



# 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

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*Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 13 and 14, 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:**

### **Organist:**

Joe Kolecki

### **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

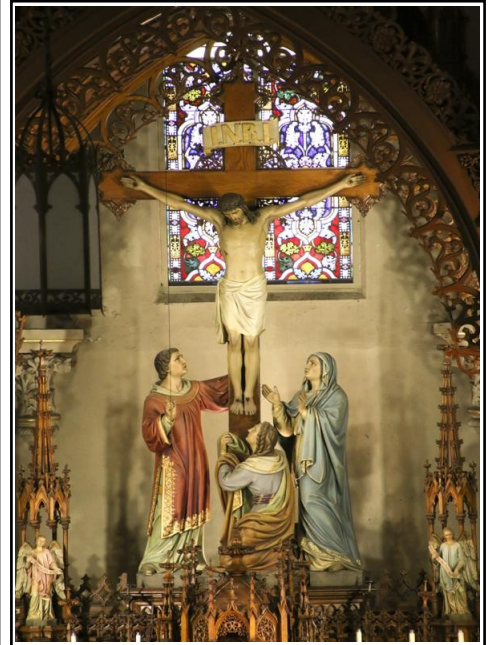
Sr. Anne Maline, SND, Director Emerita

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 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, April 13, 2024—Church

#### Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Melanie and Jerry Frizal

### Sunday, April 14, 2024—Church

#### Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mary Sockloskie

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

### Monday, April 15, 2024—Rectory Chapel

#### Easter Weekday

6:30 PM † Mary Theresa Jankowski

### Tuesday, April 16, 2024

#### Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) † Mary Wetzel

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † Anita Kosmowski

### Wednesday, April 17, 2024—Church

#### Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Intentions of the Marinchick Family

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

### Thursday, April 18, 2024—Church

#### Easter Weekday

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

### Friday, April 19, 2024—Rectory Chapel

#### Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Matilda Jankowski

### Saturday, April 20, 2024—Church

#### Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Lori Schmidt

### Sunday, April 21, 2024—Church

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM † Michael Christopher Jankowski

11:00 AM Jude Desmarteau

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



## CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 13, 2024 — APRIL 14, 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>	Russ Nieling	Lou Ockunzzi	Matt Minarik
<b>EM:</b>	Jean Gandee		Liz Filippi
<b>Acolyte:</b>		Kevin Kroesen	Diana Hosta

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 20, 2024 — APRIL 21, 2024

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

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14

Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

## Prayer of the Week

Lord, Jesus Christ, You became human and took on the realities of humanity in our world. During Your life on earth, You gave hope, perspective and salvation to many. Your words are challenging, uplifting, encouraging and guiding. At the end of your earthly life here in our world, You took upon yourself all suffering and made the cross a sign of hope. At this time when the whole world is suffering, when people are isolated and left to themselves, when people mourn for their loved ones, where people are sacrificing their physical and psychological strength to help others, we pray in solidarity and entrust ourselves to You. Amen.

~ Adapted from prayers by Sister Ulrike M., SDS – Austria

## Daily Prayer to Guardian Angel

Angel of God  
 My guardian dear  
 To Whom God's love  
 Commits me here  
 Ever this day  
 Be at my side  
 To light and guard  
 To rule and guide. Amen



## Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 13 and 14, 2024

Throughout this Eastertide let us think about people whose lives were transformed by that first Easter experience; people who encountered Jesus, risen from the dead and bringing new hope and meaning to their lives. On the contrary, very often we experience what the disciples encountered in the gospel of today. Several times in our lives we have committed mistakes, some serious, some trivial, when we had thought we know what we were doing. Sometimes we would not even acknowledge and ask for pardon. Human understanding has its own limitations. No one would imagine that the disciples after their long stay with Jesus would not recognize their Master after the resurrection. Divine illumination was what they lacked. Their sadness at his death has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes. We can only recognize the risen Lord by being docile to the will of God and not relying only on our intellectual fits, political status or material possession. We also seek and find Divine illumination when we humbly acknowledge our human limitations and our mistakes. Above all, our inner eyes are illumined by knowing and keeping God's words.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

