

## St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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### The First Sunday of Lent ~ February 17 and 18, 2024

### 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

### **Church Accountant:**

Russ Nieling

### Maintenance:

Glenn Rollins

Sacristan:

#### **Organists:**

Joe Kolecki and Matthew Tirabassi

#### **Cantors:**

Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb

### Latin Schola Director:

Nathan Marinchick & Matthew Eccher

### St. Vincent de Paul:

Herb Rielinger

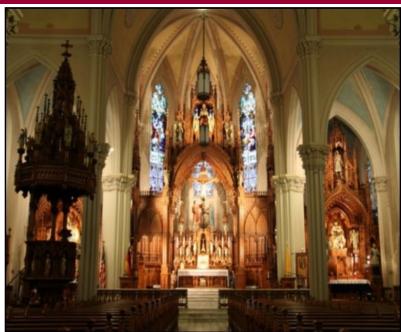
### **Metro Catholic Parish School**

1910 West 54th Street Allison Klutarich, Director Sr. Anne Maline, SND, Director Emerita 216-281-4044

### Sisters of Notre Dame Convent

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

#### 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**English Weekend Masses** 

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

German Weekend Mass

1st Sunday of every month: 11:00am

Weekday, Holy Days & Holidays See full schedule inside Bulletin

### Adoration and Devotions

Holy Hour, Confession and

Benediction — Wednesdays: 7:00pm

Rosary — Sundays: 9:00am

1st Friday Mass & Benediction: 6:30pm

1st Saturday Mass & Lecture: 9:30am

Those wishing to become Catholic are encouraged to contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

### 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, February 17, 2024—Church

Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM † Thomas Hayne, † Hildegard Spaeth and † Walter Spaeth

### Sunday, February 18, 2024—Church

The First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM + Harvey Deike

11:00 AM †† Eugene and Clara Lees

### Monday, February 19, 2024—Rectory Chapel

**Lenten Weekday** 

6:30 PM Mike Lichter

### Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Lenten Weekday

<u>6:45 AM</u> Latin Mass (Church) — Intentions of the Marinchick Family

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) — † Trentley Chase Henderson

## Wednesday, February 21, 2024—Church Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM Don and Missy Krock 7:00-8:00 PM Confession, Holy Hour, Benediction

### Thursday, February 22 2024—Church

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

6:30 PM Latin Mass — Conversion of the Free Masons

### Friday, February 23, 2024—Church

**Lenten Weekday** 

5:00 PM † James Sheaffer

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, February 24, 2024—Church

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM † Mark Caruso

### Sunday, February 25, 2024—Church

The Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Intentions of Don and Missy Krock

11:00 AM Dianna Hosta

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



### CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 17, 2024 — FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Celebrant: Lector: EM:

Acolyte:

5:00PM MASS Fr. Caroli Russ Nieling Jean Gandee 8:00AM MASS Fr. Franz Doris Peters

Kevin Kroesen

11:00AM MASS Fr. Caroli Jerry Nowesnick

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 24, 2024 — FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Celebrant: Lector: EM:

Acolyte:

5:00PM MASS Fr. Benjamin Glen Sneed Jean Gandee 8:00AM MASS
Fr. Franz
Lou Ockunzzi
Kevin Kroesen

11:00AM MASS Fr. Benjamin Diana Lipfird

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

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18**

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34 /

Mk 9:2-10

### Prayer for Government Leaders

God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President and other government leaders of these United States.



May they always seek

the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy.

Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our country with honesty and integrity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~ catholic.org

One does not live bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

The Lord will conceal you with his shoulders, and under his wings you will trust.

