St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Celebrating 150 Years of Tradition

1930 West 54th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44102
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 31, 2022

Parish Office Hours
Monday thru Friday 9am-5pm
Closed Saturday/Sunday/Holidays

Pastoral Staff
Pastor:
Rev. Caroli B. Shao, A.J.
Parochial Vicar:
Rev. Benjamin Koka, A.J.
Latin Mass Celebrant:
Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB
German Mass Celebrant:
Rev. S. Michael Franz (Ret.)

Parish Staff
Church Secretary:
Debbie Hemphill
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Andrew Reichert
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Joe Kolecki and Matthew Tirabassi
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Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb
Latin Schola Director:
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Mary Lou Toler, Director
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216-281-4044

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1891 West 57th Street
216-631-0754

Mission Statement

Saint Stephen Parish, as guided by the Holy Spirit and empowered by the Sacraments, is sent forth to know, love and serve God. For the salvation of souls, we endeavor to evangelize the Gospel message through Christ-centered ministries and truthful witness. Our parish pledges fidelity to the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Holy Catholic Church. We offer traditional, orthodox and reverent practice of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the edification of the faithful and for the making of saints. The Saint Stephen parish family seeks to actively build a culture of life and recognizes the dignity of all persons as children of God.

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:15-4:45pm
Sunday 9-9:20am **(or by appointment)**

Baptism
The baptism of infants and children under the age of seven is celebrated monthly. Call the Parish Office to Register.

Marriage
Weddings should be arranged with the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick / Funerals
Contact the Parish Office to arrange.

English Weekend Masses
Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 8am and 11am

Latin (Tridentine) Weekend Mass
1st Friday 6:30pm / 1st Saturday 9:30am
Sunday: 9:30am

German Weekend Mass
1st Sunday of every month: 11am

Weekday, Holy Days & Holidays
See full schedule inside bulletin

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Those wishing to become Catholic are encouraged to contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

New Parishioners—Please contact the Parish Office to register.

This Week's Church Services

MASS SCHEDULE

We welcome all Parishioners and Visitors to Mass at St. Stephen.
The Confession schedule is as follows—

- *Saturday: 4:15—4:45pm —**Church—Confessional box***
- *Sunday: before 9:30am Mass—**Church—Confessional box***

Please call the Parish Office to schedule a private Confession.

Saturday, July 30, 2022—Church
Vigil of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM George Christian

Sunday, July 31, 2022—Church
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Parishioners
9:00 AM Prayer the Holy Rosary; Confessions *(see above)*
9:30 AM Traditional Latin Mass (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost) — † Cheryl Hoffman
11:00 AM † Thomas Hayne

Monday, August 1, 2022—Rectory
Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
6:30pm † Bill Dolata

Tuesday, August 2, 2022
Weekday
7:00 AM Traditional Latin Mass (Saint Alphonsus Liguouri) (Church) — † Donna Johanni
6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) — Living and Deceased Members of the Johnson, Bewley and Barron Families

Wednesday, August 3, 2022—Church
Feria
6:30 PM Traditional Latin Mass — Rev. John Lambert

Thursday, August 4, 2022—Church
Saint Dominic
6:30 PM Traditional Latin Mass - Intentions of Raymond Schmitt

Friday, August 5, 2022—Church
The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
6:30 PM Traditional Latin Mass (1st Friday)
Repose of the Souls of †† Patricia B. and Joseph E. Flynn

Saturday, August 6, 2022—Church
9:30 AM Traditional Latin Mass (The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ) (1st Saturday) — † Lloyd Hemphill
Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM † Terry Shannon and † Edward Duritsky

Sunday, August 7, 2022—Church
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Parishioners
9:00 AM Prayer the Holy Rosary; Confessions *(see above)*
9:30 AM Traditional Latin Mass (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost) † Vincenzo and Domenica Orlando
11:00 AM German Mass — Victims and Families of Recent Mass Shootings

Contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 to schedule a Mass intention. The customary stipend (offering) is $10.00.

CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 30, 2022 — JULY 31, 2022

	5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin
Lector:	Glen Sneed	Glen Voreis	Diana Lipfird
EM:	Jean Gandee		
Acolyte:		Kevin Kroesen	Vincent Filippelli

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 6, 2022 — AUGUST 7, 2022

	5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Franz
Lector:	Diana Lipfird	Glen Voreis	Tony Ganzer / Katie Ganzer
EM:	Jean Gandee		Edwin Moore
Acolyte:		Kevin Kroesen	Kevin Kroesen / Vincent Filippelli

All Sundays at 9:30am & Holy Days: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31

Monday:	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES — WEEK OF JULY 31

Sunday:	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday:	St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
Thursday:	St. John Vianney
Friday:	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Friday
Saturday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord; First Saturday

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 31, 2022

Happiness should never be measured with worldly possessions, and the temporal comfortability they provide in the lifetime. In the Gospel of this Sunday, a man asked Jesus to intervene in sharing the wealth of the family with his brother. The Lord turned down the demand of this man because it was based on greed. Jesus took this opportune moment to tell the crowd, "Take care…man's life does not consist in the abundance of things which he possesses." Life is more precious than material wealth and its happiness cannot be provided by temporal goods. Therefore, wealth in this world should be at the service of life, but not to enslave or control life to seek the Ultimate Happiness. Currently, many people in the world suffer from severe hunger, lack medication, get killed, evicted, trafficked or exploited by the greedy under the pretext of securing happiness. The Lord warned his followers by a parable of a greedy rich man who was so happy with the harvest, but bad enough he was told, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you…" Worldly riches are not bad, but we should not forget that life comes from God and to Him it will return at any moment. It should be our priority to seek the things that are above.

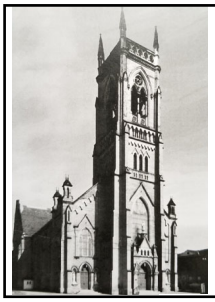
~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Walter Allen	Sally Katrinchak	Mark Reynolds
Luann Ashby	Joe Kolecki	Gus Rivera
Victoria Bailey	Milan Kovatch	Randy Rollins
Tom Beercheck	Linda Lucas	Bruce Schirhart
Burley Blankenship	Inis Lustri	Ken Schneider
Lawrence Blasius	Ann Malone	Alberta Scroll
Barbara Bradley	Ruth Martin	Allan Shoman
Patricia Burfield	Jennifer Martinc	Adriane Simovic
Ann Caldwell	Maureen Masterson	Jill Snedden
Romaine Clevinger	Cielo McClain	Glenn Sneed
Fran Corbin	Robin McClain	Sharon Sneed
Deacon Moisés Cruz	Ben McDonald	Ann Stromp
Rebecca D'Andrea	Steve McElroy	Mary Jo Tacka
William Fry	Patricia McGonegal	John Tirabassi
Alberta Gall	Edwin Moore	Isabel Guadiz Tobey
Susan Hatta	James Moore	Evelyn Trucks
Larry Haynes	Elizabeth Niehaus	Fr. Albert Veigas
Catherine Henry	Juliana Ore	Noel Walters
Cecilia Hoefer	Grace Penzvalto	Julie Walton
Agnes Hogan	Greg Ray and Family	Karin Whyde
Tyler Horn	Matthew Recko	John Young
Michael James	Herb Rielinger	Kate Yusko

Kevin Cush—Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
Abbé Nicholas Johanni—Vocation to Priesthood
Sister Rose-Marie (Rose Johanni) of the Passion of the Royal Heart, Burning Furnace of Mercy
First Responders—Officer Chris Larson, and Lt. Timothy Maffo-Judd

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2022
Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
— Psalm 90:12



The Tower Lights are being illuminated during the month of August for
† Vincenzo and Domenica Orlando

Please keep them in your prayers!

