# 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)

# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Monday—Thursday**

8:30am to 7pm

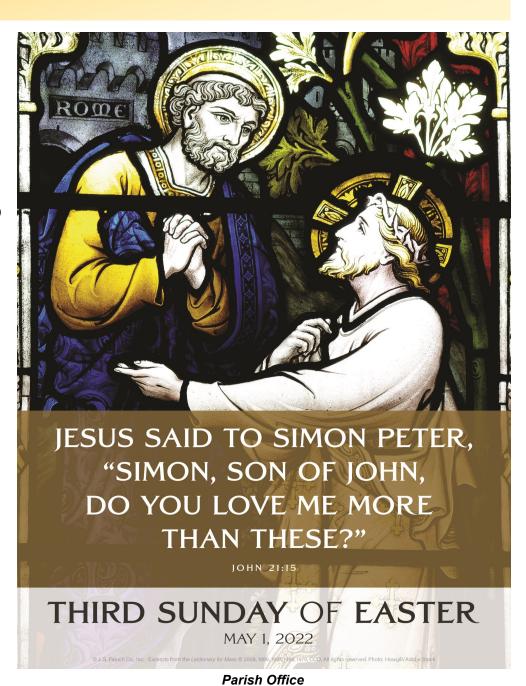
#### ROSARY

Monday—Friday

8:30am

#### Second & Fourth Tuesdays

5:30pm



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Regular Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30am—7pm and Friday 8:30am—4:30pm Closed daily for lunch from 12:30pm until 1pm.

Bilingual receptionist available Mondays and 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 <a href="https://www.ststephentinley.com/baptism-prep">www.ststephentinley.com/baptism-prep</a>

- 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

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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 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Orland Hills, IL 60487

Phone: 708-403-6525 website: cjbschool.org

Kelly Bourrell—Principal

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Cynthia Devlin—Enrollment Director

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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



#### Monday, May 2 — 8:00 AM

- ♣ Rajan Joseph—Req. by Anita Stanek
- Mary Ann Dansart—Reg. by Mary and Frank Werr

#### Tuesday, May 3 — 8:00 AM

- Mary Ann Dansart—Req. by Seniors Young at Heart
- S.I. Blessings for Barbara Fonfara—Req. by niece

#### Wednesday, May 4-8:00 AM

- Robert Maciulewicz—Req. by Family
- Mary Agnes O'Sullivan—Req. by Family
- S.I. Jennifer Mikulskis—Reg. by Mom and Dad

#### Thursday, May 5-8:00 AM

- Howard Kuzelka—Reg. by wife
- 4 Arline Legerski—Req. by Gene & Luann Odum

#### Friday, May 6—First Friday 8:00 AM

- Sophia Pierczynski—Req. by Family
- Mary Ann Dansart—Reg. by Anne & Kevin Tucker

#### 7:00 PM (po polsku)

Open Intention

#### Saturday, May 7-5:00 PM

- Patricia Savage—Reg. by Family
- 廿 Theresa Manikowski—Req. by Husband
- Dolores Kulinowski—Reg. by Ramona Skarupa
- 🕆 Eleanor Kaminski—Req. by Janet Kaminski
- ☆ Antoni Bzdel—Req. by Fr. Bob

#### Sunday, May 8—Fourth Sunday of Easter 7:30 AM

- S.I. For the People
- ☆ Betty Staniszewski—Req. by Daughter
- Ann Mikos & Stephanie Staniszewski—Reg. by Granddaughter

#### 9:00 AM

- Theresa Manikowski—Req. by Husband
- 廿 Elizabeth Persin—Reg. by Barbara Black

#### 11:00 AM

- Salomea Wojtczak & Anna Valuckis—Req. by Marlene

#### 12:30 PM (po polsku)

- S.I. Intencje Zbiorowe
- **†** Kazimierz Kwiatkowski
- 10 rocznica śmierci Józefa Wsol

