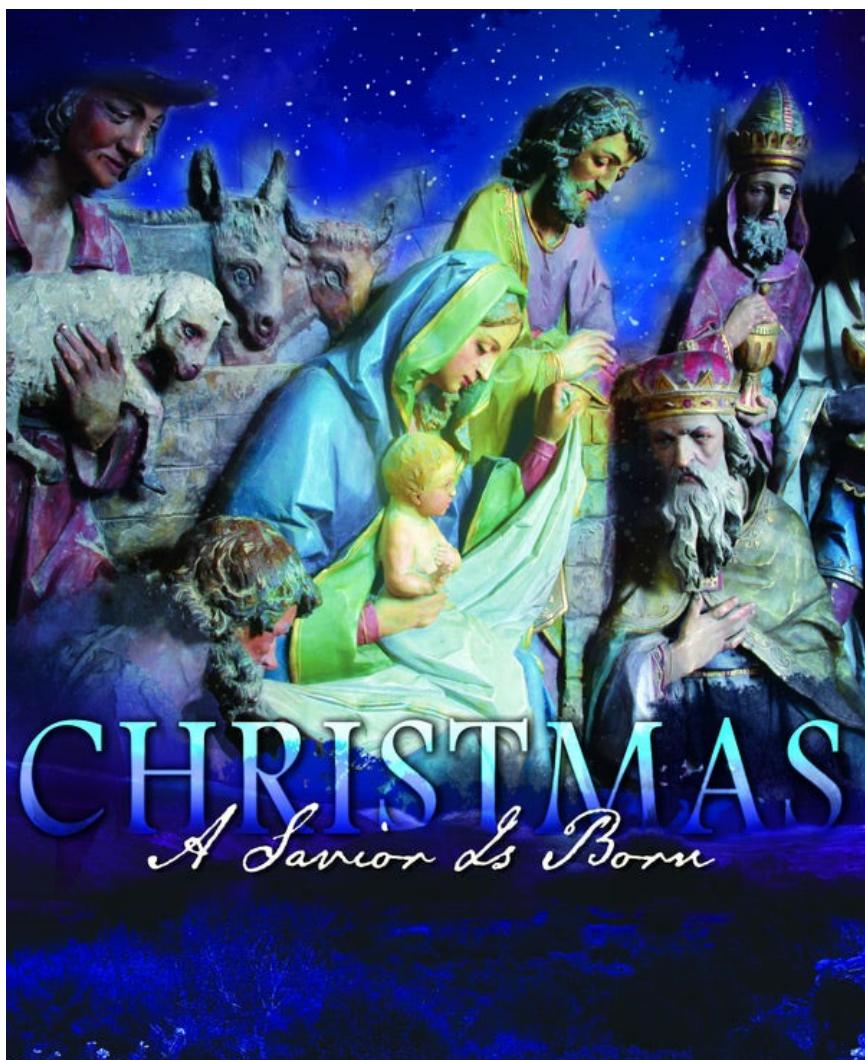


ST. STEPHEN DEACON & MARTYR

CATHOLIC CHURCH



www.ststephentinley.com



17500 84th Avenue
Tinley Park, IL 60487
708-342-2400

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)

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Monday - Thursday

8:30am to 7pm

ROSARY

Monday - Friday

8:30am

Second & Fourth Tuesdays

5:30pm

December 25th, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

A glimpse into the real meaning of Christmas is presented to us in St. Luke Gospel's narrative:

"While [Mary and Joseph] were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Lk 2: 6-7).

So, what is the true meaning of Christmas? It is about that miraculous pregnancy of the Virgin Mary, about the dangerous journey to Bethlehem, the appearing of the star in the night's sky, the poverty of the stable, the myriad of angels making their proclamation, and the haste of the shepherds. But most importantly, it is about an event greater than any other event since the creation of the universe – the birth of an infant whose name is Jesus. This birth is about the fulfillment of the ancient prophesies and about a God who keeps his promises. But most importantly, it is about Christ who becomes one of us, who brings us the light that dispels the sins of the world, and brings us the gift of everlasting life. Precisely from that moment on, nothing in the universe is the same anymore. This is the true meaning of Christmas.

