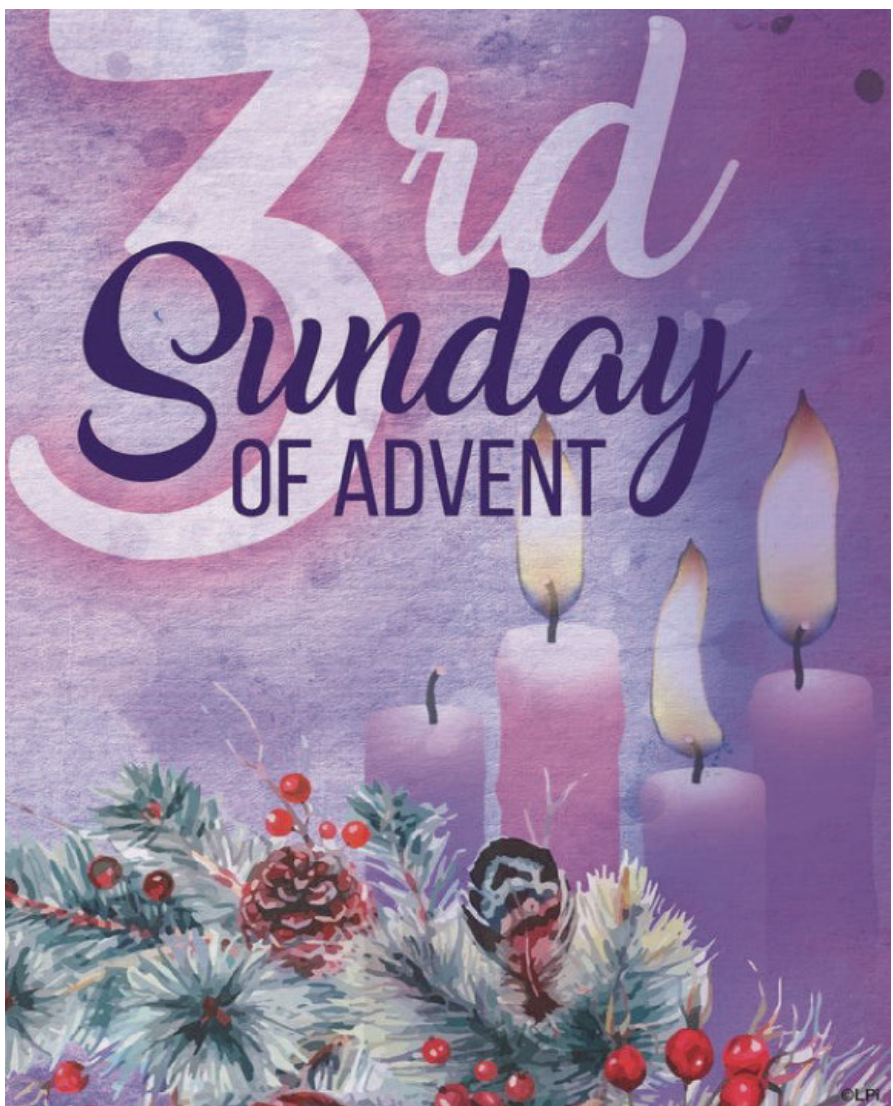


St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

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

December 17th, 2023

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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 Bill Schultz

dcnbills@ststephentinley.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: 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 106

