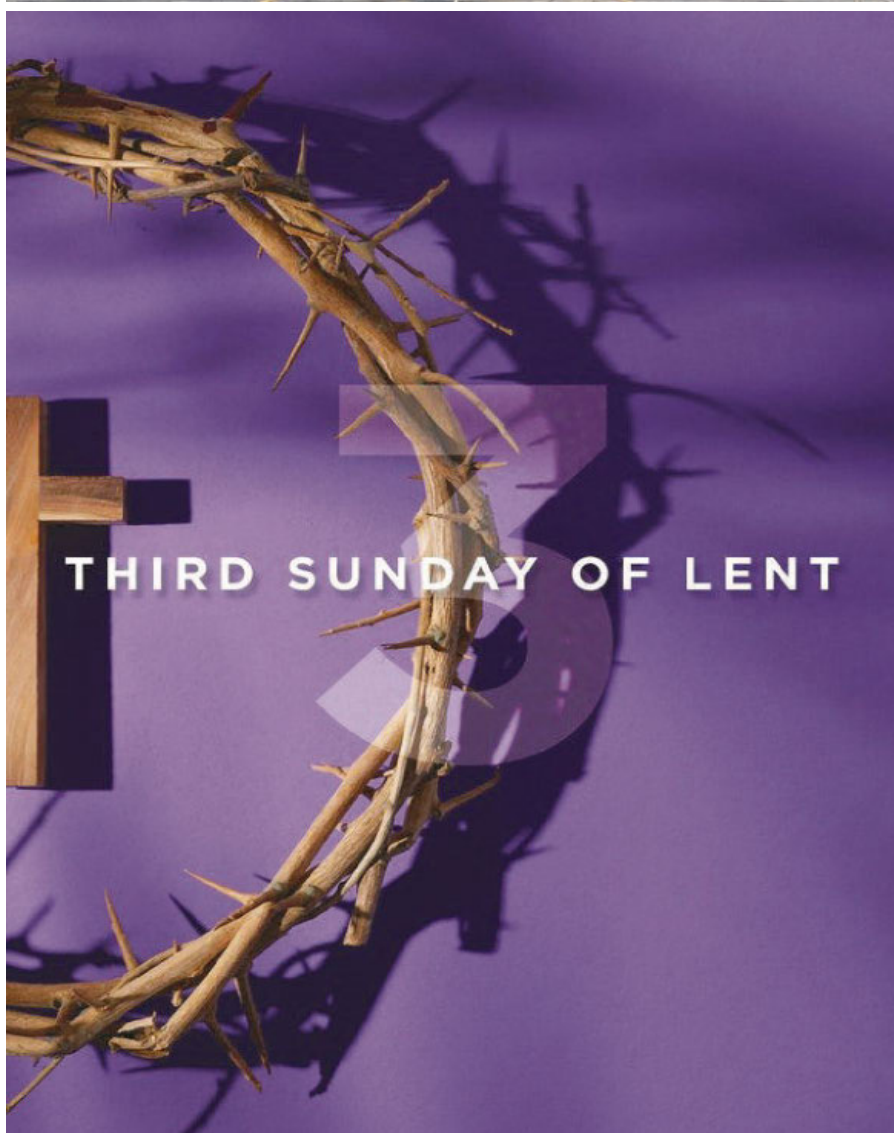


St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

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

March 3rd, 2024



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

jpagliari@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, March 4	8:00 AM
+ Leonard Staniszewski	Stephanie Viita
+ Bernard Williams	St. Stephen's Meals Program Ministry
Tuesday, March 5	8:00 AM
+ Emily Haynes	Sons
+ Paul R. Bauer	Pat Madden
Wednesday, March 6	8:00 AM
+ William Morrissey	Pat Madden
+ Souls in Purgatory	Family
Thursday, March 7	8:00 AM
+ James Glynn	Pat Madden
+ William Raczko	Emily Johnson
Friday, March 8	8:00 AM
+ Maureen Patula	Emily Johnson
+ William Raczko	St. Stephen Rosary Group
Saturday, March 9	5:00 PM
+ Marlene Frejlich	Family
+ Patricia Savage	Family
+ Daniel Zimmerman	Family
+ Ernesto Mendoza	Truinie Mendoza
+ Melvin Wasag	Eileen Connaughton
Sunday, March 10	7:30 AM
For the Parishioners of St. Stephen	
+ John Sokol	Mary Sokol
S.I. Karen Opyd	Noreen
Sunday, March 10	9:00 AM
+ Tim Monahan	Mom and Dad
+ Denis F. Danaher – 20 th Death Anniv.	Conlin Family
Sunday, March 10	11:00 AM
+ Martin Madden	Pat Madden
+ Honorata Sikorski	Agnieszka Mulica
Sunday, March 10	12:30 PM (po polsku)
Intencje Zbiorowe	
+ Jan Aniela Mateja	Family
+ Czesław Grela	Family
+ Leopold & Maria Komperda	Family

† DECEASED

S.I. SPECIAL INTENTION

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.