Unfortunately, in our modern society the Christmas message and its celebration gets misshapen or even lost. Particularly this can be seen in the different efforts that leave out Christ from Christmas or the preoccupation with consumerism during the "holiday season." There is a danger present here, a danger of missing the true meaning of Christmas.

Dear Friends, Christmas is about God and us. It is about a God who wants to enter into our lives, into the lives of our families, who wants to transform us from within, and wants to bring purpose and deeper meaning into our everyday existence. But for this to happen we must full heartedly take up the true message of Christmas and resolve to faithfully live out the values of Christian life. May our spirit filled celebrations, both here at St. Stephen and at our homes, help us attain this.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity, to express my gratitude to all of our St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr parishioners and friends. Your prayers, support, and all gestures of goodwill, are profoundly appreciated and allow for our mission to continue.

Remembering the miracle of Christmas and God's choosing to dwell among us, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy New Year 2023.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski, Pastor



Drodzy Przyjaciele,

Ewangeliczna narracja Św. Łukasza ukazuje nam prawdziwe znaczenie Świąt Bożego Narodzenia:

„Kiedy tam przebywali, nadszedł dla Maryi czas rozwijania. Porodziła swego pierworodnego Syna, owinęła Go w pieluszki i położyła w żłobie, gdyż nie było dla nich miejsca w gospodzie” (Łk 2, 6).

Jakie jest zatem prawdziwe znaczenie Świąt Bożego Narodzenia? Uchwyca je prawda o Najświętszej Maryi Pannie, która niesie Jezusa w swoim łonie. Ukazuje je niebezpieczna podróż do Betlejem i pojawienie się nadzwyczajnej gwiazdy na niebie. Mówią o niej ubóstwo stajni, rzesze aniołów głoszących swe orędzie oraz pośpiech pasterzy, którzy zmierzają do szopy. Ale przede wszystkim prawdziwe znaczenie Świąt Bożego Narodzenia odnajdujemy w narodzeniu niemowlęcia, które jest Bogiem. Jezus, który staje się jednym z nas przynosi światło, które rozprasza grzech i obwieszcza dar życia wiecznego. Dokładnie od tego wydarzenia, nic we wszechświecie nie jest już takie samo. To jest prawdziwe znaczenie Świąt Bożego Narodzenia.

Niestety, w naszym nowoczesnym świecie jakże często orędzie Bożego Narodzenia ulega zniekształceniu, a nawet zatraceniu. Szczególnie widać to w wysiłkach, które wykluczają Chrystusa z Bożego Narodzenia czyniąc ten czas tak zwanym „okresem świątecznym,” gdzie akcentuje się wspólne spotkania, prezenty, miłą atmosferę, i ogólny konsumpcjonizm. Istnieje tu niebezpieczeństwo utracenia prawdziwego znaczenia Bożego Narodzenia.

Drodzy Przyjaciele, a więc Boże Narodzenie jest o Bogu i o nas. O Bogu, który chce wejść w nasze życie, w życie naszych rodzin, który chce nas przemienić od wewnętrz i nadać głębszy sens naszemu codziennemu życiu. Ale aby tak się stało, musimy całym sercem przyjąć prawdziwe przesłanie Bożego Narodzenia i wiernie nim żyć. Niech zatem nasze tegoroczne świętowanie, zarówno tu w kościele, jak i również w naszych domach, pomogą nam to osiągnąć pełnym sercem.

W tym czasie Bożego Narodzenia, jeszcze raz chciałbym wyrazić wdzięczność wszystkim naszym parafianom i przyjaciołom parafii Świętego Szczepana Diakona i Męczennika. Wszelkie wasze modlitwy, wsparcie materialne i gesty dobrej woli, są świadectwem waszej troski o naszą parafię i ostatecznie pozwalają na kontynuować naszą misję.

Niech cud Bożego Narodzenia, ten Boży wybór zamieszkania wśród nas, będzie dla Was wszystkich źródłem radości i błogosławieństwa a Nowy Rok 2023, czasem przylgnięcia do Chrystusa jeszcze bardziej.

