

ST. STEPHEN DEACON AND MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Mass of Anticipation

5pm Saturday (English)

*Live-streamed weekly
through parish website.*

Sunday Masses

7:30am, 9am, 11:00am (English)

12:30pm (Polish)

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday at 8am (English)

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

4pm to 5pm (English and Polish)

First Fridays

6pm to 7pm (English and Polish)

And by appointment.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Adoration & Reconciliation

6pm to 7pm (English and Polish)

Mass

7pm (Polish)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday—Thursday

8:30am to 7pm

ROSARY

Monday—Friday

8:30am

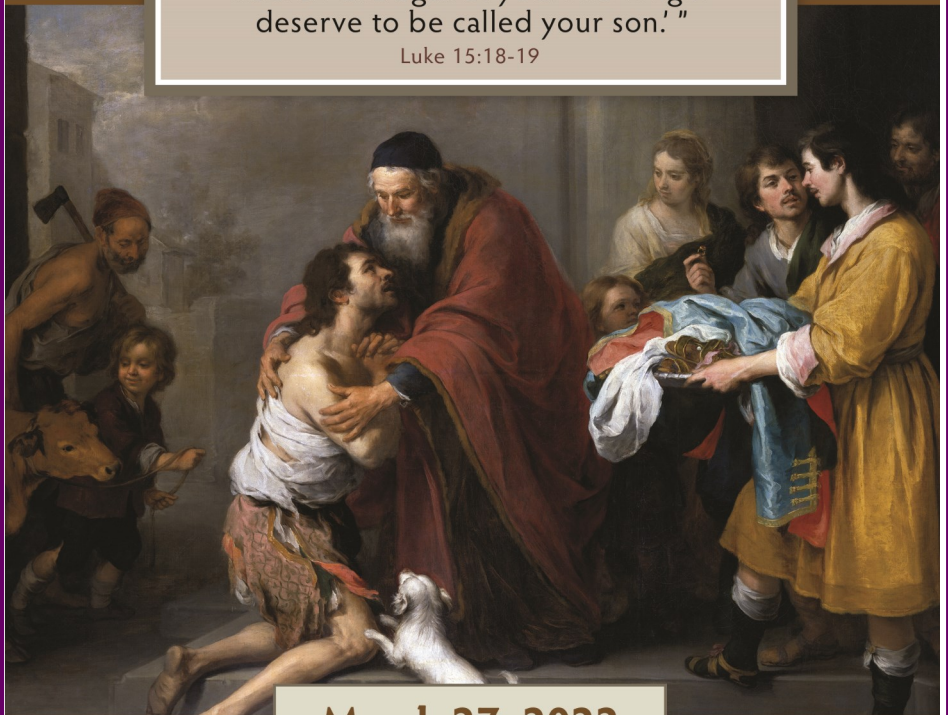
Second & Fourth Tuesdays

5:30pm

Fourth Sunday
of
LENT

"I shall get up and go to my
father and I shall say to him,
'Father, I have sinned against
heaven and against you. I no longer
deserve to be called your son.'"

Luke 15:18-19



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Parish Office

17500 South 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487
708-342-2400 | www.ststephentinley.com

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30am—7pm

Friday 8:30am -4:30pm | Saturday 9am-Noon

Closed daily for lunch: 12:30pm-1pm.

Bilingual receptionist available Mondays & Wednesdays from 9am -12:30pm.

Pastoral Staff

To reach or leave a message for pastoral staff, please contact the Parish Office at 708-342-2400.

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Parishioner Registration—We warmly welcome new members to St. Stephen. To register, please stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours or come to a Meet and Greet event on Sunday mornings after the 9am Mass. Dates are posted in the bulletin. Online registration is not available at this time.

