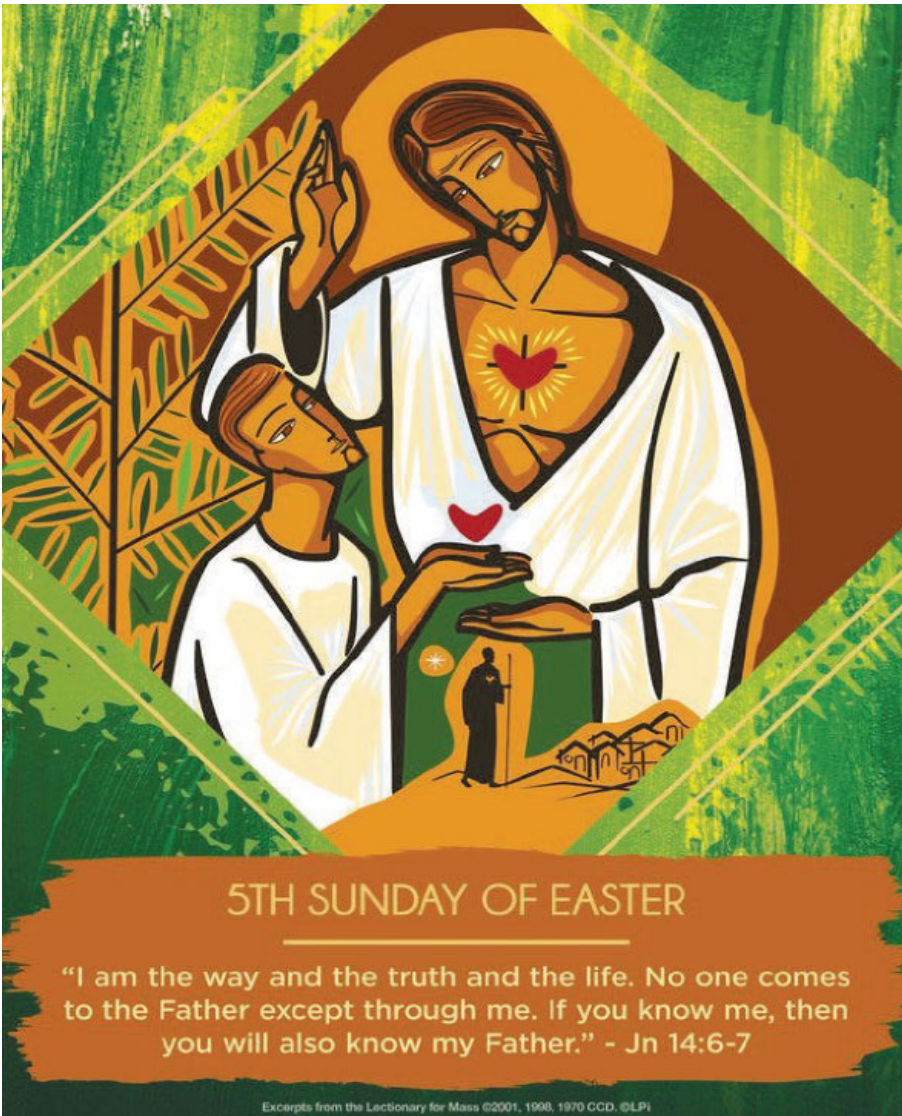


ST. STEPHEN DEACON & MARTYR

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

May 7th, 2023

| www.ststephentinley.com

Pastoral Staff

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

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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: cjbschool.org