W modlitwie,

ks. Michał Wyrzykowski, Proboszcz



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 26

8:00 AM † Sylvester Zurawski, Sr. - *Mr. and Mrs. Rychetsky*
 † Don Daley - *Bern Daley*

7:00 PM - Msza św. w języku polskim

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 AM † Sam LaMargo - *Family*
 † Sophia Pierczynski - *Family*
 † Anthony Daoud-1st Anniversary - *Grandma*

Wednesday, December 28

8:00 AM † Anna Power - *Family*
 † Cataleya Luz Bellettire - *Mom, Dad and Grandma Luz*
 † Nicole Siedschlag - *Cathy Mandel*

Thursday, December 29

8:00 AM † Jean Magiera - *Family*
 † Alex Cowdery - *Family*
 † Robert Maciulewicz - *Family*

Friday, December 30

8:00 AM † Irene Valuckis - *Marlene Swanson*
 † Walter Hildebrandt - *Barbara Black*
 † Gerald Niekirk - *RE Dept.*

Saturday, December 31

5:00 PM † Walter Hildebrandt - *Barbara Black*
 † Shirley Kelley - *Bob and Dorothy Meyrick*
 † Peter S. Biondo, Sr. - *Scott Ivey Family*
 † Cholewa and Simosky Families - *Family*
 S.I. Wanda and Jim Suboch - *Sister and Family*

Sunday, January 1

7:30 AM S.I. For the Parishioners of St. Stephen
 † John and Ida Marchiando - *Genevieve Siwinski*
 † Michael Wesly - *Family*
9:00 AM † Anna Power - *Family*
 † Mary Ethna Farely - *Mike and Mary Moran*
11:00 AM † Tom Cimino - *Wife*
 † Darlene Depersia - *The Robison Family*

12:30 PM - Msza św. w języku polskim

S.I. Za Parafian & Dobrodziejów Naszej Parafii
 † Joseph Kwak - *Friend*
 † Joseph Haber - *Sister*

† Deceased

S.I. Special Intention



Collections December 3rd & 4th

Sunday Collection	17,270.00
All Saints	20.00
Immaculate Conception	110.00
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Christmas Collection	639.00
Christmas Flowers Collection	581.00
All Souls Day	60.00
Campaign for Human Development	55.00
Religious Retirement	75.00
Capital Improvement	8,437.00
Mass Attendance	1,466.00



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Would you please consider making an online donation if you do not regularly use an offertory envelope? Even a small donation can make a big difference.

To make an online donation via [GiveCentral.org](https://www.givecentral.org)
 Text "SUPPORT" to 708-435-2910
 or Scan the QR Code with your smart phone camera.

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is greatly appreciated!**



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.

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 and third 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.

Dee Zvejnieks - Religious Education Coordinator.

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

website: cjbsschool.org

Kelly Bourrell - Principal

kbourrell@cjbsschool.org

Cynthia Devlin - Enrollment Director

cdevlin@cjbsschool.org

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one needs the holy sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

Funerals

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

Mass Intentions

Please stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours to secure a date. Intentions can be requested for a deceased person or offered for a special intention, anniversary blessing, birthday blessing, good health, etc. for a living person.

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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests. (Is 9:5)

PSALM:

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. (Ps 96)

SECOND READING:

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all. (Ti 2:11)