Active Parishioner Status—In order to be considered as a godparent for the Sacraments of Baptism and/or a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, a person must be verified as an “active member” of a Catholic parish. While assessments of the inquiry will be made individually, the following factors are considered when making the determination of whether or not a person is an active parishioner. Is the person:

- Properly registered and supporting the Church?
- Faithfully attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days?
- Participating in parish activities when possible?
- Using the parish envelope system or electronic giving system in support of our parish?

Adult children living at home are required to register separately from their parents as parishioners.

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

Religious Education

St. Stephen offers a First through Eighth grade religious education program. We also offer a Pre-K program called Growing with God. Please see our parish website for details. The RE Office can be reached at 708-342-1544.

Larry Manetti—Director of Faith Formation

larry@ststephentinley.com

Dee Zvejnieks—RE Administrative Assistant

dee@ststephentinley.com

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 8:30am—4:30pm

(closed daily for lunch from 12:30pm-1pm)

Friday: 8:30am—12:30pm

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Parish School (CJB)

St. Stephen is a co-sponsor of CJB School in Orland Hills, along with St. Francis of Assisi (Orland Park), St. Julie (Tinley Park), and St. Elizabeth Seton (Orland Hills). Our school is located at 9250 West 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL 60487

Phone: 708-403-6525

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Kelly Bourrell—Principal

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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.

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.

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation (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.

Scripture Study

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



Uniting Our Hearts in Prayer

Monday, March 28—8:00 AM

- ✠ Anna Haxel—Req. by Family
- ✠ Cataleya Luz Bellettiere—Req. by Mom/Dad/Grandma
- ✠ Anna Power—Req. by Family

Tuesday, March 29—8:00 AM

- ✠ Daniel J. Carey—Req. by Pat Madden
- ✠ Viola Romano—Req. by Daughters

Wednesday, March 30—8:00 AM

- ✠ David Barrett—Req. by Sandi White
- ✠ Robert Black—Req. by Barbara Black
- ✠ Joseph Persin—Req. by Barbara Black

Thursday, March 31—8:00 AM

- ✠ Joseph & Stephanie Staniszewski—Req. by Granddaughter
- ✠ Felix and Ann Mikos—Req. by Granddaughter

First Friday, April 1

8:00 AM

- ✠ Ann and William Power—Req. by Her Family
- S.I. Blessings for Vincent—Req. by His Parents

7:00 PM

- ✠ Clem Hojnacki—Req. by Jackie Hojnacki
- S.I. Fr. Bob Stuglik—Req. by Jackie Hojnacki

Saturday, April 2—5:00 PM

- ✠ Theresa Manikowski—Req. by Her Husband
- ✠ Mary Ann Frederick—Req. by Family
- ✠ Patricia Stearney—Req. by Murphy Family
- ✠ Clem Hojnacki—Req. by Jackie Hojnacki

Sunday, April 3

7:30 AM

- S.I.—For the People
- ✠ Cynthia Deutscher—Req. by Family
- ✠ Claude Ohanesian—Req. by Ton and Rox Pantano

9:00 AM

- ✠ Marianne Lee—Req. by Gail Copley
- ✠ John Ondo—Req. by Roeper Family

11:00 AM

- ✠ Daniel Carey—Req. by Dcn. Pete & Jan Van Merkestyn
- ✠ Dolores Vig—Req. by Family

12:30 PM

- S.I. Intencje Zbiorowe
- ✠ Req. by Kazimierz Kwiatkowski
- ✠ Jan & Stanistawa Kmiecik—Req. by Family
- S.I. Aniela Szczepaniak o zdrowie—Rodzina Karpiuk
- ✠ Teresa: Tadeusz Czeszejko—Rodzina
- ✠ Genowefa: Julian Rutka—Rodzina

LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Friday: First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Francis of Paola; First Saturday

PRAYER OF THE WEEK—Fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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.



Those in need of healing:

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

The repose of the soul of:

Joan Kane, Howard Groves, Denise Miles, Carol Sowinski, Bruce Butkowski, Beverly Brannigan



God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us. As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what He has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.

