

# St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

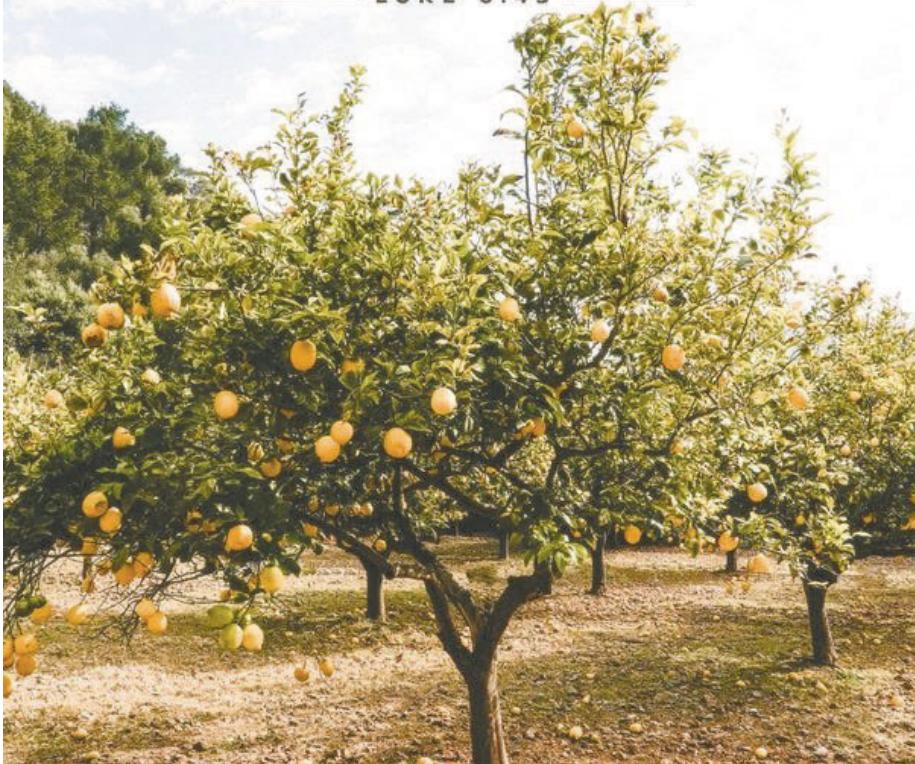
## Catholic Church



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**A GOOD  
TREE DOES NOT  
BEAR ROTTEN FRUIT.**

LUKE 6:43



**17500 84th Avenue  
Tinley Park, IL 60487  
708-342-2400**

### MASS SCHEDULE

5 pm Saturday (English)

Livestreamed weekly

#### **Sunday Masses**

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

12:30 pm (Polish)

#### **Daily Mass**

Monday - Friday 8 am (English)

### RECONCILIATION

**Fridays:** 8:30 am

**Saturdays:** 4 pm to 5 pm

#### **First Fridays**

6 pm to 7 pm

And by appointment

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

**Adoration & Reconciliation**

6 pm to 7 pm

#### **Mass**

7 pm (Polish)

### EUCARISTIC ADORATION

**Monday - Thursday**

8:30 am to 7 pm

### ROSARY

**Monday - Friday** 8:30am

**Second and Fourth Tuesdays**

5:30pm

## Pastoral Staff

<i>To reach or leave a message for pastoral staff, please contact the Parish Office at 708-342-2400.</i>		
<b>Rev. Matthew Nemchausky</b>	<i>Pastor</i>	<a href="mailto:frmatthew@ststephentinley.com">frmatthew@ststephentinley.com</a>
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## Religious Education

Offered for grades 1-8. We also offer a Pre-K program called Growing with God.

Please see our parish website for details: [www.ststephentinley.com/religious-education2](http://www.ststephentinley.com/religious-education2)

**Religious Education Office:** 708-342-1544

**Religious Education Office Hours:**

Monday & Tuesday 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM\*

Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM\*

Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

\*Closed daily for lunch 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

## Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School (CJB)

St. Stephen is a co-sponsor of CJB School in Orland Hills along with St. Francis of Assisi (Orland Park), St. Julie Billiart (Tinley Park), and St. Elizabeth Seton (Orland Hills).

The school is located at:

9250 W. 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL 60487

**Phone:** 708-403-6525

**Principal– Jeanne Pagliaro**

[jpagliaro@cbschool.org](mailto:jpagliaro@cbschool.org)

**Enrollment Director– Cynthia Devlin**

[cdevlin@cbschool.org](mailto:cdevlin@cbschool.org)

## OCIA

A spiritual journey of faith for adults who would like to become Catholic.