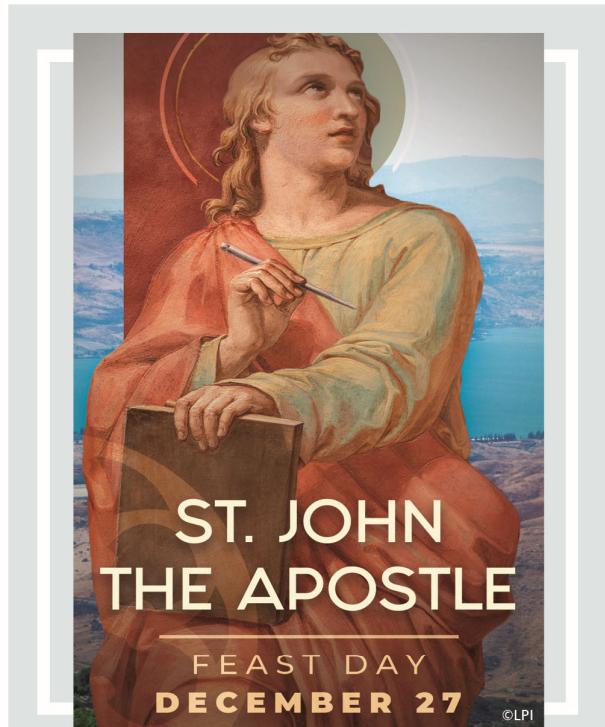
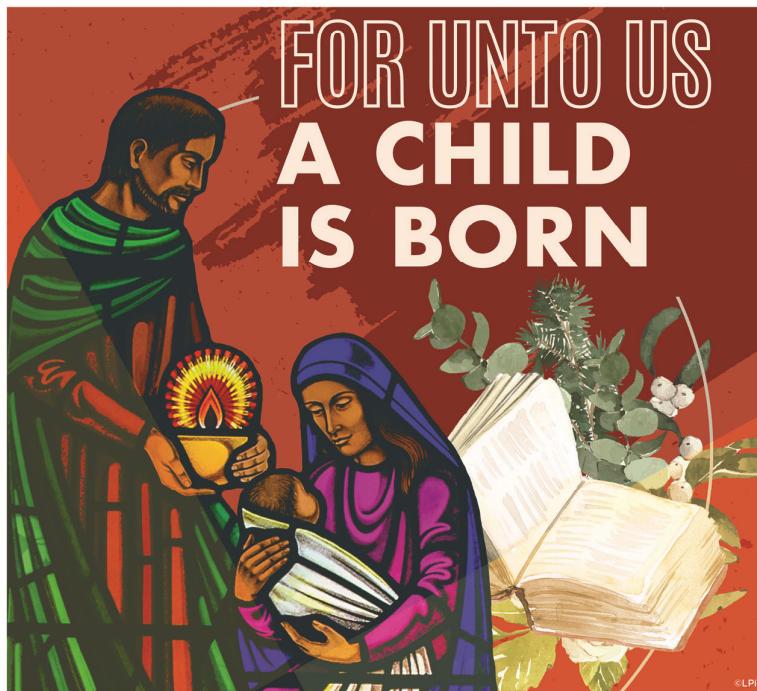
GOSPEL:

"Do not be afraid;
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.
For today in the city of David
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."
(Lk 2:10-11)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Monday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Tuesday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Next Sunday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace



Saint of the Week

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death.

Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion. Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written.

Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan.

BEING THE SIGN

I think the real challenge of evangelization in the modern age is the reality that pretty much everyone has already heard of Jesus Christ — or, at least, they think they have.

To our 21st-century eyes, the angel who shared news of the birth of Jesus with the shepherds had an easy job. All he had to do was announce it.

Our baptism compels us to do the same — to announce the coming of Christ over and over again, always and everywhere. But our audience is not a group of illiterate shepherds in ancient Judea. Our audience is a world that has heard so much about Jesus they often claim weariness of his name. So how do we do it? If we walk into a crowd of strangers and tell them we want to talk about Jesus, their reaction will probably be either “I already know about Jesus, thanks,” or “I’ve heard of him, and based on the behavior of those who

claim to follow him, I’m really not interested in hearing more.”

Because in the end, our very lives are how we “announce his salvation” in the present day. We announce it in our actions to strangers. We announce it in our treatment of people who have wronged us. We announce it in our interactions with those who disagree with us.

How long had the coming of the Messiah been foretold to the Israelites? So long that, no doubt, many of them despaired of his coming altogether. So, God had to give them a sign: “You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

Now we are the sign.

The world has heard of Christ by now. But have they all seen him? It’s our job to show them.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO WE GIVE GIFTS AT CHRISTMAS?

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give

a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.