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Stations of the Cross This Lent

All Fridays of Lent

After the 8am Mass (English)

Friday, April 1—First Friday of the Month

6:30pm (Bilingual)

Friday, April 8 at 6:30pm

6:30pm (Bilingual)

Followed by Simple Lenten Supper in PLC

Join Us!

**Simple Lenten Supper
Friday, April 8 after Stations**

The Stations of the Cross are a meaningful way to pray and meditate during Lent on Christ's sacrifice for us. As we pray the fourteen individual stations, we walk and pray alongside Jesus from the time He was condemned through His burial on Good Friday.

On Friday, April 8, 2022, St. Stephen will offer a bilingual family-focused Stations of the Cross service at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend stations of the cross that Friday.

After stations, St. Stephen will offer a simple Lenten supper. During Lent, we abstain from meat on Fridays. Our meatless supper will consist of cheese pierogi, potato pancakes, apple sauce, and macaroni and cheese for the children. **In order for us to plan accordingly, please take a moment to register by following these directions:**

Scan the QR code to the right with your smart phone camera to be directed to our website registration page for this event.



- ▶ Or...Please visit our parish website ststephentinley.com
- ▶ Click on "Faith Life", then click on "Stations with Simple Supper April 8"
- ▶ Complete the registration form, indicating how many from your household will attend.

If you do not have a computer or smart phone, please call the parish office to register.

We look forward to praying with you and sharing a meal together as a community of faith.



CONFIRMATION

We welcome into our Church the newly confirmed.

Be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Elizabeth Ardagh	Connor Dardugno	Madelyn Lee	Nathaniel Rhein
Sergio Avila	Luke Degner	Riley Leibfried	Luke Rost
Abigail Baer	Martin Dwyer	Francesca Lemus	Adam Schmidt
Anie Balta	Nora Dziekan	Owen Lense	Michael Schnell
Anthony Bartolini	Sarah Escalona	Will MacLeod	Carly Sempek
Abigail Baskovich	Vincent Eyer	Tyler Malinowski	Joseph Seropian
Aidan Bear	Vincent Fideli	Joseph Martello	Aubrey Shewmaker
Emma Bekta	Nathan Fortino	Tessa Martino	Kyle Sieracki
Kayla Bennett	Trenton Friederich	Sean McGann	Carson Solomon
Samantha Bennett	Lucas Garcia	Sean McHugh	Brandon Steele
Kaitlyn Berry	Liliana Gemmell	Sofia McQuaid	Michael Stephens
Shane Bickel	Giuseppe Goebel	Mikho Melocoton	Dillon Stewart
Jack Bousman	Joseph Gorter	Jake Mendoza	Caden Styrsky
Owen Bousman	Remi Guest	Sean Michels	Chance Swick
Benjamin Boyd	Lauren Haggerty	Owen Monahan	Sean Tadevich
Meara Bressanelli	Mike Haggerty	Nahom Montalto	Ava Talty
Charlotte Buck	Gabrielle Hatter	Jenna Moore	Jason Thomas
Benjamin Bunda	Paige Holt	Daniel Moss	Ryan Troxell
Morgan Bunda	Abigail Hughes	Max Mularz	Aidan Villasenor
Josh Burke	Caden Hutter	Olivia Nelson	Everett Villasenor
Gianna Callahan	Vincent Insley	Megan Oberholz	Kristianne Villasenor
Claire Carney	Claire Jaskierski	Bridget O'Connell	Claire Vitellaro
Nicholas Ceballos	Kieris Jedlowski	Olivia Oczachowski	Matthew Walkosz
Claire Cholly	Allyson Jeziorski	Ava Oftedahl	Dylan Weber
Ryan Clark	Elizabeth Johnson	Matthew Orban	Benjamin Westin
Gianna Coco	Kennedy Johnson	Daniel O'Shea	Lauren Wheeler
Samuel Coe	Jaiden Juachon	Lucas Ossowski	Memphis Wilcox
Angelina Cole	Caden Kendall	Jack Peil	Jacob Williams
Michael Coletta	Nolan Kendall	Ava Phillips	Ava Young
Hayden Cortez	Lucy Kiffmeyer	Ryan Pursel	Mark Zawada
Emily Crotty	Tegan Koehler	William Quinn	Audrey Zavarus
Joseph Cuculich	Natalie Kress	Thomas Reilly	Nathan Zegarlinski
Isabella Curtin	Magdalena Kwak	Cassandra Resil	Ryland Zolk
	Trevor Lange	Austin Reutter	