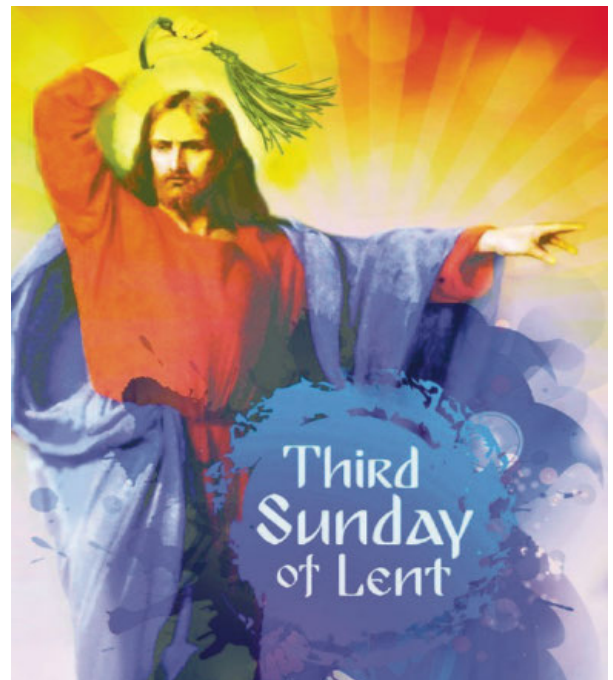
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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



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.

Calling All Young Singers!

Are you ready to share your gift of music with our St. Stephen Family? Our Music Ministry is pleased to announce the formation of a new Children's Choir! We're looking for enthusiastic young singers, from 1st through 8th grades to join us on this exciting adventure. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just finding your voice, our choir is a place for everyone.

Our Children's Choir will join in song at the Sunday 9:00 AM Mass beginning in Spring!

Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM in the Music Room and will begin on March 7th.

To sign up or for more information, contact Beth Morreale or Patrick Sheehan at stephenyouthchoir@gmail.com or call the church office.

Let your voice be heard!
Be a part of something special!
Help fill our Church with the joyful sound of song!



Growing with God

Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, and
Kindergarten

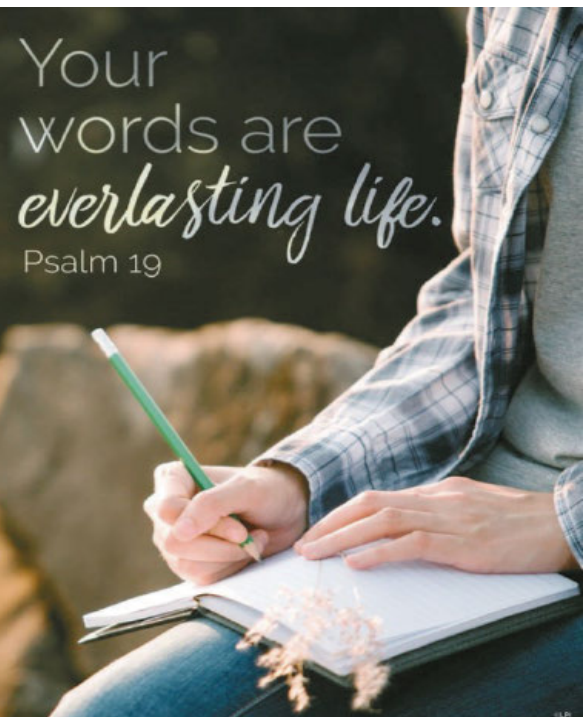
Join us each Sunday at 11 AM
Mass

February 25th-March 24th
Scan the QR code to sign up
today!

\$25 per child, checks payable
to St. Stephen.



