St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

Catholic Church



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - Mt 21:43

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)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday - Thursday

8:30am to 7pm

ROSARY

Monday - Friday

8:30am

Second & Fourth Tuesdays

5:30pm

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

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Deacon Bill Schultz

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Deacon Pete Van Merkestyn

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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: cjbschool.org **Jeanne Pagliaro** - Principal
jpagliaro@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 Barbara at ext. 137.

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, October 9	8:00 AM	
+ Bill Nosek	Dana	
+ Krystyna Johnson	Deacon Bill Schultz	
Tuesday, October 10	8:00 AM	
+ Elizabeth and Joseph Persin	Barbara Black	
+ Tim Monahan	Mom and Dad	
Wednesday, October 11	8:00 AM	
+ Steven Firestone	Anita Stanek	
S.I. Wanda and Evginy Suboch	Family	
Thursday, October 12	8:00 AM	
+ Angelo Riccelli	Son	
+ Joanne Iverson	Sisters	
Friday, October 13	8:00 AM	
+ Ann Daley	Bern Daley	
+ Gregory Persin	Barbara Black	
Saturday, October 14	5:00 PM	
+ Agnes Manny	Janet Kaminski	
+ Katie Weisbrod	Family	
+ Patricia Savage	Family	
+ Anton and Mary Tomich	Don and Marge Tomich	
+ Theresa Manikowski	Family	
Sunday, October 15		
7:30 AM		
S.I. For The Parishioners of St. Stephen		
+ William Gersch	The Sucharski Family	
+ Betty Staniszewski	Daughter	
9:00 AM		
+ Penny Metz	The Tunney Family	
+ Peggy McLean	Dcn.Pete & Jan Van Merkestyn	
11:00 AM		
+ Gibbons/McLean Families	Family	
+ Bart Boyle	Wife	
12:30 PM (po polsku)		
Intencje Zbiorowe		
+ Patrick Gasienica	Annette Walkosz	
+ Patricia Panici	Mr. and Mrs. Rychetsky	
S.I. Help from St. Michael	Greg	
+ Peter Jurek	Family and Friends	
+ Eileen Talty	Sandra and Tom Casey	
S.I. Maria Bąk- Błogosław. Boże & zdrowie	Children and Grandchildren	

† DECEASED

S.I. SPECIAL INTENTION

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Joseph Frasca, Carole Holding, Daniel Jatis, Krisitine Opyd, Dean Thompson, and the sick of our parish.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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



Ststephen@ststephentinlev.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.



CEMETERY VISITING HOURS 8:00 am-5:00 pm, 7 days a week

MAUSOLEUM VISITING HOURS

9:00 am-4:00 pm, 7 days a week

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Closed Sundays



REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS & ITEMS BEFORE OCTOBER 15th

Fall & Winter decorations may be placed starting November 1st.

Please do NOT place ANY decorations between October 15th & October 31st, they will be removed.

PARISH OFFICE

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

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.



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://voutu.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.

Join Us for A Holy Road Trip

On Sunday, October 22, 2023, fill your car/ SUV with family, friends, and neighbors, as we embark on our inaugural Eucharistic Revival Car Caravan Pilgrimage. A pilgrimage incorporates three main elements: travel, veneration in some form, and visiting special places that have sacred significance.

Our Fall pilgrimage will take us on a journey to local sacred sites and parishes: St. George, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Julie Billiart and St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr. We will enjoy an afternoon of spiritual enrichment focusing on the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Whether you believe Jesus is Truly Present in the Eucharist, or you are questioning this truth, come- open your heart and spend time with Jesus. Let Him be your Partner on this one-of-a-kind pilgrimage.

Pilgrimage Route with Approximate Timings (Feel free to join in or drop off the pilgrimage at any church location) All participants will begin at St. George Church. Upon arrival at each location, exit your car and quickly enter the church. We will return to our cars and process to the next location.

Start, 3:30 PM at St. George (6707 West 175th Street, Tinley Park, IL. 60477), *Doors open at 3:00 PM

Depart in a car caravan procession from St. George at **3:55 PM** to St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr (17500 West 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL. 60487).