For more information please contact:

**Barbara Black** [barbara@ststephentinley.com](mailto:barbara@ststephentinley.com)

## Prayer List

To be added to our bulletin prayer list, please contact: **Brian Conlin (Ext. 135)**

## Ministry of Care

To arrange Holy Communion for homebound parishioners please contact:

**Brian Conlin (Ext. 135)**

## Funerals

To inquire about funeral arrangements, please contact **Brian Conlin (Ext. 135)**

## Scripture Study

Fridays from 8:45 AM until 10 AM - Room 106

## 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, or good health.

## Parishioner Registration

We warmly welcome new members to St. Stephen.

To register, please stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Start an inquiry about baptism at: [www.ststephentinley.com/baptism](http://www.ststephentinley.com/baptism)

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Start an inquiry about the marriage process at:

[www.ststephentinley.com/sacrament-of-marriage](http://www.ststephentinley.com/sacrament-of-marriage)

## Anointing of the Sick

Request an Anointing of the Sick by contacting the Parish Office.

For an emergency anointing please call 630-361-3566

## Giving

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Donations can be given in person during Mass, by mail utilizing offertory envelopes, via ACH bank transfer, or using our online tool, GiveCentral.

For more information on how to receive offertory envelopes or set up ACH bank transfers visit:

[www.ststephentinley.com/giving](http://www.ststephentinley.com/giving)

For more information on supporting our parish, please contact **Jay Castrogiovanni (Ext. 138)**



Use the QR Code to donate to our parish via GiveCentral

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday, March 3</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+ Gus and Jenny Graziano	The Grazino Family
+ Jim Henzl	Adult Altar Servers
<b>Tuesday, March 4</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
No Individual Mass Intentions	
<b>Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday)</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+ Emily Haynes	Sons
<b>Wednesday, March 5</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
+ Byron Grober	Family
<b>Wednesday, March 5</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
+ Geri and Ed Mulhall	Family
<b>Wednesday, March 5</b>	<b>7:30 PM (po polsku)</b>
No Individual Mass Intentions	
<b>Thursday, March 6</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+ Richard Wajda	Family
+ Gene and Lin Roberts	Family
+ Michael Roberts	Family
<b>Friday, March 7</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
S.I. Jackie and Tommy Whitworth	Family
<b>Friday, March 7</b>	<b>7:00 PM (po polsku)</b>
No Individual Mass Intentions	
<b>Saturday, March 8</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
+ Ann & Michael Sayko	Family
+ Patricia Savage	Family
S.I. Rudy Lazo	Heidi Miguel
+ James Henzl	Senior Young at Heart
+ Eileen Cocco	Deacon Bill Schultz
+ George R. Kosinski	The Mullin Family
<b>Sunday, March 9</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
Parishioners of St. Stephen	
+ Bruno and Stella Opyd	Children and Grandchildren
+ Mary Freudenthal	Gayle Kick and Family
<b>Sunday, March 9</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ Bill Nosek	Dana Nosek
+ Ron Podlasinski	Family
+ Eileen O'Callaghan	Mike and Mary Moran
<b>Sunday, March 9</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
+ Michael Antolec	Tom and Sandy
+ Martha Schmueser	Mary Mikel
+ John Sasveld	Family
<b>Sunday, March 9</b>	<b>12:30 PM (po polsku)</b>
Intencje Zbiorowe	
S.I. Lillian, Eleanor and Thomas Lieslke	
-Birthday Blessings	
<b>† Deceased</b>	<b>S.I. Special Intention</b>

## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for Bulletin Articles, Facebook Posts, Website Inclusion, and Flocknote must be sent to [ststephen@ststephentinley.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephentinley.com) for review before publishing. Any submission is due by Thursday at noon one week before publication. The holiday schedule for submission deadlines will be published in the bulletin and on our website. We are requesting to ensure 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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Joan Carano, Joe Dziekan, Brian Gelzaines, Carol Holding, Kathy Keating, and the sick of our parish.

## FUNERALS

† Michele Cialdella  
† John Farrell  
† James K. Henzl  
† Barbara Stukis  
† Mary Walsh  
† Harold Laakson

## PARISH SUPPORT

Collections - February 9, 2025

Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$18,786.00
<b>Sunday &amp; Holy Day Collections Budget</b>	<b>\$23,076.92</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$4,290.92)</b>
Christmas Collection	\$150.00
CJB Angel Fund	\$20.00
Church in Latin America	\$10.00
Annual Catholic Appeal (Pink Envelopes)	\$165.00
Capital Improvement	\$574.00
Mass Attendance (in the PLC)	1368

## PARISH OFFICE

17500 South 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487  
708-342-2400 | [www.ststephentinley.com](http://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 12:00pm until 1pm.

