

# St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

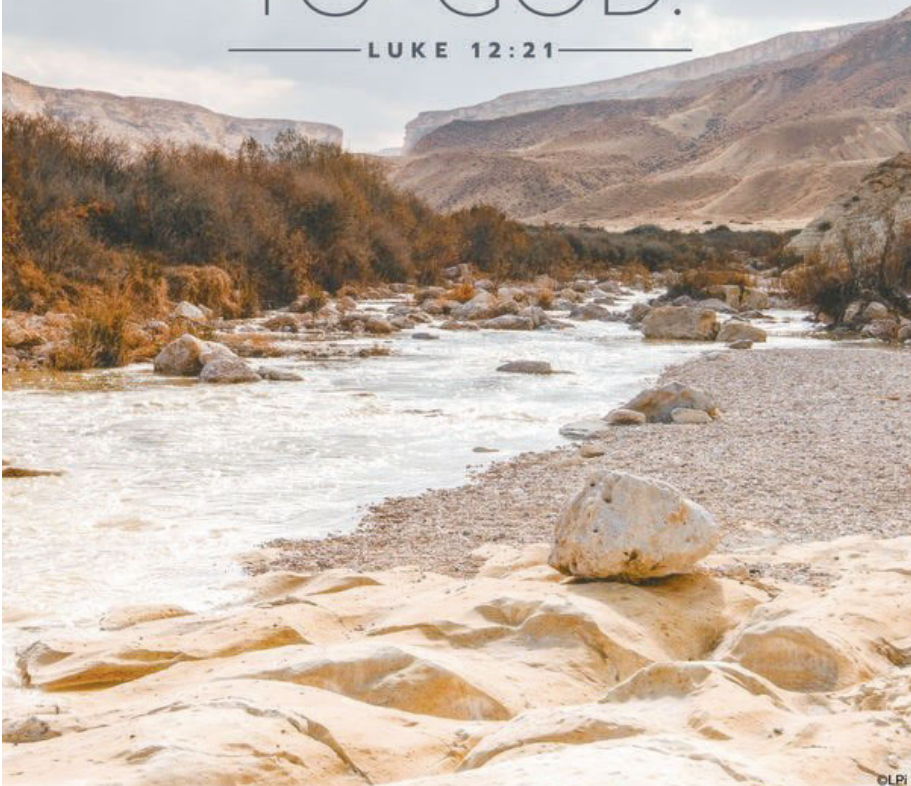
## Catholic Church



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**RICH IN**  
WHAT MATTERS  
TO GOD.

— LUKE 12:21 —



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

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Masses:** 5 pm (*English*)

**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 (*English*)

**Saturdays:** 4 pm to 5 pm (*English*)

**First Fridays:**

6 pm to 7 pm (*Polish*)

*(by appointment also)*

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

**Adoration & Reconciliation:**

6 pm to 7 pm (*Polish*)

**Mass:** 7 pm (*Polish*)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Monday - Thursday:**

8:30 am to 7 pm

### ROSARY

**Monday - Friday:** 8:30 am

**Second and Fourth Tuesdays:**

5:30 pm

## Pastoral Staff

To reach or leave a message for pastoral staff, please contact the Parish Office at 708-342-2400.

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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 am

\*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**

[jpagliari@cjb.school.org](mailto:jpagliari@cjb.school.org)

**Enrollment Director— Cynthia Devlin**

[cdevlin@cjb.school.org](mailto:cdevlin@cjb.school.org)

## OCIA

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

For more information please contact:

**Barbara Black** via email at

[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)**

## Events/Hospitality

To inquire about special events, please contact: **Theresa Gamino** via email at

[theresa@ststephentinley.com](mailto:theresa@ststephentinley.com)

