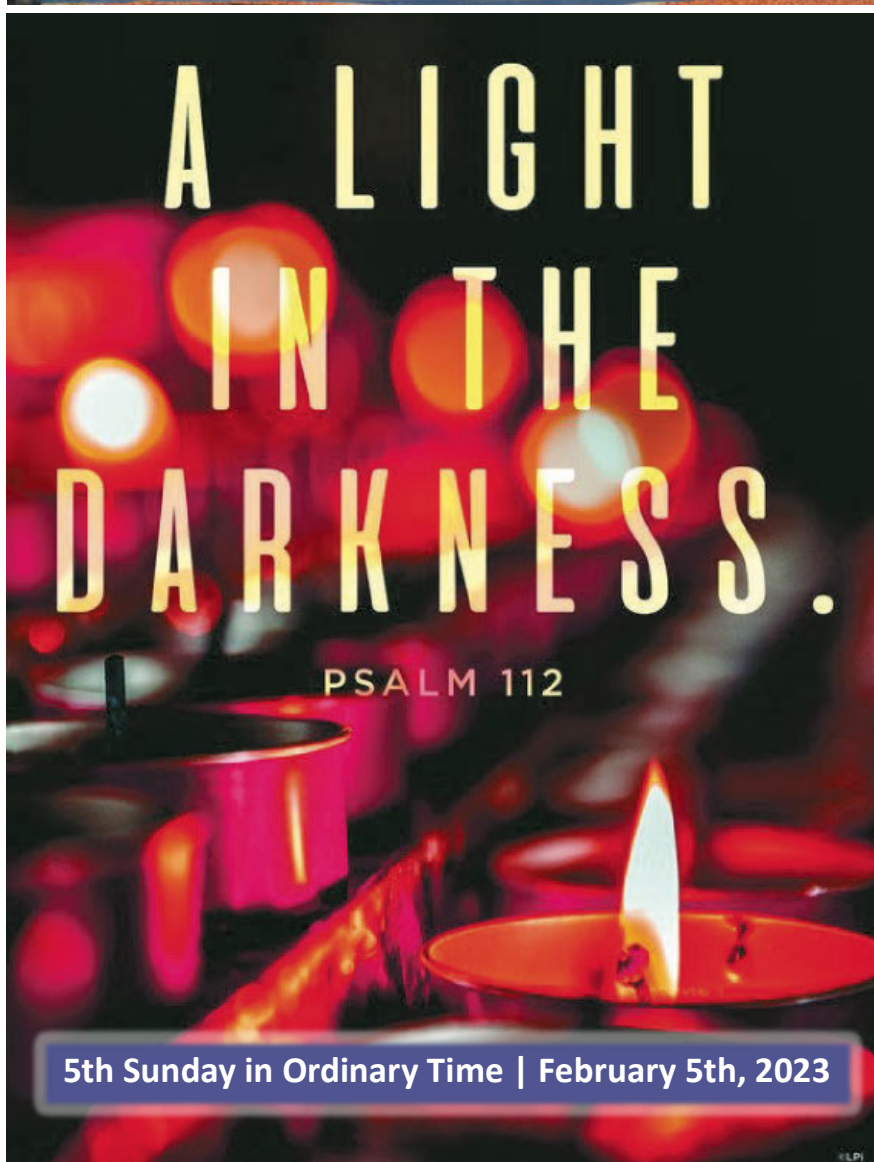


ST. STEPHEN DEACON & MARTYR

CATHOLIC CHURCH



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 5th, 2023

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)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday - Thursday

8:30am to 7pm

ROSARY

Monday - Friday

8:30am

Second & Fourth Tuesdays

5:30pm

www.ststephentinley.com

Pastoral Staff

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

Rev. Michael Wyrzykowski—Pastor

frmichael@ststephentinley.com

Rev. Robert Stuglik—Associate Pastor

rstuglik@archchicago.org

Rev. James (Jay) Finno—Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Bob Conlin

RFConlin@comcast.net

Deacon Chuck McFarland

ctm728@aol.com

Deacon Pete Van Merkestyn

pvanmerkestyn@yahoo.com

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: cjb.school.org

Kelly Bourrell - Principal

kbourell@cjb.school.org

Cynthia Devlin - Enrollment Director

cdevlin@cjb.school.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 Patrick Sheehan at 708-342-2400 ext.122

