



Christ the Savior is born

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to you during this holy season of Advent!

Of all the many things we have to do to get ready for Christmas the most important thing is to prepare our hearts and souls for Jesus to be reborn within us at Christmas. Hungarian Catholics have many important customs and traditions. At the heart of all of those important activities is the very reason why we celebrate Christmas: Jesus is alive and well, living amongst us giving us life. I find that to be a very hope-filled reality given all of the tragedy and turmoil presently besieging our world. As we pray and perform charitable deeds in the season of Advent we are indeed making the world a better, more peaceful and more loving place. This is the message of Christmas, that as God has gifted us with his Son Jesus, so we gift one another by bringing to one another the love and compassion of Jesus.

Please join us at St. Stephen King of Hungary Church for Christmas and New Year's Masses. Singing the Hungarian hymns and hearing the scripture readings in Hungarian is an important part of celebrating our Hungarian identity as a faith community here at St. Stephen Church. Please see our schedule of Christmas and New Year's Day Masses. We hope you can join us to give thanks to God for the presence of Jesus in our midst.

I thank you for all you do to support St. Stephen King of Hungary Church. If it is within your means to support us with a special Christmas contribution that will be greatly appreciated to ensure that Hungarian Catholics in the Chicago area will continue to be served.

You and your loved ones will be remembered in a special way at all of my Christmas Masses. May God bless you at Christmas and throughout the coming year!

In God's love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Michael P. Knotek". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rev. Michael P. Knotek