



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Celebrating over 150 Years of Tradition*

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 9 and 10, 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:

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Parish Staff

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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.

New Parishioners—Please contact the Parish Office to register.

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 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

Monday, March 11, 2024—Rectory Chapel

Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM Jenny Schaeffer

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) David “Dutch” Myers

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † Jerome Duhigg

Wednesday, March 13, 2024—Church

Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM Anthony Lichter

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

Thursday, March 14, 2024—Church

Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM Latin Mass — Intentions of the Marinchick Family

Friday, March 15, 2024—Church

Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Michael and Helena Araps

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16, 2024—Church

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM † Anthony Chresos

Sunday, March 17, 2024—Church

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM † Jerome Jankowski

11:00 AM † Kevin Caruso

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 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
EM:	Jean Gandee		Diana Lipfird
Acolyte:		Kevin Kroesen	

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 16, 2024 – MARCH 17, 2024

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin
Lector:	Glen Sneed	Doris Peters	Jerry Nowesnick
EM:	Jean Gandee		Diana Hosta
Acolyte:		Kevin Kroesen	

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10

Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

“My Daily Prayers”

is a FREE daily recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, delivered each day through email.

Lasting about 7 minutes, “My Daily Prayers” invites you into prayer, sharing information about each specific day, encouraging you to enter into a deeper relationship with God.

Sign up here:

DioceseOfCleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers



Let's all
come together
in prayer!



Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.
John 4:13-14

The Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 9 and 10, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of lent (Laetare) is always about rejoicing. We rejoice primarily because we have made it halfway through Lent! We rejoice as the Lord continues to call us His sinful people and draw us close to Himself. The readings today make us very attentive that we are still sinful people who need God's mercy, called to grow in faithfulness and love. The first reading gives us the sad history that God's people were unfaithful and finally taken from their own land into exile in Babylon. This story gives us cause for rejoicing because God brings some of His people back to Judah, to Jerusalem, to rebuild the temple. Eventually, the cause of our joy comes from Saint John's gospel as he tells us "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.... Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his/her works may be clearly seen as done in God." Let us open our hearts and listen to God. He only wants to tell us that He loves us and invites us to live a life of commitment to Him.

~ 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 Lustrì	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 Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. ~ cf. Isaiah 66:10-11



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

The origins of the custom of burning a lamp before the tabernacle are in Jewish worship, where a lamp called *ner tamid* or "eternal flame" burns before the ark in every synagogue. The ark contains the sacred scrolls of the Torah. The flame represents the menorah in the Temple, and therefore is never extinguished. In fact, the word "tabernacle" itself is derived from Hebrew, as *taber* is the Hebrew word for "tent," and hearkens back to the forty years of wandering in the desert. The pilgrim people were sustained in hope by an awareness that God was not only in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, but had quite literally "pitched his tent with them" in the shelter for the Ark of the Covenant. Some artisans have used this theme of "ark" or "tent" to design a tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament.

In Christian practice, Anglicans and Catholics use a sanctuary lamp to point toward the presence of the reserved sacrament, and Lutherans use it as a sign of God's presence in the house of worship, but not necessarily as a clue that the Eucharist is reserved. Why, even in an age of electric light, is the sanctuary lamp an oil light or candle? Perhaps not only to point to Christ, the light of the world, but also to point to sacrifice. For the light to exist, there must be sacrifice. The oil or wax is transformed into light, just as those who pray here, or who will receive viaticum from here, are called to transformation in Christ. ~ Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Pro-Life Corner

The Most Basic Right

"The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." -- Pope John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici* (1988), n. 38.

~priestsforlife.org

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. ~ cf. Psalm 84 (83):4-5

Parish Announcements

MARCH 3, 2024

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection.....	\$1,543.00
Building Fund	\$45.00
Candles.....	\$102.00
Central/Eastern Europe	\$65.00
Ecclesia Nostra.....	\$11,832.12
First Friday.....	\$143.00
First Saturday.....	\$97.00
Fish Fry.....	\$1,353.00
Food Pantry.....	\$60.00
Utilities.....	\$30.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2024

Sunday, March 10	Schola Practice (CR).....	8:00am
	Latin Social (CR)	after 9:30am Mass
Friday, March 15	Fish Fry (School Cafeteria).....	4:30-7:00pm
	English Mass (C).....	5:00pm
	Stations of the Cross (C)	5:30pm
Saturday, March 16	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>

Online donations can be made directly from the St. Stephen website at: ststephencleveland.org

All you need to do is enter the **Amount** you wish to contribute, select the **Destination Account** you'd like to donate to, add your transaction to your **Shopping Cart**, and then complete the **Checkout/Payment** process. We also offer ON-LINE Giving for both **scheduled** and **recurring** donations. Click on the **YELLOW BOX**—"Schedule a Gift" and follow the prompts.

FEBRUARY 2024

ONLINE CONTRIBUTION COLLECTION

Offertory	\$180.00
Ecclesia Nostra.....	\$467.00
Building Fund	\$520.00
Food Pantry.....	\$20.00
Live Streaming.....	\$135.00
Maintenance	\$20.00
SVDP	\$20.00
Utilities.....	\$20.00
Wish List.....	\$20.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

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. **Today at 12:30pm, Fr. Robert Cole**, a retired priest from our diocese (who will celebrate our 11:00am Mass), 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.

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

cf. Psalm 122 (121):3-4

2024 Lenten Fish Fry

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

There are 2 Fish Fry Fridays left this Lenten Season: March 15 and March 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

New Altar Cloths Needed

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 Holiest 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 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



I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. ~ John 8:12

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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