Kelly Bourrell - Principal

kbourrell@cjbschool.org

Cynthia Devlin - Enrollment Director

cdevlin@cjbschool.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

Monday, May 8	8:00 AM
+ Rose Perfetti	Family
+ Teena Joyce	Elisa Ponnezhan
Tuesday, May 9	8:00 AM
+ Elizabeth Persin	Barbara Black
+ Connie Jorio	Emily Johnson
Wednesday, May 10	8:00 AM
+ Tim Monahan-6 th Anniversary	Mom and Dad
+ Augie Perfetti	Emily Johnson
Thursday, May 11	8:00 AM
S.I. Margaret Wendt	Barbara Black
+ Joyce George	Elisa Ponnezhan
Friday, May 12	8:00 AM
+ Marie Rychetsky and Fannie Zurawski	Mr. and Mrs. Rychetsky
+ Lance Sheehan	Family
Saturday, May 13	5:00 PM
+ Jean Magiera	Family
+ Edward Mulhall	Family
+ Eleanor Kaminski	Janet Kaminski
+ Patricia Savage	Family
+ Theresa Manikowski	Family
Sunday, May 14	7:30 AM
S.I. For The Parishioners of St. Stephen	
+ Betty Staniszewski	Daughter
S.I. All Mothers	Lorent and Antczak
	9:00 AM
+ Anne Power	Family
S.I. Bill Ernst	Kathy
	11:00 AM
+ Estelle Pietrzyk	Daughter
S.I. Igor Zhogol and Wanda Suboch	Family
	12:30 PM (po polsku)
S.I. Intencje Zbiorowe	
+ Salomea and Anna Valuckis	Marlene Swanson
+ Helena Budz and Ludvika Lukaszczuk	Family
+ Jozef Kowalczyk	Family
+ Lucy Borek	Janicki Family

† Deceased

S.I. Special Intention

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Annabelle Beedle, Gerald Bernson, Regina Bukowski, Michael Clavio, Jamie Hitz, Kenneth Weissmann, Anthony LaCassa, Patricia Weissmann, Dolores Wilson, Frank Valderrama, 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.

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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.

FUNERALS

† Dolores R. Lobos

BAPTISM

Jack Edward Olejarz.
Son of Sławomir Olejarz and Katarzyna Olejarz

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

2nd - Erin Dilger & Dillon Maass



CONFIRMATION

Confirmed in the Holy Spirit - Saturday, March 25th by Bishop Kevin Birmingham.

Anthony	Louis	Albus	Ryan	Anthony	Hellmann
Christina	Christina	Arrivo	Hailey	Catherine	Hogan
Mia	Josephine	Balta	Logan	Christopher	Hughes
Joshua	Anthony	Baud	Quinn	Patrick	Kane
Samantha	Clare	Belsky	Connor	Patrick	Kelly
Timothy	Anthony	Blake	Olivia	Gemma	King
Kylie	Francis	Burnside	Maja	Francis	Kowalkowski
Victoria	Mary	Calimag	Marc	Benedict	Krawisz
Katie	Gabriella	Carbajal	Teagan	Joan	Lacey
Aidan	Patrick	Cavanaugh	Camilah	Louis	Lamas
Bryan	Michael	Chapman	Alexa	Katharine	Limas
Audrey	Teresa	Cohen	Elena	Teresa	Livsey
Gianna	Teresa	Cozzolino	David	Christopher	Lupacchino
Thomas	Patrick	Crehan	Angelina	Gemma	Marsella
Kara	Mary	Danz	Jack	Sebastian	Martin
Tatum	Emily	de la Vega	Elisabeth	Honore	Mateck
Nicholas	Vincent	DiForti	MaryKate	Michael	Maurer
Maggie	Clare	Dunlap	Liam	Patrick	McLaughlin
Moira	Catherine	Dunlap	Reagan	Rita	McQuaid
Alanis	Julie	Engstrom	Liam	Francis	Mecher
Mia	Rose	Engstrom	John	Sebastian	Merlo
Graham	Francis	Estrada	Jacob	Michael	Mucha
Zachary	Daniel	Fitzloff	Declan	John	Murphy
Frank	Vincent	Gallina	Owen	Philip	Murray
Jeffrey	Sebastian	Gannon	Dylan	Peter	Nanney
Fiona	Brigid	Giblin	Jude	Jude	Nguyen
Jackson	Sebastian	Godlewski	Emerson	Mary	Nilsson
Ariana	Elizabeth	Gracia	Evan	Vitus	O'Donnell
Nathan	Patrick	Gross	Nathan	Kevin	Owsianiak
Brooke	Philomena	Guerra	Nora	Anthony	Pastierik
Olivia	Dymphina	Guglielmo	Dominic	Andrew	Pecherz
Leighton	Elizabeth	Gutsch	Erik	Rocco	Peterson
Alexa	Cecelia	Hearn			



