



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 20 and 21, 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

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Cantors:

Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb

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St. Vincent de Paul:

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Metro Catholic Parish School

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Allison Klutarich, Director

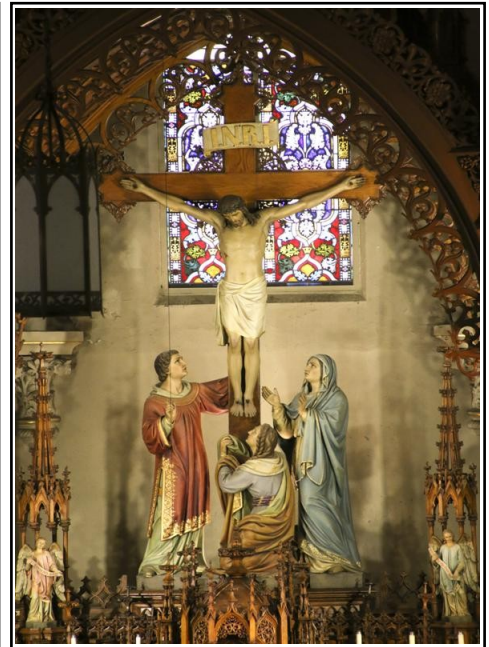
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Mission Statement

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, 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

Monday, April 22, 2024—Rectory Chapel

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Michael Gerhart

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) — Fiona Stack

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel)—† Filomena Riccio

Wednesday, April 24, 2024—Church

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Jon Schnur

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

Thursday, April 25, 2024—Church

Saint Mark, the Evangelist

6:30 PM Latin Mass—† Mildred Dougherty-Telisman

Friday, April 26, 2024—Rectory Chapel

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM † Neil Richter

Saturday, April 27, 2024—Church

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM † Thomas Hayne, The Spaeth Family

Sunday, April 28, 2024—Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Sharon Sneed

11:00 AM † Carolyn Salvatore

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



CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	Glen Sneed	Doris Peters	Jerry Nowesnick
EM:	Russ Nieling		Jean Gandee Diana Hosta
Acolyte:		Kevin Kroesen	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 2024—APRIL 28, 2024

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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21

Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Creator of the Universe, God of the Nations, Your people are longing to hear your word. Send laborers into your harvest—women and men on fire with your love:

Priests — that all men should be saved, and come to the knowledge of Your truth: send laborers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all trust: that Your words may run and be glorified: and that all nations may know You, the one true God, and Him whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord.

Religious Sisters and Brothers — whose life in community foreshadows our eternal unity in Christ, whose service brings your life to the world.

Married Couples — whose relationships serve as a sign of your fidelity to your people, whose love overflows to their children and neighbors.

Dedicated Singles — who incarnate your presence in their daily lives, whose availability enables them to respond to a diversity of needs.

May each of us respond with courage and generosity to our particular vocations, and may the Church recognize the Spirit's call to men and women of good will, trusting in your abundance to answer all our needs.

Amen.



Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 20 and 21, 2024

Jesus said to His Disciples "I am the Good Shepherd; I lay down my life for the Sheep". The historical Jesus was true to his word. He undoubtedly poured his Blood on the Cross for the defense of the sheep he loved to the end. The Chief Shepherd remained the source of encouragement for all leaders of the people. Leadership is not for self-gain, but the good of the sheep, feeding them, healing the sick/ the spiritual wounded, fighting errors, knowing their strength and weaknesses, and inculcating a healthy spirit of openness with sheep and newcomers. On the other hand, the sheep are called to listen to the voice of their Shepherd and reject the erroneous, and dangerous voices of the predators in the world. To be a good shepherd as Married, Religious or as a single person requires a decree of commitment and sacrifice to put the interests of others before his or her interest. It should be known that good shepherds are persecuted, misunderstood, hated, or worse still, killed. On this day, let us pray for the wellbeing of the various vocations and specifically its increment to Priesthood in our Church.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Marie Adamo	Catherine Henry	Kevin Mulholland
Luann Ashby	Cecilia Hoefer	Tom O'Donnell
Victoria Bailey	Agnes Hogan	Juliana Ore
Danielle Becka	Dianna Hosta	Kenneth Pachasa
Tom Beercheck	Diane Kinzer	Christopher A. Park
Anna Berg	Joe Kolecki	Greg Ray and Family
Burley Blankenship	Kosmerl Family	Herb Rielinger
Lawrence Blasius	Karen Kranstueber	Katie Schneider
Kenneth Brady	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	
Tim Hennessey	Sarah Morkeberg	

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

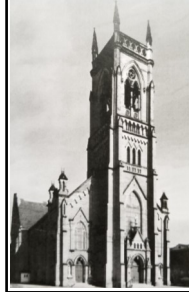
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

~ cf. Psalm 33 (32):5-6



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

On this Sunday, St. Gregory the Great delivered his magnificent homily on the Gospel of the Good Shepherd, near the tomb of the first universal pastor. Christ founded the papal primacy on the unshakable faith and intense love of Peter; and he, following in his Savior's steps, did not hesitate to give up his life for the flock entrusted to him.