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Monday, February 6	8:00 AM
+ Robert Black	Barbara Black
+ Pauline Cotrano	Mary and Frank Werr
+ Susan Swidergal	Family
Tuesday, February 7	8:00 AM
+ John Seibt	Kristine Papa
+ Vernon Beechy	Noreen Galvin
Wednesday, February 8	8:00 AM
S.I. Thanksgiving J.C.R.	
+ Joseph and Mary Ann Green	Megan and Evan Hann
Thursday, February 9	8:00 AM
+ Sophie Lorent	Family
+ Pauline Cotrano	Ron and Linda Fugger
Friday, February 10	8:00 AM
+ Tim Monahan	Mom and Dad
+ Judy Lukas	George and Lori Cullina
Saturday, February 11	5:00 PM
+ Ida Spinazzola	The Spinazzola Family
+ Patricia Savage	Family
+ Theresa Manikowski	Family
+ Marlene Butler	The Yedwofski Family
+ Keegan Reed	The Yedwofski Family
Sunday, February 12	7:30 AM
S.I. For The Parishioners of St. Stephen	
+ Joseph Green	Megan, Evan and Mary Jo
+ Vernon Beechy	Karen Opyd
9:00 AM	
+ Stanley Mitus	Tom Mitus
+ Roger M. Johnson	Emily Johnson
11:00 AM	
+ Pauline Cotrano	Robison Family
+ Vernon Beechy	Barbara Black
12:30 PM (po polsku)	
S.I. Intencje Zbiorowe	
S.I. Mike Vitellaro	Matt
S.I. Fr. Jan Krutwicz	Meghan Gargas
S.I. Fr. Bob Stuglik	Jackie Hojnacki
S.I. Jan Douglas	Jackie Hojnacki
+ Clem Hojnacki	Jackie Hojnacki

Deacon Bill Engler, Laura Barajas, Michael Clavio, Terry Harris, Gerald Gernson, Karen Opyd, Kris Opyd, Janet Sullivan, Jacob and Jaxon Rivera, Mary Eichhorn, Bob Meyrick, John Kelley, Patricia McNulty, Jamie Hitz, Jim O' Donnell, Patricia Yanko, Ted & Carolyn Glaser, Thomas Hitz, and the sick of our parish.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for Bulletin Articles, Facebook Posts, Website Inclusion and Flocknote must

Submit Content to
the Weekly Bulletin 

Ststephen@ststephentinley.com

for review before publishing. Any submission is due by Thursday noon one week prior to publication. For holiday schedule please call parish office. We are requesting this of all parishioners to assure consistency and accuracy in our social media posts and bulletin. Please do not send any of these materials to individual employees. We thank you all for your cooperation.

PARISH OFFICE

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REGULAR PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:30am to 7:00pm

Friday 8:30 am to 4:30pm

Closed daily for lunch from 12:30pm until 1pm.



† Deceased

S.I. Special Intention



We will be collecting old palms for our Palm Burning Service which will be held after the 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesday, February 21. The ashes created from the burned palms will be used on Ash Wednesday. Donation boxes for old palms will be in the narthex from Saturday, February 4 through Sunday, February 19. Please do not put plastic bags in the boxes.

Year End Tax Statements For 2022

For all those who automatically received a statement due to IRS regulations last year, a statement will be mailed to you by the end of January 2023. There is no need to call or email the parish office. For those who did not receive a statement last year, but would like one this year, please email Jay Castrogiovanni at castro@ststephentinley.com

Please put "2022 tax letter requested" in the subject line and, in the body of the email, please put your name as it appears on your envelope and a phone number where you may be contacted.

Due to the early printing of our bulletin no donation information is available.

It will be reflected in the next available bulletin.

LENTEN MISSION NO GREATER LOVE REFLECTING ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST



Friar Johnpaul will lead us in a reflection on the seven last words of Jesus in his engaging and informative style. His storytelling and humor bring to life the message of Jesus' words to us, his disciples today.