Shawl Ministry will meet on Thursday, March 7th at 9:30 in the RE wing Room 174. Last month shawl ministry distributed shawls to all those in need of comfort and healing at the Anointing of the Sick Mass. Please consider joining us to keep our ministry growing! This is a wonderful way to meet great people while bringing comfort to those in need with handmade blessed prayer shawls. All are welcome. Please bring your needles and hooks and share your talent. Shawl Ministry will provide the yarn. If you are interested in learning how to crochet or knit we can help you! If you are unable to attend our meeting but are interested in creating shawls from home or if you are in need of a shawl please contact Dorothy Kuzelka at 708-614-2588 for information.



Save the Date!

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church will participate in the **2024 HOME BUILD PROJECT** at the parish host site, **St. Terrence Church**, to be held **JUNE 21-22**. Please watch the **bulletin** for more details.



Senior Corner

Upcoming Events:

March 4th Board Meeting

March 6th Lunch and entertainment at Gaelic Park
you must have a reservation by Feb Meeting.

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: February 11, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$14,433.00
Christmas	\$25.00
Angel Fund for Cardinal Bernardin School	\$250.00
Church in Latin America	\$35.00
Annual Catholic Appeal Pink Envelopes	\$1345.00
Aid to Churches in Central & Eastern Europe	\$145.00
Capital Improvement	\$383.00
Mass Attendance	1623
Second Collection for Capital Improvement (02/04/2024)	\$5088.0
Total Christmas Collections thru 02/16/2024	\$86,075.00

Lent Schedule 2024

Stations of the Cross - All Fridays in Lent
8:30 AM, 6:30 PM English - 7:30 PM Polish
March 1 - 6:30 PM Bilingual

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



**Celebrate St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr's 25th
Anniversary with St. Stephen Spirit Apparel!**

Order forms for T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies for
children along with t-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts
and zippered hoodies for adults will be available in
the Narthex after all Masses on
March 9/10 and March 16/17.

For more information on pricing and sample sizes,
you can contact

Jan Douglas at 708.873- 0768
momanddad28@hotmail.com

or Barb O'Connell at 708.362.2379
barbomarykay@comcast.net

Don't miss out!
**Be ready to show your Parish spirit for all the
Anniversary events planned in the coming months!**

We are requesting donations of gift cards and/or raffle baskets for our Annual St. Joseph Dinner Fund Raiser. If you are interested in making a bakery donation please leave a message at 708.342.2400 ext. 112 or email Theresa at theresa@ststephentinley.com.



Gift cards and baskets can be dropped off at our reception desk in the parish office.



St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

warmly invites parishioners and friends to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph with our parish community.

Come break bread with us! Annual St. Joseph Dinner Saturday, March 9, 2024.

Fr. Jay Finno Parish Life Center - Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

Catering by Winston's.

Includes: pasta salad, chicken marsala, Italian sausage, oven roasted potatoes, eggplant parmesan, mostaccioli, and dessert. Water bottles and pop for sale.

BYOB - no coolers please.

Music by James Libera.

Basket raffles! Split the Pot! And more!

ADVANCE PURCHASED TICKETS REQUIRED.

Adults \$25 | Children 13 and under - \$10 | Children 5 and under - FREE.

Tickets on sale in the parish office from

Monday, February 26 through Monday, March 4 (final sale date).

Tickets can also be purchased after all Masses the weekend of March 2/March 3.

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Contact Theresa Gamino at theresa@ststephentinley.com or at the parish office.



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.