## *A letter from our Pastor*

As we prepare for Ash Wednesday, I am sure we all have a checklist. We may want to figure out what act of charity we will be doing or what we will give up during these 40 days. We might have a spiritual book to read or a charity to help. You may also have sweets and *Paczki* before the great fast. One practice suggested by Philip Kosloski of Aleteia is to pray with Psalm 51. Psalm 51, also called the Miserere, is a perfect psalm to begin the season of Lent. The Church even prescribes this psalm for the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Pope Benedict XVI commented on this psalm in his homily for Ash Wednesday in 2012.

*The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead can turn our hearts from hearts of stone into hearts of flesh (cf. Ezek 36:26). We invoked him just now in the Psalm Miserere: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me" (Ps 51[50]:10, 11). That same God who banished our first parents from Eden, sent his own Son to this earth, devastated by sin, without sparing him, so that we, as prodigal children might return, repentant and redeemed through his mercy, to our true homeland.*

Here is an excerpt from Psalm 51 to help you start off Lent on the right foot.

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.  
Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

~ Rev. Matt Nemchausky

**SPRING FORWARD!**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH**  
**CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS**  
**& CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES!**



### **Please Remember Our Priests**

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-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.

For more information, please call **Priests' Health and Retirement** at **708.449.8026**. If you would like to make a gift today, please visit [prmaa.org](http://prmaa.org).



**Thousands sought Jesus during his life.  
Only a few followed him to Calvary.  
What will you do?**

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—and grow closer to Jesus.

Join St. Stephen in a 5-week pilgrimage called **"No Greater Love, Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion."** Participants will receive a study guide consisting of a book and study workbook.

Next steps:

1. Consider hosting/facilitating a small group in your home or at church. You could partner with a friend. One person can provide their home and the other person could facilitate. No experience is necessary to facilitate. Everything is provided for you. Your group will take it from there!
2. Consider signing up to participate in a small group in a home or at church.
3. Call or email Brian Conlin if you would like to host or facilitate at 708-342-2400 x135 or [brian@ststephen@tinley.com](mailto:brian@ststephen@tinley.com)

Registration begins February 15 with sessions beginning the first week in March.

Check out No Greater Love on Ascension press for more details, FAQs, and a trailer at: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/no-greater-love>

## Litany of the Passion of Christ

During Lent we invite families to take this statue of Christ home with them to pray daily, the Litany of the Passion.

To sign up, stop by or contact the front office. (one family per week)



### Schedule:

#### Pick Up:

Sat. 3/8/25 - 5pm Mass

Sun 3/16/25 - 7:30am Mass

Sun. 3/23/25 - 9am Mass

Sun. 3/30/25 - 11am Mass

Sun. 4/6/25 - 12:30pm Mass

#### Return:

Sat. 3/15/25 - 5pm Mass

Sun 3/23/25 - 7:30am Mass

Sun. 3/30/25 - 9am Mass

Sun. 4/6/25 - 11am Mass

Sun. 4/13/25 - 12:30pm Mass



Use the QR Code to access the  
Litany of the Passion Prayer

(See ushers for pick up and returns)

## ASK A PRIEST, DEACON, OR NUN!

**Thursday, March 6th, 7-8 PM, in the Church,  
followed by refreshments in the Parish Life Center**

**Have you ever wanted to ask a priest,  
deacon, and/or a nun a question about their  
ministry, role and responsibilities, etc., but  
never got around to it.**

**NOW IS THE TIME!**

**Even if you do not ask a question(s), but are  
curious, please attend.**



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SUBMIT  
YOUR QUESTION(S)**



## Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Christ's Passion

**Join Fr. Walter Takuski on a Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Saturday, April 12th**

*(Depart St. Stephen at 9am Return at 3pm)*

**Payments are due by April 1, 2025  
Price is \$55 per person**

*(includes Bus Transportation and Lunch)*

*For those with mobility issues you can reserve a space on a golf cart for \$7 per person (just mention it to our receptionist)*

**Contact Parish Office for reservations (708)342-2400**

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr 17500 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487

Shrine of Christ's Passion 10630 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373

## St. Joseph's Day Dinner Saturday, March 15th at 6pm

**Adults \$25, Children 13 & under \$10,  
Children 5yrs and under free**

Advanced purchase of tickets required

*Purchase in Office beginning March 3rd and after all masses beginning March 8th.*



**A return performance by James Libera,  
Raffles and Split the Pot**

Menu: Salad, Chicken Marsala, Italian Sausage, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Eggplant Parmesan, Mostaccioli and Dessert. *(Bakery Donations welcome on March 15th by 3:00pm in the PLC)*

**BYOB - No coolers allowed (\$1water/pop)**

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## Lenten Mission Gathered Around the Table: Becoming What We Receive with Deacon Allen Tatara

Come join us for 3 spiritually uplifting evenings filled with Scripture, stories, humor, prayer and song that will help deepen your relationship with the Lord.