Arrive at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr at 4:10 PM.

Depart in a car caravan procession from St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr at **4:35 PM** to St. Elizabeth Seton (9300 West 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL. 60487),

Arrive at St. Elizabeth Seton at **4:50 PM**. Depart in a car caravan procession from St. Elizabeth Seton at **5:15 PM** to St. Julie Billiart (7399 West 159th Street, Tinley Park, IL. 60477).

Arrive at St. Julie Billiart at 5:35 PM for 6:00 PM, Sunday Mass.

- A fellowship gathering with light refreshments will take place following the Mass. Water and Soda will be provided.
- Donations of snacks and desserts are greatly appreciated. Please consider gluten free.
 Please drop them off at St. Julie Billiart Parish Office on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2024, from 9:00 AM 4:00 PM.
 Please label it Car Caravan Pilgrimage.
- Email John Sobol from St. Elizabeth Seton at <u>isobol@steseton.com</u> if you will be graciously contributing. We thank you for your consideration.

To register for the Sunday, October 22, 2023, Car Caravan Pilgrimage, scan the QR code and complete the form or obtain a paper copy from your parish office to complete and return. All registrations are due by Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

If you have questions, please email John Sobol from St. Elizabeth Seton at <u>jsobol@steseton.com</u>.

If you would like to lend a hand distributing some materials on Oct. 22, please call the parish office and leave your name.



We are very excited to offer this one-of-a-kind opportunity to share our faith and celebrate the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

"Let's show up for Jesus" on Oct. 22, 2023



Collections Sept 16th & 17th				
Sunday Collection	16,273.00			
Assumption	5.00			
Flowers	7.00			
Seminaries	1,120.00			
Capital Improvement	370.00			
Mass Attendance	1505			





Upcoming Events:

Oct. 9th Seniors Young at Heart meeting, with A Medicare Talk from Joe Wachel about new additions to all the plans, followed by Bingo and Game Day. Bingo Sheets \$5.00 per pkg of 6 games prizes are split the pot. Lunch will be Sloppy Joe sandwiches with chips there will be no charge for members for lunch. (non members \$5.00 you can pay at the door).

Nov. 2nd. Trip to The Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Illinois. This Estate has a display of pipe organs, musical instruments from as early as 1800, and the original carousel from 1812. Lunch will be a buffet in downtown Barrington on a vintage train. Price for this tour \$90.00 per person, Transportation, Lunch and Tour. Leaving St. Stephen at 10:00 am returning at 5:30 pm. Reserve with Theresa Gamino 708 342 2400

Nov. 6th Board Meeting

Nov. 13th Meeting. Special Talk by Tinley Police dept on Safety for Seniors, Representative from Franciscan Village to speak, and we will be making Christmas wreaths for St Coletta's Organization in Tinley Park to be distributed to their guest. Snacks will be served.

Dec. 4th Seniors Board Meeting

Dec 11th Seniors Young at Heart Christmas Party: Featuring Skip Griparis, who does impersonations of Famous singers from the 60's. Lunch will be Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Tickets will go on sale two weeks prior in the Narthex. Everyone welcome to attend. Members \$10.00, non Members \$20.00

Jan. 2024 Bingo and Hot Dogs.

Feb 2024 50's Party, 50's music, games, and food. Members \$10.00 Non Members \$20.00

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN USE SOME ASSISTANCE?



The St. Stephen SVdP provides tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. If you or someone you know is in need of temporary assistance, we may be able to help. All information is confidential.

For assistance call 708-342-2400 ext. 205. Leave your name, a short description of your need and a phone number. A team member will respond within 24 hours. Note that when we return your call our phone number will appear as "blocked."

Parishioners can support the mission of SVdP in several ways: 1) by donating food on the 3rd weekend.

2) by donating into the black SVdP boxes on the side walls in the narthex, or 3) by shopping or donating at the SVdP Thrift Store located at 7010 W. 159th Street Orland Park, IL 60462.