## Scripture Study

Fridays from 8:45 am - 10 am - Room 125/126

## 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, August 4</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+ Marion and Norman Lundin	Daughters
+ Arthur Daliege	Family
+ Robert Glynn	Pat Madden
<b>Tuesday, August 5</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+ Ted Kowal	Family
+ Frank Valderrama	Bernie
+ Souls in Purgatory	
<b>Wednesday, August 6</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+ Don Daley	Bern Daley
+ Charles Grande	Family
<b>Thursday, August 7</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+ Bill Nosek	Dana Nosek
+ Gus and Edith Graziano	The Graziano Family
<b>Friday, August 8</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+ Grace Riccelli – Heavenly Birthday Blessings	Son
<b>Saturday, August 9</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
+ Bill Nosek	Dana Nosek
+ Patricia Savage	Family
+ Charles Grande	Family
+ Dolores Fox	The Chase Family
+ Steve Baierle	Jennie Freed
+ Ron G. Kelly	The Yedwofski Family
<b>Sunday, August 10</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
Parishioners of St. Stephen	
+ Tim Monahan	Mom and Dad
+ Pawel Bojda	Jan and Ewa Sopiars
+ Diana Stroner and Charlotte Carter	Robert and Christine Serafin
<b>Sunday, August 10</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ Jennie Carollo	Family
+ Douglas J. and Douglas P. Joyce	The Joyce Family
+ Mary T. McLaughlin	Mary and Mike Moran
<b>Sunday, August 10</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
+ Robert Roeper	Family
+ Jim Howland	Tom and Kate Shenberger
+ Brian Kocsis	The Bara Family
<b>Sunday, August 10</b>	<b>12:30 PM (po polsku)</b>
Intencje Zbiorowe	
+ Walter Piekarczyk	Family
S.I. Marta and Kazimierz Plis—45th Wedding Anniversary Blessings	Children

† Deceased

S.I. Special Intention

## 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.

## SACRAMENTAL CERTIFICATE REQUESTS

Please call the parish office at 708-342-2400 or send and email to [parishoffice@ststephentinley.com](mailto:parishoffice@ststephentinley.com)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

For all those that are sick in our parish.

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

3rd Dina Calderon and Saif Hattar

## FUNERALS

† Richard Hernandez

## PARISH SUPPORT

Collections - July 13, 2025

Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$23,254.00
Father's Day	\$5.00
Peter's Pence	\$320.00
Missionary Co-Op	\$5.00
Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$325.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$875.00
Weekend Mass Attendance	1,446

Sunday & Holiday Collections	Actual	Budget
April 2025	\$115,406.00	\$90,228.00
YTD thru April 2025	\$934,694.65	\$996,228.00

## 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 1:00pm.

# *A letter from our Pastor*

## **Thank You for Attending Our Parish Town Hall**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Parish Town Hall. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to share thoughts, ideas, and concerns about St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr Parish.

Among the important topics discussed were Mass times, how best to serve our growing parish community, and potential improvements to our church building and surrounding grounds. Most importantly, the gathering reaffirmed the deep love and dedication that so many have for our parish. Your presence and participation are what make St. Stephen a vibrant and faith-filled home.

We hope to hold another town hall in the near future. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly with any suggestions, questions, or concerns.

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## **Altar Servers: A Ministry of Honor and Holiness**

At St. Stephen, we are blessed with many ministries that support both our parish life and the sacred liturgy. One of the most visible and spiritually rich is the ministry of altar servers.

While often associated with youth ministry — and it is indeed a beautiful formation path for young Catholics — altar serving is much more. It is a sacred liturgical ministry, deeply rooted in tradition, theology, and service to Jesus Christ.

*“You are servers of Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest.”*  
— St. John Paul II

## **A Glimpse of Heaven**

Every Mass is not just a ritual — it is heaven on earth. The altar becomes the place of Calvary renewed and the Heavenly Banquet made present. In the Book of Revelation, we see angels gathered around God's throne in worship. That's what altar servers join: a living image of heavenly praise.