Sunday, February 26 - 7:00 PM
Monday, February 27 - 7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 28 - 7:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US ON THE

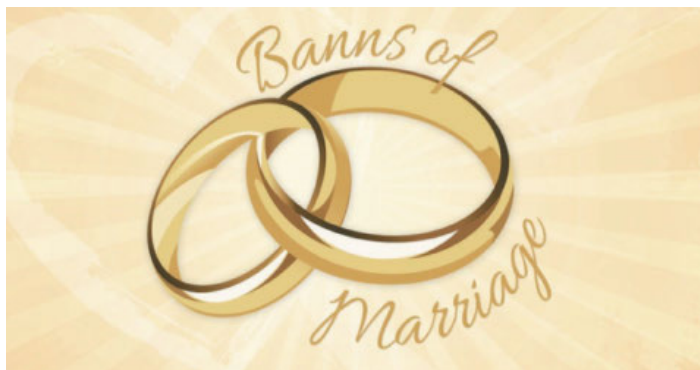
WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

**A special anointing service will be held on
February 11 after the 5 PM Mass**

The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered during periods of illness in order to bring the person receiving it spiritual and physical strength. As a sacrament, it is performed to give God's grace through the Holy Spirit .

The Sacrament is administered by a priest to all who face a serious physical or mental illness, are having surgery or are impaired by old age.





3rd *Emily Furmanek & Ryan Ballard*
 3rd *Kinga Drag & Marco Echevarria*
 3rd *Cynthia Vieyra & Robert A. Ortiz, III*
 3rd *Kira Bric & Ryan Waaso*



St. Stephen parishioners are invited to participate and support the multi-parish Home Build project. This year marks the fourth annual multi-parish outreach build. This is a project we are working on as a parish along with St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie, St. George, and St. Michael parishes. St. Stephen Parish is the home parish for the project this year, which will be held on the weekend of June 23rd, 24th, and 25th. More information will be forthcoming concerning how our entire St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Parish community can help in this great project, so please SAVE THE DATE!

BRANSON, MO ADVENTURE

June 5th through 9th
 \$829 Double Occupancy
 \$1058 Single Occupancy
 Includes all Breakfasts



We will stay at The Bransinn

SHOWS

Hamner's, Rich Thomas - Illusionist,
 Pierce Arron, Branson Belle Showboat

DINNERS

Black Oaks Grill, Paula Dean's.
 Branson Belle Dinner Show

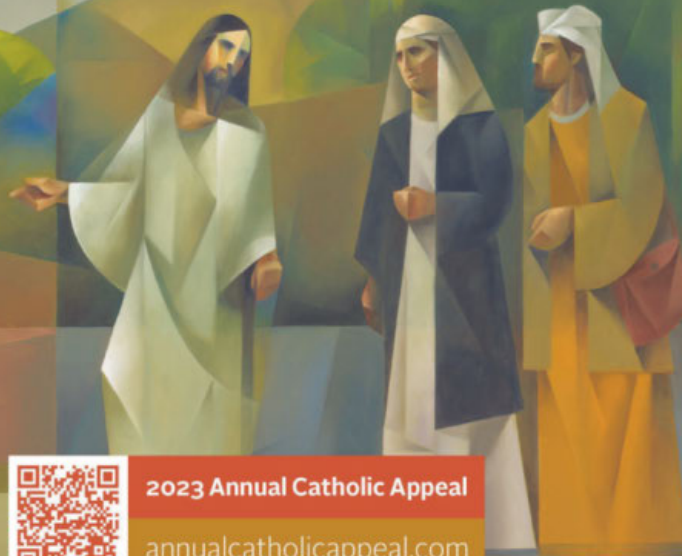
**Reservations & \$100 Non-refundable
 Deposit due February 10th latest.
 Payment arrangements available.**

For more information contact:
 Theresa (708) 342-2400 ext. 145

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



WALKING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS



2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

annualcatholicappeal.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT OUR PARISH



Encounter Jesus

Pope Francis offers you an invitation to a very special encounter!

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them..." -

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel)*

What is an encounter with Jesus? It is an experience of meeting the living Christ through an event, a person, a prayer, or another circumstance where Jesus reveals his presence. Through this experience, we come to know that Jesus is actively present in our life through the work of the Holy Spirit, and that God loves each of us unconditionally. God is no longer abstract, but instead a real person in our life.