Sunday, March 23rd at 7pm

Monday, March 24th at 7pm

Tuesday, March 25th at 7pm



Deacon Allen Tatara is a dynamic and fiery speaker, preacher, storyteller, musician, and evangelizer. He ministers around the country giving engaging presentations, parish missions, and retreats for diocesan and parish audiences. Check out his blog: [On the Inside](#); [On the Outside](#).

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH  
AT 5:00PM**

**FEATURING THE ADULT & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS**

**MAKE SURE TO WEAR YOUR GREEN ATTIRE**

**Join us after Mass for Soda Bread from Winston's and light beverages. Feel free to bring your home made Soda Bread to share.**

## SENIORS CORNER

- ▶ **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** our last Line Dancing Lesson will take place from 11am to Noon.
- ▶ **March** meeting agenda has been changed. We will celebrate St Patrick with entertainment by Paul Strolia . Corn beef lunch will be served . \$10.00 members and \$15.00 non members . Tickets can be purchased in Parish office.
- ▶ **Sat. April 12<sup>th</sup>** - Fr. Walter Takuski Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Christ's Passion. \$55.00 per person. Bus and Lunch at Teibels. Make reservations at the front Office.
- ▶ **April's** meeting will be during Holy Week. We will have breakfast and stations of the Cross in Church.
- ▶ **In May** we will have our End of the Year Seniors Party! Details to come! You won't want to miss it!
- ▶ **May** Meeting Cinco de Mayo Mexican lunch and entertainment.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

For Children Grades  
Pre-K thru 6th  
during the 11:00 AM Mass

March 9 and 23  
April 13 and 27

Registration is not  
required.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet (weather permitting) on **Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 9:30 AM** in the RE Wing Room 174.

This is a wonderful way to meet great people while bringing comfort to those in need with hand-made blessed prayer shawls. Please bring your needles and hooks and share your talent. The 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

Please consider joining us to keep our ministry growing! All are welcome.



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.



**GodSEND Vision Statement:** Centered on our Catholic Faith's, Spiritual Nourishment, THE EUCHARIST, and as Jesus SENT out His Disciples to all of the earth to nourish others in His word and deed, we are being nourished to live out the Gospel in our daily lives to nurture others we encounter.

**Access all GodSEND Event Information on the website, <https://sendyouthministry.org/>**

**\*For all required parent/guardian consent or registration forms, please access them through the website or flier QR Code.**

- **Youth-led, Lenten Stations of the Cross Devotional Prayer Service Opportunity (Registration Required)**
  - At SES, Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>; at Brookdale Assisted Living, Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>; at Bickford Assisted Living, Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>; at St. George, Friday, Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>; and at SSDM, Friday, Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>,
  - We being leading these **“Through the Eyes of a Teen.”** There are speaking and non-speaking parts.
  - School or organization service hours will be signed off on, if needed.
- **Living Stations, Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Re-enactment (Registration Required)**
  - Practices begin Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 3:30 – 5 pm and will be all Sundays leading up to April 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Practice locations will vary between St. Elizabeth Seton and St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr.
  - The re-enactment will be on Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at SSDM/Noon and SES/7 pm.
- **Tuesday Gathering, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.**
  - All Weekly Tuesday Gatherings will be at SSDM Youth Room through the end of May.  
17500 S. 84<sup>th</sup> Ave., Tinley Park.
  - Future Tuesday Gathering Events.:
    - March 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph/St. Patrick Social Celebration with a meal and trivia contest for prizes.
    - March 18<sup>th</sup>, Care Creation Presentation given by the SES and SSDM Care Creation Ministry.
- **Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball Continues on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. (Parent/Guardian Consent Required)**
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – high school age.
  - Games are played at Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W. 131 St., Orland Park.

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.

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

For more information regarding GodSEND Youth Ministry or the listed offerings, please contact Deacon John Sobol by email, [jsobol@steseton.com](mailto:jsobol@steseton.com) or by phone/text, 708-986-2446.