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The most essential dimension of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to recognize the personal encounter with God. The sacrament is meant to bring reconciliation and peace to one's heart. Too often we think of confession as a burden without recognizing that it is an encounter with a loving and merciful God who wants to forgive us our sins if we are contrite and resolve to amend our ways. The Church speaks of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a sacrament of healing. Sin always scatters us and wounds others. Through a good confession we can experience the freeing and healing power of God's restoring grace.

- Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski

Communal Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions

Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30pm in English & Polish

Individual Confessions

Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30pm in English & Polish

Wednesday, April 6 from 8:30am—9:30am in English & Polish

Question: What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

Answer: Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave – the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin – while still damaging to the human heart and human society – are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

Question: In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?

Answer: The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of "social distanced" confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves.

Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, "Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet" (The Church and the Internet, no. 9).

Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered "real" in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.

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"From Ashes to the Resurrection"
All are invited
to come hear
our Lenten Speaker
Fr. Tom McCarthy
March 30, 2022
7:00 PM

*Please join us for an evening of spiritual reflection.
Invite a family member, friend, or neighbor to come along!*

Wielki Post, Tridum Paschalne i Święta Wielkiej Nocy w parafii Św. Szczepana Diakona i Męczennika

Sakrament Pokuty i Pojednania:

Wtorek, 29 Marzec:	6:30pm (dwujęzyczna)
Wtorek, 5 kwietnia:	6:30pm (dwujęzyczna)
Środa, 6 kwietnia:	8:30am - 9:30am (dwujęzyczna)

Wielki Tydzień:

Wigilia Niedzieli Palmowej, 9 kwietnia:	5pm (po angielsku)
Niedziela Palmowa: 10 kwiecień:	7:30am, 9am, 11am (po angielsku) 12:30pm (po polsku)

Wielki Czwartek, 14 kwietnia:

Modlitwa poranna:	8am (po angielsku)
Msza Wieczerzy Pańskiej:	7pm (dwujęzyczna)
Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu do północy.	

Wielki Piątek, 15 kwietnia:

Modlitwa poranna:	8am (po angielsku)
Liturgia Męki Pańskiej	3pm (po angielsku)
Liturgia Męki Pańskiej	5pm (po polsku)
Droga Krzyżowa	10pm (po polsku)
Czuwanie przy Grobie Pana Jezusa do północy.	

Wielka Sobota, 16 kwietnia:

Czuwanie przy Grobie Pana Jezusa	9am - 1pm
Święcenie Pokarmów	11am & 12pm (dwujęzyczna)
Zabawa szukania pisanek	12:30pm (na terenie parafii)
Wigilia Paschalna	7:30pm (dwujęzyczna)

Niedziela Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego, 17 kwietnia:

Msza Święta Rezurekcyjna z procesją	5am (po polsku)
Msza Niedzieli Wielkanocnej	7:30am, 9am & 11am (po angielsku) 12:30pm (po polsku)

Poniedziałek Wielkanocny, 18 kwietnia:

Msza Święta	8am (po angielsku) & 7:00pm (po polsku)
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Niedziela Miłosierdzia Bożego, 24 kwietnia:

Msza Święta	7:30am, 9am & 11am (po angielsku) 12:30pm (po polsku)
Godzina Miłosierdzia Bożego	3pm (dwujęzyczna)



Rozważania O Miłosierdziu Bożym

Ubiczowany,
wycieńczony, przybity
do krzyża kona Syn Boży...

