



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 16 and 17, 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 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

Monday, March 18, 2024—Rectory Chapel

Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM † Johanna Wirbel

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) — Scott Prescott

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) — Joseph Jankowski

Wednesday, March 20, 2024—Church

Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM Joshua Marinchick

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

Thursday, March 21, 2024—Church

Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM Latin Mass — Julie Marinchick

Friday, March 22, 2024—Church

Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM † Anita Kosmowski

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23, 2024—Church

Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 PM † Mario Caruso

Sunday, March 24, 2024—Church

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM Stephanie Evers

11:00 AM † Lt. Col. Ben Gratzner

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 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	

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 23, 2024—MARCH 24, 2024

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	Russ Nieling	Lou Ockunzzi	Diana Lipfird
	Glen Sneed	Doris Peters	Robert Filippi
EM:	Jean Gandee		Diana Hosta
			Liz Filippi
Acolyte:		Kevin Kroesen	

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

"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!



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of Cleveland

The Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 16 and 17, 2024

Today's scripture readings revealed God's plan to establish a New Covenant with His people. This redemptive mission rested upon His only Son. Jesus knew the only way to establish the new covenant was through a voluntary Holy Sacrifice on the Cross. By his Salvific Death, Christ put an end to human slavery to sin, and revealed a Glorious Life. This comes as a fulfillment to His message "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." The Lord sealed this New Covenant with His Precious Blood. We are called to be the imitators of Christ and participate in sacrificial service that benefit other people, specifically those who are spiritually, or materially poor, refugees, victims of wars, etc. Remember the words of Jesus "The Father will honor whoever serves me." In wisdom, choose to serve the one who Died on the Cross.

~ 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 Krantueber	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	

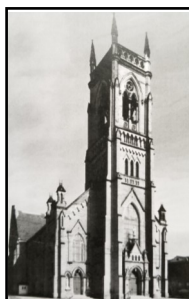
Brother Kevin Cush—Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life

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 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

Some monks and nuns trace their community origins back a thousand years or so, before it became customary to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in tabernacles. In their rules of life, which evolved from the lifestyle and prayer of their predecessors, the core experience of Christ's presence is at the altar itself, and in the symbol of assembly for prayer. To this day, when the monks or nuns file into their church in procession, they march two by two, and then bow profoundly to the altar before turning and bowing in reverence toward the brother or sister at their side. It is probably more difficult, in practice, to revere the presence of Christ in a person who irks you by taking the car keys, shirking a work duty, or burning the toast!

We can trace in these religious orders' enduring customs the ancient appreciation for the altar as the center of the church building, and of the community of the faithful as the Body of Christ. Usually, a monastery today will reserve the Blessed Sacrament in some quiet corner of the monastic church, in a fairly small space, more suitable for private prayer than for the gathering of the whole community. In a cloister, the architecture may allow the public limited access to this space. Liturgical law tells us, in both monasteries and parish churches, that there is no need for more than a few hosts in the place of reservation, just enough for viaticum, the "food for the journey" that is the final sacramental celebration for a dying Christian.

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

Pro-Life Corner

Wisdom of the Ages...

Tertullian, a Christian writer who died in the third century, wrote the following: 'Thus, you read the word of God, spoken to Jeremias: "Before I formed thee in the womb, I knew thee." If God forms us in the womb, He also breathes on us as He did in the beginning: "And God formed man and breathed into him the breath of life." Nor could God have known man in the womb unless he were a whole man. "And before thou camest forth from the womb, I sanctified thee." Was it, then, a dead body at that stage? Surely it was not, for "God is the God of the living and not the dead." - De Anima 26.5 ~priestsforlife.org

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ~ John 12:24

The Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength ~ cf. Psalm 43 (42):1-2