### Uniting Our Hearts in Prayer

#### **GOD'S OVERFLOWING KINDNESS**

The superabundance of God's kindness ties all of today's readings together. Especially when life overwhelms us, the Lord provides all we need, and then some. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter takes the lead when facing the Sanhedrin. We might expect the man who denied Jesus to crumble under the imposing glare of the high priest. Instead, the Holy Spirit helps him testify to his faith in Jesus Christ. What Peter had lacked before, courage and conviction, God provides in abundance. Similarly, today's Gospel shows Jesus providing a surplus of fish for the disciples. They have no luck fishing until the Lord intercedes. Jesus supplies an almost ridiculous number of fish, and he cooks it for them, too. As our reading from Revelation affirms, the overflowing riches of God require constant praise. Countless creatures—"everything in the universe"—cry out to honor the Lord, forever and ever.

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#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn

10:27-30

#### PRAYER OF THE WEEK—Third Sunday of Easter

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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.

Grace is necessary to salvation, free will is equally so; but grace in order to give salvation, free will in order to receive it. -St. Bernard

Suffering out of love of God is better than working miracles. -St. John of the Cross

#### Please pray for those in need of healing:

Deacon Bill Engler, Michael Clavio, Terry Harris, Gerald Gernson, Bill Nosek, Karen Opyd, Brian Rudzki, Jim Tebo, and the sick of our parish.

#### Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Michael Snedden, Leonard Pabicinski, Arlene Smith, and Laura Petrizzelli, who at 109, was our oldest parishioner. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

### Faith Life

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

May 1, 2022—3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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May Marriage blessings will be offered at all Masses the Weekend of May 7 and 8.

#### Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

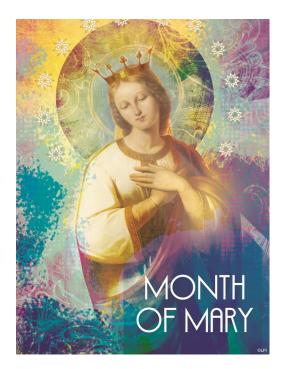
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The following children recently received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr. Our parish community welcomes them into our Catholic faith and congratulates their parents, family, and godparents.

Cílian John Vanier Noah Maddox Aubín Liam Raymond Sullivan

## Faith Life



#### A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

Good and gracious God, I know that life can be unpredictable. Sometimes I know what is good and right, but I don't have the courage to do it. Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs, I forget to see the needs of people in front of me. Sometimes I am set in my own ways, and I resist growing and learning. Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will. When You prompt me to do the right thing, give me the courage to do it. When those around me need my help, give me Your heart to love them. When I'm stuck in my own ways, give me the grace to grow closer to You every day. Give me the trust and confidence of Mary. Let it be done unto me according to Your word! Amen.

During the month of May, parishioners are invited to say the Holy Rosary Monday through Friday, immediately following the 8 AM Mass. In addition, the Holy Rosary will be prayed on Tuesday, May 10 and Tuesday, May 24 at 5:30 PM. Please join us!

#### May Crowning Sunday, May 8 at 9 AM Mass

May Crowning

May is a month of special Marian devotions. The Catholic tradition of May Crowning celebrates and honors our Mother Mary, Queen of Heaven.

When is May Crowning? This year our May Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 8 at the 9 AM Mass.

**Who can sign up?** All parish children in grades 1 through 8 are invited to participate. Our First Communicants are especially encouraged to attend and to wear their Communion dresses and suits.

What does your child need to do? Participating children should sit with their families during Mass. After Communion, the priest will announce that the children in the May crowning procession should go into the narthex where they will be lined up for the procession to the Holy Family Statue to crown Mary.

All children who participate will present a flower to Mary. (Flowers will be supplied by the parish.) There will be adult helpers in the Narthex to help them. The person crowning Mary will be chosen by lottery from the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who sign up. Readers are also needed, so please sign up if you are interested.

Please Sign Up By Thursday, May 5. Parents whose children wish to participate should complete and submit the on line registration form at <a href="https://www.ststephentinley.com/may-crowning">www.ststephentinley.com/may-crowning</a>

# Rehearsal - Thursday, May 5 at 7 PM (after First Holy Communion Practice)

A practice for our special ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 5 at 7 PM in church. Readers will be given their readings at the practice.