Cancer Prayer Intention Book

Once again, this year in honor of St. Peregrine, and Cancer Awareness Month we will have a table located at the back of church that will display the statue of St. Peregrine and the Special Intention book This table was put on display Saturday, October 1 and will remain there for the entire month of October. This will allow those who are unable to attend the Cancer Awareness Mass on October 7 the opportunity to enter the names of their loved ones into the special intention book, so that all the names can be prayed for the whole month of October.

KNIGHTLEY KNEWS

This year's Intellectual Disability Fundraiser was a very successful one, due to the generosity of all of you who donated, either through the bank sales at the churches, at the concerts or the street drive. We truly appreciate everyone and thank you for your unwavering support.

We would also like to thank those who have donated at our Blood Drives. The next drive will be on Saturday Oct. 14th from 8:00 am till 1:00pm at St. Damian Church. Please consider donating. 1 pint can help 3 people. There is an extremely critical shortage of blood supply right now. Even if you cannot make it to this event, **please** consider donating at a local center to help someone in need.

There has been a change and unfortunately the Knights will not be running the Pies by the Guys this year. We sincerely appreciate everyone's support in the past years.

For more information about our council and events please visit our website at www.knights4698.org

God Bless

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 <u>www.GiveCentral.org</u> parafianie mogą dokonywać automatycznych darowizn w wybranym przez siebie czasie i częstotliwości. Rejestracja zajmuje tylko kilka minut. Wejdź na naszą parafialną stronę internetową <u>www.ststephentinley.com</u> 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 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.

<u>BŁOGOSŁAWIEŃSTWO URODZINOWE</u> 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.



Liturgia:

1. czytanie

Pieśń o winnicy Iz 5, 1-7

Psalm Winnicą Pana jest dom Izraela

Ps 80 (79), 9 i 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20 (R.: por. lz 5, 7a)

2. czytanie

Czyńcie to, czego się nauczyliście, a Bóg pokoju będzie z wami

Flp 4, 6-9

Aklamacja

Alleluja, alleluja, alleluja

Por. J 15, 16

Ewangelia

Przypowieść o dzierżawcach winnicy

Mt 21, 33-43



O co proszę? O głębokie przejęcie się odpowiedzialnością za własne powołanie

W przypowieści o winnicy Jezus opowiada o moim życiowym powołaniu. Będę patrzył na pracę gospodarza, który z wielką troską przygotowuje winnicę (ww. 33). Zadbał o wszystko, co było konieczne, aby wydawała owoce.

Czy wierzę, że wyszedłem z ręki Boga, który dał mi wszystko, co jest potrzebne do realizacji swego powołania? Czy kocham siebie i moje powołanie?

"Oddał winnicę w dzierżawę rolnikom" (w. 33). Jezus przypomina mi, że otrzymane powołanie nie jest moją własnością. Pozostaje darem Boga i do Niego należy. Czy oddaję Bogu codziennie moje zdolności? Czy nie traktuję Go jak "prywatnej własności"? Co najczęściej przywłaszczam sobie w moim powołaniu? Czego nie potrafię Mu oddać?

Historia rolników ostrzega mnie, że pierwsze niewierności w powołaniu prowadzą do coraz większych upadków i przestępstw, aż do całkowitej niesubordynacji i zuchwałości (ww. 35-39). Jakie niewierności w powołaniu najbardziej wyrzuca mi moje sumienie?

Bóg upomina niewiernych rolników (ww. 34-37). Czy nie zagłuszam w sobie głosu Boga, który pyta mnie o owoce mojego powołania? Czy nie zabijam w sobie Jego natchnień do czynienia więcej?

Popatrzę na moją obecną gorliwość w powołaniu i porównam ją z pierwotną. Czy moja gorliwość wzrosła czy zmalała?

Zatrzymam się dłużej nad prawdą, że Jezus jest "kamieniem węgielnym" mojego powołania (42.43). Czy Go nie odrzucam? Będę z Nim szczerze rozmawiał o moich słabościach, wątpliwościach w powołaniu. Będę powtarzał w sercu: "Ty jesteś moim jedynym oparciem!".

