



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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The Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 2 and 3, 2024

Parish Office Hours

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

Pastoral Staff

Pastor:

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Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

Latin Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB

German Mass Celebrant:

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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, March 2, 2024—Church

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

Monday, March 4, 2024—Rectory Chapel

Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM Charles Myers

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) — Joshua Schmidt

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) — † Jennie Crane

Wednesday, March 6, 2024—Church

Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM Conversion of the Free Masons

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

Thursday, March 7, 2024—Church

Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM Latin Mass — † Filomena Riccio

Friday, March 8, 2024—Church

Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Intentions of the Marinchick Family

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9, 2024—Church

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM † Mary Pearce Renner

Sunday, March 10, 2024—Church

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Schnitzer Family

11:00 AM Alumni Mass — Living and Deceased Members of the St. Stephen Alumni Association; † Joe Londrico

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 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>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz
Lector:	Fred Courtright	Diana Lipfird	Katie Ganzer Tony Ganzer
EM:	Jean Gandee		
Acolyte:			Kevin Kroesen

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 9, 2024 — MARCH 10, 2024

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Franz	Fr. Cole
Lector:	Russ Nieling	Lou Ockunzzi	Matt Minarik Diana Lipfird
EM:	Jean Gandee		
Acolyte:		Kevin Kroesen	

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

A Morning Offering Prayer

Almighty God, I thank you for your past blessings.
Today I offer myself - whatever I do, say, or think -
to your loving care.

Continue to bless me, Lord.

I make this morning offering in union
with the divine intentions of Jesus Christ
who offers himself daily in the holy sacrifice of the
Mass, and in union with Mary, his Virgin Mother
and our Mother, who was always the faithful
handmaid of the Lord.

Amen.

~ catholic.org



*When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all
the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and
cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new
spirit, says the Lord.*

cf. Ezekiel 36:23-26

The Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 2 and 3, 2024

The Lord gave the Ten Commandments to safeguard the Israelites from worshipping idols after they were set free from slavery in Egypt. In today's Gospel, Jesus expressed the plan of a universal freedom for people through His Death and Resurrection. He revealed it in his answer to the Pharisees when he said, "Destroy this Temple and Three Days I will Raise it up." By His Holy Death, Christ destroyed the forces of Evil which enslave us. In His Glorious Resurrection, Christ has made us a true Temple of the Holy Spirit. As Paul said to the Corinthians, every Christian is called to preserve the purity of the body and avoid the misuse of it for evil practices. Jesus expelled the greedy merchants from the temple, to set a clear example for Christians not to tolerate evils. In this Season of Lent, we are to rebuild our broken lives and make sacrifices to look after our brothers and sisters who are in a sorry state during this Lenten Season.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, 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 Krantstueber	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

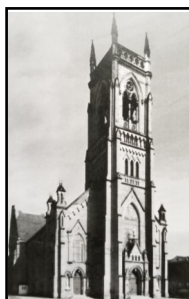
Abbé Nicholas Johanni—Vocation to Priesthood

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 Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.
cf. Psalm 25 (24):15-16



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

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

Please remember them in your prayers!

Traditions and Treasures

Not until the thirteenth century do we find a mention of a locked tabernacle. There's some evidence for Eucharistic towers also, but often these were in an obscure corner of the church, or even in the off-limits sacristy. Many of us grew up "making visits" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but it's clear this would raise some medieval eyebrows in confusion! To the present day, the Eucharist is always reserved only in a side chapel in many cathedrals. The principal focus in a cathedral is always on the altar, symbol of Christ, and on the cathedra, symbol of the pastoral ministry of the bishop.

In your parish church there is probably a "sanctuary lamp," a permanently lit candle or oil lamp indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes it's in a red glass, not for any particular reason except that it's easy to find. There is a story of a bishop missioned to Papua New Guinea who was distressed to find no sanctuary lamps burning in his new diocese. The people patiently explained that their churches were woven of grass, and that they decided to place a chief's standard, a trident, in front of the tabernacle. That was a sign in their culture that the "chief" was at home, like raising the flag over Buckingham Palace. The bishop, an Irish import, didn't appreciate the British reference, so he ordered the candles back. The first church to burn to the ground was the cathedral, and after two more, the chief's tridents returned.

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Pro-Life Corner

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.

**Bringing
America
Back to Life**
Pro-Life Convention

Join us as we Bring America Back to Life!

Parish Announcements

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection.....	\$1,892.00
Children.....	\$2.75
Ash Wednesday.....	\$5.00
Black/Indian Missions	\$50.00
Candles.....	\$67.00
Ecclesia Nostra.....	\$2,340.12
Fish Fry.....	\$1,460.00
General Donation.....	\$100.00
Latin America	\$50.00
Utilities.....	\$30.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2024

Sunday, March 3	Schola Practice (CR).....8:00am
Thursday, March 7	RCIA (St. Colman).....6:00pm
Friday, March 8	Fish Fry (School Cafeteria)....4:30-7:00pm
	English Mass (C).....5:00pm
	Stations of the Cross (C).....5:30pm
Saturday, March 9	PSR (1st Communion) (CR).....9-11:00am

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

Angel Scholarship Fund

Catholic Community Foundation Angel Scholarship Fund (2024 Tax Credit)

We highly encourage schools to take advantage of the state now allowing Ohio taxpayers to receive a tax credit for 2023 up until April 15, 2024. This is a great opportunity to reach donors who have not already given, and now know their tax liability. Get a head start for dollars raised in 2024 by directing donors to our donation page online at:

<https://www.catholiccommunity.org/give/catholic-education/angel-scholarship-fund>

or using our new mail-in contribution form that can be downloaded at:

<https://www.catholiccommunity.org/files/assets/asfcontributionform202324.pdf>

Catholic Cemeteries Association One-Year Anniversary Masses

The one-year death anniversary of a loved one can be a very difficult time for grieving families. For this reason, we remember the faithful departed entrusted to our care, and we pray for the peace and consolation of their families in a special commemorative Mass. The Mass is celebrated annually near the March feast day of St. Joseph (March 19th), our model and intercessor for the grace of a peaceful passage from this life to our eternal home. This year we honor the faithful departed through Mass intentions at three local parishes, allowing families to select a Mass location and time that is most convenient for them to attend.

Monday, March 18th 12:00pm – The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (livestreamed), 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland, 44114

Tuesday, March 19th 8:30am – St. Bridget of Kildare Parish, 5620 Hauserman Rd., Parma, 44130

Wednesday, March 20th 6:30pm – Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4341 East 131st St., Garfield Hts, 44105

For more information contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.



Outreach Ministry

The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 46 families on Thursday, February 29, 2024 from our Food Pantry.

Our Kindness Food Pantry is open from 9:30am-12:00pm on the last Thursday of every month. Thank you to all who donate to this much needed Ministry. God Bless you!

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)

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

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.

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 3 remaining Fridays of Lent: March 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

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!**

What is the meaning behind the Churches 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.

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.

LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

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 <i>No Confessions</i> 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 3:00 PM Passion of our Lord	
March 30	Holy Saturday 8:00 PM English Mass	
March 31	Easter Sunday <i>Cancelled</i> 8:00 AM Mass <i>No Confessions</i> 11:00 AM English Mass	

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. 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



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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