Cf. Psalm 91 (90):4

## The First Sunday of Lent ~ February 17 and 18, 2024

The gracious Season of Lent has come, and we are invited to be with Jesus in the desert to fight temptations. Forty days, Jesus experienced fierce temptations to choose between obeying His Father's Will or not. The devil was totally defeated when Jesus remained faithful to His Father to fulfill the Mission of Salvation. After the remarkable victory, Jesus publicly declared "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel." The invitation is for a radical change of life to be obedient to God's Will. This Season of Lent is for those who believe in Christ to abandon the camp of the devil with its temptations and be in good relationship with God and His people. In this Lenten time, we are encouraged to emulate Jesus to pray, fast, and be concretely merciful to the needy both near and far.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Marie Adamo Tim Hennessey Sarah Morkeberg Luann Ashby Catherine Henry Kevin Mulholland Victoria Bailey Tom O'Donnell Cecilia Hoefer Danielle Becka Agnes Hogan Juliana Ore Tom Beercheck Dianna Hosta Kenneth Pachasa Anna Berg Diane Kinzer Christopher A. Park Burley Blankenship Greg Ray and Family Joe Kolecki Lawrence Blasius **Kosmerl Family** Herb Rielinger Karen Kranstueber Kenneth Brady Katie Schneider Ann Caldwell Sr. Jane Lab Ken Schneider **Ruth Casto** Justin Latchney Michael Sherman Daniel Cavoli Sr. Linda Allan Shoman Fran Corbin Jim Lisi Jill Snedden Deacon Moisés Cruz Linda Lucas Glenn Sneed **Sharon Sneed** Martin Eland Inis Lustri Joe Eshleman Ruth Martin Wavne Sneed Jennifer Martinc Mary Jo Tacka Karen Fisher **Edward Tadiello** Kyoko Fry Maureen Masterson William Fry Cielo McClain **Evelyn Trucks** John Grech Robin McClain Fr. Albert Veigas **Noel Walters** Doris Harboldt Ben McDonald Rhonda Harrel Steve McElroy Devon Zink Susan Hatta Patricia McGonegal

Brother Kevin Cush—Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
Sean Homcy—Vocation to Priesthood
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

Victoria Miller

## The First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

Tadaaki Hatta

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Cf. Psalm 91 (90):15-16



The Tower Lights are being illuminated during the month of February In Memory Of and On Behalf Of

### The St. Stephen High School Class of 1963

Please remember them in your prayers!

### Traditions and Treasures

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord's table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) of the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn't fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord's Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodeciman pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the "casket" containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the "old rule of the church" as allowing for reserving the eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose for reserving the Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### Pro-Life Corner

#### The cleansing power of water

Today's first reading speaks to us of Noah's Ark. The flood that God sent upon the world in Noah's day was a cleansing of evil. Now, God cleanses us not by floods, but by the waters of baptism, which bring to us a whole new kind of life: the life of God within us.

Our special efforts in Lent to come closer to God are a response to what has already happened to us! Because we have received the new life of God, we have to reform our lives and live as his sons and daughters. We have to *become who we already are*. The holy water we use when we come in and out of Church is a reminder of the cleansing waters of baptism, and a reminder of the new life we are called to live.

God is a God of life, and therefore we are the People of Life. This Lent, let's look for ways to foster respect for life, especially the sick, the disabled, and the unborn. ~ priestsforlife.org

### Parish Announcements

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th for President's Day.

### FEBRUARY 11, 2024 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection Children	
Altar Cloths	
Ash Wednesday	•
Black and Indian Missions	
Building Fund	\$35.00
Candles	\$114.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$1,969.12
Food Pantry	\$145.00
General Donation	
SVDP	\$25.00
Utilities	\$10.00
Wish List	\$250.00

#### 2023 Annual Contribution Statements are now available.

Thank you all for your generosity!

Please call the Parish Office to request your statement. Statements can be sent directly to you by email or by regular mail.



#### MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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Sunday, February 18	Schola Practice (CR)	.8:00am
Monday, February 19	Parish Office Closed	
Thursday, February 2	2 RCIA (St. Colman)	6:00pm
Friday, February 23	Fish Fry (School Cafeteria)4:30	)-7:00pm
	English Mass (C)	5:00pm
	Stations of the Cross (C)	5:30pm
Saturday, February 2	<b>4</b> PSR (1st Communion) (CR)	9:00am
(C) Church • (CR) Clu	b Room • (SFR) Saint Francis Room • (R)	Rectory

## News from the Pews

### CONDOLENCES TO ...

The family and friends of **Melvin Edward Lowe**, who passed on February 10, 2024.



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.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO...**

**Joseph Gerrity** who made the St. Edward High School Honor Roll for the current grading period.



### We Could Use Your Help!

We are looking to purchase new Altar Cloths for our Church. The altar cloths we are using are tattered and worn out. If you would like to help with this very important purchase, please place your donation in a plain white envelope marked "Altar Cloths" and place it in the collection basket at any of the Masses.

### Bringing America Back to Life Convention

The 2024 Bringing America Back to Life Convention on March 8th and 9th is the premier Diocesan-wide pro-life event: 2 jam-packed days filled with the nation's top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, view the impressive line-up of speakers, and register, visit: https://bringingamericabacktolife.org/ or call us at: 440-653-5245. Join us as we Bring America Back to Life!

### 2024 Pierogi Lenten Fundraiser

### **FOURTH ANNUAL PIEROGI FUNDRAISER**

We are once again offering the same wonderful Sue's Pierogis you've enjoyed at past fish fries. These homemade pierogis will be fully cooked. Take them home and heat them up, add some sautéed onions and sour cream and you can have a little taste of our annual Lenten Fish Fry. If you want to purchase enough for the Lenten season, they can be frozen.