Krzysztof Wons SDS/Salwator

PAPIESKIE INTENCJE APOSTOLSTWA MODLITWY

Za Synod:

Módlmy się za Kościół, aby przyjął słuchanie i dialog jako styl życia na każdym szczeblu, pozwalając się prowadzić Duchowi Świętemu ku peryferiom świata.

Miesiąc październik jest miesiącem szczególnie poświęconym modlitwie różańcowej. Zapraszamy do wspólnej modlitwy różańcowej w języku polskim od poniedziałku do piątku o godzinie 7:00pm w kaplicy.







ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS!

All current altar servers are encouraged to attend the 5PM Mass on Saturday, October 14th for a special blessing. Immediately following Mass, there will be a Pizza Party at 6PM in the PLC.

This party is just a small THANK YOU for what you do to enhance our Mass. The party is reserved for all existing altar servers, although, if you bring a potential future altar server with you, they will be welcomed as well.

The party will last until 8PM, so let your parents know they can pick you up between 7:30PM and 8PM.

Please call the parish office to let us know if you'll be attending.





LITURGY TRAINING

Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist & Initial Training for Lectors

Description of presentation: These sessions provide training for Liturgical Ministers. ALL trainees attend Monday evening's Scriptural foundation, overview of the liturgy, and discern their call to liturgical ministry

Part I is Monday, October 9, is required for both ministries

Part 2 for Training for Lectors is Wednesday, October 11 Participants will learn the theology of serving as a Liturgical Minister at Mass. Participants will also learn the practical skills necessary to Proclaim the Word and serve as a Lector at Mass

Part 2 for Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist is Thursday October 12

This training is required by the Archdiocese for parishioners who will become extraordinary minister of the Eucharist in their respective parishes.

DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:

Monday (All), Wednesday (Lectors), Thursday (EM's) -October 9, 11, 12, 2023

TIME:

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

LOCATION:

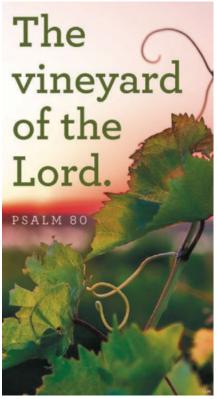
Incarnation-St. Terrence Church 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, IL Handicap accessible, park and enter under the canopy



Kathy McNicholas is a pastoral associate and director of lifelong formation at Incarnation St. Terrence Parish. Her passion is accompanying adults on their Catholic faith journey.

PLEASE CONTACT Barbara Black in the Parish Office if you are interested in attending (708) 342-2400.





St. Stephen's Parish Pastoral Council

Origin of the Parish Pastoral Council:

Fr. Michael established a parish pastoral council with his specific vision of a consultive group. The PPC is a group where he can bring his ideas and concerns for feedback and implementation.

Purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a consultative body. The Pastor presides over the PPC and is responsible for the final approval of Council recommendations concerning *pastoral* planning, programs, and services for the parish, as well as for their implementation. Pastoral refers to the planning, support, and encouragement of *ministries* to provide for the communal, social, spiritual, and educational needs of all the parishioners.

The Parish Pastoral Council strives to provide a climate in which all parishioners can grow in a deeper relationship with God and each other.

Mission Statement & Priorities

The mission of St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr's Parish Pastoral Council is to support the parish community and to call others to Christ's love in our shared journey towards a personal, intentional, and joyous relationship with Jesus.

The Parish Pastoral Council current priorities are Youth, Music, Small faith groups, and bible studies & formation.

Membership & Meetings

Currently there are 12 PPC members who serve either a 2 or 3 year term. The term can be renewed one time. Meetings are generally held 8 times a year on the 4th Thursday of the month from September to May. No meeting is held in December.