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Gabriela
Dominik
Amelia
Ella
James
Ava
Daniel
David
Nolan
Isabella
Emma
Owen
Caleb
Nora
Aidan
Addison
Addysen
Ava
Caleb
Joshua
Lucas
Jackson
Gavin
Samuel
Vincent
Jovanni
Sean
Elias
Clodagh
Eoghan
Violet
David
Luke

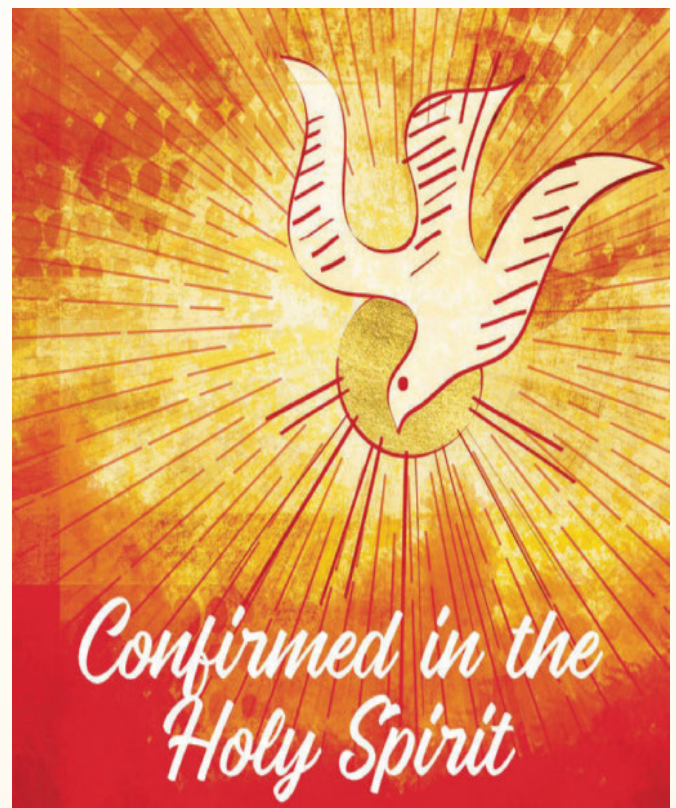
**Cecilia
Peter
Valentine
Elizabeth
Joseph
Cecilia
John
Michael
Stephen
Katherine
Colette
Daniel
Bernard
Catherine
Anthony
Katharine
Margaret
Grace
Sebastian
Michael
Robert
Luke
Francis
Damien
Sebastian
Jose
Patrick
Peter
Abigail
Brendan
Elizabeth
Christopher
George**

Petuchow
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Piedra
Pozulp
Reilly
Remblake
Remiasz
Rosner
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Rudolph
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Russell
Ryan
Sanchez
Schiever
Skarzynski
Spinelli
Sullivan
Theis
Thielen
Tiernan
Troike
Trumpinski
Tucker
Valdez
Valdivia
Vuckovich
Walsh
Walsh
Wilson
Wisniewski
Witous

Lorigan
Justin
Erin
Justin
Beatrice
Mia

**Anne
Sebastian
Cecilia
Andrew
Cecilia
Gemma**

Wrzesinski
Zegarlinski
Zemanek
Zerinskas
Zugaj
Zvejnieks





Collections April 15th & 16th

Sunday Collection	11,796.00
Easter Collection	4,850.00
Holy Thursday	30.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	30.00
Capital Improvement	360.00
Mass Attendance	1286

THANK YOU
for your generosity



SENIOR CORNER

Seniors Young at Heart

Upcoming Events

- ▶ Our end of year meeting will be held on Monday, **May 8th**. Luau, entertainment by Edizon Dayao and a Hawaiian Dancer. A luncheon including BBQ pork, pasta, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert will be catered by Chuck's BBQ. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on April 29th and 30th.
- ▶ **May 10th** trip to Shrine of all Saints with Lunch
- ▶ **May 11th** Meeting for all the Travelers going on the Branson Mo Trip. 7 pm in the large meeting room on the Religious Education side.
- ▶ May Line Dancing dates: Tues., **May 9th** and Tues., **May 23rd** at 11 am Parish Life Center.