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 18	8:00 AM
+ Tom Kenny	Family
+ Holy Souls in Purgatory	Kate Yedwofski
Tuesday, December 19	8:00 AM
+ Roberta Jedrzejczyk	The Deanching Family
+ Holy Souls in Purgatory	Kate Yedwofski
Wednesday, December 20	8:00 AM
+ Toffy Dileep	Elisa Ponnezhan
+ Roberta Jedrzejczyk	Aunt Theresa
Thursday, December 21	8:00 AM
+ Lawrence Lode	The Bialas Family
+ Holy Souls in Purgatory	Kate Yedwofski
Friday, December 22	8:00 AM
+ Peter and Mary Tunney	The Tunney Family
+ Souls in Purgatory	Elisa Ponnezhan
Saturday, December 23	5:00 PM
+ Robert and Emily Haynes	Sons
+ John and Estelle Pietrzyk	Daughter
+ Byron Grober	Family
+ Patricia Savage	Family
+ Theresa Manikowski	Family
Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent	7:30 AM
People of the Parish	
Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM
People of the Parish	
Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent	11:00 AM
People of the Parish	
Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent	12:30 PM PO POLSKU
W intencji za Parafian	

† DECEASED

S.I. SPECIAL INTENTION

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Dennis Adams, Daniel Jatis, Krisitine Opyd, Jack Zanzig, and the sick of our parish.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for Bulletin Articles, Facebook Posts, Website Inclusion and Flocknote must be sent to 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.

BULLETIN'S EARLY SUBMISSIONS DATES:

BULLETIN DATE:	SUBMISSION DATE:
January 7	Tuesday, December 26

Please note:
we will not be able to accept any material after the above dates. Thank you.



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.

SIMBANG GABI 2023

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic tradition of celebrating a novena (series of nine) Advent evening Masses. It is meant to help Filipino American and other Catholics in the area to intensify their spiritual preparation for the grace-filled celebration of Christmas. The

nine hosting parishes invite the parishioners, families and friends to celebrate Simbang Gabi with them.

Friday, 12/15, St. Julie Billiart
 Saturday, 12/16, St. Francis of Assisi
 Sunday, 12/17, St. Michael
 Monday, 12/18, Sacred Heart
 Tuesday, 12/19, St. Fabian
 Wednesday, 12/20, St. Stephen
 Thursday, 12/21, St. Veronica
 Friday, 12/22, St. Damian
 Saturday, 12/23, St. Albert the Great

Complete schedules can be found on the ushers' tables.

COOKIES WITH SANTA

The Men's Club, once again, is providing an open invitation to the children of our parish. We will be hosting a "meet & greet" with Santa in the Parish Life Center on Sunday, December 17. Santa will arrive soon after the 9am mass, and remain in the Parish Life Center until approximately 11:30am. This expanded schedule should allow both RE and Non-RE children to spend some time with him. Cookies and juice will also be available for those families wishing to participate in this event. Parents are welcome to take pictures of their children with Santa. See ya there...

John Lutz
 Men's Club



Presider/Homilist/Music Schedule December 23rd & 24th

Time	Presider	Homilist	Music
5:00 PM	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Deacon Bob Conlin	Mark & Dave Gorka
7:30 AM	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Deacon Bill Schultz	[silent Mass]
9:00 AM	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Deacon Bill Schultz	Ethan Villasenor, cantor Beth Morreale, cantor Aidan Villasenor, violin Annie Villasenor, cello
11:00 AM	Fr. Jay Finno	Deacon Bob Conlin	Kaitlin Lazaroff, cantor
12:30 PM	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Polish Choir



Advent and Christmas Schedule 2023

Individual Confessions

Tuesday, December 19th 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24th 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
12:30 PM (Polish)

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th

4:00 PM - Family Christmas Vigil Mass

7:00 PM - Solemn Christmas Vigil Mass

10:00 PM - Solemn Christmas Vigil Mass

12 Midnight - Solemn Christmas Mass (Polish)

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
12:30 PM (Polish)

Feast of St. Stephen

Tuesday, December 26 8:00 AM
7:00 PM (Polish)

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

Monday, January 1st 8:00 AM & 6:00 PM

12:30 PM* (Polish) NEW TIME

Changed from 7:30 PM

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6th 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 7th 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
12:30 PM (Polish)





Collections November 18th & 19th

Sunday Collection	15,155.00
All Saints	10.00
Immaculate Conception	35.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00
Christmas Collection	120.00
Christmas Flowers Collection	30.00
All Souls Day	5.00
Capital Improvement	1,260.00
Mass Attendance	1525

 A group of six smiling elderly people, three men and three women, dressed in religious attire. One man is wearing a white cassock with a red and blue cross.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

retiredreligious.org

Creation Care Corner



"...it is essential to 'sense' that the earth is 'our Common Home'..."