Jesus wants to know *you* personally. He wants to hear *your* every joy, concern, or hope. He wants *you* to know how deeply he loves you. Adoration is a place where you and Jesus can really get to know each other!

Do you want to encounter Jesus and get to know him personally?

See what others say about how Jesus, through Adoration, has impacted their lives.

<https://youtu.be/txuaN5FXgW8>

You can always find Jesus in the quiet of Adoration!

You are invited step out of the world's noise and meet Jesus in Adoration.

**Adoration is available in our parish chapel on Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 AM to 7 PM,
and in the church on the first Friday of the month from 6PM - 7pm.**

SSDM & SES YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HE IS RISING !

FRIDAY
April 7th, 2023
at noon at SSDM
& 7:00 p.m at SES



GOOD FRIDAY
Passion Play

As part of our Good Friday tradition, young people from both parishes will be acting out scenes from the Passion of our Lord. We are in need of as many as 20 youth from 9th - 12th grades to join us in this costumed re-enactment. No lines to memorize and you can earn service hours. We will be holding practices on Sunday afternoons at both SSDM and SES Churches TBA. If interested please contact jfsobol@archchicago.org.

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CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE

1-800-400-4205

SENIORS

Ministry

Seniors Young at Heart

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Feb 12th** - The Big Game Chili Cook-off
The Big Game Chili Cook Off and Party 4 pm till 9 pm
Tickets on sale at all Masses on Jan 21st & 22nd
\$10.00 per person . \$15.00 per Family.
Please register for Chili Cook off
\$10.00 Registration fee.
- ▶ **Feb 13th** - Monthly Meeting
Meeting & 50's Sock Hop Music by Paul Strolia. Tickets on sale Feb 4th & 5th at all Masses \$10.00 . Ticket Non Members \$15.00 . Lunch Catered by Winston's .
Menu: Potato Salad, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Greens Beans, Rolls and Dessert.
Movie from the 50's after Lunch.
- ▶ **Feb 14th** - Line Dance Instructions.
Line Dance Instructions Parish Life Center
11 am till Noon.
- ▶ **March 11th** - St Joseph Dinner.
More to Come on this.
- ▶ **March 12th** - The Center for Visual Performing
Munster, Ind., Brunch , and Show. A Salute to the Andrew Sisters. Brunch, Bus and Performance \$90.00. per person.
- ▶ **June 5th - to 9th** Branson, Mo Trip.
\$829.00 Double Occupancy. \$1,058.00 . Single .
Includes Bus transportation, Hotel with Breakfast, all shows and Dinners Tax and Gratuity.
Payment Plan is available for this trip.

Theresa@ststephentinley.com 708 342 2400 ext 145.

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 PIĄTKÓW 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.



INTENCJE NA MSZE ŚWIĘTE

Zachęcamy Państwa do składania intencji na Msze Święte.

Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym

BIULETYN

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

Wszystkie materiały do biuletynu proszę przysyłać 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.

PORADNIA RACHEL



DZWOŃ

S. MAKSYMILIANA 773 656 7703
CHICAGO

Codzienny, bezpłatny dyżur psychologa
dla osób, które cierpią
z powodu dokonanej aborcji.
Zapewniamy pełną dyskrecję.

Rozważania do Niedzielnej Liturgii

O co proszę? O dogłębne przeżycie prawdy, że w Jego rękach jestem zawsze bezpieczny.

Stanę w tłumie ludzi. Już trzy dni trwają przy Jezusie (ww. 1--2). Wie, że są bez chleba, głodni. Przeżywa to bardzo. Zapytam o mój największy głód, który teraz mi doskwiera. Co jest tym głodem? Czy wierzę, że Jezus potrafi mu zaradzić?

Usłyszę, jak Jezus mówi do mnie: „Żal mi cię... nie zostawię cię samego z twoim głodem; nie chcę, byś zasnął w drodze” (por. ww. 2-3). Czy potrafię Mu zaufać? Powiem Mu, co czuję, gdy słyszę Jego słowa.

Zwrócę uwagę na reakcję uczniów (w. 4). Kalkulują po ludzku. Widzą jedynie przeszkody. Nie wierzą, że Jezus może zaradzić potrzebom głodnych. Jak reaguję w sytuacjach „bez wyjścia”? W czym jestem podobny do uczniów?