### ST PATRICK'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

GODSEND TUESDAY GATHERING, MARCH 11, 2025, 6:30-8:30 PM, AT SSDM

Corned Beef with the fixings, and Pasta will be served



Feel free to bring a dessert to share

It will be a complete social evening with a

St. Joe's/St. Pat's Trivia for prizes for the top three winners

### Creation Care Presentation

On March 18, 2025, at the standard Tuesday Gathering, at SSDM, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, The SES and SSDM Creation Care Ministry will give an interactive presentation.

In the Book of Genesis, God gave us Dominion to take care of His creation. As we look around, we see how some of His beauty has deteriorated over time.

Through this presentation, we will learn and interactively discover opportunities to be active participants and solutions to maintain God's great beauty that He passed onto us.

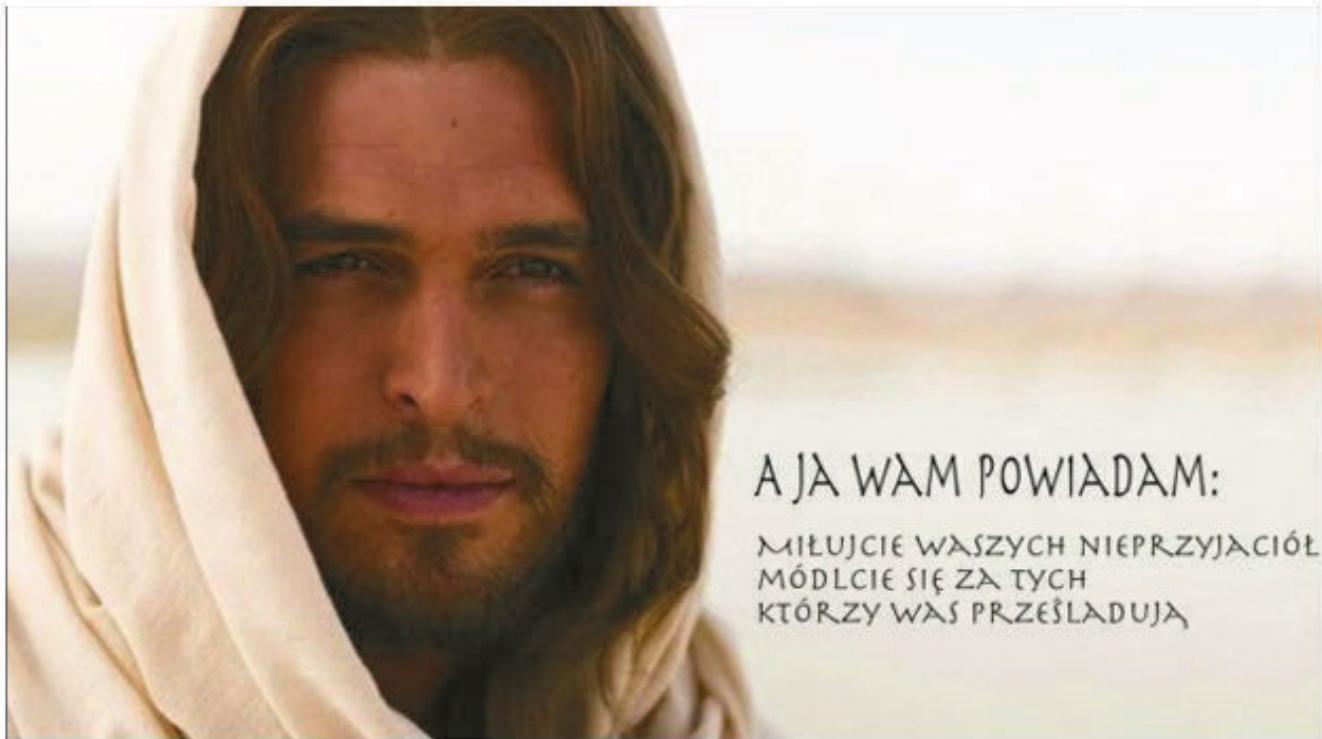


# THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

03/02/25 - Sunday	ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - Follow-Up Weekend Paczki Distribution - All Masses. Capital Improvement Collection - All Masses Senior Luncheon Ticket Sales - All Masses 9:00am FAMILY MASS. 10:00am –11:00am Donuts after Mass 11:00am Growing With God 12:30pm –3:03pm Missionaries of Apostolic Grace Bible Gathering 2:30pm Baptism. 3:30pm –5:30pm Living Stations Practice
03/03/25 - Monday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:00am Seniors' Young at Heart Board Meeting 4:15pm –5:30pm RE classes. 6:00pm –7:15pm RE classes
03/04/25 - Tuesday	8:30am PALM BURNING SERVICE 8:30am –9:00am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 2:30pm –6:30pm CJB Athletic Activities. 4:15pm –5:30pm OCIA for Teens 4:15pm –5:30pm RE classes. 6:00pm –7:15pm RE classes 6:30pm –8:30pm Youth Meeting & Gym Usage. 7:00pm –9:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal
03/05/25 - Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY Prayer Service with distribution of ashes 7 am & 4 pm Mass with distribution of ashes 8 am, 12 pm & 6 pm in English Mass 7:30 pm in Polish. 8:30am –9:00am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 9:00am –10:00am NGL Group. 6:00pm –7:00pm NGL Group
03/06/25 - Thursday	8:30am –9:00am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 9:30am –11:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry. 5:00pm –10:30pm Siumni Dance Group 6:00pm –7:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal. 7:00pm –8:00pm Ask A Priest, Deacon, Nun 8:00pm –9:00pm Reception After Ask A Priest, Deacon, Nun