**Questions?** Please contact Dee Zvejnieks in the RE office at 708-342-2400 x148 or by email at <a href="mailto:dee@ststephentinley.com">dee@ststephentinley.com</a>

Faith Life



First Friday
Devotions to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, May 6
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
and Confession
English and Polish
7:00 PM - Mass
Polish



#### First Holy Communion

Over 130 children will receive their First Holy Communion at a special Mass on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. For two years, they have been diligently learning all about the Eucharist and what it means to Catholics. It is an

exciting and very significant time in their young lives. Our Lord, Jesus Christ will be united with them in an extraordinary manner. As Catholics we believe they will be receiving His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

What joy they will experience! This is the way we should all feel each time we receive this gift given from above – the True Presence of Jesus. The Eucharist was called by Pope Francis the "Sacrament of Love". It is such a perfect description.

Let us join our fellow believers in the St. Stephen community and pray for these children as they continue on their journeys of faith. May they experience this same wonder and awe with each Eucharist they receive throughout their lives.





# Music Corner

#### **Our Young Music Ministers -- Bravo!**

For those that attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, you may know a familiar face (and voice) in the music area. Ethan Villasenor was once a member of the St. Stephen Children's Choir many years ago. From 2015 to 2017, he was a member of the Chicago Children's Choir. Last Fall, he became a cantor at St. Stephen, and has been dedicated to sing every Sunday since November. Ethan is fifteen years old and will finish his junior year at Benet Academy (Lisle) next month.



At 9:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, Ethan's younger siblings made their debut as our newest music ministers. His brother Aidan and his sister Annie joined our crew as instrumentalists. Aidan plays violin and is fourteen years old and his sister Annie who plays cello is thirteen. Aidan and Annie are both finishing their 8<sup>th</sup> Grade year at Noonan Academy (Mokena) and will attend Benet Academy in the Fall. Aidan and Annie are no strangers to playing in front of people; they are both members of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, where Aidan has been a member for two years and Annie for four years. Annie has sat principal cello (first chair) for three of those four years. These young string players tell me that they want to be challenged with their participation in music ministry, therefore I will write them special parts every week, so you will hear them play independent lines during all the musical pieces of the Mass. You will see the Villasenor family singing and playing together at 9:00 a.m. Mass every week, so please don't hesitate to come up after Mass and wish them well on their new road with us in music ministry. Once you hear them, you will realize that they are talented and *fantastic* young musicians!

On a personal note, I am grateful, and we are *blessed* to have these young people who want to be a part of our weekly liturgies. Not every parish has willing participants and dedication in the music ministry, especially young adults. These young people remind me of my years growing up across town at St. George when I became an instrumentalist there at age 10 playing the saxophone (yes, the saxophone!).

Lastly, our music program is on the rise here at St. Stephen. Just in the past month, we have gained another young cantor who starts this weekend, and there are several adults who have expressed interest in joining the Adult Choir and who will first sing with our group on May 8<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day) at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Have you thought of joining the Adult Choir but haven't reached out yet? It's never too late, and don't be shy! Please send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:patrick@ststephentinley.com">patrick@ststephentinley.com</a> to express your interest in participating, or if you have any questions.

In gratitude and in ministry,

Patrick Sheehan, Music Coordinator





### Chwalcie łąki umajone...

Panno święta, co Jasnej bronisz Częstochowy
I w Ostrej świecisz Bramie! Ty, co gród zamkowy
Nowogródzki ochraniasz z jego wiernym ludem!
Jak mnie dziecko do zdrowia powróciłaś cudem...
Tak nas powrócisz cudem na Ojczyzny łono.
Tymczasem przenoś moją dusze utęsknioną
Do tych pagórków leśnych, do tych łąk zielonych,
Szeroko nad błękitnym Niemnem rozciągnionych;
Do tych pól malowanych zbożem rozmaitem,
Wyzłacanych pszenicą, posrebrzanych żytem...
(Adam Mickiewicz Pan Tadeusz)

