

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We have walked the journey through Lent growing closer to Jesus through prayer, fasting, penance and works of charity. The forty days of our “spiritual Spring cleaning” makes us better Christians who are more appreciative of everything God does for us. The message of Jesus suffering and dying for our sake is one that can never become lost on us. Once again as we celebrate Easter we do so knowing that God is depending on us to tell the good news to everyone we meet.

Following the example of the faithful women and apostles who found the empty tomb and went forth to tell people that Jesus had risen from the dead, so too, we go forth to tell people that their sufferings are leading them closer to Jesus and that Jesus is leading them to the joy of eternal life. What they really need to know is that Jesus loves us so much he doesn't make us wait until we reach heaven to experience happiness. We experience heavenly joy right here on earth as we celebrate the Eucharist, reflect on the scriptures, and perform works of charity for those in need.

I feel truly blessed to be celebrating Easter with the faith community of St. Stephen King of Hungary. Together we will go forward bringing the good news to this troubled world of ours. I appreciate everything you can do to continue to support our ministries here at St. Stephen as the only Hungarian Catholic faith community in the Archdiocese of Chicago. I have learned that Hungarians always put God and family first. I thank you for being part of the family of St. Stephen Parish and for your prayers and the financial support you can continue to give to support the ministries of St. Stephen Parish.

May God bless you and all those you love with Easter joy and many spiritual gifts!

In God's love,



Father Michael Knotek