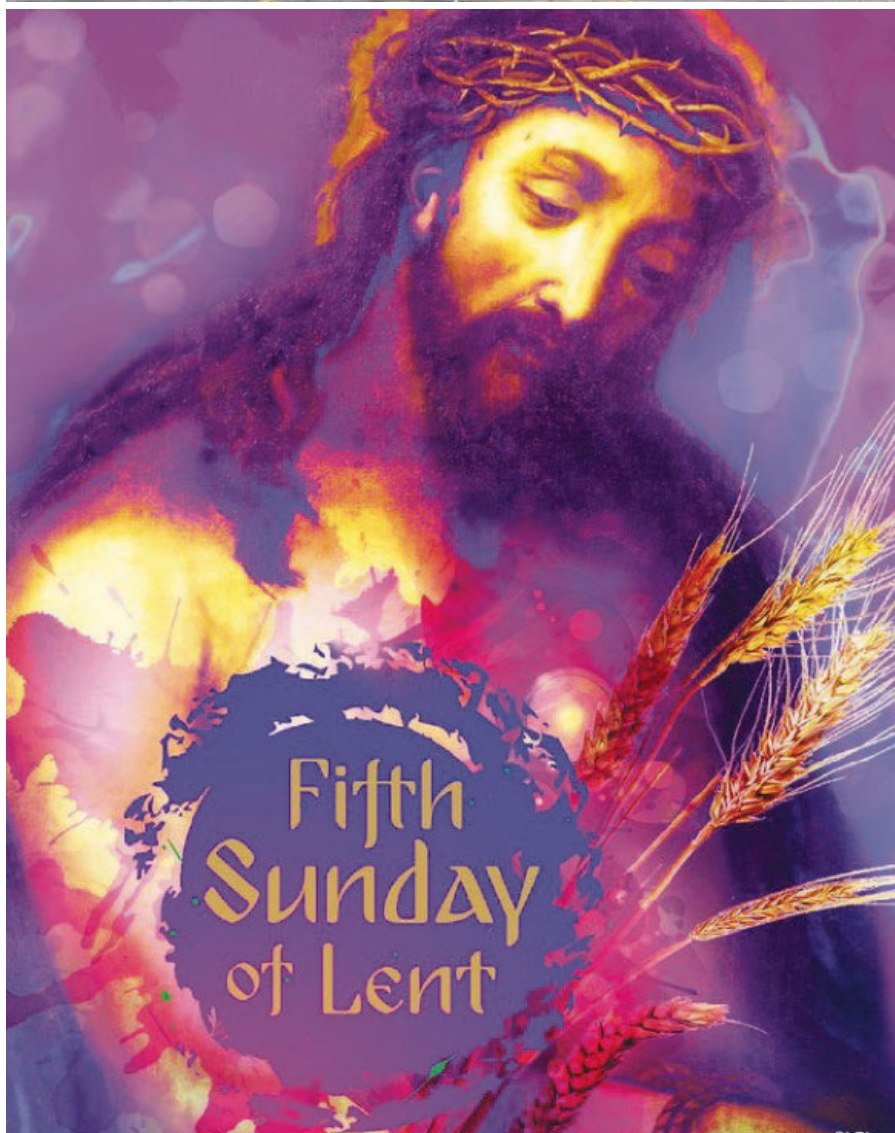


St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

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 17th, 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

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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 18	8:00 AM
+ Anna Haxel	Family
+ Steve Cox	Charlene Busa
Tuesday, March 19	8:00 AM
+ Thomas Glaser	Wagner/Naponiello Families
+ Josephine Wesly	Family
Wednesday, March 20	8:00 AM
S.I. Mark and Anita Stanek	
+ Dennis Drozd	The Graziano Family
Thursday, March 21	8:00 AM
+ Don Daley	Bern Daley
+ Carol Dixon	Deacon Bill
Friday, March 22	8:00 AM
+ William Power	Family
+ William Raczko	The Deanching Family
Saturday, March 23	5:00 PM
+ Steve and Ann Frejlich	Family
+ Patricia Savage	Family
+ Paul McCarthy ,3 rd Anniv. of Death	Family
+ Theresa Manikowski	Family
+ Ted Glaser	The Callahan Family
Sunday, March 24	7:30 AM
For the Parishioners of St. Stephen	
+ Joseph Frasca	Jim & Christine Bertucci
+ Ann Marie Russell	The Melocoton Family
Sunday, March 24	9:00 AM
S.I. Birthday Blessings for Neo Samuel	The Thachil Family
+ Stanley Mitus	Tom Mitus
Sunday, March 24	11:00 AM
+ John Pietrzyk	Daughter
+ Jan and Zofia Czajewski	Mr. and Mrs. Czajewski
Sunday, March 24	12:30 PM (po polsku)
Intencje Zbiorowe	
+ Walter Piekarczyk	Family
+ Stanisława and Jan Kmiecik	Family
+ Władysław Repa	Friend

