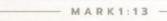
St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

Catholic Church



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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

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

DECEASED

Monday, February 19	8:00 AM	
+ James Deacy	Family	
+ Maureen Patula	Emily Johnson	
Tuesday, February 20	8:00 AM	
+ Maureen Patula	Adult Altar Servers	
+ Lily Joy-Data	Margaret Wendt	
Wednesday, February 21	8:00 AM	
+ Rose Marie Pagliero	Family	
+ Byron Grober	Family	
Thursday, February 22	8:00 AM	
+ Fannie Zurawski	Mr. and Mrs. Rychetsky	
+ George Belisle	Family	
Friday, February 23	8:00 AM	
S.I. Birthday Blessing for Karen Velasco		
+ Richard Sandberg	Mary Proper	
Saturday, February 24	5:00 PM	
+ Thomas Glaser	Wagner/Naponiello Families	
+ Stephen Finno	Family	
+ Patricia Savage	Family	
+ Sharon Gadzala	The Yedwofski Family	
+ Casey Murphy	Carmelita Wagner	
Sunday, February 25	7:30 AM	
For the Parishioners of St. Stephen		
+ Stephanie Staniszewski	Granddaughter	
+ Joseph Sopiarz	Jan and Ewa Sopiarz	
Sunday, February 25	9:00 AM	
+ Daniel Burke	Mike and Mary Moran	
+ Maureen Patula	Bern Daley	
Sunday, February 25	11:00 AM	
S.I. Birthday Thanksgiving for Seane Melocoton + Michael Martino	Melocoton Family Sisters	
Sunday, February 25	12:30 PM (po polsku)	
Intencje Zbiorowe	Docomony	
+ Bernice Rengle	Rosemary	
+ Carl Kowalik	Rosemary	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Dennis Adams, Laura Barajas, Regina Bukowski, Krisitine Opyd, Carole Holding, Bernadette Valderrama, Jack Zanzig, and the sick of our parish.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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



PARISH OFFICE

S.I. SPECIAL INTENTION

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.

LENTEN MISSION

COME TO THE MOUNTAIN AN INVITATION TO ENCOUNTER GOD



Friar Johnpaul will lead us in a reflection on the Scriptural encounters with God on the Holy Mountains 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 18 - 7:00 PM Monday, February 19 - 7:00 PM Tuesday, February 20 - 7:00 PM St. Stephen, Elizabeth Seton Private Showing of Film:

Ordinary Angels

Wednesday March 06, 2024 7 PM Marcus Theater Orland Park Synopsis: Ordinary Angels tells the true story of Sharon Stevens (Hilary Swank), a struggling hairdresser and recovering alcoholic, who finds purpose in her life when she meets Ed Schmitt (Alan Ritchson), a widower and blue-collar worker who is raising two daughters on his own, the youngest of which is in desperate need of a liver transplant.

Sharon becomes an advocate for the Schmitt family, raising money and representing the family against a medical bureaucracy that prioritizes money over lives.

When a snowstorm hits Kentucky on the same night that Michelle needs to be transported to a children's hospital in Nebraska, Sharon brings the community together to help Ed save his daughter.

Tickets are \$12 each and are advance sale only.

Ticket sales will close at 3 PM February 20.

If you wish to attend, please send check payable to

St. Stephen Meals Program and mail to

Deacon Chuck St. Stephen Church

17500 S. 84th Avenue Tinley Park, IL 60487.

Please include your name, email address and phone #.

If any question, please call Deacon Chuck 630 564 4468

Lent Schedule 2024

Stations of the Cross - All Fridays in Lent 8:30 AM, 6:30 PM English - 7:30 PM Polish

English Mission - Friar Johnpaul Cafiero February 18, 19 & 20 - 7 PM

St. Joseph Dinner - Saturday, March 9 - 6 PM

Behold Event - Tuesday, March 12 - 6:30 PM

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 16 - 9AM

Communal Reconciliation Service With Individual Confessions Wednesday, March 13 - 6:30 PM

Individual Confessions
Tuesday, March 19 - 8:30 AM
Wednesday, March 20 - 6:30 PM

Polish Mission - Fr. Ireneusz Lukanowski March 1 - 7 PM, March 2 - 7 PM, March 3 - 12:30 PM

Knights of Columbus Comedy Show 2024

The annual Knights of Columbus Comedy Show is back for this year and will be held Saturday March 2nd, 2024 at St George Church at O'Connell Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm. Dinner will start about 7:00, show starts at 8:00pm Treat your wife or special person to a dinner and show. The comedians are Jack Cannon and Improv team from incognitomodeimprov and are professional and keep to an upscale show throughout the evening. The show normally lasts about 2-2.5 hours. We anticipate tickets to go fast so start planning for reservations now. We will have open seating this year. To reserve a table of 8, please Contact Rob Mertens.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Ticket price includes the show, dinner and drinks (beer, wine, soda and water). Please note that we cannot allow alcohol to be brought in. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. You may bring in snacks for you and your friends if you wish to.