Słowo "maj" stanowi nie tylko nazwę miesiąca, lecz określenie młodej zieleni. "Chwalcie łąki umajone, góry, doliny zielone. Chwalcie cieniste gaiki, źródła i kręte strumyki" mówi pieśń sławiąca Maryję. W kościołach mai się ołtarze, przybiera się tez kwiatami przydrożne kapliczki i krzyże. W maju wszystko budzi się do życia. Słowiki śpiewają, kukułka kuka, bociany poprawiają swoje gniazda po zimie, żaby dają wieczorne koncerty, bzy i konwalie zaczynają kwitnąć, a pąki drzew zawiązywać owoce. W maju pękają pąki kasztanów i zawiadamiają, że czas na złożenie egzaminu dojrzałości, a zakochani maturzyści są nim przejęci. Wszystko staje się nowe i piękne. Można w tym czasie usłyszeć jak rośnie trawa i zobaczyć o poranku jak kąpie się w kroplach rosy.

Miesiąc maj jest w szczególny sposób poświęcony Maryi - Matce Boga i naszej Matce. Niemal w każdym kościele i w każdej kaplicy w Polsce przez cały ten miesiąc gromadzi się lud wierny, by wspólnie z kapłanami modlić się do Boga za wstawiennictwem Matki Najświętszej odśpiewując Litanię Loretańską. Właściwie cały ten miesiąc jest świętem wspomnień. Już pierwszego maja jest święto robotnicze, któremu patronuje św. Józef - pracowity cieśla i opiekun Świętej Rodziny. Trzeciego maja obchodzimy uroczystość Najświętszej Maryi Panny Królowej Polski, głównej Patronki naszej Ojczyzny. W tym dniu obchodzimy także rocznicę uchwalenia Konstytucji. Czwartego maja świętują strażacy, gdyż obchodzimy w tym dniu wspomnienie świętego Floriana Męczennika, który jest patronem m.in. strażaków. Ósmego maja Kościół obchodzi uroczystość świętego Stanisława, Biskupa i Męczennika, szczególnego a zarazem potężnego patrona Polski. Natomiast 24 maja obchodzimy wspomnienie Najświętszej Maryi Panny Wspomożycielki Wiernych, a 31 maja - święto Nawiedzenia Najświętszej Maryi Panny.

Przyzywajmy pomocy i opieki Matki Bożej

i prośmy Boga za Jej wstawiennictwem o łaski potrzebne nam i naszym bliskim.



Zapraszamy na Nabożeństwa Majowe od poniedziałku do piątku o godzinie 7pm w kaplicy.

#### Uroczystość Najświętszej Maryi Panny Królowej Polski - 3 Maja

3 maja Kościół katolicki w Polsce obchodzi uroczystość Najświętszej Maryi Panny Królowej Polski. Nawiązuje ona do ważnych wydarzeń z historii Polski: obrony Jasnej Góry przed Szwedami w 1655 r., ślubów króla Jana Kazimierza - powierzenia królestwa opiece Matki Bożej, a także do uchwalenia Konstytucji 3 Maja.

Uroczystość została ustanowiona na prośbę biskupów polskich po odzyskaniu niepodległości po I wojnie światowej. Oficjalnie święto obchodzone jest od 1923 r. W 1920 r. zatwierdził je dla Kościoła w Polsce papież Benedykt XV. Po reformie liturgicznej w 1969 r. święto zostało podniesione do rangi uroczystości.

Święto wyraża wiarę narodu w szczególną opiekę Bożą, jakiej Polacy doświadczali i doświadczają za pośrednictwem Maryi. Jej kult jako Królowej Polski jest bardzo stary. Przykładem może być "Bogurodzica", najstarsza polska pieśń religijna, która przez wieki pełniła rolę narodowego hymnu.

W czasie najazdu szwedzkiego, 1 kwietnia 1656 r. w katedrze lwowskiej, przed cudownym wizerunkiem Matki Bożej Łaskawej król Jan Kazimierz złożył uroczyste Śluby, w których m.in. zobowiązywał się szerzyć cześć Maryi, wystarać się u papieża o pozwolenie na obchodzenie Jej święta jako Królowej Korony Polskiej, a także zająć się losem chłopów i zaprowadzić w państwie sprawiedliwość społeczną.

