą lub, które znajdują się w biuletynie.

Prosimy, abyście pamiętali, że Doroczna Kwesta Katolicka jest czymś zupełnie innym niż jednorazową specjalną kolektą. Jest to kampania, podczas której składane są zobowiązania finansowe, które mogą być spłacane w ratach.

Każde zobowiązanie ma znaczenie! Wszystkie parafie archidiecezji uczestniczą w kampanii i to dzięki darom złożonym przez wiele osób, parafie, szkoły i wiele duszpasterstw może zapewniać wiernym potrzebne usługi i dzieła duszpasterskie i odpowiedzieć na słowa Jezusa: „Odnówić wszystko... Boża obietnica i nasza odpowiedzialność”. Jeśli otrzymałeś formularz deklaracji pocztą, prosimy, abyś wypełnił go i odesłał z powrotem.

W bieżącym roku zachęcamy naszych parafian do składania ofiar na Doroczną Kwestę

Katolicką również przez Internet: annualcatholicappeal.com

Renew My Church Update

NEWS IN OUR CATHOLIC NEIGHBORHOOD PARISHES

While the seven parishes in the Orland / Tinley area have successfully completed the initial Renew My Church process, we have now taken the next step in building community within our Catholic neighborhood. Representatives from St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. George, St. Julie Billiart, St. Michael, Our Lady of the Woods and St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr met over the last several months to share our strengths and our individual areas of challenge. We discussed ways we could both learn from and support each other. We are very fortunate that there is no need to close or consolidate any of our parishes. The Archdiocese recognizes all the wonderful things happening here. It is our wish to build on that and create a strong, lasting presence in the communities, keeping the main focus on Evangelization drawing people closer to Jesus through our Catholic Faith.

The original committee members determined there would be many benefits if we shared our talents to form an even stronger Catholic bond. The result of that was the formation of the seven parish VISION COUNCIL. There are two members from each parish with the Pastors taking turns overseeing the group. As a result of the first meeting, many practical ideas are being discussed; 1) Young Adult Ministry, 2) Youth Ministers to be hired and shared by parishes that presently lack that position and 3) shared RCIA between parishes.

It is our desire to see all parishioners, of every age group, feel welcome and a sense of belonging, and ultimately develop a deeper connection to the Faith and our Church. The mission of the VISION COUNCIL is to determine how we seven parishes can move together toward the Kingdom of God.



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SATURDAY, MARCH 19

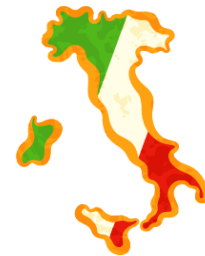
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Adult tickets - \$20 per person

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Advance ticket purchase required. Seating limited.



TICKETS ON SALE:

March 5/6 and March 12/13 - in the Narthex at all Masses

March 1 through March 12 - at the Parish Office

MENU INCLUDES:

Antipasto salad, potato salad, fried chicken, Grecian chicken, sausage peppers and potatoes, stuffed shells and eggplant parmesan, rolls and butter. Dessert and coffee.

DRINKS:

Pop and water \$1 each. Attendees can bring their own beer or wine.

Please note: Coolers are not permitted.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

GIFT CARDS (any amount/any location) to be used in a special raffle

UNOPENED ITEMS (i.e. liquor/wine) for basket raffles

Please drop off items at the parish office during regular business hours.

STORE BOUGHT BAKERY ITEMS FOR DESSERT TABLE

Drop off dates will be Friday, March 18 or Saturday, March 19.

Times to be announced.



Questions? Please contact Theresa Gamino at

theresa@ststephentinley.com

or call and leave her a message at the parish office
at 708-342-2400.



Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

We invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you received. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of "Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility." You'll recall that our St. Stephen parish goal is \$60,359. Anything collected above this amount will remain in the parish.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

Knights of Columbus Comedy Show

Saturday March 12th, 2022

- O'Connell Hall at St. George
- Doors open at 6 PM. Dinner starts about 7 PM.
- Seating and tickets limited. Tickets—\$45 per person
- Tickets include the show, dinner, and drinks (beer, wine, soda and water). Ticket holders cannot bring alcohol in. Snacks permissible.