Current membership

Kathy Ernst Paul Mikula
Anne Guglielmo Sandro Scola

Mike Joyce, VP Jennifer Thomas, Sec

Melissa Mangan Lynn Thomas

Jim McCauley Margaret Wendt, Pres

Beth Mikula David Zvejnieks

To contact the Parish Pastoral Council regarding pastoral (non-administrative) ideas or concerns, call the parish office with your contact information. A member of the PPC will contact you.



Sanfilippo Foundation Tour November 2, 2023 Depart St. Stephen at 10 AM Return at 5:30 PM Buffet Lunch at Chessies Downtown Barrington in a Vintage Train 11:30 AM Tour begins at 1:30 PM Cost per person for bus, tour & lunch \$90 Please contact Ginny or Theresa 708-342-2400 ext. 112 Reservations through October 11th, 2023

AN OPEN INVITATION

We will be accepting new members into our Men's Club for the remainder of this year. Registration Forms are available in the church office. Monthly meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month with a 6:30 pm start time and are primarily held at the church. Dues are \$20 for the year.

Our primary focus remains on fellowship with an emphasis of working with Father Mike to support our parish's needs and mission statement. Some of our recent endeavors have resulted in the following: sponsoring a young adult softball team, hosting a "meet & greet with Santa," providing a Christmas Luncheon for our parish staff, purchasing a "projector words to music set" for our music department, and donating 13 Smart TV's for our RE Program. If you have thoughts about joining our group as we work together for the improvement of our parish, please accept an open invitation to come to any of our upcoming meetings at no cost. Any questions may be directed to the attention of John Lutz, Men's Club President at (708) 663-3789.

Toiletries Collection

In collaboration with Catholic Charities we will be doing a toiletry drive of their most needed items.

All donations should be delivered to the church by October 27th latest.

We will have boxes in the narthex to drop donations.



THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

10/08/23 - Sunday	Capital Improvement Collection - All Masses. 9:00am –10:00am Growing with God 11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word.		
	1:30pm –3:00pm Missionaries of Apostolic Grace Bible Gathering		
10/09/23 - Monday	COLUMBUS DAY. 8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 9:00am –12:30pm Seniors Young at Heart Monthly Meeting 7:00pm –7:30pm Evening Rosary (Polish)		
10/10/23 - Tuesday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 9:00am –11:00am Bible Mystery Discussion Group 10:00am –12:00pm Ladies' Social Club 11:00am –12:00pm Line Dance Instructions 2:00pm –4:00pm Tinley Seniors Octoberfest 5:30pm Evening Rosary. 7:00pm –7:30pm Evening Rosary (Polish)		
10/11/23 - Wednesday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 8:30am –5:00pm Tinley Seniors Octoberfest 6:30pm –8:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm –9:00pm Men's Club Meeting. 7:00pm –7:30pm Evening Rosary (Polish)		
10/12/23 - Thursday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal - Gallagher/Smith 6:30pm –8:30pm Bible Mystery Discussion Group 6:30pm –10:30pm Polish Dance Group. 7:00pm –7:30pm Evening Rosary (Polish)		
10/13/23 - Friday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 8:45am –10:00am Scripture Study. 3:00pm –6:00pm Community Meal Program - Food Pickup 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM.		
10/14/23 - Saturday	Birthday Blessing - All Masses Fr. Chuck Dahm, Domestic Violence Speaker - All Masses 8:00am –9:00am AA Meeting - Closed 6:00pm –8:00pm Altar Server Pizza Party		

Presider,	/Homi	list/Music	Schedule
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October 14th & 15th

Time	Presider	Homilist	Music
5:00 PM	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Kaitlin Lazaroff,cantor
7:30 AM	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Fr. Bob Stuglik	[silent Mass]
9:00 AM	Fr. Jay Finno	Fr. Jay Finno	Kim Sluis, Guitar Group
11:00 AM	Fr. Jay Finno	Fr. Jay Finno	Kaitlin Lazaroff, cantor Adult Choir
12:30 PM	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Polish Choir

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E-giving: Parishioners are encouraged to make automatic donations through GiveCentral.org Donations through GiveCentral are processed via your credit card or bank card at the time and frequency you choose. Visit our website ststephentinley.com 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.

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