— Pope Benedict XVI

Giving An Experience

Our gift-giving traditions often entail the exchange of unwanted stuff from well-meaning people. Much of it will quickly come to rest in a landfill, along with the packaging it came in. Recent studies suggest that participants get more satisfaction and longer lasting pleasant memories from money spent on experiences, compared to material objects. That might be because "stuff," which can contribute to household clutter and waste, can be emotionally distressing. Consider instead giving a nice restaurant meal or museum experience. What about a health club, spa, dance, or educational experience? How about tickets to a concert, movie theater, theatrical or sporting event? Consider a gift of family fun at a local trampoline park, bowling alley, rock climbing gym or laser tag center. If nature is more their speed, consider a National Parks Annual Pass. It will be even better if you can join them for the experience.

 A statue of St. John of Kanty, a bearded man in a brown robe, with a halo. The background shows a landscape with mountains and a blue sky.

ST. JOHN OF KANTY

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 23

Ways to donate to St. Stephen Parish

If you have an individual retirement account and you are age 73 or older, you probably know that you must take your required minimum distribution (RMD) before the year ends. However, did you know that you can fulfill all or part of your RMD and reduce your taxable income by transferring funds directly from your IRA to your parish or the Archdiocese of Chicago? Don't wait until it's too late to benefit from reduced taxes. Learn more at archchicago.org/qcd.

If you would like more information on how to make a QCD gift to St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Parish, please contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

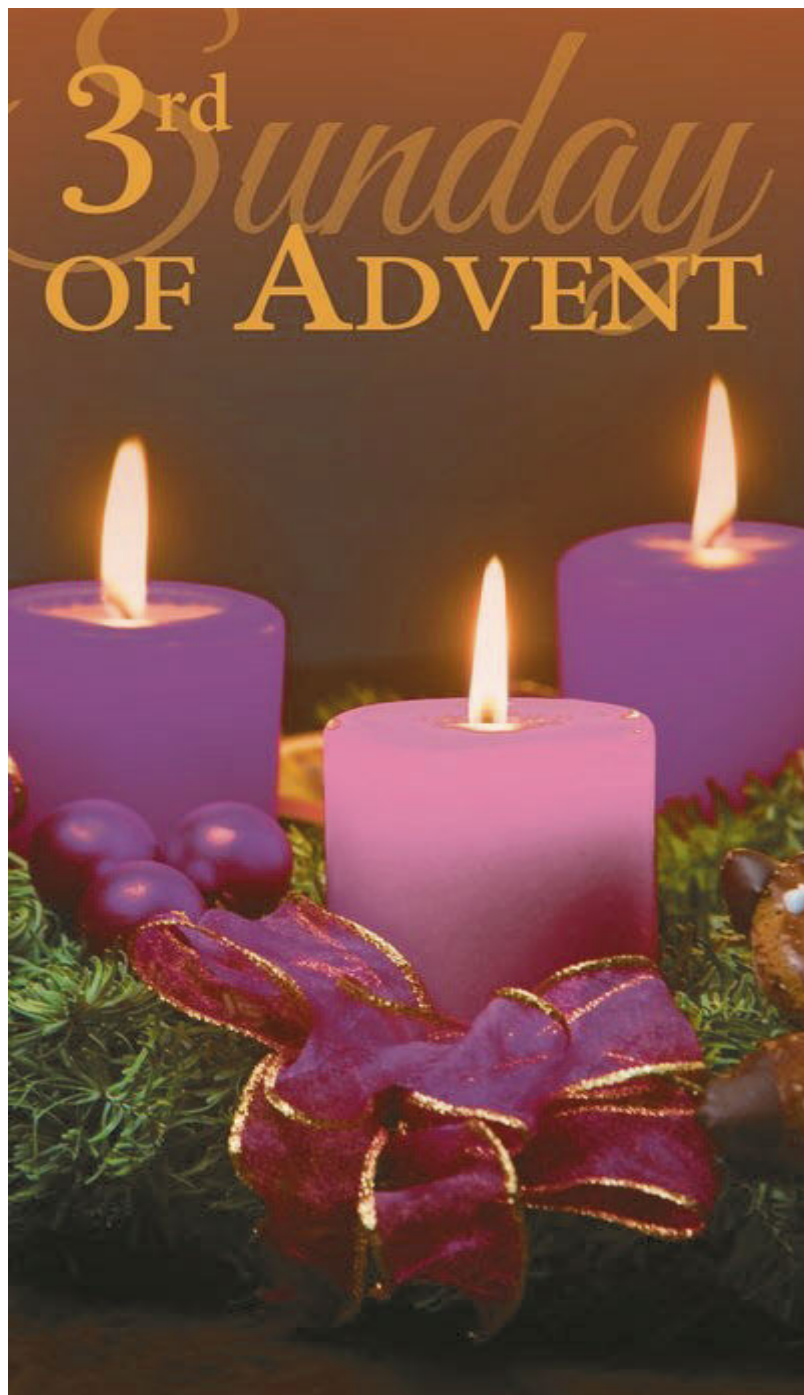
CONSIDER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