SPOJRZENIE Z KRZYŻA JEZUSA MIŁOSIERNEGO



W ostatnich chwilach swego ziemskiego życia zmęczone, zakrwawione oczy kieruje na najukochańszą Matkę i umiłowanego swego ucznia Jana. Mimo wielkiego cierpienia z troską i miłością patrzy na tych, których pozostawia i są Mu szczególnie bliscy. Jaką tajemnicę kryje w sobie ten wzrok, skoro kilka tysięcy lat później Jezus zapragnął podkreślić jego cenę i wartość. Kieruje prośbę o wymalowanie obrazu, podkreślając, by Jego wzrok był taki, jak tam na Golgocie, gdy oddawał Ducha Bogu. Posłuszna tym natchnieniom św. Siostra Faustyna Kowalska przekazuje światu wizerunek Jezusa Miłosierdnego, który tym samym wzrokiem obejmuje już nie tylko Matkę i ucznia, ale całą ludzkość.

Jest to spojrzenie miłosiernej miłości, które przenika każdą duszę w każdym miejscu i w każdym czasie. Bóg nie jest kimś odległym i dalekim. Jego wzrok bez zmęczenia spoczywa w każdym ludzkim sercu. Nie jest to obojętne patrzeć, ono niesie z sobą wiele łask i niepojęty dar miłości. Ono przyozdabia duszę, oczyszcza, wzbogaca i oświeca. "Bóg daje łaskę po łasce" /J1,16/. Jego ognista miłość nigdy nie wygasa, bo On jest łaskawy /por. Wj 33,12-13/. Przyszedł do nas z orędziem miłosierdzia i swym wzrokiem dostrzega każdego, kto tego miłosierdzia potrzebuje. Jezus z miłości oddał za nas życie na drzewie krzyża, a dziś powrócił, by powiedzieć nam, że nigdy nie przestał nas kochać. Nadal jest i będzie czekał... do ostatniej duszy, która pozna Jego miłosierdzie.

Jezus zapewnia nas, że nawet największa nędza duszy nie zapala Go gniewem, ale wzrusza Jego Serce wielkim miłosierdziem. /por.Dz./ On przygarnia wszystkich zbłąkanych, wychodzi na spotkanie w sakramencie pokuty i wypatruje nas ze złotego tabernakulum. Staje się maleńki, jak okruszyna chleba, aby dotrzeć z potęgą swej łaski do najbardziej zapomnianych zakamarków naszego życia. Gdy Bóg ogarnia nas swoim wzrokiem, pozostawia w duszy blask swych oczu. Rozkochuje w sobie przynaglać do ufego zawierzenia Jego miłości, a tym samym do kroczenia Jego śladami. "Każde bowiem życie określa się i wartościuje poprzez wewnętrzny kształt miłości. Powiedz mi jaka jest Twoja miłość, a powiem ci kim jesteś" - mówi Jan Paweł II.

Jezus patrzy na nas z wysokości krzyża i poprzez obraz - tym samym wzrokiem pełnym łagodności, miłości i miłosierdzia. Oczekuje jednocześnie, że w naszej zabieganej codzienności nadejdzie chwila, w której nasz wzrok spotka się z Jego wzrokiem i już nigdy oczu od Niego nie oderwiemy. Bóg jest cierpliwy i łaskawy. Nieustannie czeka,

Druga składka - Niedziela, 3 Kwietnia

W następnym tygodniu przypada pierwsza niedziela miesiąca. Zostanie zebrana druga składka przeznaczona na konserwację i naprawy oraz utrzymanie budynków parafialnych. W szczególny sposób chcemy zwrócić państwa uwagę na potrzebę wymiany naszego dachu na kościele, który służy nam od 23 lat. Koszt wymiany dachu wynosi około \$170,329. Udało nam się już sporo zebrać dzięki składkom i loterii Queen of Hearts, jednakże dalej brakuje nam około \$106,661. Składamy serdeczne podziękowania dla wszystkich wspierających wszelkie inicjatywy, które zasilają nasz budżet. Bóg zapłać za hojność.