† DECEASED

S.I. SPECIAL INTENTION

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Dennis Adams, Laura Barajas, Regina Bukowski, Krisitine Opyd, Dan 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.

FUNERALS

† Dolores Wilson



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.

First Annual St. Stephen Pot O' Gold Raffle

Want a chance to win \$25,000 and help your parish at the same time? We are instituting our first annual Pot O' Gold raffle. The parish has many needs coming up and this raffle will help in providing funds for those needs. How can you help? Purchase a ticket. Or two! Sell a ticket! Below are the rules of the raffle:

- The cost of each ticket is \$100.
- Only 1000 tickets will be sold. They will be sold on a first come first served basis.
- When 1000 tickets are sold, it will be announced via our website and Flocknote and tickets sales will be closed.
- Anyone trying to purchase tickets after 1000 are sold will be contacted and informed that they "missed the cut."
- A ticket is being mailed out to all active parishioners.

Tickets will also be sold in the parish office until 12 noon on June 7th, 2024, as long as 1000 tickets have not been sold.

- The cut-off date for receiving mailed in tickets is Friday, June 7th.
- The drawing will be held after the 5PM Mass on Saturday, June 8, 2024.
- The prizes for the winners are:

- ▶ \$25,000 GRAND PRIZE
- ▶ \$10,000 2nd Prize
- ▶ \$5,000 3rd Prize
- ▶ 4th thru 8th Prizes \$1,000

That's \$45,000 in prizes available to be won! The more tickets you purchase, the better your chance is of winning!

If 1,000 tickets are not sold, the prizes will be prorated equal to the percentage sold.

All proceeds will benefit St. Stephen Parish. Thank you for your generosity and

GOOD LUCK!

No.<A>>

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____



**\$25,000
GRAND
PRIZE**

ST. STEPHEN, DEACON & MARTYR PARISH RAFFLE

COST \$100 Per Ticket

Only 1000 tickets will be sold!

2nd Prize.....\$10,000
3rd Prize\$5,000
4th thru 8th.....\$1,000

Drawing Date: Saturday, June 8, 2024.

If 1000 tickets are not sold, the prizes will be
prorated equal to percentage sold

Winner need not be present.

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Senior Corner

Upcoming Events:

April 1st Board Meeting.

April 8th Meeting Breakfast from Cracker Barrel and Entertainment provided by Vito Zatto Famous performer , Impersonations, and Stand Up Comedy.
Tickets \$10.00 for Members. \$15.00 Non Members.
Tickets on sale in Narthex- Weekend of March 23rd and 24th.

May 6th Board Meeting.

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

SENIORS YOUNG AT HEART

April Meeting
Monday, April 8th
10:00 AM

We will have entertainment and a hot breakfast catered from Cracker Barrel

Entertainment by Vito Zatto
Performer, Impersonator, Comedian



Tickets on sale March 23rd & 24th
after all Masses.

\$10 for Members
\$15 for Non-Members
All are welcome!