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

MSZA ŚWIĘTA W JĘZYKU POLSKIM:

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 pon. do czwartku od 8:30am

(po zakończeniu Mszy świętej) do 7pm w kaplicy oraz w pierwsze piątki miesiąca od 6-7pm

NABOŻEŃSTWO PIERWSZYCH PIĄTEKÓW MIESIĄCA

Wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu od godz. 6:00pm.

Sakrament Pokuty i Pojednania 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Litania do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa

Msza Święta w języku polskim 7:00pm

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

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 lub zeskanuj kod QR za pomocą aparatu w smartfonie.

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.



BIULETYN

Aby umieścić ogłoszenie na ostatnich stronach biuletynu dzwoń do Nancy Krzystek lub wyślij jej email: krzystekn@jspaluch.com

Wszystkie materiały do biuletynu proszę przesyłać na email: ststephen@ststephentinley.com

SPOTKANIA GRUPY AA W JĘZYKU POLSKIM

Czwartki o godz. 7pm

DRUGA SKŁADKA

W każdą pierwszą niedzielę miesiąca zostanie zebrana druga składka przeznaczona na konserwację i naprawy oraz utrzymanie budynków parafialnych.

Bóg zapłać za hojność.

BŁOGOSŁAWIEŃSTWO URODZINOWE ORAZ Z OKAZJI ROCZNICY MAŁŻEŃSTWA

Zachęcamy do otrzymania błogosławieństwa z okazji rocznicy ślubu, które jest udzielane w drugi weekend miesiąca oraz do błogosławieństwa z okazji urodzin w czwarty weekend miesiąca.

26 grudnia obchodzimy Dzień Świętego Szczepana - święto Patrona Naszej Parafii. Zapraszamy na Mszę św. w języku polskim o 7pm.



W Boże Narodzenie – drugie co do ważności święto w liturgii chrześcijańskiej – Kościół wspomina prawdę, że Bóg stał się człowiekiem. Jednorodzony i odwieczny Syn Boży przyjął ludzką naturę, aby w niej dokonać zbawienia ludzi. W ciągu wieków wokół prawdy o wcieleniu Chrystusa toczyły się spory teologiczne oraz powstawały liczne herezje, według których Chrystus albo nie był w pełni człowiekiem, albo nie nie był Bogiem. Kościół podkreśla, że Jezus Chrystus, narodzony w Betlejem z Maryi, żony cieśli Józefa, za Cezara Augusta (który panował w latach 30 p.n.e do 14 n.e.) był prawdziwym Bogiem i prawdziwym człowiekiem. "Niezmienny w swoim Bóstwie, przyjął to, co ludzkie" - stwierdza liturgia rzymska. To samo wyraża jedna z polskich kolei: "Bóg się rodzi, moc truchleje (...) ma granice Nieskończony". Rodząc się jako Dziecko Bóg stał się naprawdę Emmanuelem - Bogiem z nami, od którego nie oddziela nas żaden dystans wysokości i oddalenia. Bóg dał człowiekowi bezpośredni dostęp do dziecięcego serca, przez co stał się tak bliski, że można bez skrępowania mówić do Niego 'Ty'. W ten sposób spełniła się wielokrotnie powtarzana przez proroków obietnica Boga, że przyjdzie Mesjasz, który odnowi świat i pojedna ludzi z Bogiem.

Jezus Chrystus, Bóg-Człowiek, zjednoczył ziemię i niebo, nierozerwalnie pojednał człowieka z Bogiem, sprawiając, że człowiek stał się dzieckiem Boga. Dlatego w liturgii Bożego Narodzenia cytuje się słowa św. Leona Wielkiego: 'Poznaj swoją godność, chrześcijaninie. Stałeś się uczestnikiem Boskiej natury, porzuć więc wyrodone obyczaje dawnego upodlenia i już do nich nie powracaj'. W Bożym Narodzeniu widoczna jest bezbronna miłość Boga, Jego pokora i dobroć. Boże Narodzenie ukazuje jak bardzo Bogu zależy na człowieku: "Tak Bóg umiłował świat, że Syna swojego dał" (J 3,16).