For tickets and information please use the KC website: knights4698.org.

If you have ticketing questions or need more information please call Rob Mertens at 708-247-6387 or email him at: rpmertens@comcast.net. You may also contact Don Clark at 630-461-6541 if attempts to contact Rob are unsuccessful.

We look forward to seeing you again after a year off for a fun filled evening.



BEYOND DIVORCE

Divorced and Hurting? Divorce is painful and often shattering. Divorce does change every aspect of a person's life. If you would like help in managing these changes join us St George in mid-February. St George will be offering a 10-session study/discussion group using the book *Divorce and Beyond*. Those who suffered a divorce are invited to register. The group will meet on a day to be determined at our first meeting, February 22 at 7pm. Call now to reserve your place for *Divorce and Beyond*.

Questions? Please contact Deacon Joe Truesdale from St. George at 708-614-0286

- **Presidents Day**—The Parish and RE offices are closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents Day. Daily Mass is scheduled at 8am and Rosary/Divine Mercy prayers will be said following Mass on Monday in the church. Our Adoration Chapel will remain open from 8:30am until 7:00pm.
- **RE Classes**—There are no RE classes the week of February 20th. RE classes resume Sunday, February 27.
- **Queen of Hearts Split the Pot**—On February 11th, the first card for our split the pot raffle was pulled—#34, which was the 8 of spades. Tom C. won \$25. The pot as of Monday, February 14th grew to \$5,655. Queen of Hearts tickets can be purchased Thursdays and Fridays in the RE office from 12pm until 2pm and on the weekends in the Narthex, before and after Masses. The Queen of Heart drawing is conducted at North and Maple on Friday nights at 7pm. Take a chance, purchase a raffle ticket, and see if you can reveal the Queen of Hearts!

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
SUNDAY	FEB 20	--	No RE Classes	--
		All Masses	Palm Collection, Queen of Heart Ticket Sales	Narthex
		10:00 AM	Meet and Greet/Parish Registration after 9 AM Mass	PLC
		11:00 AM	Growing with God	RE Wing/PLC
		12:30 PM	Polish Baptism	Church
		2:30 PM	Baptism	Church
MON.-THUR.	FEB 21 - FEB 24	8:30AM - 7PM	Adoration	Daily Chapel
MON.-FRI	FEB 21-FEB 25	8:30AM - 9 AM	Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church
MONDAY	FEB 21	--	Presidents Day - Parish and RE Offices Closed	
			No RE Classes	
TUESDAY	FEB 22	3:00 PM	CJB Athletics - Basketball practice	PLC - Gym
		5:30 PM	Evening Rosary	Church
		7:00 PM	Baptism Preparation Class	LMR
WEDNESDAY	FEB 23	--	No RE Classes	--
THURSDAY	FEB 24	12PM - 2PM	Queen of Heart Ticket Sales - RE Office	RE Office
		7:00 PM	Parish Pastoral Council	Room 125/126
		7:00 PM	Polish AA	Room 153
		7:00 PM	RCIA - Youth Room	Youth Room
FRIDAY	FEB 25	12PM - 2PM	Queen of Heart Ticket Sales - RE Office	RE Office
		4:00 PM	Set Up for Meal Program	PLC
		5:00 PM	SSDM Carry-Out Meals Program	PLC
		7:00 PM	English AA	Rm. 174
SAT/SUN	FEB 26/FEB 27	All Masses	Annual Catholic Appeal Follow Up Weekend; Birthday Blessing	
		All Masses	Palm Collection, Queen of Heart Ticket Sales	Narthex
SUNDAY	FEB 27	10:00 AM	RE Classes	Education Wing
		11:00 AM	Grade 3 Class Mass	Church
		2:30 PM	Baptism	Church



	<u>6-Feb-22</u>
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Angel Fund CJB	\$118.00
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Our 2021 Christmas Collection through January 2022 totals \$79,743.50

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