Temu uroczystemu wydarzeniu towarzyszyło odśpiewanie litanii do Najświętszej Panny. Nuncjusz apostolski dodał do tej modlitwy wezwanie "Królowo Korony Polskiej, módl się za nami", które zgromadzeni biskupi i senatorowie trzykrotnie powtórzyli.

Szczególne związanie kultu Maryi, Królowej Korony Polskiej, z Jasną Górą nastąpiło 8 września 1717 r., kiedy to dokonano koronacji jasnogórskiego obrazu, co uznano za koronację Maryi na Królową Polski.

Wezwanie "Królowo Polski" zostało na stałe wpisane do Litanii Loretańskiej w 1908 r., kiedy zezwolił na to papież Pius X. W tym samym roku ustanowił on też święto Królowej Polski dla diecezji lwowskiej.

Po uzyskaniu niepodległości przez Polskę biskupi zwrócili się do Stolicy Apostolskiej z prośbą rozszerzenia tego święta na cały kraj. Jako datę zaproponowano dzień 3 maja, na pamiątkę pierwszej polskiej Konstytucji, która realizowała część ślubowań króla Jana Kazimierza. Święto zatwierdzone zostało oficjalnie w 1920 r. przez papieża Benedykta XV.

W 300. rocznicę królewskich ślubów, nową ich wersję opracował przebywający wówczas w miejscu internowania Prymas Polski kard. Stefan Wyszyński.

Jasnogórskie Śluby Narodu - po uwolnieniu Prymasa - złożył uroczyście na Jasnej Górze Episkopat Polski 26 sierpnia 1956 r. w uroczystość Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej w obecności miliona wiernych. 10 lat później, 3 maja 1966 r. tam właśnie odbyły się centralne uroczystości milenijne chrztu Polski. Dokonano wówczas aktu zawierzenia Matce Bożej i powierzenia narodu polskiego Jej opiece na kolejne 1000 lat.



Maryjo, Królowo Polski Módl się za nami

#### 50 Rocznica Święceń Kapłańskich Księdza Jay Finno

W niedzielę, 22 maja o godz. 11am zostanie odprawiona w naszym kościele Msza Święta (po angielsku) z okazji 50 rocznicy Święceń kapłańskich księdza Jay Finno. Wszyscy są zaproszeni do uczestnictwa w tej Mszy Świętej oraz na przyjęcie w Parish Life Center. Trzeba zgłosić swoją obecność dzwoniąc do biura parafialnego lub można się zarejestrować na stronie internetowej naszej parafii.



#### Druga składka

Dzisiaj Zostanie zebrana druga składka przeznaczona na konserwację i naprawy oraz utrzymanie budynków parafialnych. Bóg zapłać za hojność.

### Nabożeństwo Pierwszych Piątków Miesiąca Wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu:

od godziny 6:00 pm.

Sakrament Pokuty i Pojednania

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Nabożeństwo Majowe:

Odśpiewamy Litanię Loretańską

Msza Święta w języku Polskim 7:00pm

# Biały Tydzień Dzieci Pierwszo-Komunijnych z Polskiej Szkoły im. Jana Brzechwy

Dzień po pierwszej komunii świętej rozpoczyna się biały tydzień. Jego celem jest wyciszenie i pomoc w pełnym przeżywanie sakramentu. Tradycja wywodzi się od pierwszych chrześcijan, kiedy nowi członkowie Kościoła przez tydzień nosili białe szaty na znak swojego zjednoczenia z Chrystusem.

Dzieci z polskiej szkoły in. Jana Brzechwy będą przeżywały swój Biały Tydzień w naszym kościele od **2-4 maja**. Zapraszamy w tych dniach do udziału w **Nabożeństwie Majowym o godz. 7pm** a po litanii Loretańskiej na **Mszę świętą** w języku polskim.

#### You are invited!

Fr. Jay Finno, Pastor Emeritus, will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr.



A reception will follow in the Parish Life Center. All are welcome! Your presence is the only gift desired.

Please help the reception committee to plan accordingly. Sign up online at www.ststephentinley.com/fr-jay or call the parish office at 708-342-2400.