For tickets and information, please use the KC website: www.knights4698.org. We will be utilizing an electronic ticketing system this year. If you have ticketing questions or need more information please call Rob Mertens at: 708-247-6387, or email Rob at: knightsofcolumbus4698@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you again for a fun filled evening.

Saint George Parish Invites you to join us for a Lenten Parish Mission

nationally known speaker

Featuring

Joe Paprocki

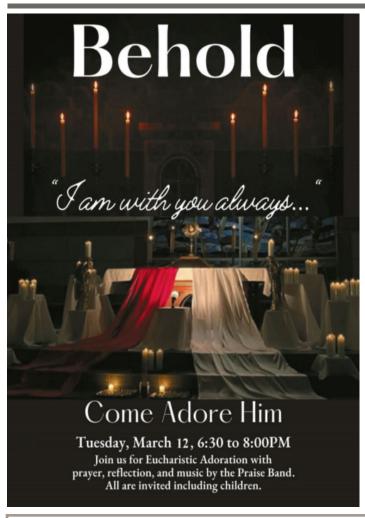
Author of
A Church on the Move
Living the Mass
The Catechist's Toolbox
and more!



February 25, 26 and 27 7 PM each evening

Saint George Church 6707 175th Street Tinley Park www.stgeorge60477.org 708.532.2243

All are Welcome!





- 17500 S. 84th Avenue | Tinley Park
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- C 708-342-2400
- (?) Contact Theresa Gamino at theresaeststephentinley.com or at the parish office



CJB Gala

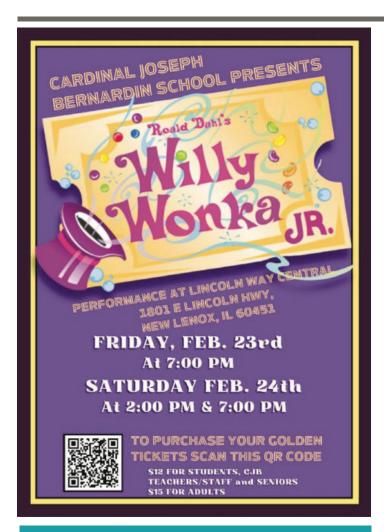
Cardinals' JAMES BOND 2024

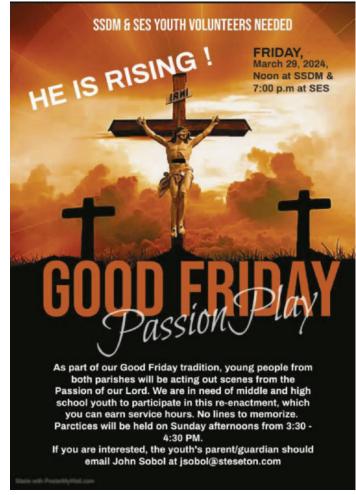
MARCH 8, 2024 | 5:30PM-11:00PM

9425 W 191ST ST MOKENA, IL 60448

Join us in your best Bond attire for an evening of dinner, dancing, cocktails, casino games, raffles and intrigue. All proceeds will benefit Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School. Unable to attend? You can still purchase tickets for the \$5,000 Blue Ribbon Raffle. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit

cibgala24.givesmart.com.









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.
4) by joining our ministry. Contact the parish office or leave a
message on the helpline.

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 PIATKÓW MIESIACA

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.



<u>INTENCJE NA MSZE ŚWIĘTE</u>

Zachęcamy Państwa do składania intencji na Msze Święte. Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym

BIULFTYN

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.





PORADNIA RACHEL

Przyjdź! Zakończ żałobę, wybacz 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.



Rozważanie do liturgii z dnia 2024-02-18

O co proszę? O całkowitą uległość Duchowi Świętemu w przeżywaniu Wielkiego Postu



Ewangelia (Mk 1, 12-15)

Duch wyprowadził Jezusa na pustynię. A przebywał na pustyni czterdzieści dni, kuszony przez Szatana, i był ze zwierzętami, aniołowie zaś Mu służyli.

Gdy Jan został uwięziony, Jezus przyszedł do Galilei i głosił Ewangelię Bożą. Mówił: «Czas się wypełnił i bliskie jest królestwo Boże. Nawracajcie się i wierzcie w Ewangelię!»

Będę wpatrywał się w Jezusa, który odczuwa silne wezwanie Ducha, aby udać się na pustynię (w. 12). Postaram się towarzyszyć Jezusowi w Jego samotnej drodze na miejsce odosobnienia. Poproszę Go, abym potrafił dobrze rozeznać zamiary Ducha Świętego względem mnie.