SVDP ORLAND PARK THRIFT STORE

7010 W 159TH ST, ORLAND PARK, IL
708-263-0834
svdpchicago.org



HOURS:
MON-SAT: 9AM TO 7PM
SUN: 9AM TO 5PM

THRIFT STORE



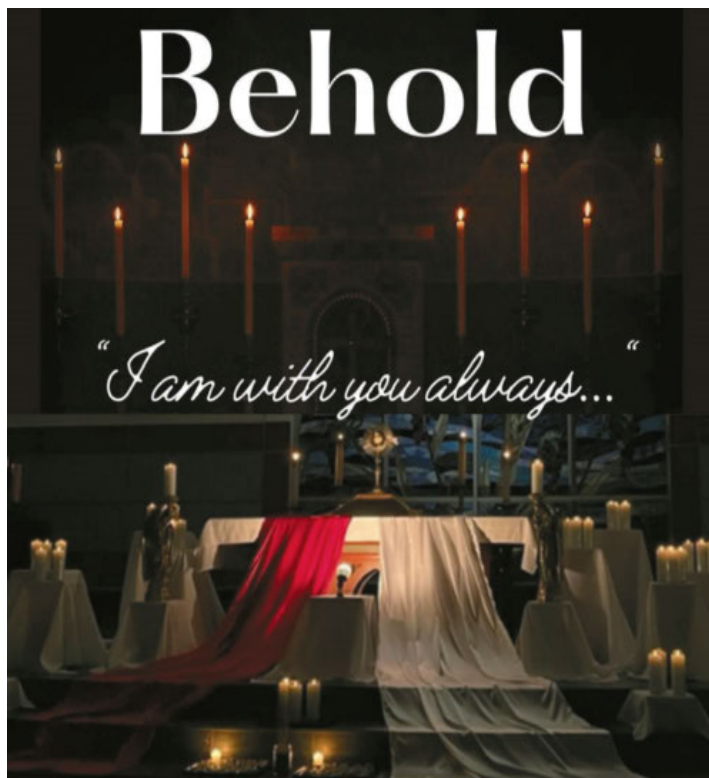
VOLUNTEER SHOP DONATE

DISCOVER TREASURES,
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

- WEEKLY SALES
- PROCEEDS SUPPORT LOCAL, CATHOLIC NONPROFIT PROGRAMS
- OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK FOR SHOPPING AND DONATION DROP OFF

Behold

"I am with you always..."




Come Adore Him

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 to 8:00PM
 Join us for Eucharistic Adoration with prayer, reflection, and music by the Praise Band.
 All are invited including children.

SSDM & SES YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HE IS RISING !

FRIDAY,
 March 29, 2024,
 Noon at SSDM &
 7:00 p.m at SES



GOOD FRIDAY

Passion Play

As part of our Good Friday tradition, young people from both parishes will be acting out scenes from the Passion of our Lord. We are in need of middle and high school youth to participate in this re-enactment, which you can earn service hours. No lines to memorize. Parctices will be held on Sunday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:30 PM.

If you are interested, the youth's parent/guardian should email John Sobol at jsobol@steseton.com

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Presider/Homilist Schedule March 9th & 10th		
Time	Presider	Homilist
5:00 PM	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Deacon Bob Conlin
7:30 AM	Fr. Jay Finno	Deacon Bill Schultz
9:00 AM	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Deacon Bill Schultz
11:00 AM	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Deacon Bob Conlin
12:30 PM	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Fr. Bob Stuglik

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.

REKOLEKCJE "UZDROWIENIE PO ABORCJI"

dla osób, które bezpośrednio lub pośrednio uczestniczyły w aborcji i z tego powodu cierpią psychicznie i duchowo.

12-14 kwietnia

Prowadzący:

s. Maksymiliana Kamińska MChR
kapłan i zespół

Miejsce rekolekcji:

Chicago

/adres objęty dyskrecją/

Zapisy i informacje:

s. Maksymiliana
+ 1 773 656 7703

*Przyjdź po uzdrowienie
i przebaczenie.
Zakończ żalobę
i zapełnij puste miejsce
po stracie dziecka.*

DROGA KRZYŻOWA W GÓRALSKIEJ OPRAWIE

W Piątek, 15go Marca 2024r. o godz. 19.30
w kościele "Św. Szczepana" w Tinley Park odbędzie się
Droga Krzyżowa w góralskiej oprawie.

Droga Krzyżowa
po góralsku będzie
zorganizowana i
wykonana przez
młodzież i dzieci z
zespołów "Siumni" i
"Mali Siumni."

Zapraszamy
do wspólnej
modlitwy i refleksji

17500 84th Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60487
www.siumni.com



O co proszę? O radykalne oczyszczenie serca z moich grzechów

Ewangelia (J 2, 13-25)

Zbliżała się pora Paschy żydowskiej i Jezus przybył do Jerozolimy. W świątyni zastał siedzących za stołami bankierów oraz tych, którzy sprzedawali woły, baranki i gołębie. Wówczas, sporządziwszy sobie bicz ze sznurów, powypędzał wszystkich ze świątyni, także baranki i woły, porzucił monety bankierów, a stoły powywracał. Do tych zaś, którzy sprzedawali gołębie, rzekł: «Zabierzcie to stąd i z domu mego Ojca nie róbcie targowiska!» Uczniowie Jego przypomnieli sobie, że napisano: «Gorliwość o dom Twój pochłonie Mnie».