### Third Sunday of Easter

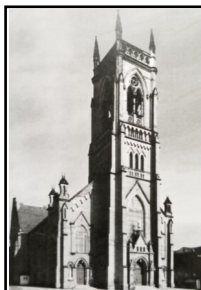
**April 14, 2024**

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;*

*O sing to the glory of his name.*

*O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

~ cf. Psalm 66 (65):1-2



The Tower Lights are being illuminated  
during the month of April 2024  
In Memory Of

† Wanda Eland and † Phyllis Rittwage

*Please remember them in your prayers!*

### Traditions and Treasures

The fifty days between Easter and Pentecost have ever been considered by the Church as most holy. The first week, which is more expressly devoted to celebrating our Lord's Resurrection, is kept up as one continued Feast; but the remainder of the fifty days is also marked with special honors. To say nothing of the joy, which is the characteristic of this period of the year, and of which the Alleluia is the expression, - Christian tradition has assigned to Eastertide two practices, which distinguish it from every other Season. The first is, that fasting is not permitted during the entire interval: it is an extension of the ancient precept of never fasting on a Sunday, and the whole of Eastertide is considered as one long Sunday. This practice, which would seem to have come down from the time of the Apostles, was accepted by the Religious Rules of both East and West, even by the severest. The second consists in not kneeling at the Divine Office, from Easter to Pentecost. The Eastern Churches have faithfully kept up the practice, even to this day. It was observed for many ages by the Western Churches also; but now, it is little more than a remnant. The Latin Church has long since admitted genuflections in the Mass during Easter time. The few vestiges of the ancient discipline in this regard, which still exist, are not noticed by the faithful, inasmuch as they seldom assist at the Canonical Hours. ~ *The Liturgical Year by Dom Prosper Guéranger*

### Pro-Life Corner

#### Easter is a Season

Just as Sunday is one day out of seven, so the Easter season, a period of 50 days, is approximately one-seventh of the year. The Easter season, a time of special rejoicing and celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, is the "Great Sunday" of the year. The liturgical prayers and readings focus on the Resurrection and the effects that it has on believers and on the world. The Acts of the Apostles is a book of Scripture that provides the source of most of the readings of the Easter Season, and it shows the vigor with which the apostles proclaimed the Resurrection and brought many to the waters of baptism to share the new life of Christ. This season is a celebration of life, and leads us all to a deeper commitment to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life. ~ [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org)

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia. ~ Luke 24:35

# Parish Announcements

APRIL 7, 2024

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection .....	\$3,832.00
Children .....	\$3.78
Easter.....	\$1,226.00
Building Fund.....	\$45.00
Candles .....	\$140.00
Ecclesia Nostra .....	\$2,739.12
First Friday .....	\$93.00
Food Pantry .....	\$120.00
General Donation .....	\$820.00
Good Friday (Holy Land).....	\$50.00
Maintenance .....	\$60.00
Rice Bowl .....	\$57.00
Utilities .....	\$20.00

*Thank you all for your generosity!*

## MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2024

**Sunday, April 14** Schola Practice (CR)..... 8:00am  
 Latin Social (CR)..... after 9:30am Mass  
 (C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) Saint Francis Room • (R) Rectory

## Catholic Relief Services ~ Rice Bowl

Please convert your change collected to dollars or check, and mail it directly to:

CRS Rice Bowl  
 P.O. Box 17090  
 Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303.



If you wish, you may send your check directly to St. Stephen and we will forward it to CRS Rice Bowl. Be sure to write "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line of your check.

You may donate directly online at [crsricebowl.org/give](https://crsricebowl.org/give).

God bless you for your giving spirit. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family!