Megan Williamson will receive the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil this year. In conjunction with Renew My Church initiatives, she has been preparing for this since October along with candidates from St. Elizabeth Seton and St. George. Adjacent, you will find a short biography that we asked Megan to prepare. Please pray for Megan and offer her a warm welcome if you see her at church.

Barbara Black
RCIA Director

Hello Everyone

My name is Megan Williamson, and I am an Elect at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Catholic Church. I grew up in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. I graduated from Kansas State University with my Bachelor's in 2018. I currently work in the Physical Therapy field, and I love to help anybody in need. My favorite hobbies include spending time with my fiancé and our families, going on dog walks with my Labrador Retriever, hanging out with friends, traveling, cooking, and reading books. I am extremely excited to be Baptized at the

Easter Vigil this April. What makes me the happiest about becoming Catholic is gaining additional relationships in my life: with God and the Catholic Church community.



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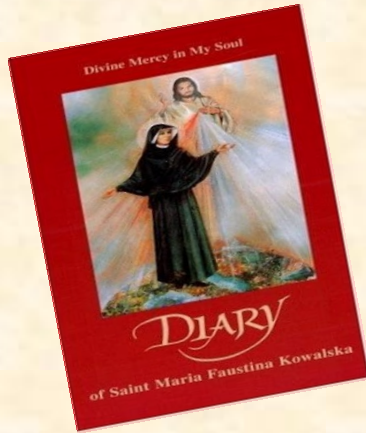
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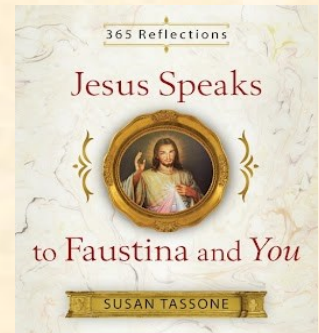
Would you like to learn more about the beautiful message of Divine Mercy?

Through the generous donation of a parishioner benefactor, St. Stephen parish is gifting our parishioners a copy of either *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* or *Jesus speaks to Faustina and You*. Here are descriptions of the books:



Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul is the book that started the message and devotion to The Divine Mercy. It chronicles St. Maria Faustina Kowalska's amazing encounter with The Divine Mercy - our Lord Jesus Christ. In it we are reminded to trust in the Divine Mercy of Jesus and seek His forgiveness. This is an inspirational book leading the reader to God's mercy.

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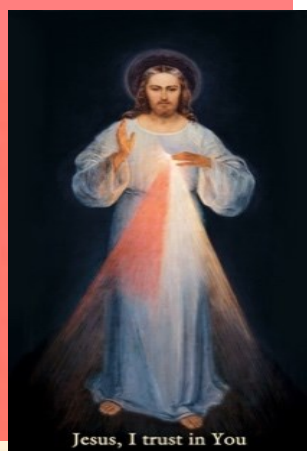
If you would like to receive one of these books as a gift, you have two options for ordering.

- 1. Order online through our parish website (preferred method)**
 - Scan the QR code to the right with your smart phone camera
 - Or go to <https://www.ststephentinley.com/divine-mercy-book-offer>.
- 2. Call the Parish Office.** If you do not have access to the internet, please call the parish office during regular business hours at 708-342-2400. We understand that not everyone has a computer or smart phone. Please provide the receptionist with your name, a daytime phone number, and the name of the book you would like to receive.



Orders for books will be taken until close of business on Thursday, March 31, 2022.

The parish office will place a one-time only order for these books. We anticipate the book delivery to take approximately two weeks. Information about how to pick up your gifted book from the parish office will be published in future bulletins. We expect the books to arrive in mid-April. St. Stephen parish is grateful to our benefactor for providing this gift of the Divine Mercy books to our parishioners.