As St. Josemaría Escrivá said, the spiritual life is like a forge — a place of shaping and refining. Altar servers are formed through:

- Training in the sacred vessels and parts of the Mass
- Growing in reverence, discipline, and responsibility
- Learning to work as a team and serve with joy
- Witnessing the miracle of the Eucharist up close
- Living out reverence as “faith in action”

Serving at the altar is also a beautiful path of growth and discovery. Altar servers:

1. Enter more deeply into the mystery of the Mass
2. Form friendships rooted in shared faith and purpose
3. Begin to discern their vocation in life
4. Take part in baptisms, weddings, funerals, and more
5. Draw closer to Christ through hands-on liturgical service



*"You lend Jesus your hands, your thoughts, your time. He will not fail to reward you."*  
– Pope Benedict XVI

*"The closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer."*  
– Pope Francis

Altar serving is not just *"helping out"* — it's a calling. A few reasons to consider serving:

- Every Mass is a participation in the eternal sacrifice of Christ
- You stand in the presence of angels at the altar
- The graces you receive will remain with you for life
- You become a visible witness to the holiness of the Eucharist
- You grow in faith, responsibility, and love for the Church

*"Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty, but a great honor, a genuine holy service."*  
– St. John Paul II

If you or your child feels called to this sacred role, we warmly invite you to consider becoming an altar server. Training is provided, and the spiritual rewards are abundant.

To learn more, contact our parish office or visit the Altar Server Ministry page on our parish website.

Let us continue to pray for our altar servers — that they may grow in holiness and become, like St. Tarcisus, brave and faithful servants of the Eucharist.

*"Here I am, Lord. Send me."*  
– Isaiah 6:8

~ Rev. Matt Nemchausky

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The St. Stephen Men's Club would like to express our gratitude to everyone who participated in our Spring Flower Fundraiser.

We recently received a check from Ted's Greenhouse for over \$300. These funds were specifically intended to help us purchase the necessary flowers and mulch needed to beautify our adopted island, which is located by the front entrance of the church.

I would also like to give a special shout out to Paul Yedwofski, Ted Kuenzli, Mike Joyce and Dave Novak who volunteered to help me design, plant and continue to maintain this island.

Once again, our club definitely appreciates everyone's continued support for our parish's mission.

~ John Lutz - Men's Club President



## Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

### Sunday:

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

### Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/  
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/  
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

### Thursday:

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 16:13-23

### Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16  
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

### Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47  
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

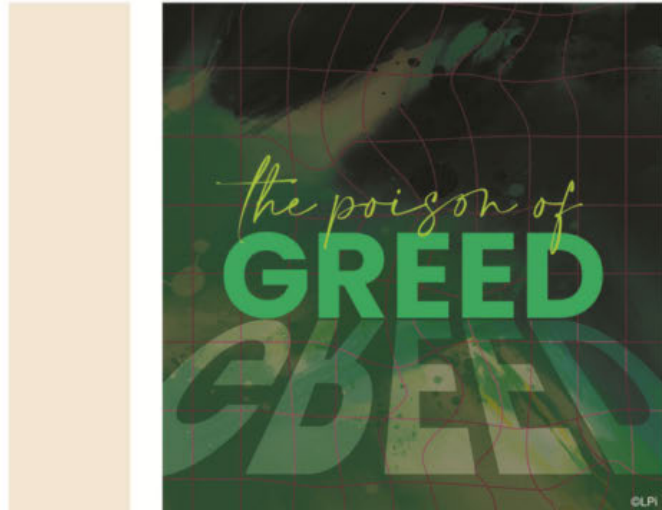
### Next Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48  
or 12:35-40

## Observances for the week of August 3, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. John Vianney, Priest
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Transfiguration of the Lord
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Dominic, Priest
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Worship & Meditation



### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **"Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir



# back to SCHOOL blessings

**8/2 & 8/3: College Students**

**8/9 & 8/10: High School Students**

**8/16 & 8/17: Middle/Elementary  
School Students**

**8/23 & 8/24: Teachers**

blessings are at all masses  
on the above dates



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Our OCIA program is aimed at adults who are not baptized, who are baptized in another faith or individuals who have been baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The 2025-2026 OCIA Program will begin after Labor Day and end before Easter of 2026. Various sessions in the program focus on Jesus, the Mass, the Bible, our beliefs and teachings, etc.