Let's keep in our prayers all seniors who have been unable to attend so far this year because of illnesses.

Any questions please contact Theresa at Theresa@ststephentinley.com
708 342 2400 ext 145.

ST. STEPHEN QUEEN OF HEARTS



Our Queen of Hearts final jackpot of \$73,070 was split with one prize winner, a long-time parishioner of St. Stephen who received \$36,535.

The remaining proceeds were added to our parish Capital Improvement Fund.

Thank you to all who participated in this raffle.

Jay Castrogiovanni

Rebootin' to Kansas City, KS. from July 9 -15, 2023



2023 SES AND SSDM Youth Mission Trip Openings

The SES and SSDM Youth Ministry has openings for graduating 8th graders or any high school grade, including graduating seniors.

This is Catholic Faith based mission trip that will include growing spiritually, by serving others in need, and fellowship with their peers from around the country,

The cost is \$650.00 per youth. The youth will be provided round trip driving transportation, lodging, three meals a day, and an amusement and water park day.

Registration ends, Friday, May 26, 2023.

If you are interested, please contact, John Sobol by email, jsobol@archchicago.org or by phone, 708-986-2446.

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@jpaluch.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.



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

Drodzy, Kochani Parafianie,

W dniu **14 maja** będziemy ponownie gościć w naszej Świątyni Misję dla Ubogich działającą od 5-ciu lat przy Bazylice Św. Jacka w Chicago.

“Misja dla Ubogich” wspiera dzieła misyjne polskich misjonarzy pracujących w Ugandzie i Tanzanii.

Tak jak w ubiegłym roku, wolontariusze Misji proponują Wam kupno własnoręcznie zrobionych Kremówek Papieskich. Wraz z nimi przybędzie do nas, przebywający w Chicago na zaproszenie Misji o. Maciej Braun CR, misjonarz pracujący w Buhembie w Tanzanii, którego pracę Misja wspiera od początku swego istnienia.

O. Maciej wygłosi kazanie i opowie państwu o swojej 20 -letniej posłudze w Afryce. Oprócz kremówek, będzie można również nabyć książkę autorstwa o. Macieja pt. “Życie jest jedno i musi być piękne.” 100% wszystkich donacji będzie przeznaczonych na dzieła misyjne w Buhembie o których będzie mówił o. Maciej.

Serdecznie zapraszamy na mszę świętą o 12:30pm w dniu 14 maja i prosimy o wsparcie misji w Tanzanii.

Niech Pan Bóg wynagrodzi Waszą hojność i dobre serce.



Rozważania do Niedzielnej Liturgii

O co proszę? O doświadczenie zażyłej relacji z Bogiem Ojcem

Jezus żegna się z apostołami. Zwróć uwagę, z jaką czułością i troską zwraca się do nich. Zna do głębi ich serca. Jest wrażliwy na ich przeżycia: „Niech się nie trwoży serce wasze” (w. 1).

Z uwagą będę słuchał słów Jezusa. Pomyślę, że mówi wprost do mnie. Zna obecny stan mojego serca. Jakie uczucia odnajduję w tej chwili w moim wnętrzu? Czego w życiu boję się najbardziej? Spróbuję zawierzyć Jezusowi to wszystko, co odbiera mi poczucie bezpieczeństwa i wywołuje lęki.

Jezus opowiada mi o wieczności. Mówi mi, że jest dom, w którym oczekuje mnie Ojciec. Jakie myśli i uczucia budzą się we mnie, gdy spontanicznie zaczynam rozważać o wieczności? Czy potrafię wyobrazić sobie Boga jako Ojca, który oczekuje mnie z tęsknotą?

Jezus, który zna serca apostołów, uświadamia im prawdę, że nie znają Ojca, nie mają o Nim prawdziwego wyobrażenia (ww. 7-10). Jaki jest mój obraz Ojca? Czy wywołuje on we mnie uczucia ciepła, miłości, bezpieczeństwa? Czy mój obraz Ojca nie wywołuje we mnie negatywnych uczuć. Czy potrafię wyobrazić sobie siebie jako dziecko tulone w ramionach Ojca?