Narodzenie Chrystusa, dokonane w ogromnym ukryciu, niemal w całkowitej "tajemnicy", stało się świętem powszechnym, wykraczającym swoim oddziaływaniem daleko poza świat chrześcijański. Przynajmniej na kilka dni przemienia ono oblicze Ziemi przynosząc pokój, pojednanie, wzajemną życzliwość, otwartość na bliźnich. Dzięki temu została objawiona prawda o powszechnym braterstwie i godności każdego człowieka, bez względu na różnice kulturowe, rasowe, społeczne czy intelektualne. Bóg Ojciec jest wzorem wszelkiego prawdziwego ojcostwa, fizycznego i duchowego. W Polsce święto to ma charakter szczególnie rodzinny.

Uroczystość Bożego Narodzenia wywodzi swój początek z Jerozolimy, ale już w IV w. znana było także w Antiochii, Konstantynopolu, Rzymie i w Hiszpanii. Ustalił się zwyczaj, że patriarcha udawał się z Jerozolimy w procesji do Betlejem, odległego ok. 8 km i tam w Grocie Narodzenia odprawiał w nocy Mszę św., którą później nazwano "Pasterką" w nawiązaniu do ewangelicznej opowieści o pasterzach, którzy jako pierwsi oddali poklon nowonarodzonemu Chrystusowi. Dzień Bożego Narodzenia ustalono na 25 grudnia, kiedy to Rzymianie obchodzili święto Niezwyciężonego Słońca. Wtedy właśnie nastaje przesilenie dnia i nocy. Jest to także nawiązanie do fragmentu Ewangelii: "Dzięki serdecznej litości naszego Boga nawiedziło nas z wysoka Wschodzące Słońce" (Łk 1,78). Natomiast dopiero w VI w. mnich Dionizjusz Exiguus obliczył, że narodziny miały miejsce w 753 r. po założeniu Rzymu. Dziś wiadomo, że Dionizjusz pomylił się w obliczeniach ustalając datę o kilka lat za późno.



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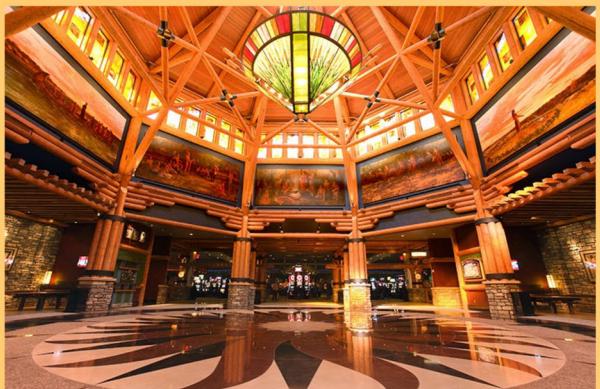
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We look forward to seeing you on January 8th.