W odpowiedzi zaś na to Żydzi rzekli do Niego: «Jakim znakiem wykażesz się wobec nas, skoro takie rzeczy czynisz?» Jezus dał im taką odpowiedź: «Zburzcie tę świątynię, a Ja w trzy dni wzniosę ją na nowo».

Powiedzieli do Niego Żydzi: «Czterdzieści sześć lat budowano tę świątynię, a Ty ją wzniesiesz w przeciągu trzech dni?»

On zaś mówił o świątyni swego ciała. Gdy zmartwychwstał, przypomnieli sobie uczniowie Jego, że to powiedział, i uwierzyli Pismu i słowu, które wyrzekł Jezus.

Kiedy zaś przebywał w Jerozolimie w czasie Paschy, w dniu świątecznym, wielu uwierzyło w Jego imię, widząc znaki, które czynił. Jezus natomiast nie zawierał im samego siebie, bo wszystkich znał i nie potrzebował niczyjego świadectwa o człowieku. Sam bowiem wiedział, co jest w człowieku. Będę towarzyszył Jezusowi idącemu do Jerozolimy na święto Paschy (w. 13). Wchodzi do świątyni, która jest dla Niego najdroższym miejscem na ziemi – domem Ojca. W serdecznej rozmowie będę Go pytał o Jego miłość do Ojca, o Jego przeżycia na krótko przed męką.

Przypomnę sobie moją świątynię: kościół czy kaplicę, w której przebywam najczęściej. Czy jest dla mnie domem Ojca? Czy chętnie w niej przebywam? Czy szukam umocnienia u Ojca, gdy nadchodzi cierpienie?

Wyobrażnię zbliżyć się do świątyni, przed którą stoją stragany i kupczący. Usłyszę zgietk handlarzy. Zobaczę, jak gwałtownie wzbiera gniew Jezusa. Biczem wyrzuca kupczących i wywraca stoły bankierów (ww. 14-15). Świątynia należy całkowicie do Ojca i Jego spraw! (ww. 16-17).

Będę rozmawiał z Jezusem o tamtym wydarzeniu. Poproszę Go, aby dał mi serce wrażliwe i delikatne na wszystko, co święte, bym nigdy nie wykorzystywał Boga dla własnych korzyści.

Świątynie z cegły przypominają mi o świątyni ducha (ww. 18-21). Ilekroć wchodzę do miejsca świętego, tylekroć Bóg przypomina mi, że On sam chce przebywać we mnie. Uświadomię sobie, że Jezus codziennie przychodzi do mnie i pyta o stan świątyni mojego ciała. Wie, co się kryje w moim sercu (w. 25).

Jakie spojrzenie Jezusa jawi się w mojej wyobraźni, gdy myślę, że patrzy teraz w moje wnętrze: radosne czy smutne? Co mogę powiedzieć o moim duchowym samopoczuciu? Co dominuje w moim wnętrzu: klimat pokoju i modlitwy czy zgietku i targowiska?

Jezus ma moc odbudować świątynię mego serca, nawet gdyby była zrujnowana przez grzech. Może ożywić najbardziej martwe i zdrętwiałe wnętrze. Zaproszę Jezusa do siebie słowami: „Daj mi serce nowe!”.

Krzysztof Wons SDS/Salwator



SES AND SSDM information Youth and Young Adult **ZONE**

All are welcome so invite a friend or two, or a few!

SES AND SSDM Youth and Young Adult Information Zone

Upcoming Youth Events

- Sunday, Mar. 3 – Middle and High School Youth Living Stations practice (All meet at SSDM), 3:30-4:30pm
- Tuesday, Mar. 5 – Weekly Youth Ministry Gathering (All meet at SSDM Youth Room), 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. If you cannot attend, but your youth is interested in attending, please contact Deacon John Sobol**
- Youth opportunities to lead the Stations of the Cross devotion and earn service hours.
 - Thursday, Mar. 14 - Brookdale Assisted Living, 6:00pm
 - Friday, Mar. 15 – SES Station Chapel, 7:00pm
 - Monday, Mar. 18 – Bickford House Assisted Living, 6:00pm
 - Friday, Mar. 22 – SSDM Church, 6:30pm

The script will be provided for practice. Contact Deacon John Sobol if interested.