Zwrócę uwagę na symbolikę pustyni. Jest nie tylko miejscem modlitwy, ale także miejscem kuszenia przez szatana (w. 12). Jezus uświadamia mi, że im bardziej będę starał się żyć pod natchnieniem Ducha, tym bardziej będę atakowany przez diabła.

"Czterdzieści dni" (w. 12) to symbol czasu, jaki jest mi potrzebny do nawrócenia i przylgnięcia do Jezusa. W tym znaczeniu całe moje życie jest czasem nawrócenia. Wielki Post przypomina mi, że szukanie woli Boga jest programem na całe życie. Ściśle łączy się z postawą modlitwy, pokuty i walki ze złem. Czy chcę iść taką drogą? O co chciałbym prosić Jezusa?

"Aniołowie Mu usługiwali" (w. 13). Ta wiadomość jest dla mnie pocieszeniem. Żyjąc dla Jezusa, nie tylko będę kuszony przez diabła; mogę także liczyć na ciągłą obecność dobrych aniołów. Pomodlę się do mojego Anioła Stróża o szczególną opiekę w czasie Wielkiego Postu.

Wrócę do sceny z Ewangelii. Będę towarzyszył Jezusowi, który z pustyni udaje się do Galilei. Głoszenie Dobrej Nowiny rozpoczyna od swojego rodzinnego miasta. Wezwanie do nawrócenia kieruje najpierw do najbliższych (w. 14-15). O co chciałbym prosić Jezusa dla mojej rodziny i wspólnoty?

W serdecznej modlitwie będę prosił Jezusa, aby posyłał mi swojego Ducha modlitwy i pokuty, abym dał się prowadzić jego natchnieniom. Będę Mu powierzać mój Wielki Post: "Jezu, posyłaj mi Ducha modlitwy i pokuty, abym dobrze przeżył ten święty czas!".

Krzysztof Wons SDS/Salwator



SUPER BINGO SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024

DOORS OPEN: 12:30 PM GAMES START: 1:15 PM

II REGULAR GAMES @ \$100 EACH
3 COMBO & REGULAR GAMES @ \$150 EACH
I COVERALL @ \$500
TOTAL PAYOUT \$2050

PULL TABS & SPLIT THE POTS WILL BE AVAILABLE



OPEN KITCHEN WITH FOOD TO PURCHASE COMPLIMENTARY CAKE & COFFEE

Talk Radio For Catholic Life





RELEVANT RADIO DISPLAY

Have you ever felt you are alone? Give Relevant Radio a try! You will hear real Catholics, living real lives, addressing real problems. Relevant Radio creates a community of hope. It helps bridge the gap between our faith and our everyday life and offers a variety of radio programs to choose and raise your heart and mind to God.

Next weekend Dennis Antolec, one of our longtime parishioners, will have a Relevant Radio display in the narthex after all Masses and will be there to answer any questions you may have. He will have brochures and items for you to take home with you. Stop by the table after Mass to learn more. Relevant Radio is located on station 950am on your radio dial.

Senior Corner

Upcoming Events:

Feb 18th Save the date. Super Bingo Fund Raiser. Tickets on sale Feb 10th after all masses, and are available in the office \$25.00 includes all your games.

Feb 25th Tribute to Tony Bennett by Steve Leeds, Theatre at the Center Munster Ind. Leaving St Stephen at Noon returning at 5:30 pm. Transportation, Champagne Brunch, and show \$95.00 per person. Call Theresa for reservations 708 342 2400 ext 112.

March 4th Board Meeting

March 6th Lunch and entertainment at Gaelic Park you must have a reservation by Feb Meeting. Transportation on your own and cost will be in January Bulletin, last year it was \$20.00

March 11th there will not be a meeting since we are going to Gaelic Park.

April 1st Board Meeting.

April 8th Breakfast hosted by Cracker Barrel.

May 6th Board Meeting.

May 13th Final meeting of the year Cinco De Mayo celebration, Food and a Mariachi Band.



Collections: January 28, 2024

Regular Sunday	\$14,599.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$25.00
Christmas	\$625.00
Angel Fund	\$1555.00
Church In Latin America	\$435.00
Aid to Church in Cent/Eastern Europe	\$30.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$240
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Mass Attendance	1640