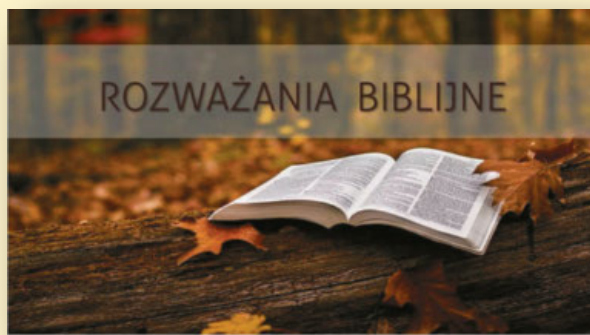
Wysłucham się w rozmowę Jezusa z uczniami (w. 5). Uświadamia im, że ludzkie kalkulacje zawsze pokażą marne wyniki. Jego moc przekracza ludzką arytmetykę. Pomyślę o moich zachowaniach w chwilach bezradności. Na kim wtedy polegamy? Gdzie szukam pomocy?

Będę kontemplował Jezusa, który dokonuje cudu (ww. 6-9). Kilka chlebów rozdanych Jego rękami zaspokaja głód tysięcy. On potrafi pomnożyć moje marne siły, jeśli oddam je w Jego ręce.

Pomyślę o najbardziej słabych i kruchych miejscach mojej osobowości, w przeżywaniu powołania. Oddam je w Jego ręce i z wiarą będę prosił, aby je chronił i wspierał.

Jezus potrafi najbardziej kruche miejsca mojego życia zamieścić w przestrzeń objawiania się Jego mocy. Będę prosił, aby nauczył mnie mądrości w przeżywaniu mojej kruchości. Będę powtarzał: „Jezu, moja kruchość jest w Twoich rękach”.

Krzysztof Wons SDS/Salwator

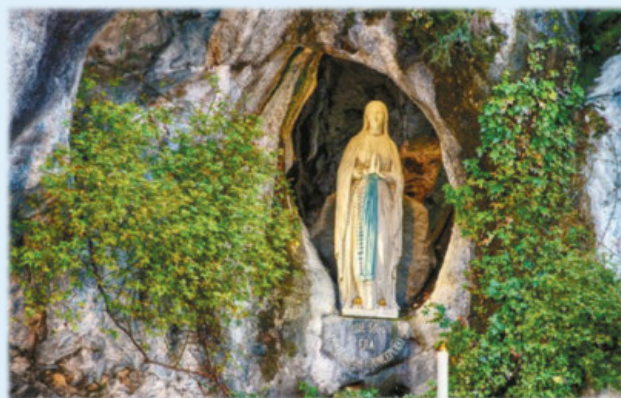


Łekarz w białym chlebie

Docierają tu chorzy z różnych stron świata. Proszą o zdrowie i wyjeżdżają pocieszeni. Tę duchową klinikę założyła w Lourdes Matka Jezusa. I wciąż dobitnie pokazuje, Kto jest ostatecznym źródłem naszych witalnych sił

Historia objawień i kultu w Lourdes

Najświętszą Marię Pannę z Lourdes wspomina Kościół katolicki 11 lutego. Tego dnia 1858 roku, w cztery lata po ogłoszeniu przez Piusa IX dogmatu o Niepokalanym Poczęciu, Matka Boża ukazała się ubogiej pasterce Bernadecie Soubirous w Lourdes.



Papieskie Intencje Apostolstwa Modlitwy

Za parafie:

Módlmy się, aby parafie, stawiając w centrum komunie, stawały się coraz bardziej wspólnotami wiary, braterstwa i otwartości wobec najbardziej potrzebujących.

World Day of the Sick

FEBRUARY 11



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS XXXI WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

11 February 2023

“Take care of him”

Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing

Dear brothers and sisters!

Illness is part of our human condition. Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation and abandonment, unaccompanied by care and compassion, it can become inhumane.

When we go on a journey with others, it is not unusual for someone to feel sick, to have to stop because of fatigue or of some mishap along the way. It is precisely in such moments that we see how we are walking together: whether we are truly companions on the journey, or merely individuals on the same path, looking after our own interests and leaving others to “make do”. For this reason, on the thirty-first World Day of the Sick, as the whole Church journeys along the synodal path, I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness.