Request to follow the SES and SSDM Youth Ministry on the SES_SSDM_Youth_Ministry Instagram account for youth ministry events postings and Catholic Faith tidbits.

Upcoming Young Adult Events [Ages, 18 - 30]

- **NEW!!!** Monday, Mar. 4 - Weekly Young Adult Zoom Check-in and Reflection, 6-6:30pm
If you want to participate, please contact Deacon John Sobol for the Zoom link invite.

Follow the Young Adult Ministry on the SES_SSDM_Young_Adult Instagram account for young adult ministry events and Catholic Faith tidbits.

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 Deacon John Sobol by email, jsobol@steseton.com or by phone/text, 708 986 2446.

Off to Kansas City, KS., Again

July 7–13, 2024

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 interested, 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.



THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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03/03/24- Sunday	<p>NO BAPTISMS. Capital Improvement Collection - All Masses St. Joseph Dinner Ticket Sales - All Masses. St. Joseph Fund Raiser - All Masses 10:00am –11:00am RE Lent learning stations - PLC 11:00am –12:00pm Growing with God 12:30pm POLISH LENTEN MISSION - Fr. Ireneusz Łukanowski SAC 1:30pm –3:00pm Missionaries of Apostolic Grace Bible Gathering</p>
03/04/24 - Monday	<p>8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 10:00am –12:00pm Annual Catholic Appeal Team 10:00am –12:00pm Seniors Young at Heart Board Meeting 4:15pm –5:30pm RE Lent learning stations - PLC 4:15pm –7:00pm RE Lenten Reconciliation 6:00pm –7:15pm RE Lent learning stations - PLC</p>
03/05/24 - Tuesday	<p>8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 2:30pm –9:00pm CJB Basketball/Volleyball Practice 6:00pm –9:00pm Youth Gathering 6:30pm –8:00pm Mary Bible Study 7:00pm –8:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting</p>
03/06/24 - Wednesday	<p>8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 5:00pm –6:15pm RE Lent learning stations - LMR 5:00pm –6:00pm RE Lenten Reconciliation 6:00pm –7:30pm CJB Soccer Practice</p>
03/07/24 - Thursday	<p>8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 9:00am –11:00am Mary Bible Study 9:30am –12:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00pm –8:00pm Mission Trip Parent/Guardian Meeting 6:30pm –10:30pm Polish Dance Group</p>
03/08/24 - Friday	<p>CJB GALA 8:30am STATIONS OF THE CROSS English. St. Joseph Dinner Prep 8:45am –10:00am Scripture Study 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</p>
03/09/24 - Saturday	<p>Anniversary Logo Shirt Sales - All Masses. Birthday Blessing - All Masses 8:00am –9:00am AA Meeting - Closed 8:00am –6:00pm St. Joseph Dinner Prep 11:30am –3:30pm Confirmation Photos 6:00pm St. Joseph Dinner</p>



Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2024

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday, March 23 - 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday, March 24 - 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM (English)
12:30 PM (Polish)

Holy Thursday - March 28

8:00 AM - Morning Prayer Service

7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

8:00 PM to Midnight - Church and Chapel open for
Private Prayer and Adoration

8:00 PM - Seven Churches Visitation

Good Friday - March 29

8:00 AM - Morning Prayer Service

12:00 Noon - Living Stations of the Cross (English)

3:00 PM - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)

5:00 PM - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Polish)

6:00 PM to Midnight - Keeping Vigil with Our Lord
In the Chapel

10:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (Polish)

Holy Saturday - March 30

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Keeping Vigil with Our Lord
In the Chapel

11:00 AM - Easter Basket Blessing (Bilingual)

12:00 PM - Easter Basket Blessing (Bilingual)

7:30 PM - Solemn Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

Easter Masses - March 31

5:00 AM (Polish) Mass of the Resurrection of Our Lord

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM (English)

12:30 PM (Polish)

Easter Monday Mass - April 1

8:00 AM (English)

7:00 PM (Polish)

Divine Mercy Masses - April 7

Saturday, April 6 - 5:00 PM Vigil (English)

Sunday, April 7 - 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM (English)

12:30 PM (Polish)

3:00 PM - Holy Hour

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:*
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me.
—Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to **"have no other gods besides me."** This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 | 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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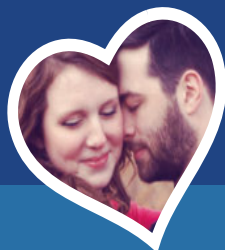
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