You will be able to place your order either by Order Form (found in back of Church) or via Email AND you will have two opportunities to place your order.

### PIEROGI SELECTIONS (sold by the dozen)

Savory Pierogi: Potato / Potato with Cheese /

Potato with Onion / Sauerkraut

Sweet Pierogi: Cottage Cheese / Lekvar-Prune filled
Cost: \$13.00/dozen - Accepting Cash or Check / make check

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First Order Form deadline: Sunday, February 25
First Email order deadline: Wednesday, February 28

First Order pick up: Friday, March 8

Second Order Form deadline: Sunday, March 10

Wednesday, March 13

Second Order pick up: Friday, March 22

**Paper Order Forms** are located at the back of the church. Completed forms **with payment** can be placed in the collection basket.

Email Orders can be sent to: ststephendh@gmail.com

Provide your name, phone number, type of pierogi you want, and the quantity.

(i.e. Potato with Cheese / 1 dozen). **Payment due at pick up. Order Pick Up:** from 4:30pm and 7:00pm at the St. Stephen Fish Fry....located in the Michael Building Cafeteria.

#### Lenten Devotions at AM 1260 The Rock

Lent is a great time to change your habits.

Turn off the noise and turn on Catholic radio!

Join us for Lenten Devotions, daily Mass, Rosary, apologetics and much more on AM1260 The Rock.

Tuesdays at 3pm we will air the Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus and Fridays at 3pm Stations of the Cross for Priests. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will continue to air on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 3pm throughout Lent.

Scan our QR code to access our website for prayers, program guides and more, or go to: *https://am1260therock.com* or call us at: 216-227-1260.

We wish you a fruitful and peaceful Lenten journey and we will keep you in our daily prayers.



### 2024 Lenten Fish Fry

# St. Stephen Lenten Fish Fry Every Friday During Lent Except Good Friday

**The Lenten Fish Fry** is in full swing from **4:30-7:00pm** with all of your favorites from the past. Full menus will be included in upcoming bulletins as well as at: **ststephencleveland.org**. Enjoy a good meal with good company!

The Fish Fry will be served on the 5 remaining Fridays of Lent: February 23 and March 1, 8, 15, 22

Meals will be served in the school cafeteria next to the Convent Building, 1911 W. 57th St. Access the cafeteria from the church parking lot off of W. 57th St. Signs will be posted. If you can't stay to eat in, all dinners and side orders are available for take-out.

### Want to get involved?

Pastry donations (home-baked or store-bought) are always welcome. Drop them off at the church during business hours on Thursday or Friday, or call the rectory at (216) 631-5633 Wednesday to arrange a pick-up. Call Herb at (216) 402-7437 for more information.

### <u>Lenten Season</u>

#### 2024 DIOCESAN-WIDE EVENING OF CONFESSION

The 2024 diocesan-wide Evening of Confession will take place on Wednesday, **February 28, 2024** from 5-8 p.m.

#### **GUIDE ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

#### Abstinence:

Begins on one's 14th birthday. Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. Abstain from meat.

### Days of Fast:

Applies to everyone aged 18 to 59, inclusive.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

One full meal permitted and two other meals may be taken which, when combined, are less than a full meal.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) RICE BOWL

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition

CRS Rice Bowl is one way Catholics can enhance their Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of those meals to Catholic Relief Services in order to help those who do not have enough to eat.



Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl today from the table in the back of the church, and begin engaging your family in the daily pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Visit crsricebowl.org for more information

#### LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

**February 23** 5:00 PM English Mass

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

**February 28** 5:00 PM—8:00 PM Evening of Confession

March 1 5:00 PM Latin Mass (1st Friday)

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

March 8 5:00 PM English Mass

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

March 15 5:00 PM English Mass

 $5:30\ PM$  Stations of the Cross

March 22 5:00 PM English Mass

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

March 24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM English Mass No Confessions 9:15 AM Procession 11:00 AM English Mass

March 27 Wednesday in Holy Week

6:30 PM Latin Mass Tenebrae to follow

March 28 Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM English Mass (Adoration until Midnight)

March 29 Good Friday

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross

He is Risen

3:00 PM Passion of our Lord

March 30 Holy Saturday

8:45 PM English Mass

March 31 Easter Sunday

Cancelled 8:00 AM Mass No Confessions

11:00 AM English Mass

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

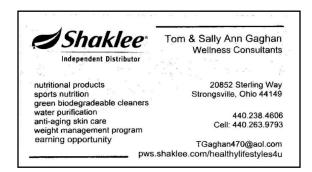
### **Parish Community Advertisements**

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!

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