#### **Our St. Stephen Meals Program Needs You!**

We will be signing up cook team and on-site volunteers for our St. Stephen Meals Program this weekend in the narthex.

If you are interested in becoming a Meals
Program volunteer - as either a cook team
member or on site volunteer - stop by our table
to sign up or ask questions.
You can also contact
Deacon Chuck McFarland

at 630-564-4468 with questions.



The Shawl Ministry will meet on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 9:30 in the RE wing Room 174.

Please consider joining our group to create prayer shawls to bring comfort and peace to those in need in our parish as well as our community. Please bring your needles and hooks and share your talent. Shawl Ministry will provide the yarn. If you are interested in learning how to crochet or knit we can help you! Please consider joining us to keep our ministry growing. All are welcome.

If you are unable to attend our meeting but are interested in creating shawls from home or if you are in need of a shawl please contact Dorothy Kuzelka at 708-614-2588 for information.



#### Mom & Tot Storytime at Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School Our Parish School!

(for 2 & 3 year-old children not currently attending CJB)

Friday, May 13th -- Summer Theme

We welcome you & your child into one of our CJB classrooms from 9:00-9:45am! Together we will read a story, sing a song, & complete a craft. This is a great way to meet the CJB community, meet CJB teachers, and make new friends!

Storytime is FREE, but you must reserve your spot by emailing <a href="mailto:bracker:

CJB is located at 9250 W. 167th Street in Orland Hills, IL. Visit them on the web at cjbschool.org



# Last chance to buy your tickets!

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Tickets for the Seniors Young at Heart

### Hawaiian Luau Luncheon and Show

on sale in the narthex this weekend and in the parish office until May 2. Open to everyone!

## Monday, May 9 in the Parish Life Center

Entertainment by Aloha Chicago.

Doors open @ 10 AM. Show starts @ 11 AM.

Hawaiian themed lunch following the show.

Advanced tickets required. Join us!!

\$10 for registered members

\$20 for non-members



#### The Events Committee is Seeking Bakery Donations.

Would you be willing to donate bakery for Fr. Jay's 50th Anniversary Celebration? Specifically, we are in need of store bought or bakery purchased donations of cannoli, creme puffs, chocolate eclairs, brownies, and bakery cookies. *Minimum one dozen per donation please*.

Please call the parish office at 708-342-2400 or sign up online at **ststephentinley.com/donate-bakery** if you plan to donate. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Life Center on Saturday, May 21 from Noon until 3 PM.

Thank you for your help!

#### Cardinal Joseph Bernardin is Seeking a Maintenance/Facilities Director

Your Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade parish school -- Cardinal Joseph Bernardin -- is seeking a daytime maintenance/ facilities director with solid "handyman" skills to manage the daily operation of our school building. Applicant should have a positive attitude, be a team player, and effectively communicate and interact with our school community of faculty, staff, parents, students and visitors.



This person would be expected to repair/replace things as needed, with approval, in order to ensure proper and safe working order within the school, specifically: Plumbing - faucets, toilets, drains, etc.; Electrical - switches, bulbs, etc.; Carpentry - painting, drywall, etc.; HVAC - thermostats, filters, etc.

#### Other job expectations:

- Inventory and restock materials and supplies using in-house procedures as needed.
- Use computers to enter and access submitted maintenance/repair tickets and communicate as needed.
- Perform maintenance and repair of minor issues within the building
- Act as main point of contact for outside vendors on major work. Oversee checking vendors in/out, escorting vendors to area of assigned work, and talking them through the needed work to be performed.
- Assist with fire panel, drills, and extinguisher and elevator inspections.
- Clean spills in building, including when someone is sick
- Handling set-ups and tear-downs for school events; tables, chairs, screens, etc.
- · Open school at 6am daily
- Collect and remove trash after lunch periods, sweep cafeteria floor
- Upkeep of the school building and grounds (snow removal, garbage removal, restrooms)
- · Help introduce new facility team members to shop protocol, procedures and equipment
- Shortened summer hours used for cleaning of lockers, cleaning/paint touch-up of walls, classroom carpets, etc.
- Other duties as assigned
- Qualifications
- High School diploma or equivalent
- Prior experience in Facilities Operations, preferably in a school environment
- Basic computer and typing skills
- Physical Requirements and Work Environment
- Regularly climb ladders including to rooftops
- Ability to lift up to 60 lbs. (while using proper lifting techniques)
- Occasionally work weekend hours if an event necessitates