OR PLANNED GIVING.

During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, please continue his good work on earth by considering a gift through your will or a planned gift in support of our Church. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

*"I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, ILL, to be used for the benefit of **St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Parish** located in **Tinley Park, Illinois**. However, if **St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Parish** ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new *parish or parishes* erected in its stead."*

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please visit giving.archchicago.org/bequest or contact *Marguerite Q. Zappa, Philanthropy Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago* at : 312.848.3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org.



Please Remember Our Priests

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's people, serving our needs as Catholics.

Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their faithful support.

Please consider including a legacy gift for Priests' Health and Retirement to support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

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

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



PORADNIA RACHEL

Przyjdź! Zakończ żałobę, wybaczone sobie i zapełnij puste miejsce po stracie dziecka.

1.773.656.7703
aborcjabolterapia.com
Prowadzi s. Maksymiliana Kamińska MChR, psycholog-terapeuta.

Projekt Rachel jest prowadzony przez Siostry Misjonarki Chrystusa Króla dla Polonii, spotkania odbywają się w parafii św. Konstancji. Koordynatorem projektem jest siostra Maksymiliana.

Poradnia pomaga kobietom z niechcianą ciążą a także rodzicom po utracie dziecka na skutek aborcji, poronienia, urodzenia martwego dziecka, wczesnej śmierci noworodka, ciąży ektopowej, oddania dziecka do adopcji zaraz po porodzie.



O co proszę?

O nieustanne pragnienie „więcej” dla Jezusa

EWANGELIA (J 1, 6-8. 19-28) ŚWIADECTWO JANA CHRZCICIELA O CHRZYSTUSIE

SŁOWA EWANGELII WEDŁUG ŚWIĘTEGO JANA

Pojawił się człowiek posłany przez Boga – Jan mu było na imię. Przyszedł on na świadectwo, aby zaświadczyć o światłości, by wszyscy uwierzyli przez niego. Nie był on światłością, lecz został posłany, aby zaświadczyć o światłości. Takie jest świadectwo Jana. Gdy Żydzi wysłali do niego z Jerozolimy kapłanów i lewitów z zapytaniem: «Kto ty jesteś? », on wyznał, a nie zaprzeczył, oświadczając: «Ja nie jestem Mesjaszem». Zapytali go: «Cóż zatem? Czy jesteś Eliaszem?» Odrzekł: «Nie jestem». «Czy ty jesteś prorokiem?» Odparł: «Nie». Powiedzieli mu więc: «Kim jesteś, abyśmy mogli dać odpowiedź tym, którzy nas wysłali? Co mówisz sam o sobie?»