7 CHURCH VISIT

HOLY THURSDAY

THIS YEAR WE WILL VISIT ST. MARY'S MOKENA, ST. FRANCIS ORLAND PARK, OUR LADY OF THE WOODS ORLAND PARK, ST. ALEXANDER PALOS HEIGHTS, INCARNATION PALOS HEIGHTS, ST. GEORGE TINLEY PARK, ST. JULIE TINLEY PARK AND RETURN TO ST. STEPHEN BY 11:30 PM

THE BUS WILL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 7:00 PM MASS



COST \$10 PER PERSON
REGISTRATION AT PARISH OFFICE
RECEPTION DESK

QUESTIONS? THERESA GAMINO
708.342.2400 EXT. 112

New Hearing Devices

We recently purchased additional hearing assistance devices. They can be found in the top drawer of the ushers' credenza on the tabernacle side. There are "how to use" instructions on each unit for your convenience. The headphones will be cleaned on a weekly basis. If you have any questions on how to use these devices, feel free to ask Patrick before or after Mass.

Parish Lenten Mission with Friar John Paul Cafiero





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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

HE IS RISING!

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

GOOD FRIDAY
Living Stations

As part of both parish's Good Friday service offerings, the SES and SSDM Youth invite you to attend the re-enactment of the Passion of our Lord. We will be re-enacting the fourteen Stations of the Cross at SSDM at Noon, and SES at 7:00pm. In unison, we look forward to you attending this Good Friday tradition as we journey the Road to Calvary.

In the narthex, after each parish's re-enactment, and to continue funding our youth ministry activities, there will be a free will giving opportunity. We thank you in advance for your consideration to support us.

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

MARCH 18, 19, 20
7:00-8:00 PM

Women of Wisdom

St. Elizabeth Seton Church
9300 West 167th Street
Orland Hills

Join us for refreshments in the Narthex following our Wednesday Night Mission

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

LINE DANCE INSTRUCTIONS

FREE LESSONS

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

Tuesday, March 26
11 AM to Noon

Let's get moving!
Join the fun!

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

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.

19 Marca - Święty Józef, Oblubieniec NMP





O co proszę? O głęboką więź z Jezusem, zaufanie Mu i wierne kroczenie Jego drogami

Ewangelia (J 12, 20-33)

Wśród tych, którzy przybyli, aby oddać pokłon Bogu w czasie święta, byli też niektórzy Grecy. Oni więc przystąpili do Filipa, pochodzącego z Betsaidy Galilejskiej, i prosili go, mówiąc: «Panie, chcemy ujrzeć Jezusa». Filip poszedł i powiedział Andrzejowi. Z kolei Andrzej i Filip poszli i powiedzieli Jezusowi.

A Jezus dał im taką odpowiedź: «Nadeszła godzina, aby został otoczony chwałą Syn Człowieczy. Zaprawdę, zaprawdę, powiadam wam: Jeśli ziarno pszenicy, wpadłszy w ziemię, nie obumrze, zostanie samo jedno, ale jeśli obumrze, przynosi plon obfity. Ten, kto kocha swoje życie, traci je, a kto nienawidzi swego życia na tym świecie, zachowa je na życie wieczne. Kto zaś chciałby Mi służyć, niech idzie za Mną, a gdzie Ja jestem, tam będzie i mój sługa. A jeśli ktoś Mi służy, uczci go mój Ojciec.

Teraz dusza moja doznała lęku i cóż mam powiedzieć? Ojcze, wybaw Mnie od tej godziny. Ależ właśnie dlatego przyszedłem na tę godzinę. Ojcze, wsław imię Twoje!»

Wtem rozległ się głos z nieba: «Już wsławiłem i jeszcze wsławię». Stojący tłum to usłyszał i mówił: «Zagrzmiało!» Inni mówili: «Anioł przemówił do Niego». Na to rzekł Jezus: «Głos ten rozległ się nie ze względu na Mnie, ale ze względu na was. Teraz odbywa się sąd nad tym światem. Teraz władca tego świata zostanie wyrzucony precz. A Ja, gdy zostanę nad ziemię wywyższony, przyciągnę wszystkich do siebie». To mówił, oznaczając, jaką śmiercią miał umrzeć.

Na początku medytacji poproszę Jezusa, aby pomógł mi zbadać więź, jak mnie z Nim łączy. Dlaczego wierzę w Jezusa? Dlaczego idę za Nim?