We encourage our parishioners to spread the word about the program to friends, family members and neighbors. The program is also open to current parishioners who would like to learn more about their faith. We ask that anyone interested in the program, or anyone who may have questions about the program, to please contact Barbara Black at [Barbara@ststephentinley.com](mailto:Barbara@ststephentinley.com)

*I have called you by name: you are mine. Isaiah 43:1*

## Religious Education Classes

### Be Part of Our Flock!

Grades 1 thru 8  
Monday and Tuesday  
4:15-5:30 or 6:00-7:15

Growing with God  
PreK 3, PreK 4, and Kindergarten  
Monday 4:15-5:30

Special Needs RE Class  
Sunday at 10:00 AM

Registration continues through  
September at the regular tuition  
rate!



### ***We Need You!***

### ***The RE Program is seeking Catechists!***

Monday 4:15

5th Grade Aide  
(3) 7th Grade Aides

Monday 6:00

4th Grade Catechist  
5th Grade Catechist  
6th Grade Catechist and Aide  
7th Grade Catechist and Aide  
(2) 8th Grade Aides

Tuesday 4:15

5th Grade Aide  
6th Grade Aide  
8th Grade Catechist and Aide

Tuesday 6:00

All Grades 1-8

Interested? Contact Dee in the RE office  
[dee@ststephentinley.com](mailto:dee@ststephentinley.com)





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Odpowiedź Jezusa zapewne zaskoczyła ówczesnych słuchaczy. Nie chodzi o to, czy powód ma słuszość prawną, lecz o to, że liczą się nie majątkość, lecz życie. Nawet większość chłopów miała jakąś własność (dom), słowa Jezusa uderzały więc w istotę ludzkich pragnień. Jedynie nieliczni greccy filozofowie (np. Epiktet) wypowiadali się na temat majątku w ostrzejszej formie niż to czyni Jezus... Jednym z zarzutów wysuwanych wobec fałszywych nauczycieli była ich chciwość. W opowiadaniu zawartym w ww. 16-21 Jezus ostrzega uczniów przed daremnym szukaniem schronienia przed wrogością przez gromadzenie bogactw.

**AKADEMIA DUCHOWOŚCI KATOLICKIEJ** rozpoczyna swą działalność dydaktyczną w listopadzie w języku angielskim i polskim. Więcej szczegółów poznamy wkrótce.

**WEŹ UDZIAŁ W DZIAŁALNOŚCI KLUBU POLSKIEGO IM. ŚW. JANA PAWŁA II**, który organizuje wiele imprez w języku polskim – pikniki, zabawy, świąteczne przyjęcia, wspólne spotkania - wspierając duszpasterstwo polonijne w naszej parafii. Nie ma żadnych opłat członkowskich, tylko zapisanie się do Klubu i aktywny w nim udział. Bardzo dziękujemy za poświęcenie czasu, dzielenie się talentami i miłą współpracę. Zapisy do Klubu są zaraz po Mszy świętej. Św. Jan Paweł II woła do nas i zachęca: „Nie lękajcie się. Otwórzcie, otwórzcie na oścież drzwi Chrystusowi!”, „Nie bój się, nie lękaj! Wyptnij na głębię!”, „Musicie od siebie wymagać, nawet gdyby inni od was nie wymagali.”

**PLANOWANE SPOTKANIA POSŁUGI LITURGICZNEJ** odbędą się we wrześniu po Mszy św. Lista postug będzie opublikowana w biuletynie w następnym tygodniu.





### **Nadchodzące wydarzenia:**

#### **Piątek, 15 sierpnia – Uroczystość Wniebowzięcia Najświętszej Maryi Panny.**

Jest jedną z trzech największych uroczystości maryjnych. Świętowana już od V wieku tajemnica wzięcia Maryi do nieba z ciałem i duszą została 1 listopada 1950 r. potwierdzona przez Piusa XII jako dogmat wiary. Dzień ten jest często nazywany świętem Matki Bożej Zielnej. W kościołach święci się wówczas zioła, kwiaty i snopy dożynkowe. W sanktuariach maryjnych gromadzą się wielkie rzesze pielgrzymów. Na Jasną Górę przybywa ich corocznie kilkaset tysięcy. Zapraszamy wszystkich czcicieli Matki Bożej na uroczystą Msza św. sprawowaną w języku polskim o godz. 7:30 wieczorem.