Parish Announcements

MARCH 10, 2024 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection.....	\$3,729.00
Children.....	\$1.18
Altar Cloths.....	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$45.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$187.00
Candles.....	\$62.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$20.00
Fish Fry.....	\$1,684.00
Food Pantry.....	\$50.00
General Donation.....	\$700.00
Utilities.....	\$20.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2024

Sunday, March 17	Schola Practice (CR).....8:00am
Thursday, March 21	RCIA (St. Stephen) (CR).....7:00pm
Friday, March 22	Fish Fry (School Cafeteria)....4:30-7:00pm
	English Mass (C).....5:00pm
	Stations of the Cross (C).....5:30pm
Saturday, March 23	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>

As part of the **Holy Thursday Liturgy**, the feet of twelve of our parishioners are washed by the clergy in imitation of Our Lord's action at the Last Supper with his disciples. If you wish to be part of this ceremony on Holy Thursday and have your feet washed, please call the Parish Office.

You are Invited

On **Sunday, March 24th**, Perry Smith will be giving a talk on the divine purpose of Women and the problems of feminism.

Perry spent over seven years discerning religious life and has obtained a major in theology, a master's in philosophy and currently teaches theology at Padre Pio Academy.

His talk will use Thomistic philosophy to examine the divine purpose of women and compare it with a secular view of women called feminism.

Please join us in the club room **following the 9:30 Latin Mass**.

Thank You!

Thank you to all those who came to our Lenten Reflection on Sunday, March 10th.

Rev. Robert Cole gave a wonderful presentation on Suffering and how we handle it by our faith, our love for God and our love for one another.

We all go through struggles, illness and the loss of loved ones in our lives. We get through these things with our faith and with God by our side.

Last Fish Fry of the 2024 Lenten Season

This Friday, March 22, will be the last Fish Fry of this Lenten Season and will be served from 4:30-7:00pm.

Full menus have been posted or can be found at:
ststephencleveland.org.

Enjoy a good meal with good company!

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 / side orders are available for take-out.

2024 Pierogi Lenten Fundraiser

FINAL 2024 PIEROGI FUNDRAISER PICK-UP Friday, March 22, 2023

If you've placed an order for pierogies, the final pick-up date is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2023.

Pick-up at the St. Stephen Friday Fish Fry located in the School Cafeteria from 4:30-7:00pm

Knights of Columbus Bonanza Raffle

The Knights of Columbus of St. Bernadette (our sister parish) are partnering with St. Stephen to support both KoC's and our parish's charity fundraising.

Annually, the Knights of Columbus hold a state-wide Super Cash Bonanza Raffle to allow local councils to raise funds for their charitable activities. All proceeds go to charity.

This year's Raffle campaign is underway. Each ticket offers 25 chances to win cash prizes ranging from the top award of \$49,680 down to \$500. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish office. Make checks payable to Knight of Columbus #16376. Sales will continue through April 30.

The Knights will rebate to our parish, \$2.00 for every \$5.00 ticket purchased.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support charities during this Lenten season and to support our parish fundraising efforts.

Learn more about the St. Bernadette Knights at:

<https://stbernadettekoc.wixsite.com/stbkoc>



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 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 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



Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. ~ John 12:26

Around the Diocese

The International Order of Alhambra is a fraternal organization of Catholic men and women founded in 1904 dedicated to assisting persons that are intellectually disabled or handicapped, particularly children. Within our Cleveland Diocese is the Cleveland chapter known as the **Carmona Caravan**, organized in 1948.

In 2023 they celebrated their 75th year anniversary of quietly serving the Cleveland diocese, its children with special needs, and the agencies that serve them. They meet **every 2nd Tuesday of the month** on the near east side of Cleveland. Anyone interested in joining in the service to children with special needs are invited to come to a meeting. Please see their calendar for upcoming events.

To contact the Carmona Caravan and for more information on the founding, history, mission of Alhambra visit: carmonacaravan.org. Catholic Charities Disability Services and Ministries has worked closely with the Carmona Caravan and is grateful for their many years of support.



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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