



# *St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church*

## *A National Historic Landmark ~ Founded April 1869*

### *Celebrating over 150 Years of Tradition*

1930 West 54th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Parish Office: 216-631-5633 Fax: 216-631-5634

Website: [ststephencleveland.org](http://ststephencleveland.org) Email: [ststephendh@gmail.com](mailto:ststephendh@gmail.com)

*The Second Sunday of Lent ~ February 24 and 25, 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

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Nathan Marinchick & Matthew Eccher

#### **St. Vincent de Paul:**

Herb Rielinger

#### **Metro Catholic Parish School**

1910 West 54<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

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

### **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

# 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 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

### Monday, February 26, 2024—Rectory Chapel

#### **Lenten Weekday**

6:30 PM Merryn Dailey

### Tuesday, February 27, 2024

#### **Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) — John Schnur

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) — Nicholas Lichter

### Wednesday, February 28, 2024—Church

#### **Lenten Weekday**

6:30 PM Intentions of the Marinchick Family

7:00-8:00 PM Confession, Holy Hour, Benediction

### Thursday, February 29, 2024—Church

#### **Lenten Weekday**

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

### Friday, March 1, 2024—Church

#### **Lenten Weekday**

5:00 PM John Grech

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM Latin Mass (First Friday) - Joan Donnelly

### Saturday, March 2, 2024—Church

9:30 AM Latin Mass (First Saturday) - James Wetzel

#### **Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent**

5:00 PM † Mario Pekar

### Sunday, March 3, 2024—Church

#### **The Third Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM † Jeff Saxon

11:00 AM German Mass — † Herbert Mausser

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

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin
<b>Lector:</b>	Glen Sneed	Lou Ockunzzi	Diana Lipfird
<b>EM:</b>	Jean Gandee		
<b>Acolyte:</b>		Kevin Kroesen	

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 2, 2024 — MARCH 3, 2024

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz
<b>Lector:</b>	Fred Courtright	Diana Lipfird	Katie Ganzer Tony Ganzer
<b>EM:</b>	Jean Gandee		
<b>Acolyte:</b>			Kevin Kroesen

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10  
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## Prayer for God's Guidance

Father in Heaven,  
You made me Your child  
and called me to walk in the Light of Christ.  
Free me from darkness  
and keep me in the Light of Your Truth.  
The Light of Jesus has scattered  
the darkness of hatred and sin.  
Called to that Light,  
I ask for Your guidance.  
Form my life in Your Truth,  
my heart in Your Love.  
Through the Holy Eucharist,  
give me the power of Your Grace  
that I may walk in the Light of Jesus  
and serve Him faithfully.  
Amen.  
~ catholic.org



*Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.*

*Cf. Psalm 25 (24):6, 2, 22*

## The Second Sunday of Lent ~ February 24 and 25, 2024

In today's gospel, Peter, James, and John experience the transfigured Lord in His majesty and might. They believed in that moment that He is God and that whatever He asks will be worth it. The Lord grants them this moment because He will soon ask difficult things of them; to preach Him amongst non-believers, to go to the ends of the earth, and, ultimately, to encounter deaths. How many times they must have recalled this magnificent moment while they were dealing with a difficult call from the Lord. Let the experience of Peter, James and John help us in this Lenten season to examine our lives to see where we stand before God and our neighbor. The experience of Transfiguration invites each one of us to look beyond the pain of life and see the presence of God in our world, and the offer of life that God wants to make to each one of us. Let us look beyond the illusion of happiness which this life offers to the real happiness that God offers us. Let us look beyond this world to eternal life with God in His kingdom. ~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Marie Adamo	Tim Hennessey	Sarah Morkeberg
Luann Ashby	Catherine Henry	Kevin Mulholland
Victoria Bailey	Cecilia Hoefer	Tom O'Donnell
Danielle Becka	Agnes Hogan	Juliana Ore
Tom Beercheck	Dianna Hosta	Kenneth Pachasa
Anna Berg	Diane Kinzer	Christopher A. Park
Burley Blankenship	Joe Kolecki	Greg Ray and Family
Lawrence Blasius	Kosmerl Family	Herb Rielinger
Kenneth Brady	Karen Kranstueber	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
Martin Eland	Inis Lustri	Sharon Sneed
Joe Eshleman	Ruth Martin	Wayne Sneed
Karen Fisher	Jennifer Martinc	Mary Jo Tacka
Kyoko Fry	Maureen Masterson	Edward Tadiello
William Fry	Cielo McClain	Evelyn Trucks
John Grech	Robin McClain	Fr. Albert Veigas
Doris Harboldt	Ben McDonald	Noel Walters
Rhonda Harrel	Steve McElroy	Devon Zink
Susan Hatta	Patricia McGonegal	
Tadaaki Hatta	Victoria Miller	

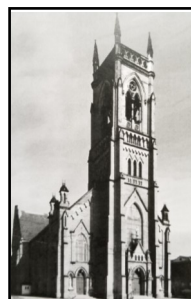
Brother Kevin Cush—Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life