#### **Wtorek, 26 sierpnia – Uroczystość Najświętszej Maryi Panny Częstochowskiej.**

Jest to zarazem uroczystość maryjna jak i narodowa. Święto związane jest z sanktuarium maryjnym w Częstochowie. Jasna Góra, z daleka widoczna, wysoka, jasno oświetlona wieża Jasnogórskiego "Sanktuarium Wielkiej Nadziei" (Jan Paweł II), polski Syjon, "wielka chluba naszego narodu". Na Jasnej Górze spełniają się, jakby tu także skierowane, słowa proroka Izajasza: "Wszystkie narody do niej popłyną, mnogie ludy pójdą i rzekną: Chodźcie, wstąpmy na Górę Pana do świątyni Boga Jakuba. Niech nas nauczy dróg swoich" (Iz 2, 2-3). „Idźmy, tulmy się jak dziatki do serca Maryi Matki” - stańmy przed Nią z sercem całym przepętnionym miłością oraz zawsze starajmy się odpowiadać swoją miłością na Jej miłość. Złóżmy też Jej swoje prośby i problemy, a serce



## HOSPITALITY MEETING

The next St. Stephen Hospitality meeting is on **Wednesday, August 6th at 6:30 pm in room 125.**

We will be finalizing plans for the hospitality weekend that will be held **September 13th and 14th.**

## Staff Retreat Update

Thursday, August 7th

We will have a volunteer at the front desk of the parish office while the entire staff is on retreat.

**There will be 8am Mass and Adorations**

## Ladies Social Club

The Ladies Social Club of St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr is looking for members 21 and older to join as we re-organize.

Meetings will be once a month with the next meeting being held **Wednesday, August 13th at 10am in room 125.**

At this meeting will we take suggestions on how we can foster growth and community services for our Parish. Feel free to bring a friend or two.

For more information please contact the Parish Office.  
(a registration form can be found on our website)



## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

**Friday, August 15th**  
**Mass Schedule**

8 am & 6 pm *(English)*  
7:30 pm *(Polish)*

## Meet & Greet

We will be offering Meet & Greet sessions at St. Stephen twice a month beginning **Sunday, September 7th after the 9 am Mass.** Come join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Registration for new parishioners will also be offered at these sessions.

If you would like to volunteer for the Meet & Greet Ministry the first meeting will take place on Thursday, **August 14th at 6:30 pm in room 125.**

*~ Deacon Joe Stalcup*



## St. Jude Thaddeus

**Three Day Mission and Veneration of Arm Relic**

## St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

17500 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487

**Aug. 11th - 13th**

**8/11 & 8/12 - 7pm Mission**

**8/13 - 7pm St. Jude Mass**

*(blessing & veneration each evening)*



light refreshments will be served afterwards  
on 8/13 in the Parish Life Center



Presented by Fr. Mike Ford, OP of the  
Dominican Shrine of St. Jude, Chicago

## Silver Rose Prayer Service

*(Hosted by the Knights of Columbus)*

**Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church**  
(refreshments to follow in the PLC)

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage.

The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.



St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr 17500 84<sup>th</sup> Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60487





**SOCIAL OPPORTUNITY: SSYMA, Recreational Co-Ed Youth 16" Softball. Next Game, Monday, August 4th.**

Games start at 6:30 pm, and will be played at St Christina's Fields, 3721 West 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, 60655. For the youth, it is an open roster, so attend if you can make it. Equipment will be provided. A youth's parent/guardian consent form is required to participate in games. Contact John Sobol if interested.