The Image of Divine Mercy

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her:

Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (*Diary*, 47, 48). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (47).

At the request of her spiritual director, St. Faustina asked the Lord about the meaning of the rays in the image. She heard these words in reply:

The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (299). By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (742).

In the Image, our Risen Savior has pale and red rays streaming from His side. These rays symbolize the Blood and Water that flowed from His side while He was on the cross. But, in His appearance to St. Faustina, they had been transformed into glorious rays, revealing a fount of healing graces for sinners who will turn to Him with trust. That is why the Image always bears the inscription: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

These words indicate that the Image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist.


The Image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, is to be venerated* on Divine Mercy Sunday. It is to be given a place of honor in our churches and homes on this Sunday. Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina and then directed her to have this appearance of Himself as the Merciful Savior painted and then venerated publicly. He told her, **I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it (*Diary of St. Faustina*, 341).**

In our churches and homes, we can venerate the Image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, by gazing upon it in prayer and adoration. As signs of our love for Jesus, we can place candles and flowers before the Image. First and foremost, as we gaze upon our Merciful Savior in prayer, we can decide to trust in Him and to perform works of mercy — responding to the call to be merciful just as He has shown mercy to us.

* To "venerate" a sacred image simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents.

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St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Men's Club Overview and Invitation

Each year the "Men's Club" sponsor several events to benefit our church. Some events provide social opportunities, while others benefit our parish financially.

Such events have included:

- White Sox outings
- Summer cookout/bean bag toumey for members
- NCAA Basketball Championship Night Out
- Fellowship Dinner
- Mother's Day Gifts
- Run for Fun Football Mania
- Wreath Sale
- Movie Nights
- Cookies with Santa



Over the last 15 years, our club has made these estimated donations:

- \$120,000 towards various ministries and the church. This does not include the monies pledged
- \$25,000 paid for the crucifix above our altar
- \$50,000 for the Narthex improvements.

One of our objectives this current year is to support the parish's ability to expand the programs offered to our youth. We are sponsoring today's "Free Throw Contest", and will be sponsoring a summer "Co-ed High School Softball Program".

Our next general meeting will be held at Stony Point Grill, 19031 Old LaGrange Road, Mokena on April 4th starting at 6 p.m. We have reserved a section for us to watch and cheer on the play of the NCAA Basketball Championship Game. Refreshments and appetizers will be provided during the game. Sometime will also be spent establishing new goals and objectives for the club. Find out if the Men's Club is right for you. A \$10 donation for the night's activities will be requested. **Hope to see you there!**

If you have any questions, please contact John Lutz, The St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Men's Club President by email, john_linda_lutz@sbcglobal.net.



Seniors Young at Heart

The Seniors Young at Heart group is pleased to announce the following:

Newly Elected Officers:

- President : Theresa Gamino
- Vice President Jim O'Donnell
- Recording Secretary Pat Weitz
- Corresponding Secretary Sharon Waiter
- Treasurer Bill Wolfe

We welcome New Board Member Pat Weitz from St Damian's Parish replacing Peggy Henzel as recording secretary who has done a wonderful job for us.

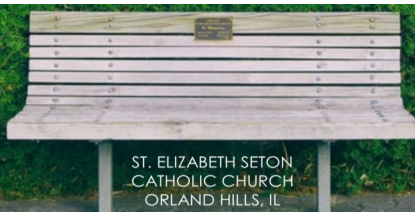
April Meeting will start in the PLC Center with our meeting at 10:00 am then at 10:30 am we will move to the Church for Stations of the Cross lead by Deacon Pete. Coffee and cake will be served afterwards.

Thank You

Seniors Young at Heart Board

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Thank you to
St. Stephen's Events Committee,
led by Theresa Gamino,
who planned and hosted
a fabulous St. Joseph Dinner
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The food was fabulous
and the community even better!