03/07/25 - Friday	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 8:30am Stations of the Cross in English. 8:30am –10:00am Scripture Study 10:00am –11:00am Moms & Tots Holy Hour. 11:00am –12:30pm Moms & Tots 3:00pm –6:00pm Community Meal Program - Food Pickup 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM 5:30pm CJB Athletic Activities. 6:00pm FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS 6:00pm –7:00pm Friday Meeting Prep. 6:00pm –7:00pm NGL Group 7:00pm English AA. 8:00pm Polish AA
03/08/25 - Saturday	St. Catherine of Bethlehem Olive Wood - All Masses. Birthday Blessing - All Masses St. Joseph Raffle Baskets - All Masses. 8:00am –9:00am AA Meeting - Closed 9:00am –1:00pm Confirmation Portraits. 5:00pm Irish Mass & Reception

## Presider/Homilist/Music Schedule March 8th & 9th, 2025

Mass	Presider	Homilist	Music
Saturday 5:00 PM	Fr. Walter Takuski	Dcn. Bill Schultz	Sarah Hull, cantor
Sunday 7:30 AM	Fr. Jay Finno	Dcn. Bob Conlin	NO Music
Sunday 9:00 AM	Fr. Matthew Nemchausky	Dcn. Bob Conlin	Ilabella Allbee, cantor Annie Vilasenor, cello Aidan Vilasenor, violin <b>Children's Choir;</b> Beth Morreale, director
Sunday 11:00 AM	Fr. Matthew Nemchausky	Dcn. Bill Schultz	Mark Gorka <b>Praise Band</b>
Sunday 12:30 PM (Polish)	Fr. Walter Takuski	Fr. Walter Takuski	<b>Polish Choir</b>



### VII NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA

Kto cię prosi, temu daj! Kto ci coś zabiera, temu jeszcze doóż! Czyńcie dobrze tym, którzy was nienawidzą! Temu, kto cię uderzy w prawy policzek, nadstaw i drugi! Miłujcie waszych wrogów! – Dokąd byśmy doszli, gdybyśmy to wszystko czynili, gdybyśmy te napomnienia wcielali w naszym życiu? Kiedy się jednak na to odważymy, zaczniemy współpracować lepiej, bardziej przyjazny i serdeczniejszy świat i poczujemy powiew ogromnej i wspaniałej wolności dzieci Bożych.

### JUBILEUSZOWA PIELGRZYMKA DO SANKTUARIUM MĘKI PAŃSKIEJ W ST. JOHN, INDIANA, w sobotę, 12 kwietnia 2025, odjazd 9 rano, powrót 3 po południu

Jest to multimedialne, interaktywne miejsce -kręty szlak modlitwy o długości pół-mili, przedstawiający ostatnie dni życia Jezusa. Czterdzieści naturalnej wielkości rzeźb z brązu w spokojnej okolicy, z piękną muzyką i niesamowicie rzeźbionymi ogrodami, pozwala przeżyć ukrzyżowanie i zmartwychwstanie Jezusa jak nigdy dotąd! Koszt \$55.00 zawiera przejazd autokarem i smaczny lunch. Siedzenia są rezerwowane według kolejności zapisów.





**Ks. Pratul dr. Jerzy Karbownik**, kustosz sanktuarium Matki Bożej Ostrobramskiej, proboszcz Matki Bożej Miłosierdzia, rycerz Grobu Pańskiego w Jerozolimie, będzie głosił w naszym Kościele **Rekolekcje Wielkopostne o Miłosierdziu Bożym**, rozpoczynając w niedzielę 6 kwietnia na Mszy św. o godz. 12:30 po południu i kontynuując w poniedziałek, wtorek i środę rano o godz. 9:00 i wieczorem o godz. 7:00 będą sprawowane Msze św. Jednocześnie w tym samym czasie będzie spowiedź św. wielkanocna. Serdecznie wszystkich zapraszamy do odkrycia mocy Bożej.