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

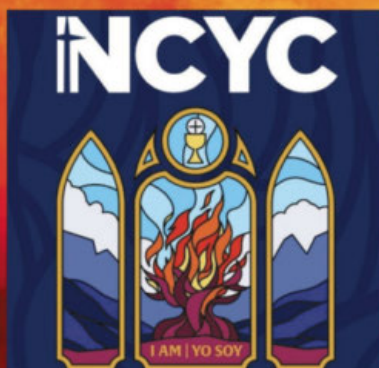
**\*For all required parent/guardian consent or registration forms, please access them through the website or flier QR Code.**

On Saturday, July 26th, GodSEND Youth Ministry collaborated with St. Alexander and St. Francis of Assisi to cool off from the Summer heatwave in South Bend with some whitewater rafting. From the rapids to the raging fun we had, relationships were built of ever-splashing memories.

We also cooled off by letting the fire of the Holy Spirit guide us to the University of Notre Dame's, Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, where we attended Mass as One Body in Christ and participated in the most epic meal we had during our excursion, The Eucharist.



GodSEND Youth Ministry, 8th-12<sup>th</sup> grade,  
 NCYC Parent/Guardian/Youth Exploratory Meeting



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Sunday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Youth Room 17500 S. 84<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Explore NCYC Website, <https://ncyc.us/> for more info.

Questions, contact John Sobol, [jsobol@steseton.com](mailto:jsobol@steseton.com) or 708-986-2446

For more  
 info on  
 NCYC,  
 access the  
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[ncyc.us/](https://ncyc.us/)

**GodSEND Youth Ministry  
 Lock-in, 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades  
 September 6-7, 2025**



**Start at St. George's, 4 pm Mass  
 6707 W. 175<sup>th</sup> St., Tinley Park**

Parent/Guardian Registration is required. Scan the  
 QR Code to register and for details of the event.

Questions??? - Contact John Sobol,  
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**Date:** Sunday, October 12, 2025

**Time:** 3:00 PM

**Where:** St. Stephen Parish Life Center  
17500 South 84<sup>th</sup> Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60487

**Tickets:** \$35.00 (wine on each table and appetizer  
buffet included)

To reserve a table please contact  
[theresa@ststephentinley.com](mailto:theresa@ststephentinley.com)

(tickets are available in the parish office)



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# THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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<b>08/03/25 - Sunday</b>	<b>Back to School Collection for Tinley Food Pantry - After All Masses</b> <b>Capital Improvement Collections</b> <b>7:00am –2:00pm College Blessing at all Masses</b> 12:30pm –3:00pm Missionaries of Apostolic Grace Bible Gathering 2:30pm –3:30pm Baptism - Theodore Lazaroff
<b>08/04/25 - Monday</b>	8:30am –9:00am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
<b>08/05/25 - Tuesday</b>	8:30am –9:00am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:00pm –9:00pm Youth Meeting - Study 6:30pm –8:30pm Youth Meeting - Gym
<b>08/06/25 - Wednesday</b>	8:30am –9:00am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00pm –8:00pm SVdP
<b>08/07/25 - Thursday</b>	<b>STAFF RETREAT— NO FUNERALS—RE OFFICE CLOSED</b> ( <i>volunteer at parish office front desk</i> ) 8:00 Mass 8:30am –9:00am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 5:00pm –10:30pm Siumni Dance Group
<b>08/08/25 - Friday</b>	8:30am –9:00am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30am –10:00am Scripture Study 10:00am –11:00am Moms & Tots Holy Hour 11:00am –12:30pm Moms & Tots Play Hour 3:00pm –6:00pm Community Meal Program - Food Pickup 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM 7:00pm English AA 8:00pm Polish AA
<b>08/09/25 - Saturday</b>	8:00am –9:00am AA Meeting - Closed <b>5:00pm –6:00pm High School Blessings at all Masses</b>