Treasures From Our Tradition

Today we have the summertime celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The story of the Transfiguration is proclaimed twice each year; once on the Second Sunday of Lent, and then again on August 6. In Lent, the revelation of Jesus' glory foreshadows the triumph of Easter. During the summer, this feast comes—significantly—forty days before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

In the Gospel proclaimed on this day, Peter wants to know if he should build "three tents." In Hebrew, the tents are *sukkot,* rickety harvest shacks also called in English "tabernacles" (from the Latin word for "little shelters") that harvesters set up in fields so they can stay there to work day and night. Harvest booths are built and ornamented for the Jewish festival of *Sukkot.* One aspect of this festival is eager anticipation for the ingathering of all peoples (including ancestors Moses and Elijah) under God's own *sukkot shalom,* the tent of peace. In some patristic traditions, the late summer and early autumn of the church year are imagined as an extended ingathering festival that begins today and reaches fulfillment at Epiphany. ~James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Pro-Life Corner

Jane Roe – Pro-life Conversion

Norma McCorvey was the "Jane Roe" of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in 1973. Years after winning that case, she had a conversion and became completely pro-life. Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, confirmed Norma as she entered the Church in 1998. For the rest of her life, she worked to overturn the very decision she won, and to end abortion. She died in 2017. Norma said, "I thought that I wanted to have an abortion with the baby that I was carrying, but I had no idea that it would lead up to such a controversial issue. I didn't know that there was two sides to the abortion issue. I didn't attend any of the court proceedings. In fact that's why I used the name Jane Roe because I didn't want my own personal name to be involved in it. Since August 8, 1995, I have been pro-life clear across the board. Abortion is totally wrong. I was the Jane Roe of Roe vs. Wade, but Jane Roe has been laid to rest." ~priestsforlife.org

WORRY
Don't tell me that worry doesn't do any good. I know better. The things I worry about *never* happen.
—Anonymous

Parish Announcements

JULY 24, 2022
OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	$1,890.00
Building Fund	$40.00
Candles	$46.00
Ecclesia Nostra	$1,425.12
General Donation	$550.00
School Support	$93.00
SVDP	$25.00
Utilities	$73.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JULY 31, 2022

Sunday, July 31	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
	Schola Practice (CR)	after 9:30am Mass
Saturday, August 6	Latin Lecture (CR)	after 9:30am Mass

(C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) Saint Francis Room • (R) Rectory

CONDOLENCES TO…

Family, Friends and the St. Colman Parish Community on the passing of Fr. Robert ("Bob") Begin on July 24, 2022.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of his soul.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Mass Intention Requests

We have Mass Intention openings for weekday Masses and some weekend Masses starting in mid-August.
Mass Intentions may be scheduled to honor a deceased loved one, a living person who is sick or suffering and in need of prayer, or to recognize a birthday, anniversary or other special life milestone, or any other prayer intention that does not contradict Church teaching.
The customary offering for a Mass Intention is $10. Please **contact the Parish Office directly at 216-631-5633** if you wish to request a Mass Intention be scheduled or to inquire about the availability of specific dates. We cannot guarantee that mail in intention requests with specified dates can be accommodated. Once your Mass Intention has been scheduled, please send a check to the Parish Office, or place your offering in a separate envelope and drop it into a collection basket.

High School Class of 1957—65 years!

The St. Stephen High School Class of 1957 is **celebrating their 65th Reunion at the 11:00am on Sunday, August 21**, here at St. Stephen Church, followed by a luncheon at the Bob Evans Restaurant at 17011 Bagley Road in Middleburg Heights. Come for a morning of ***devotion*** and an afternoon of ***fun***. For more information call: Joyce Zubricky at 440-846-2634.

Hope to see you there!

The GOTTSCHEER HEIMATCHOR to sing August 7

The Gottscheer German Choir will sing the "Katschtallermesse" at the **11:00am German Mass scheduled for Sunday, August 7, 2022.**

A German-language Mass is celebrated at St. Stephen on the First Sunday of every Month at 11:00am. You are welcome to join us!

If you have any questions or are interested in additional information regarding our monthly German-language Mass, please contact Herb Mausser at: **Herbert.Mausser@yahoo.com**.

~ Save the Date ~

2022 St. Stephen Parish Picnic

When: Sunday, October 16, 2022

Where: Edgewater Park
Upper Shelter West
(same location as last year)

Planning is currently underway for this year's Parish Picnic!
Food, Drinks and Snacks will be provided.
Come join your fellow parishioners for an afternoon of fun and Parish community.

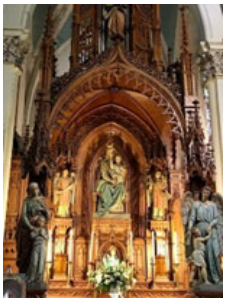
More information will be coming in the following weeks.
HOPE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THERE!