## NADCHOZĄCE WYDARZENIA

**5 marca** – **ŚRODA POPIELCOWA** rozpoczyna okres Wielkiego Postu. Msza św. w języku polskim o godz. 7:30 wieczorem z naznaczeniem popiołu na czole w postaci krzyża.

**7 marca** – **PIERWSZY PIĄTEK MIESIĄCA** – O godz. 6:00 wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu i spowiedź św., później o 6:45 śpiewana litania do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa, błogosławieństwo Najświętszym Sakramentem i rozpoczęcie Mszy św. o 7:00 wieczorem. **Po Mszy św. Drogę Krzyżową poprowadzi ks. dr Władysław.**

**14 marca** – **DROGĘ KRZYŻOWĄ** o godz. 7:30 pm prowadzą członkowie Klubu Polskiego.

**19 marca** – **UROCZYSTOŚĆ ŚW. JÓZEFIA, OBLUBIEŃCA NAJŚWIĘTSZEJ MARYI PANNY** – uroczysta Msza św. o godz. 7:00 wieczorem.

**21 marca** – **DROGĘ KRZYŻOWĄ** prowadzą lektorzy o godz. 7:30 wieczorem.

**28 marca** – **DROGĘ KRZYŻOWĄ** prowadzą Kółka Różańcowe o godz. 7:30 wieczorem.

**4 kwietnia** – **DROGĘ KRZYŻOWĄ** prowadzą marszałkowie o godz. 7:30 wieczorem.

**6 – 9 kwietnia** - **REKOŁEKCJE WIELKOPOSTNE**

**11 kwietnia** – **DROGĘ RZYŻOWĄ** prowadzi ks. Władysław

**12 kwietnia** – **JUBILEUSZOWA PIELGRZYMKA DO SANKTUARIUM MĘKI PAŃSKIEJ**

**13-19 kwietnia** – **WIELKI TYDZIEŃ**

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## St. Stephen's ~ Lent Schedule 2025

<b>Palm Burning Prayer Service</b>	Tuesday, March 4 - After 8:00 AM Mass
<b>Ash Wednesday - March 5</b>	Masses - 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 6:00 PM (English) 7:30 PM (Polish) Prayer Services - 7:00 AM, 4:00 PM (English) Distribution of Ashes at Prayer Services & Masses
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	All Fridays in Lent - 8:30 AM, 6:30 PM (English); 7:30 PM (Polish) Exceptions: No evening Stations on March 7 & April 4
<b>Ask a Priest, Deacon, Nun</b>	Thursday, March 6 - 7:00 PM
<b>St. Joseph Dinner</b>	Saturday, March 15 - 6:00 PM
<b>Solemnity of St. Joseph - March 19</b>	Masses - 8:00 AM (English) & 7:00 PM (Polish)
<b>English Lenten Mission - Becoming What We Receive - Deacon Allen Tatara</b>	Sunday, March, 23 - 7:00 PM Monday, March 24 - 7:00 PM Tuesday, March 25 - 7:00 PM
<b>Communal Reconciliation Service With Individual Confessions</b>	Wednesday, April 2 - 6:30 PM
<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>	Saturday, April 5 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
<b>Polish Lenten Mission - Monsignor Jerzy Karbownik</b>	Sunday, April 6 - 12:30 PM Monday, April 7 - 7:00 PM Tuesday, April 8 - 7:00 PM Wednesday, April 9 - 7:00 PM
<b>Individual Confessions</b>	Thursday, April 10 - 6:00 PM to 7 PM Friday, April 11 - 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM



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### Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W. 131<sup>st</sup> St., Orland Park, 708-361-4754, ourladyofthewoods.org

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses: 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm/Distribution of Ashes (in the church), 1:00-3:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross and Soup during Lent, Fridays, 6:30 pm
- Taizé Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 7, 6:30 pm
- Parish Mission, "Signed, Sealed, and Delivered," led by Father Mike Foley, March 10-11-12, 6:30 pm  
(Sacrament of Reconciliation, Tuesday, March 11)
- Fish Fry, Friday, April 11, 4:30-7:00 pm
- Communal Reconciliation Service, Monday, April 14, 7:00 pm (Confessions ministered in English and Polish)