Jezus mówi, że pomoże mi odnaleźć prawdziwy obraz Ojca. On, który sam jeden wie, jak cudowne i pełne dobroci jest oblicze Ojca. Chce, abym i ja Go poznał. Chce być moją drogą do Ojca. Będę więc prosił jak Filip, z pokorą i szczerością: „Panie, pokaż mi Ojca” (w. 9).

Poproszę Jezusa, aby moje uczucia przeniknęły swoimi uczuciami do Ojca, abym mógł pragnąć Ojca Jego pragnieniami, aby nauczył mnie zbliżać się do Ojca jak dziecko. Będę powtarzał: „Ojcie nasz...”.

Krzysztof Wons SDS/Salwator

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said,
"It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.
Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2-4)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him,
"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you know me, then you will also know my Father."
(Jn 14:6-7)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

To those who persist in faith, the truth is a living stone, strong enough to support the weight of real joy. To those who despair of faith, it is a stumbling block. The truth will always be in their way.

Observances for the week of May 7, 2023

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
Wednesday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Friday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;
St. Pancras, Martyr
Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day



Saint of the week

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich made it her short life's mission in early 1900s New Jersey, to educate everyone about humanity's universal call to holiness. Her writings can be found in a book called *The Greater Perfection*. She lived a life of contemplation and charity.

Prayer

*Official Prayer for the Canonization of
Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich*

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, whom Blessed Miriam Teresa loved so ardently, grant that we like her may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls. We implore You to continue to show signs that Your humble servant enjoys glory with You in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a lasting tribute of our veneration and love. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.scnj.org/blessed-miriam-teresa>)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 7, 2023

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, “**You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...**” To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir

Baby Bottle Project

Beginning on Mother's Day, we will participate in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year they met with over 5,000 expectant mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 41,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please pick up a Baby Bottle in the narthex, fill it with your spare change, and return it on Father's Day or before.

Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers. If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center.

Thank you for your generosity!



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets



Give an eternal gift this Mother's Day...Spiritual Bouquets

Would you like to honor the women in your life? Prayers will be offered at all the Masses on Mother's Day weekend for all these women being remembered. Please consider taking a card for those special women, living or deceased.

*The cards are on a table in the Narthex.



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St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr, with Fr. Jay Finno at the helm as pastor, opened as a new parish in 1999. St. Stephen's has been important in the lives of thousands of parishioners over the years. We are excited to celebrate our 25th anniversary in 2024 recalling many memories and fun events that make St. Stephen so special.

We want everyone from newcomers to old timers to celebrate this special milestone as one big St. Stephen's family. Bring memories from your years at St. Stephen and suggestions to bring your ideas to life!

If you like to plan fun and special events join us at our brain storming session on Tuesday, May 23 @ 6 PM to kick start our 25th Anniversary year planning. To ensure we have the right size room, please RSVP with your contact information to Margaret at mmwendt@comcast.net or leave your name and contact information in the office on or before May 19th.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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05/07/23 - Sunday	Capital Improvement Second Collection 9:00am May Crowning & RE End of Year Mass 1:30pm –3:00pm Missionaries of Apostolic Grace Bible Gathering 2:30pm Baptism
05/08/23 - Monday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 10:00am Seniors Young @ Heart Monthly Meeting - Parish Life Center 7:00pm Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Polish)
05/09/23 - Tuesday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 9:00am –10:30am Holy Moments Discussion Group 11:00am –12:00pm Line Dance Instructions 5:30pm Evening Rosary 7:00pm Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Polish)
05/10/23 - Wednesday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 5:00pm –6:30pm CJB Soccer Practice 6:00pm –9:00pm Men's Club Meeting 6:30pm –8:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Polish)
05/11/23 - Thursday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 11:00am Memorial Mass 5:00pm –6:30pm CJB Soccer Practice 7:00pm –8:00pm Branson Trip Meeting 7:00pm Finance Council
05/12/23 - Friday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 8:30am Scripture Study 12:00pm –6:00pm Meals Program 5:30pm Polish School End of School Mass 7:00pm English AA 7:00pm Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Polish) 8:00pm Polish AA
05/13/23 - Saturday	Blessing Of Mothers- All Masses 1:30pm Baptism

Our Lady of Fatima

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