„Panie, chcemy ujrzeć Jezusa” (w. 21). Zauważę, jak wielkie jest pragnienie Greków, którzy chcą zobaczyć Jezusa z bliska. Przywołam doświadczenie mojej pierwszej miłości, zauroczenie, radość, które mi wtedy towarzyszyły.

Jezus przygotowuje uczniów do swojej męki. Wsłucham się uważnie w słowa Jezusa o obumieraniu ziarna i o traceniu życia (ww. 24-25). Jakie odczucia budzą w moim sercu? Czego boję się w moim życiu utracić? Jakie przywiązania jeszcze we mnie nie obumarły?

„Gdzie ja jestem, tam będzie i mój sługa” (w. 26). Czy mogę dzisiaj powiedzieć, że poszedłbym za Jezusem wszędzie? W jakich sytuacjach jestem Mu najbardziej wierny, a w jakich niewierny? Przejdę z Jezusem wszystkie miejsca i sytuacje mojej wierności i niewierności. Oddam Mu siebie na nowo.

Zauważę, że Jezus – zapowiadając swoją mękę – przyznaje się do lęku (ww. 27-28). Nie chce jednak uciekać od godziny, którą przeznaczył Mu Ojciec. Wejdę z Jezusem w moje osobiste lęki. Będę Go prosił o wewnętrzną wolność od wszelkich lęków, które kuszą mnie do ucieczki.

Na krótko przed męką Jezus słyszy głos Ojca, który przypomina mu o Jego niepodzielnym panowaniu nad historią świata i moją osobistą (ww. 28-31). Nawet w chwilach największych doświadczeń nic nie wymyka się z Jego rąk. Moja wierność zostanie nagrodzona.



W modlitwie przed Jezusem ukrzyżowanym będę prosił, pomny na Jego obietnicę, aby przyciągnął mnie do siebie i na nowo rozmyślał w sobie i w Ojcu. Będę prosił, aby Duch Jezusa pomógł mi razem z Nim modlić się w sercu: „Abba, Ojcze, Tatusiu!”.

Krzysztof Wons SDS/Salwator

SES AND SSDM Youth and Young Adult Information Zone

Upcoming Youth Events

- Sunday, Mar. 17 – Middle and High School Youth Living Stations practice (All meet at SES), 3:30-4:30pm
- Tuesday, Mar. 19 – Weekly Youth Ministry Gathering (All meet at SSDM Youth Room), 6:30–8:30pm
- Youth opportunities to lead the Stations of the Cross devotion and earn service hours.
 - Monday, Mar. 18 – Bickford House Assisted Living, Tinley Park, 6:00pm
 - Friday, Mar. 22 – SSDM Church, 6:30pmThe script will be provided for practice. Contact Deacon John Sobol if interested.
- **NEW!!!!** “Hope’s on the Way,” Buckets of Hope, Catholic Relief Service
Website for more details, <https://www.hopesontheway.org/>
 - Saturday, April 20th, and Sunday, April 21st, we will need youth volunteers at both, SES and SSDM, to hand out Home Depot type buckets to parishioners, if they choose to take one, as they exit Mass.
 - Saturday, May 4th, and Sunday, May 5th, we will need youth volunteers at both SES and SSDM, to collect filled buckets with items from the parishioners, when they come in for Mass.
 - One hour of service will be signed off on by John Sobol.
 - Please contact John Sobol for more details, and if your youth wants to participate.

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]

- Monday, Mar. 18 - 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.

Planting Seeds – Farm Update

You’ve probably noticed that all the buildings have been removed from the farm property south of our parking lot. Parishioners, as well as neighbors of our parish, have had nothing but good things to say about the property. So, what’s next?

Seeds are being planted to begin a modest prayer garden. Landscaping companies and landscape architects have been consulted, but it’s been decided to move slowly on this garden. No one wants to add something to the area that may need to be demolished, sooner rather than later.

The parish has been able to obtain three outdoor statues from a Catholic high school that closed, and a church that closed and merged with another parish as part of Renew My Church. Rather than see those statues scrapped or destroyed, we’ve asked that they be relocated to our prayer garden. We are not being charged for the statues, but we will pay to have them moved.

Sometime this spring it’s hoped that you’ll be able to see the placement of the statues and some benches strategically located in the shade of trees, where parishioners will be able to peacefully enjoy the natural setting God has provided while praying in thanksgiving for all that He has given to us.