Powiedział: «Jam głos wołającego na pustyni: Prostujcie drogę Pańską, jak rzekł prorok Izajasz». A wysłannicy byli spośród faryzeuszów. i zaczęli go pytać, mówiąc do niego: «Czemu zatem chrzczisz, skoro nie jesteś ani Mesjaszem, ani Eliaszem, ani prorokiem?» Jan im tak odpowiedział: «Ja chrzczę wodą. Pośród was stoi Ten, którego wy nie znacie, który po mnie idzie, a któremu ja nie jestem godzien odwiązać rzemyka u Jego sandała».

Działo się to w Betanii, po drugiej stronie Jordanu, gdzie Jan udzielał chrztu.

Wyobrażę sobie postać Jana Chrzciciela, który jest człowiekiem prostym i ubogim. Wpatrując się w niego, uświadomię sobie, że Bóg może posługiwać się w moim życiu skromnymi i słabymi osobami, aby wzbudzić we mnie silne pragnienie Jezusa (ww. 6-8).

Kto okazał się dla mnie posłanym od Boga Janem Chrzcicielem? Przywołam w sercu osoby, które stały się bardzo drogie w moim życiu duchowym i wlały we mnie wiele Bożego światła. Wspomnę je teraz przed Bogiem ze wzruszeniem i głęboką wdzięcznością.

„Co mówisz sam o sobie?” (w. 22). Zwrócę uwagę na stanowczość i pokorę, z jaką Jan Chrzciciel świadczy o swojej wierze. Słowa Jana odślaniają moc jego ducha i pewność otrzymanego powołania (ww. 23-27).

Szczerze zapytam siebie wobec Boga: „Co mówię sam o sobie”? Jaki jest obraz mojego powołania? Czy dobrze rozeznałem moją drogę życia? Czy w życiu czuję się na swoim miejscu i czy wierzę, że jest to miejsce dane mi od Boga?

Wslucham się uważnie w rozmowę Jana z wysłannikami. Zauważę, z jaką jasnością i pewnością mówi o nadchodzącym Zbawicielu (ww. 20-22). Nie skupia uwagi na sobie. Wie, że jest jedynie „głosem”, którym Bóg posługuje się dla wypełnienia własnych zamiarów.

Czy w moich pragnieniach, słowach i rozmowach nie szukam siebie? Czy nie „używam” Boga do szukania swojej chwały?

W serdecznej rozmowie z Jezusem będę Go prosił, abym nie bał się świadczyć o Nim, także wtedy, gdy będę jak „głos wołającego na pustyni”. Będę powtarzał w sercu modlitwę: „Pragnę, Jezu, budować tylko na Twoich słowach!”.

Krzysztof Wons SDS/Salwator





The St. Stephen's SVdP Ministry 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 of each month
- 2) by donating cash, checks or gift cards placed in the black SVdP boxes on the side walls in the narthex
- 3) by shopping or donating at the SVdP Thrift Store located at 7010 W. 159th Street Orland Park, IL 60462.

Senior Corner

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 2nd Board Meeting - 10:00 am

Jan. 8th Meeting Bingo and Hot Dogs. Bingo admission \$5.00 for set of cards for all games that are split the pot.

Feb. 5th Board Meeting

Feb. 12th 50's Party. Dress in your favorite 50's outfit. Music from 50's with a return visit from Paul Strolia. Seniors \$10.00. Non Members \$20.00. Everyone welcome.

March 11th Trip to Gaelic Park Luncheon and Entertainment, we will not have a Monday Monthly meeting this month.