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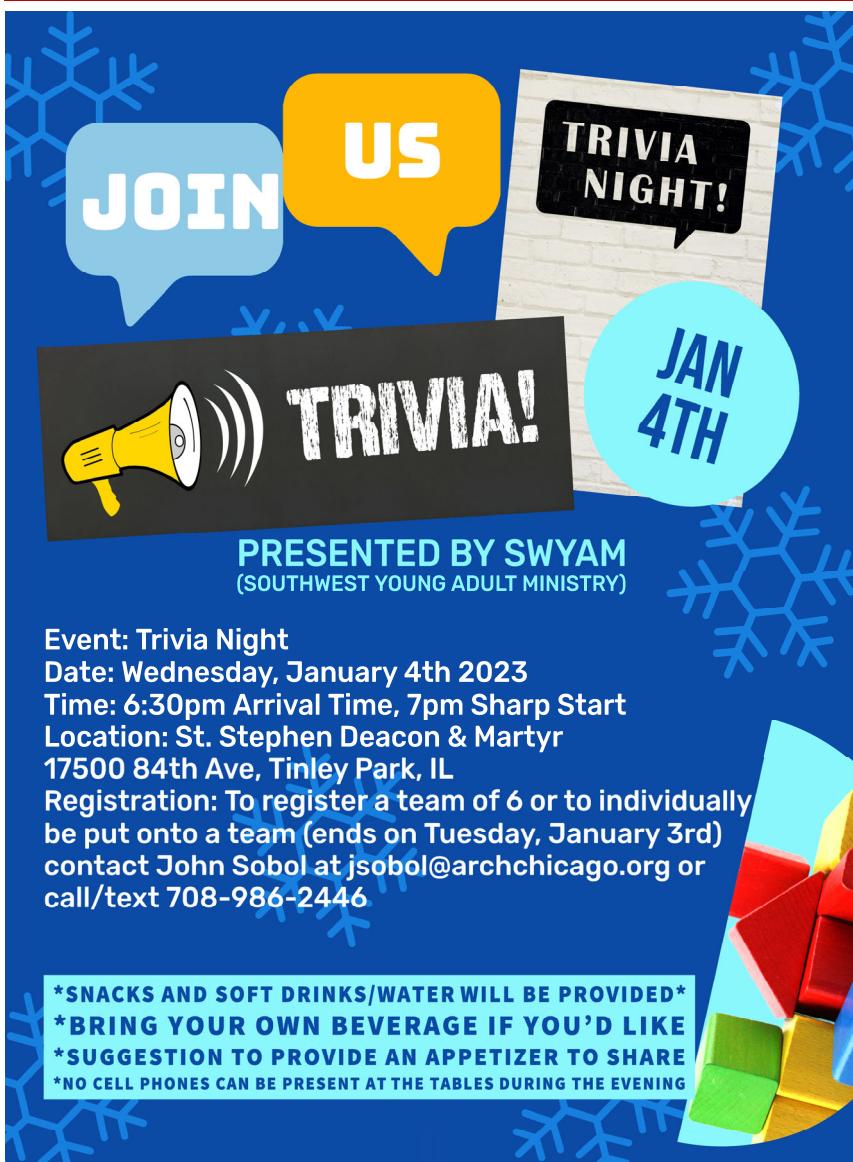
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Solemnity of Mary Mother of God / New Year's Celebration

Saturday, December 31st

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1st

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
12:30 PM (Polish)

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 7th

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 8th

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12/25/22	Sunday	12:00am Solemn Christmas Mass at Midnight in Polish Christmas Day No Queen of Hearts Selling or Drawing RE Christmas Break
12/26/22	Monday	NO ADORATION Feast Of St. Stephen Parish and RE Offices Closed RE Christmas Break 8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 4:30pm –8:15pm CJB Volleyball
12/27/22	Tuesday	RE Christmas Break 8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 5:30pm Evening Rosary 7:00pm –8:30pm Baptismal Prep 7:00pm –9:00pm Youth Ministry - PLC
12/28/22	Wednesday	RE Christmas Break 8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 4:35pm –7:00pm CJB Basketball 6:30pm –8:00pm Choir Rehearsal
12/29/22	Thursday	RE Christmas Break 8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 3:00pm –8:15pm CJB Boys Basketball Practice 7:00pm Polish AA
12/30/22	Friday	Feast of the Holy Family Parish and RE Offices Closed RE Christmas Break 8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
12/31/2022	Saturday	No Queen of Hearts Selling or Drawing RE Christmas Break

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Upcoming High School Youth Events

Tuesday, Dec. 27th – Weekly Youth Ministry Gathering will meet at SSDM, 6:30-8:30pm

Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023 – Centering on Christ Encounter Night at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, that includes Adoration, Benediction, a reflection speaker, Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by fellowship building with light refreshments

Request to follow the Youth Ministry on the SES_SSDM_Youth_Ministry Instagram account

Upcoming Young Adult, Ages, 18 -30 Events

Thursday, Dec. 29th - Weekly Young Adult Zoom Check-in and Reflection, 7-7:15am and 6-6:15pm, please request the Zoom link from John Sobol

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023 - Trivia Night, SSDM Parish Life Center, Start Time: 7pm

Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023 – Centering on Christ Encounter Night at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, that includes Adoration, Benediction, a reflection speaker, Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by fellowship building with light refreshments

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