More to follow...



THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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03/17/24- Sunday	ST. PATRICK'S DAY. Anniversary Logo Shirt Sales - All Masses NO BAPTISMS. 9 am Family Mass - grade 6. Food Pantry Food Collection 8:00am –11:00am RE donuts after Mass - PLC 10:00am –11:00am RE classes. 11:00am –12:00pm Growing with God 1:30pm –3:00pm Missionaries of Apostolic Grace Bible Gathering
03/18/24 - Monday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 4:15pm –5:30pm RE classes. 6:00pm –7:15pm RE classes 7:30pm –9:30pm Election Machine Setup
03/19/24 - Tuesday	ST. JOSEPH'S DAY 8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 6:00am –8:00pm POLLING PLACE. 8:30am Individual Confessions 6:00pm –9:00pm Youth Gathering. 6:30pm –8:00pm Mary Bible Study
03/20/24 - Wednesday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 5:00pm –6:15pm RE classes. 6:30pm Individual Confessions
03/21/24 - Thursday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 9:00am –11:00am Mary Bible Study. 6:00pm –8:00pm CONFIRMATION rehearsal 6:30pm –10:30pm Polish Dance Group. 7:00pm –9:00pm Finance Council
03/22/24 - 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 6:00pm –7:30pm CJB Soccer Practice 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
03/23/24 - Saturday	Marriage Blessing - All Masses Confirmation Bishop's Luncheon Seniors Young at Heart Luncheon Ticket Sales - All Masses 8:00am –9:00am AA Meeting - Closed 9:30am –11:30am CONFIRMATION. 1:30pm –3:30pm CONFIRMATION

Presider/Homilist/Music Schedule

March 23rd & 24th

Time	Presider	Homilist	Music
5:00 PM	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Deacon Bill Schultz	Jeannie Maciulewicz, cantor
7:30 AM	Fr. Jay Finno	Deacon Bob Conlin	No music
9:00 AM	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Deacon Bob Conlin	Beth Morreale, cantor Ethan Villaseñor, cantor Aidan Villaseñor, violin Annie Villaseñor, cello
11:00 AM	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Deacon Bill Schultz	Kaitlyn Lazaroff, cantor Adult Choir
12:30 PM	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Fr. Bob Stuglik	Polish Choir

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 17, 2024

Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez
37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,
33b-45

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,
24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

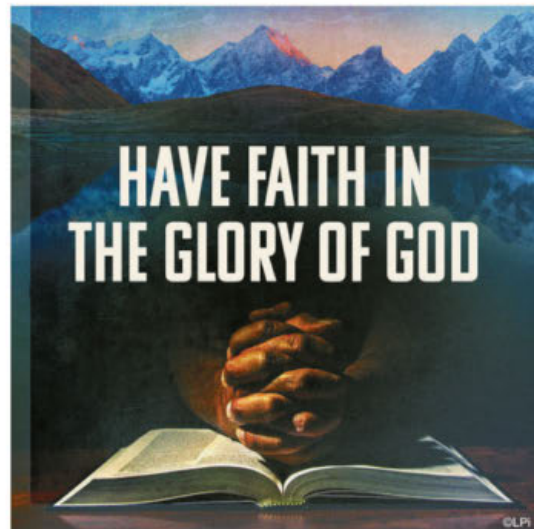
Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps
22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "**Father, glorify your name!**" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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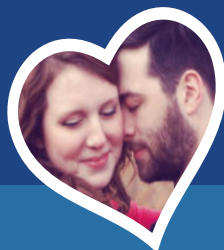
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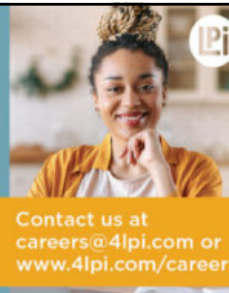


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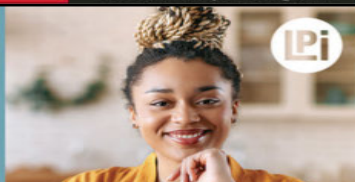
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