Thank you to everyone
who attended or who supported
this event through a donation
or a raffle ticket purchase.

We raised \$4,687 for the church
from this special event.

*Grazie
Mille!*



- We need you! St. Stephen's is reactivating our Sunday **Mass Greeters**. If you have been a greeter in the past, have recently been volunteering to welcome our parishioners, or would like join this ministry, please contact Tom Mitus at 708-479-6980 tomsfo@comcast.net. All we need to know is the Mass time of your preference, your phone number and/or your email address. All that is needed to be a Greeter is a friendly smile, a welcoming spirit, and a willingness to be at Mass 20 minutes early.
- The "**Little White Easter Books**" will be available in the narthex starting the weekend of April 2/3. Reflections begin Easter Monday, April 18, 2022, and end with Pentecost Sunday on June 5, 2022. Reflections will be based on the parables of Jesus. A donation of \$1 per book is suggested.
- Just a friendly reminder—**RE Classes** resume starting Sunday, April 3. We hope you are enjoying your two weeks off of spring break!

EASTER

Egg Hunt

Holy Saturday
April 16 at 12:30 PM - Parish Grounds

Donations of plastic Easter eggs & wrapped candy needed. Your generosity is appreciated.

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the weekends of March 19/20,
March 26/27 or April 2/3.



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Offertory	Give Central February 2022	Byline Bank ACH February 2022	Donations March 13, 2022
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Arch Required	\$20.00	-	-
Easter	\$40.00	-	\$230.00
Easter Flowers		-	\$54.00
CJB	\$20.00	-	-
Capital Improvement	\$494.00	-	\$1,417.00
Solemnity of Mary	-	-	\$50.00
Ash Wednesday	-	-	\$75.00
Church in Central America	-	-	\$400.00

Please note—next weekend there will be a second collection for Capital Improvements.

This Week

Date	Time	Event/Activity	Location
3/27/2022	All Masses	Birthday Blessing, Creation Care Team Speaker	Church
	All Masses	Queen of Hearts, Creation Care Team	Narthex
3/28/2022	--	RE Spring Break	--
3/29/2022	6:30pm	Communal Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions (English & Polish)	Church
3/30/2022	--	RE Spring Break	--
	7pm	Lenten Speaker- Father Tom McCarthy	Church
3/31/2022	12pm-2pm	Queen of Heart Ticket Sales - RE Office	RE Office
	5pm-6:30pm	CJB Soccer Practice	PLC
	7pm	Polish AA	Room 153
	7pm-8:30pm	RCIA - Room 125/126	Room 125/126
4/1/2022	8:30am	Scripture Study	153
	8:30am	Stations of the Cross (English)	Church
	12pm - 2pm	Queen of Heart Ticket Sales - RE Office	RE Office
	4 PM - 5 PM	Set Up for Meal Program	PLC
	5 PM - 6 PM	SSDM Carry-Out Meals Program	PLC
	6 PM - 7 PM	First Friday Devotions - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession (English & Polish)	Church
	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)	Church
	7:00 PM	English AA	Rm. 174
	7:00 PM	First Friday Mass (Polish)	Church
4/2/2022	5:00 PM	Narthex - Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales	PLC
	8:30AM - 12:30PM	Free Throw Contest - Sponsored by Men's Club	PLC
	11:00 AM	Wedding Anniversary Mass	Church



Did you know that our Parish Calendar is available online? Look for this icon on our parish website.

Please note:

Regularly scheduled, faith life events (Adoration, Morning Rosary, Scripture Study) are no longer listed in "This Week" due to space limitations. Information about those activities can be found elsewhere in the weekly bulletin.

For the most up-to-date parish calendar, please visit our parish website ststephentinley.com


Offertory Envelopes—Registered parishioners can elect to receive offertory envelopes. Envelope packets are mailed out every other month. If you would like to receive envelopes, please contact our business manager, Jay Castrogiovanni, in the parish office.

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