## Presider/Homilist/Music Schedule

August 9th & 10th, 2025

Mass	Presider	Homilist	Music
<b>Saturday 5:00 PM</b>	Fr. Matthew Nemchausky	Dcn. Bill Schultz	Sarah Hull, cantor
<b>Sunday 7:30 AM</b>	Fr. Jay Finno	Dcn. Bob Conlin	(no music)
<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	Fr. Walter Takuski	Dcn. Bob Conlin	Isabella Allbee, cantor Beth Morreale, cantor Aidan Villasenor, violin Annie Villasenor, cello
<b>Sunday 11:00 AM</b>	Fr. Matthew Nemchausky	Dcn. Bill Schultz	Mark Gorka, <b>Praise Band</b>
<b>Sunday 12:30 PM (Polish)</b>	Fr. Walter Takuski	Fr. Walter Takuski	



Catholic Charities **Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS)** has been providing grief support since 1979 to individuals and families who have lost a loved one to suicide.

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**The LOSS support group in your area meets in person monthly ...**

**4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Marist High School  
4200 W. 115th St. in Chicago**

*(Please enter the school at the Main Entrance with the flagpole. The meeting is held in the Conference Room inside the Main Office)*

You are also welcome to join us for other in-person or online support groups offered every month in the Chicagoland area. If you would like to learn about a support group in your area, please contact ...

**Deborah R. Major, PhD, LCSW**  
LOSS Director  
312-655-7283  
[loss@catholiccharities.net](mailto:loss@catholiccharities.net)



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Everyone deserves to live in a healthy relationship. Families have the right to live in a safe environment, be respected and loved.

## FOOD PANTRY



St. Stephen collects food to support the Tinley Park Food Pantry on the **third weekend of each month**. There is also a drop box at United Methodist Church (6857 West 173rd Place, Tinley Park) located on the west side of the church, where food can be dropped off any time.

### **The food pantry's greatest need at this time includes:**

cereal, cake or brownie mix, tea bags, coffee, cookies, crackers, pudding or Jell-O, boxed pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, tomato paste or sauce and toilet paper. More information is available on their website [tinleyparkfoodpantry.com](http://tinleyparkfoodpantry.com).

Your support of the Tinley Park Food Pantry is much appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Chuck McFarland at (630) 564-4468 or Deacon Ed Pluchar at (708) 732-4405.



You can sponsor a **sanctuary candle above the tabernacle or flowers by the Holy Family**. These can be offered as a memorial, a birthday or anniversary remembrance or any special occasion and will be presented as a Saturday, through Friday memorial.

The recommended donation is \$50 for flowers or \$25 for the candle. Memorials can be requested through the front desk.



Liturgical ministry offers a rewarding way to deepen your faith and serve your St. Stephen community. It involves various roles that contribute to the reverent and prayerful celebration of the Mass. Ministries such as:

- Altar Server
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Lector/Reader
- Usher/Greeter

Serving in liturgical ministry provides an opportunity to be actively engaged in your faith, in your parish and deepens your connection to God.

If you feel drawn to serve and want to learn more about opportunities here at St. Stephen please contact Brian Conlin at [brian@ststephentinley.com](mailto:brian@ststephentinley.com).

Sign up anytime. We look forward to hearing from you.



## Emergency Numbers

Are you in need of help? Catholic Charities can assist with food, shelter, utilities, physical or mental health services, senior services plus much more. Call 312-655-7700 or visit [catholiccharities.net](http://catholiccharities.net).

Abortion Pill Reversal	1-877-558-0333
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	1-800-821-4357
Child Abuse	1-800-252-2873
Compulsive Gambling Hotline	1-410-332-0402
Elder Abuse	1-800-252-8966
National Domestic Violence	1-800-799-SAFE
National Sexual Assault	1-800-656-4673
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
Suicide Prevention	1-800-273-8255
Unplanned Pregnancy Option	1-800-712-4357

## Grief Discussion Group

Missing someone special? Lost a loved one? Need someone to talk to and pray with? Joe & Terri Schulte run a monthly informal Grief Discussion Group that meets at St. Stephen on the last **Wednesday of the month from 4-6pm in room 105.**

Join people of faith, and listen, share, or get support & help from folks that have gone through some of the same things. All are welcome. Come with an open heart. Call 708-601-6839 for more information.



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, address, phone number and a short description of your need. 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.

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