In the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, the Lord speaks these words that represent one of the high points of God’s Revelation: “I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak [...] I will feed them with justice” (34:15-16). Experiences of bewilderment, sickness, and weakness are part of the human journey. Far from excluding us from God’s people, they bring us to the centre of the Lord’s attention, for he is our Father and does not want to lose even one of his children along the way. Let us learn from him, then, how to be a community that truly walks together, capable of resisting the throwaway culture.

The Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* encourages us to read anew the parable of the Good Samaritan, which I chose in order to illustrate how we can move from the “dark clouds” of a closed world to “envisaging and engendering an open world” (cf. No. 56). There is a profound link between this parable of Jesus and the many ways in which fraternity is denied in today’s world. In particular, the fact that the man, beaten and robbed, is abandoned on the side of the road represents the condition in which all too many of our brothers and sisters are left at a time when they most need help. It is no longer easy to distinguish the assaults on human life and dignity that arise from natural causes from those caused by injustice and violence. In fact, increasing levels of inequality and the prevailing interests of the few now affect every human environment to the extent that it is difficult to consider any experience as having solely “natural” causes. All suffering takes place in the context of a “culture” and its various contradictions.

Here it is especially important to recognize the condition of loneliness and abandonment. This kind of cruelty can be overcome more easily than any other injustice, because – as the parable tells us – it only takes a moment of our attention, of being moved to compassion within us, in order to eliminate it. Two travellers, considered pious and religious, see the wounded man, yet fail to stop. The third passer-by, however, a Samaritan, a scorned foreigner, is moved with compassion and takes care of that stranger on the road, treating him as a brother. In doing so, without even thinking about it, he makes a difference, he makes the world more fraternal.

Brothers and sisters, we are rarely prepared for illness. Oftentimes, we fail even to admit that we are getting older. Our vulnerability frightens us and the pervasive culture of efficiency pushes us to sweep it under the carpet, leaving no room for our human frailty. In this way, when evil bursts onto the scene and wounds us, we are left stunned. Moreover, others might abandon us at such times. Or, in our own moments of weakness, we may feel that we should abandon others in order to avoid becoming a burden. This is how loneliness sets in, and we can become poisoned by a bitter sense of injustice, as if God himself had abandoned us. Indeed, we may find it hard to remain at peace with the Lord when our relationship with others and with ourselves is damaged. It is crucial, then, even in the midst of illness, that the whole Church measure herself against the Gospel example of the Good Samaritan, in order that she may become a true “field hospital”, for her mission is manifested in acts of care, particularly in the historical circumstances of our time. We are all fragile and vulnerable, and need that compassion which knows how to pause, approach, heal, and raise up. Thus, the plight of the sick is a call that cuts through indifference and slows the pace of those who go on their way as if they had no sisters and brothers.

The World Day of the Sick calls for prayer and closeness towards those who suffer. Yet it also aims to raise the awareness of God’s people, healthcare institutions and civil society with regard to a new way of moving forward together. The above-quoted prophecy of Ezekiel judges harshly the priorities of those who wield economic, cultural, and political power over others: “You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them” (34:3-4). God’s word is always illuminating and timely; not only in what it denounces, but also in what it proposes. Indeed, the conclusion of the parable of the Good Samaritan suggests how the exercise of fraternity, which began as a face-to-face encounter, can be expanded into organized care. The elements of the inn, the innkeeper, the money and the promise to remain informed of the situation (cf. Lk 10:34-35) all point to the commitment of healthcare and social workers, family members and volunteers, through whom good stands up in the face of evil every day, in every part of the world.

These past years of the pandemic have increased our sense of gratitude for those who work each day in the fields of healthcare and research. Yet it is not enough to emerge from such an immense collective tragedy simply by honouring heroes. Covid-19 has strained the great networks of expertise and solidarity, and has exposed the structural limits of existing public welfare systems. Gratitude, then, needs to be matched by actively seeking, in every country, strategies and resources in order to guarantee each person’s fundamental right to basic and decent healthcare.

The Samaritan calls the innkeeper to “take care of him” (Lk 10:35). Jesus addresses the same call to each of us. He exhorts us to “go and do likewise” (Lk 10:37). As I noted in *Fratelli Tutti*, “The parable shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good” (No. 67). Indeed, “we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love. We cannot be indifferent to suffering” (No. 68).