April 8th Breakfast catered from Cracker Barrel & Entertainment.

May 13th End of the Year Meeting. Cinco De Mayo Party with Mariachi Band and Mexican Luncheon.

Save the Date:

Sat., Jan 20th After 5 pm Mass. Taste of St Stephens.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

I BAPTIZE WITH WATER.

JOHN 1:26

LINE DANCE INSTRUCTIONS

FREE LESSONS

ST. STEPHEN DEACON & MARTYR
17500 84TH AVENUE
TINLEY PARK, IL 60462

Tuesday, January 9
Tuesday, January 23

11 AM to Noon

Let's get moving!
Join the fun!

INSTRUCTOR: MAXINE NOWOBILSKI
QUESTIONS??
CALL THERESA
(708) 342-2400
EXT. 112



A TASTE OF ST. STEPHEN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
6:00 PM

This is the kickoff event for our 25th anniversary. We are looking for groups of volunteers to pick an ethnic food group of their choice and sponsor a booth for the event. Volunteers are responsible for the cost of food or for getting a restaurant donation.

Food categories include: Italian, Irish, Polish, German, Spanish, Indian, Filipino and American.

Our 1st meeting will be on Thursday, December 21st at 6:30 PM in the large meeting room in the RE wing.

Contact: Theresa Gamino
708-342-2400 ext. 112

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

Sunday:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
(Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **"There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him."** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 | 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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12/17/23 - Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Marriage Blessing - All Masses Food Pantry Food Collection 8:30am –11:30am COOKIES WITH SANTA 10:00am –11:00am RE classes 11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word 1:30pm –3:00pm Missionaries of Apostolic Grace Bible Gathering 4:00pm –5:00pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 5:00pm –6:00pm Christmas Pageant Music Rehearsal
12/18/23 - Monday ADVENT	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 4:15pm –5:30pm RE classes 6:00pm –7:15pm RE classes
12/19/23 - Tuesday ADVENT	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 2:30pm –3:30pm CJB Basketball/Volleyball Practice 4:30pm –6:00pm Simbang Gabi Rehearsal 6:30pm –7:30pm Advent Reconciliation 7:00pm –9:00pm Baptism Prep
12/20/23 - Wednesday ADVENT	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 2:30pm –3:30pm CJB Basketball/Volleyball Practice 5:00pm –6:15pm RE classes 7:00pm Simbang Gabi
12/21/23 - Thursday ADVENT	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 6:00pm –7:00pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 6:30pm –10:30pm Polish Dance Group 6:30pm –7:30pm Taste of St. Stephen Planning 7:00pm –8:00pm Christmas Pageant Music Rehearsal 7:00pm –9:00pm Finance Council
12/22/23 - Friday ADVENT	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 4:00pm –5:15pm Brownies - Jaworski 7:00pm English AA 8:00pm Polish AA
12/23/23 - Saturday ADVENT	Birthday Blessing - All Masses 8:00am –9:00am AA Meeting - Closed

Joy

Rejoice in the Lord always.
 I shall say it again: rejoice!
 Phillippians 4:4

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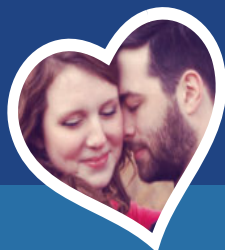
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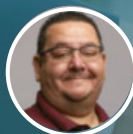
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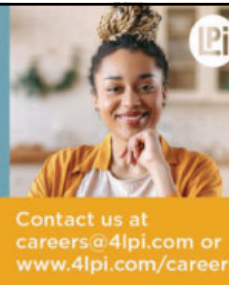


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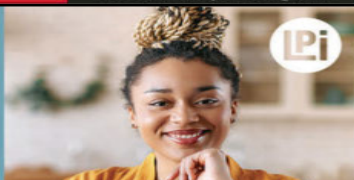
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