The devotion to Jesus the Redeemer under the figure of the Good Shepherd was dear to the faithful from very early times; in the catacombs Christ is frequently represented as a shepherd. The liturgical and traditional use of the Gospel of the Good Shepherd is very old. Jesus, therefore, presents Himself to us today as the "Good Shepherd" and tells us what will henceforth be His relationship with His flock. Of those outside the fold Our Lord speaks gently; not a word of reproach but merely a statement of facts.

The New Roman Missal by Fr. F. X. Lasance

Pro-Life Corner—Laying Down our Lives

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. This theme is found also in the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) On the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, a man fell in with robbers. A priest and a Levite came by, but did not stop to help. Despite their knowledge of the Law and Prophets, they walked right by. Why?

One of the reasons may be that they were afraid. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho is a dangerous road. Because of its numerous steep curves, it lends itself to attacks by robbers who can easily hide not too far from their victims. Perhaps the priests and Levites who passed by that man asked themselves, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me? Maybe the robbers who attacked him are still here. Maybe they're hiding just around the bend. This is a dangerous road. I better keep going."

Sometimes we ask the same question. If, for example, I speak up too loudly about the victims of abortion, what will happen to me? Will I face persecution, will I encounter opposition, will I lose popularity if I get involved in a cause like this?

And then the Good Samaritan came along, and he reversed the question. He didn't ask, "If I help this man, what will happen to me?" The Good Samaritan asked, "If I do not help this man, what will happen to him?" And that's the question for us. If I do not address this evil, what will happen to the unborn? If I do not get involved, what will happen to those who are vulnerable, to those who are marginalized in our society, those who are oppressed, those who have no one to speak for them?

~ priestsforlife.org

Parish Announcements

APRIL 14, 2024

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection.....	\$1,504.00
Building Fund	\$45.00
Candles.....	\$129.00
Easter.....	\$120.00
Ecclesia Nostra.....	\$1,874.12
Food Pantry.....	\$8,773.00
General Donation.....	\$100.00
Maintenance.....	\$50.00
SVDP.....	\$5.00
Utilities.....	\$10.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024

Sunday, April 21	Schola Practice (CR).....	8:00am
	First Communion (C).....	11:00am Mass
	Baptism (C).....	after 11:00am Mass

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

Next Week's Second Collection

Next week we will take up the Collection for **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at:

www.usccb.org/home-missions

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.

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.

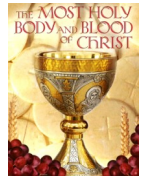
Thank you for your help!

Parish School of Religion

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Our First Holy Communion Candidate **Michael Gereg**, who will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time on **Sunday, April 21, 2024**.

May God continue to bless him in his life and increase in him a love for Jesus in the Eucharist!



We wish to thank **Ms. Jean Gandee** for her dedication and commitment to our young Parishioners as she shepherded another flock of students through the Sacraments of First Holy Communion. Our PSR classes are officially closed, but will resume again this fall. Please call the Parish Office for any questions regarding our Parish School of Religion.

News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mark and Nicole Castillo, parents of **Harlow Xabelle Castillo**, who will be welcomed into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on **Sunday, April 21, 2024**.



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>

Pro-Life Peaceful, Prayerful Witness by the Planned Parenthood office, corner of Brookpark & Broadview Roads.

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am. Join us on the public sidewalk. Pray to end abortion.

Questions, call Mike & Doris Peters, 216-659-3362.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me. ~ John 10:14



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

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Dominican Sisters of Peace

Sisters and Associates in Mission

Mission for Peace
May 31-June 4, 2024
with the Dominican Sisters of Peace


The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a no-cost "Mission for Peace" prayer and service immersion program, designed to help women explore contemporary Dominican life. Experience Dominican PRAYER, enjoy a behind-the-scenes glimpse of COMMUNITY LIFE with our Sisters, engage in SERVICE to the local community, and reflect on God's call and PURPOSE for your life.

This five-day service program begins at 9:00am on Friday, May 31, and concludes at noon, Tuesday, June 4 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio.


For more information, call, or text Sister Mai-dung Nguyen at 405-248-7027 or email mai-dung.nguyen@opeace.org. (The sisters can offer some travel assistance on a need basis). Click here for more program information and to register.

*The Good Shepherd has risen,
Who laid down his life for his sheep
And willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*

~ John 10:11-18



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. ~ Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29



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.

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