Around the Diocese

THEOLOGY • ON •THE • ROCKS • WEST

FOR ADULTS 40 & OVER

Monday, August 8 – 7:00pm
Location: St. Stephen's Catholic Church
1930 W. 54th St. (near Lorain Ave.), Cleveland
Doors open at 6:30pm



We're taking a field trip this month!
Join us for a tour of this historic church known for its hand-carved altar (and more!), statues and German ancestry. After the tour, Fr. Bede Kotlinski, OSB will explain the differences in the 3 Latin Masses and Novus Ordo (post Vatican II).

The Mass Explained will answer questions we have about what the various parts of the Mass signify.

Cost is $10 per person- includes light appetizers & refreshments. Pay online or at the door. **Be sure to RSVP either way.**
Register in advance at:
www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

Nine Nights of Night Prayer ~ August 7-15, 2022

Nine Nights of Night Prayer, an opportunity for the faithful to visit churches throughout the Diocese of Cleveland and pray the Night Prayer of the Church, begins its fourth session on August 7.

As in the previous prayer sessions, a cohort of nine different churches will open their doors at 8pm each night August 7-15 and welcome people for prayer. Night prayer will begin at 8:15pm and it lasts about 15 minutes.

Churches participating this session are:

- ~ St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 316 5th St., Fairport Harbor
- ~ SS. Robert and William Parish, 367 E. 260th St., Euclid
- ~ St. Matthew Parish, 2603 Benton Ave., Akron
- ~ Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 1905 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls
- ~ Our Lady of Angels Parish, 3644 Rocky River Drive, in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood
- ~ Sacred Heart Chapel (Spanish prayer), 4301 Pearl Ave., Lorain
- ~ St. Emeric Parish, 1860 W 22nd St, Cleveland
- ~ Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish (West), 6928 Detroit Ave., Cleveland
- ~ St Mary Parish, 320 Middle Avenue, Elyria

Father Damian Ference, Vicar for Evangelization and Director of Diocesan Parish Life and Special Ministries , launched the night prayer sessions last August. There are three sessions per year and each session ends on a Marian feast day: Annunciation (March 25), Assumption (August 15) and Immaculate Conception (December 8).

"'Nine Nights of Night Prayer' is a unique opportunity to open up nine of our beautiful churches in the evenings for an experience of beauty, community, Scripture and tradition," Father Ference said, noting that Pope Francis reminds us that prayer "appeases anger, sustains love, multiplies joy and instills the strength to forgive."

For more information about the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer of the Church, and Night Prayer, go to:
https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours

The FEST ~ Sunday, August 7, 2022

Parish Community Advertisements

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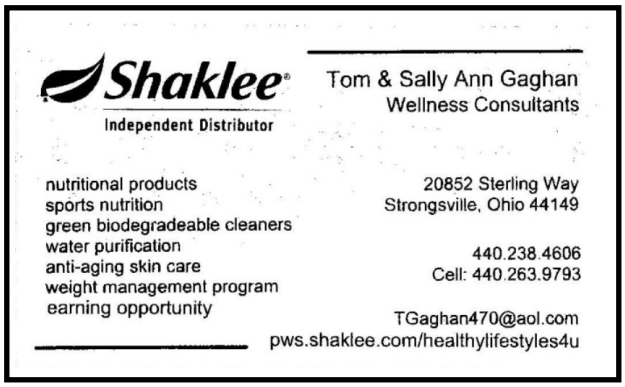

LOOKING FOR SUNDAY BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

To help us defray the costs of printing black and white copies of our Weekly Sunday Bulletin in house, we are looking for business advertisements from our Parish Community. For a freewill offering of your choosing, we will advertise your business on this back page of our Bulletin.

Submit your Business Card, or a write up about your business, and drop it off in a collection basket, or mail it to the Parish Office with your freewill offering and see your advertisement next week right here!

Do you know of a local business that would be interested in advertising in our Weekly Sunday Bulletin? If so, please contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

Help defray our costs of printing with your "freewill offering" and see your advertisement here in future Weekly Bulletins!

GOD BLESS and THANK YOU !