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



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

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the Eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East. *Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

### Pro-Life Corner

#### A Pro-life Lent

The traditional practice of "giving something up for Lent" is a practice of self-denial; our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say No to ourselves and Yes to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says Yes to ourselves and No to God and others. In our culture, the most violent No to God and others is abortion. Over three thousand times every day in our nation, people say No to a little child so that they may say Yes to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let's think of these children. Let's offer our sacrifices for them. May all say Yes to God and Yes to the unborn. For more ideas about how to foster respect for the unborn this Lent, visit our Priests for Life website at [www.EndAbortion.US](http://www.EndAbortion.US). ~ [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org)

### The Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024

*Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.*

*It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

*Cf. Psalm 27 (26):8-9*

## Parish Announcements

### FEBRUARY 18, 2024 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection.....	\$1,289.00
Children.....	\$2.78
Altar Cloths.....	\$84.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$151.00
Building Fund .....	\$45.00
Candles.....	\$80.00
Ecclesia Nostra .....	\$1,502.12
Fish Fry.....	\$741.00
General Donation.....	\$100.00
In Memory Of.....	\$105.00
Utilities.....	\$20.00

*Thank you all for your generosity!*

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. **Thank you for your help!**

### MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2024

<b>Sunday, February 25</b>	Schola Practice (CR).....	8:00am
	Latin Social (CR).....	after 9:30 Mass
<b>Thursday, February 29</b>	RCIA (St. Colman).....	6:00pm
<b>Friday, March 1</b>	Fish Fry (School Cafeteria)....	4:30-7:00pm
	English Mass (C).....	5:00pm
	Stations of the Cross (C).....	5:30pm
	Latin Mass (First Friday) (C).....	6:30pm
<b>Saturday, March 2</b>	PSR (1st Communion).....	Home Study
	Latin Lecture (CR).....	after 9:30am Mass

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

### *What is the meaning behind the Church's Liturgical Colors?*

The purpose of utilizing different colors for vestments and altar cloths is two-fold:

First, the colors highlight the particular liturgical season and the faithful's journey through these seasons.

Second, the colors punctuate the liturgical season by highlighting a particular event or particular mystery of faith.

We are in the Season of Lent at this time in the Church. Violet or purple is used during Advent or Lent as a sign of Penance, Sacrifice and Preparation. This coincides with our Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving that we are all called to do during this Holi-est of Seasons: Preparing ourselves for the Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### *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!**

### *Why Do We Suffer and How to Do It*

Why do bad things happen to good people? This is a question that people of faith and those with no faith at all have asked since there were people to ask it. All of us struggle with this when the pains of suffering or tragedy afflict us or someone we love. How do we as Catholics respond to grief and sorrow, to misery and anguish? Is there an answer or, better yet, is there a way to make the crosses that come into our life a means of holiness? Indeed there is and Lent is the perfect time to reflect on this. **At 12:30pm on Sunday, March 10, Fr. Robert Cole**, a retired priest from our diocese (who will be celebrating the 11:00am Mass that day), will speak on this subject here at St. Stephen and give us some insights into how to square the sufferings we experience in life with our belief in a good and loving God. He will show us how we can deal with the fact that terrible things happen in life, things that are undeserved and unmerited, things that are unwarranted and unwanted.

**Please come join us for this presentation.**

### *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 checks payable to St. Stephen Church)

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
Second Email order deadline:	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](mailto: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.

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him. cf. Matthew 17:5*

## 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](http://ststephencleveland.org). Enjoy a good meal with good company!

**The Fish Fry will be served on the 4 remaining Fridays of Lent: 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.

## Lenten Season

### 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.

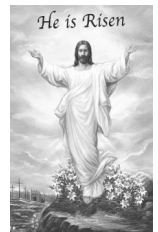
Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl today from the table in the back of the church, and begin engaging your family in the daily pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Visit [crricebowl.org](http://crricebowl.org) for more information



### LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

<b>February 28</b>	5:00 PM—8:00 PM Evening of Confession
<b>March 1</b>	5:00 PM Latin Mass (1st Friday) 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
<b>March 8</b>	5:00 PM English Mass 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
<b>March 15</b>	5:00 PM English Mass 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
<b>March 22</b>	5:00 PM English Mass 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
<b>March 24</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> 8:00 AM English Mass <i>No Confessions</i> 9:15 AM Procession 11:00 AM English Mass
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b> 6:30 PM Latin Mass Tenebrae to follow
<b>March 28</b>	<b>Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper</b> 7:00 PM English Mass (Adoration until Midnight)
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM Passion of our Lord
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 8:45 PM English Mass
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <i>Cancelled</i> 8:00 AM Mass <i>No Confessions</i> 11:00 AM English Mass



*I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*  
*Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19*

## 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!  
GOD BLESS and THANK YOU !*

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