Applicant should email resume to jpagliaro@cjbschool.org or call 708-403-6525 ext 129



Offertory	April 10. 2022
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Easter	\$2,125.00
Easter Flowers	\$75.00
Holy Thursday/Good Friday	\$135.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$20.00
Other Masses	\$140.00

#### **Sharing Parish Information**

As Renew My Church progresses, it has been decided to reevaluate our sharing parish program. Therefore, beginning in May, we will no longer be taking up a collection for St. Emeric Parish. Over the next several months, a decision will be made as to whether or not this program will continue. All funds collected thus far will be given to our sharing parish by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### calendar of events

Start Date	Start Time	<u>Event</u>	<b>Location</b>
5/2/2022	8:30 AM - 7 PM	Seniors Young @ Heart Luau Ticket Sale	Parish Office
	10:00 AM	Seniors Board Meeting	Room 153
	4:15 PM & 6 PM	RE Classes - Last Week	<b>Education Wing</b>
	7:00 PM	Litany and Polish School - First Communion Class Mass	Church
5/3/2022	5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	CJB Soccer	PLC
	6:00 PM - 7 PM	First Communion Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 PM	Litany and Polish School - First Communion Class Mass	Church
	7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society - Ed. Wing Room 153	Ed. Wing Room 153
5/4/2022	4:15 PM & 6 PM	RE Classes - Last Week	<b>Education Wing</b>
	7:00 PM	Litany and Polish School - First Communion Class Mass	Church
5/5/2022	9:30 AM - Noon	Shawl Ministry - 174	174
	5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	CJB Soccer Practice	PLC
	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	First Communion Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 PM	Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Polish	Church
	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	May Crowning Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 PM	Parish Finance Council	Room 125/126
	7:00 PM	Polish AA	Room 153 (Parish office)
5/6/2022	8:30 AM - 9 AM	Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)	Church
	8:30 AM	Scripture Study	153
	4:00 PM - 5 PM	Set Up for Meal Program	Parish Life Center
	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	SSDM Carry-Out Meals Program	Parish Life Center
	6:00 PM- 7 PM	First Friday Devotions	Church
		Adoration and Confession (English & Polish)	
	7:00 PM	English AA	Rm. 174 (RE Wing)
	7:00 PM	First Friday Mass (Polish)	Church
		Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Polish	
5/7/2022	11:00 AM	First Holy Communion	Church
	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Girl Scout Troop 60049 PLC	PLC
	1:00 PM	First Holy Communion	Church
	3:00 PM	Baptism	Church
	5:00 PM Mass	Marriage Blessing	Church
5/8/2022		Mother's Day	
	All Masses	Marriage Blessing	Church
	9:00 Mass	May Crowning Mass	Church

**Parish Registry and Communications**—When you register as a parishioner of St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr, you can elect to receive offertory envelopes in the mail. Important parish communication is sent out via mail and email, in addition to your weekly envelopes. Please help us to keep our records up to date. If you are moving out of the parish or out of state and will become inactive, please contact the parish office. Also, please let the parish office know if your mailing address, email address, or phone number has changed. This simple act reduces returned mail and saves the parish money on mailings.

**E-giving:** Parishioners are encouraged to make automatic donations through <u>GiveCentral.org</u> Donations through GiveCentral are processed via your credit card or bank card at the time and frequency you choose. Visit our website <u>ststephentinley.com</u> and click on the "Support" tab, select "Sunday Giving" then "Donate Now with Give Central."

**ACH Bank Transfers**—St. Stephen accepts ACH Bank Transfer donations through Byline Bank. To proceed, you can pick up an authorization form at the parish office or find it online under the support tab. You will need to return the signed authorization form along with a voided check to the parish office.

*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.

**Business Manager** 

Jay Castrogiovanni x138 castro@ststephentinley.com

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