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

02/18/24- Sunday	NO BAPTISMS. Ordinary Angels Ticket Sales - All Masses. Food Pantry Food Collection 9:00am –1:00pm Bingo Setup. 1:00pm –4:00pm BINGO 1:30pm –3:00pm Missionaries of Apostolic Grace Bible Gathering 4:00pm –5:00pm Bingo Cleanup. 7:00pm PARISH MISSION - Friar JohnPaul Cafiero	
02/19/24 - Monday	PRESIDENTS DAY - PARISH & RE OFFICES CLOSED NO ADORATION. NO FUNERALS 8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 9:00am –12:30pm Confirmation Photos 7:00pm PARISH MISSION - Friar JohnPaul Cafiero	
02/20/24 - Tuesday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 2:30pm –9:00pm CJB Basketball/Volleyball Practice 6:00pm –9:00pm Youth Gathering 7:00pm PARISH MISSION - Friar JohnPaul Cafiero	
02/21/24 - Wednesday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 2:30pm –9:00pm CJB Basketball/Volleyball Practice 5:00pm –6:15pm RE classes 6:00pm Polish School Confirmation Confessions & Rehearsal	
02/22/24 - Thursday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 9:00am –11:00am Mary Bible Study 6:30pm –10:30pm Polish Dance Group 6:30pm –7:30pm St. Joseph Dinner Planning Meeting 7:00pm –8:30pm Parish Council	
02/23/24 - Friday	8:30am STATIONS OF THE CROSS English 8:45am –10:00am Scripture Study 3:00pm –6:00pm Community Meal Program - Food Pickup 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM 6:30pm –8:00pm Mary Bible Study 6:30pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS English 7:00pm English AA. 7:30pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS Polish. 8:00pm Polish AA	
02/24/24 - Saturday	Marriage Blessing - All Masses. Relevant Radio Display - All Masses St. Joseph Dinner Ticket Sales - All Masses 8:00am –9:00am AA Meeting - Closed 10:00am Polish School Confirmation	

Presider/Homilist/Music Schedule - February 24th & 25th				
Time	Presider	Homilist	Music	
5:00 PM	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Deacon Bob Conlin	Jeannie Maciulewicz, cantor	
7:30 AM	Fr. Jay Finno	Deacon Bill Schultz	Silent Mass	
9:00 AM	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Deacon Bill Schultz	Beth Morreale, cantor Aidan Villasenor, violin Annie Villasenor, cello	
11:00 AM	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Deacon Bob Conlin	Sarah Hull, cantor Adult Choir	
12:30 PM	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Polish Choir	

SES AND SSDM Youth and Young Adult Information Zone

Upcoming Youth Events

- Saturday, Feb. 17 and Sunday, Feb. 18 After all SES Masses, 8th grade and high school youth, and their families are invited to the Lenten Lead-in Meet and Greet in the McBrady Center. Light refreshments will be served.
- Sunday, Feb. 18 Middle and High School Youth Living Stations practice (All meet at SES), 3:30 4:30pm
 - *Contact John Sobol if you want to participate
- Tuesday, Feb. 20 Weekly Youth Ministry Gathering (All meet at SSDM), 6:30–8:30pm
- Thursday, Mar 7 Youth Mission Trip Exploratory Meeting at SSDM, 7:00pm
 *Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are required to attend if their 8th grade and/or high school youth are interested in going on the July 7-13, Mission Trip to Kansas City, KS.

Ongoing Thursday, recreational SSYMA Co-Ed Volleyball at played at local parish gym locations, 7:30-8:30pm.

*If you want to participate, contact John Sobol for gym location.

Request to follow the SES and SSDM Youth Ministry on the SES_SSDM_Youth_Ministry Instagram account

Upcoming Young Adult Events [Ages, 18 -30]

- Sunday, Feb. 18 Following the Our Lady of the Woods, 6:00pm, Mass, 10731 West 131st St., Orland Park, 60462, SouthWest Young Adult Ministry (SWYAM) is inviting young adults to participate in Evening of Lenten Reflection.
- · Weekly Young Adult Zoom Check-in and Reflection, TBD, stay tuned

Follow the Young Adult Ministry on the SES_SSDM_Young_Adult Instagram account

ALL ARE WELCOME, SO INVITE A FRIEND OR TWO, OR A FEW!

For more information regarding SES and SSDM Youth and Young Adult Ministry, please contact John Sobol by email, jsobol@steseton.com or by phone/text, 708 986 2446.

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Required 2024 Youth Mission Trip Parent/Guardian and Youth Exploratory Meeting

The SES and SSDM Youth Ministry will be conducting their second mission trip since COVID, so if your youth is a graduating 8th grader or any high school grade, including a graduating senior, and inter-



ested, along with them, please attend the required parent/guardian meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 7:00 PM at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr, 17500 84th Ave., Tinley Park, 60487. We will meet in the RE Large Mtg. Rm.

Any Questions, feel free to contact Youth Minister,

John Sobol by email, jsobol@steseton.com or call 708 986 2446.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/ Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/ Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous "Double Rainbow" video on YouTube to feel better. It's hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. "Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!" he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, "What does it mean?" Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante's medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God's promise of peace. For Dante, it's even more: nature's encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, "Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory." This Lent let's embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

- Father John Muir

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024 | 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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