### St. Damian, 5250 W. 155<sup>th</sup> St., Oak Forest, 708-687-1370, www.stdamianchurch.org

- Women's Club-Fat Sunday Bingo, March 2, 12:30-3:30 pm
- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 7:00 pm  
Ash Wednesday Prayer Services with Ashes Distribution, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm
- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Fridays, 7:00 pm
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Monday, March 31, 7:00 pm
- Parish Mission, April 6 and April 7, 7:00 pm

### St. Elizabeth Seton, 9300 W. 167<sup>th</sup> St., Orland Park , 708-403-0101, www.steseton.com

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses: 6:30 am, 9:00 am, 7:00 pm  
Ash Wednesday Prayer Service w/Distribution of Ashes: Noon, 3:00 pm, 4:30 pm
- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Wednesdays, 9:30 am, Fridays, 7:00 pm
- Adoration and Confession, Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm, Fridays, 8:00-8:55 am, Saturdays, 3:30-5:00 pm
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Sunday, March 23, 2:00 pm
- Peter the Rock, Wednesday, March 26, 7:00 pm
- Men's Club Fish Fry, Friday, April 11, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Tenebrae Prayer Service, Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 pm

### St. Francis of Assisi, 15050 Wolf Rd., Orland Park, 708-460-0042, www.sfaorland.org

- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Fridays, 3:00 pm, 7:00 pm
- St. Peregrine Novena, Mondays (except March 24 and April 14), 7:00 pm
- Rosary for Life, First Saturday of the month, 10:00 am
- Lenten Mission, "Taken, Blessed, Broken, and Given: Understanding the Mystery of our Salvation in the Eucharist," led by Fr. Paul Shelton, Sunday, March 23 and Monday, March 24, 7:00 pm
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Saturday, April 12, 9:00 am and Monday, April 14, 7:30 pm
- Tenebrae Service, Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 pm

### St. George, 6707 W. 175<sup>th</sup> St., Tinley Park, 708-532-2243, www.stgeorge60477.org

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses: 8:15 am, 7:00 pm/Prayer Service with Ashes Distribution: 3:30 pm
- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, and April 4, 7:00 pm
- Soup and Theology, Tuesdays during Lent, 6:30 pm
- Parish Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 pm
- Musical Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 28, 7:00 pm

### St. Julie Billiart, 7399 W. 159<sup>th</sup> St., Tinley Park, 708-429-6767, www.stjulie.org

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm  
Continuous Distribution of Ashes from 9:00 am-5:30 pm, Word Services w/Ashes at 12 Noon, 4:30 pm
- Wednesday Lenten Evening Masses, 6:30 pm each week, in the Chapel
- Seven Churches Pilgrimage, Wednesday, March 26 depart 8:30 am (Call St. Julie Church to register/max. 30 pilgrims)
- Filipino Pabasa Devotion with Continuous Chanting of the Passion of Christ, Wednesday, April 16, 8:30 am-6:30 pm

### St. Michael, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, 708-349-0903, www.saintmike.com

- Ash Wednesday Masses (March 5) English: 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 7:30 pm; Spanish: 6:00 pm/Distribution of Ashes, 10:00 am, 4:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Fridays, English: 4:00 pm; Spanish, 6:00 pm
- Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour: Tuesday, March 18, 3:30 pm; Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 pm; Tuesday, April 15, 3:30 pm
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8, 6:15 pm
- Concert Series, James Adams presents a History of Ragtime, Friday, March 21, 7:00 pm

### St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, 17500 84<sup>th</sup> Ave., Tinley Park, 708-342-2400, www.ststephentinley.com

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses (English): 8:00 am, 12 Noon, and 6:00 pm/Polish Mass, 7:30 pm  
Prayer Services (English) with Ashes Distribution, 7:00 am and 4:00 pm
- Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross: (English) 8:30 am, 6:30 pm/(Polish) 7:30 pm (**No evening Stations March 7 and April 4**)
- Solemnity of St. Joseph Masses (March 19): (English) 8:00 am/(Polish) 7:00 pm
- Lenten Mission (English) "What We Receive," led by Deacon Allen Tatar, March 23-24-25, 7:00 pm
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Wednesday, April 2, 6:30 pm
- Lenten Mission (Polish), led by Monsignor Jerzy Karbownik, April 6, 12:30 pm; Mass; April 7-8-9, 7:00 pm
- Shrine of Christ's Passion, St. John, IN, Saturday, April 12, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, \$55/pp includes transportation and lunch  
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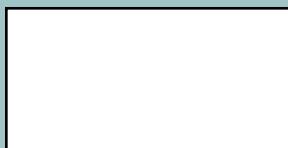
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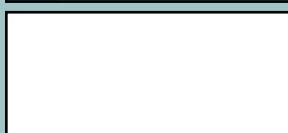
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