On 11 February 2023, let us turn our thoughts to the Shrine of Lourdes, a prophetic lesson entrusted to the Church for our modern times. It is not only what functions well or those who are productive that matter. Sick people, in fact, are at the centre of God’s people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind.

To the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all of you who are ill; you who care for them in your families, or through your work, research and volunteer service; and those of you who are committed to weaving personal, ecclesial, and civic bonds of fraternity. To all, I impart my heartfelt blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 10 January 2023

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed. (Is 58:8)

Psalm:

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (Ps 112)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
proclaiming the mystery of God,
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)

Gospel:

"You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket."
(Mt 5:14-15)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

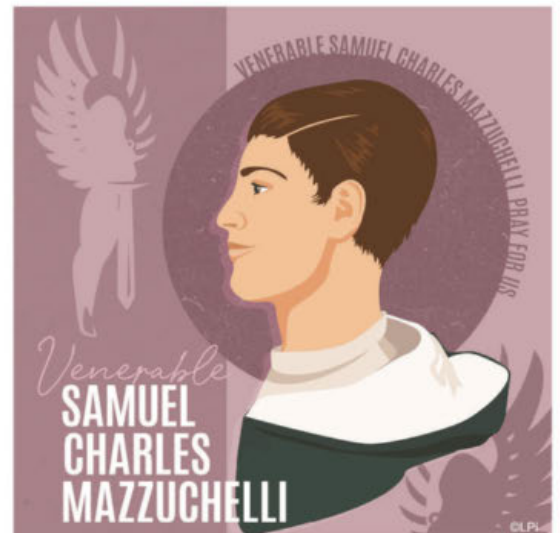
We can't be afraid to season our lives with the truth,
even if we face a world of picky eaters. Christians,
don't be afraid of flavor!

Or

It's hard to shine the light of truth in a world that so
often prefers darkness. But God has built his city on
a hill, not a valley. His glory, by definition, exists to be
proclaimed, as salt exists to give flavor.

Observances for the week of February 5, 2023

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Friday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day



Saint of the week

Venerable Father Mazzuchelli was one of the first Catholic missionaries to the Great Lakes region traveling the vast area via horseback, canoes, and on foot. He worked alongside new immigrant settlers and native tribes to establish over 24 Catholic communities.

Prayer

Prayer for the Beatification of Father Samuel Mazzuchelli

Lord Jesus, you called your servant, Samuel, even in early youth, to leave home and all for a Dominican life of charity in preaching your holy gospel. You gave him abundant graces of Eucharistic love, devotion to your holy Mother of Sorrows, and a consuming zeal for souls. Grant, we beseech you, that his fervent love and labors for you may become more widely known, to a fruitful increase of your Mystical Body, to his exaltation and to our own constant growth in devoted love of you who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God, world without end. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

CLP

02/05/23	Sunday	Annual Catholic Appeal Announcement - All Masses Blessing of Throats - All Masses Capital Improvements Second Collection 9:00am Family Mass - Led by Grade 3 10:00am –11:00am RE Classes Seniors Young at Heart Luncheon Ticket Sales - All Masses Missionaries of Apostolic Grace - All Masses 10:00am Meet & Greet
02/06/23	Monday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 4:30pm –8:15pm CJB Volleyball 10:00am Seniors Board Meeting - Room 153 4:15pm –5:30pm RE Classes 6:00pm –7:15pm RE Classes
02/07/23	Tuesday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 5:00pm –8:30pm CJB Basketball 7:00pm –9:00pm Youth Ministry - PLC
02/08/23	Wednesday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 11:00am Staff Meeting 4:15pm –5:30pm RE Classes 4:35pm –7:00pm CJB Basketball 6:00pm –7:15pm RE Classes 6:30pm –8:00pm Choir Rehearsal
02/09/23	Thursday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 3:00pm –8:15pm CJB Boys Basketball Practice 7:00pm Polish AA
02/10/23	Friday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 8:30am Scripture Study 12:00pm –6:00pm Meals Program 7:00pm English AA
02/11/23	Saturday	Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment - All Masses NGL Participant Blessing - All Masses Super Bowl Party Setup

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