Yours in Christ—Fr. Caroli Shao

## New Altar Cloths Needed

We are in the process of purchasing new Altar Cloths for our Church. If you would like to help with this much needed 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!**

*Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;  
 Make our hearts burn while you speak to us.  
 ~ cf. Luke 24:32*

"Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: Heirs of salvation, Trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing".

~ Bunesan (Scottish traditional hymn tune)

## 1st Annual St. Stephen Flower/Plant Sale

With spring just around the corner, you may be planning your vegetable garden, flower beds or planter boxes. This year you can beautify your yard and support St. Stephen at the same time! **We will be selling Annuals (in flats and 4in pots), Hanging Baskets and Vegetable Plants.**

You can find order forms at the doors of the church. **You will have until April 17<sup>th</sup> to place your order.**



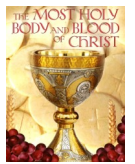
Flowers will be available for pickup on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, email Gail at:

[ststephendh@gmail.com](mailto:ststephendh@gmail.com)

## Parish School of Religion

Please pray for our First Holy Communion candidates, **Michael Gereg** and **Charles Gerrity**, as they discover and learn the mysteries of their faith in preparation for the reception of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. First Holy Communion is scheduled for **Sunday, April 21, 2024.**



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Welcome to all of our RCIA Catechumens who were baptized into the mystical body of Christ at the Vigil of Easter in the Holy Night.



Pictured left to right: Omar Vargas and Kyra Gazso (St. Colman), Fr. Caroli Shao, Dawn Wheeler, Elizabeth and Alexander Rhoades (St. Stephen)



Alexander and Elizabeth Rhoades



Front row, left to right: St. Colman Catechumens—Alfonsine, Jeanne and Alfons (center) Fr. Caroli Shao; (back) Ann and Antonio

## Around the Diocese



### AM 1260 The Rock Mass of the Month for our Listeners and Donors and their intentions

Can you believe AM 1260 The Rock is starting its 10th year?!

We first broadcasted on May 11th, 2015. In gratitude, we have a monthly Mass said for YOU – our listeners and donors and your intentions. **Each 11th day of the month, (except May 10th), we will have a Mass said at a different parish in the Diocese of Cleveland.** All are welcome to celebrate Mass as prayers are offered for you, our listeners, and benefactors.

The April Mass is at **Immaculate Conception in Cleveland**, Thursday **April 11th** at 8am; the May Mass is at **The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist** on Friday, May 10th at 12:00pm; and the June Mass will be at **Conversion of St. Paul Shrine** on Tuesday, **June 11th** at 12:00pm.

In addition to the Mass of the Month AM 1260 The Rock staffers pray for our listener intentions daily. Do you have a prayer request? Visit <https://am1260therock.com/> and click on "Request Prayers" under the Contact Us tab or call 216-227-1260.

You're invited to **Raising Dahlias Blooming Bonds**, a special Mother Daughter Event. This event promises to be a beautiful journey into the heart of your relationship. In the hustle and bustle of daily life, it's rare to find moments purely dedicated to cultivating the unique bond you share with your daughter. This event offers a sanctuary where you can both pause, reflect, and grow in your relationship with Jesus, each other, and yourself.

Reserve your place in this unique opportunity and take the first step towards nurturing one of the most important relationships of all - the one you share with your daughter. We can't wait to welcome you and your daughter to **Blooming Bonds** - where moments become memories, and relationships blossom.

**April 28th, 2024**

**12:30 - 4:00 PM**

**St. Albert the Great Catholic Church**  
6667 Wallings Rd, North Royalton, OH 44133

For questions please contact Toni Esposito at:  
email: [toniesposito870@gmail.com](mailto:toniesposito870@gmail.com) or at cell: 440-225-3257.

Cost: **\$35/person**, \$70 for Mom & 1 Daughter, \$100 for Mom & 2+ Daughters. Each additional adult is \$35.



Free and Open to All!

"COME AND SEE."  
(John 1:39)  
Leave Inspired!

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Exhibit

**APRIL 21 - 28, 2024**  
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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## 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>



# 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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