



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Celebrating over 150 Years of Tradition*

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Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 4 and 5, 2024

Parish Office Hours

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

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Rev. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

Latin Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB

German Mass Celebrant:

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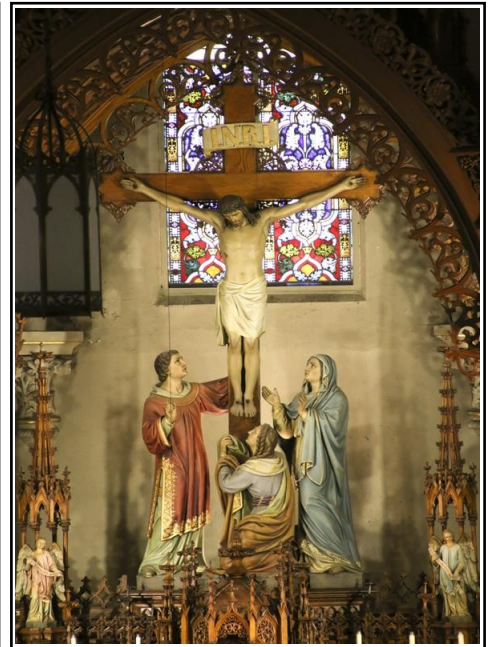
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Mission Statement

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, May 4, 2024—Church

Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM † Tom Hanway

Sunday, May 5, 2024—Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Rosemary Jankowski

11:00 AM German Mass — †† Horst and Herman Kinscher
†† Sophie and Max Juran

Monday, May 6, 2024—Rectory Chapel

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Doug Eiben

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) — Samuel Marinchick

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) — John Mushinski

Wednesday, May 8, 2024—Church

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Mary Rotsaert

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

Thursday, May 9, 2024—Church

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Latin Mass — Jacob Rotsaert

Friday, May 10, 2024—Rectory Chapel

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Sandra Schmidt

Saturday, May 11, 2024—Church

Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

5:00 PM Tara Myers

Sunday, May 12, 2024—Church

The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM † Seth Cronin

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

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



CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4, 2024—MAY 5, 2024

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz
Lector:	Glen Sneed	Diana Lipfird	Tina Waters / Ursula Keck
EM:	Jean Gandee		
Acolyte:			Kevin Kroesen

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 11, 2024—MAY 12, 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	Matt Minarik
EM:	Jean Gandee		Diana Hosta
Acolyte:		Kevin Kroesen	

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

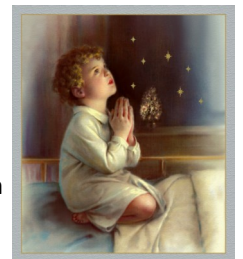
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,
11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Prayer Corner

Children's Prayer for Parents

Dear Lord! Fill our parents with Thy choicest blessings;
enrich their souls with Thy holy grace;
grant that they may faithfully
and constantly guard that likeness to Thy union with Thy
Church,
which Thou didst imprint upon them on their wedding day.
Fill them with Thy spirit of holy fear,
which is the beginning of wisdom;
inspire them to impart it to their children.
May they ever walk in the way of Thy commandments,
and may we their children be their joy on earth
and their crown of glory in heaven.
Finally, Lord God, grant that both our
father and mother
may attain to extreme old age
and enjoy continuous health
in mind and body.
May they give Thee abundant thanks
because Thou hast bestowed upon them
the great gift of parenthood.
Amen.



Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 4 and 5, 2024

Jesus in his farewell discourse said to the believers, “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s Commandments and remain in His love.” This reveals that believers share an intimate life with Jesus through love. The unconditional love of Jesus commanded his followers to love “As I have loved you”. In His mission, Jesus kept the love for the Father, and loved everyone – Jews and gentiles, rich and poor; and he welcomed sinners, healed the sick, raised the dead, opened the eyes of the blind, fed the hungry and finally died for their sins. St. John challenged the believers to translate their love for God to serve their brothers and sisters in their various needs. One of the Saints said that love becomes genuine love only when we give it out to benefit others as Jesus did. ~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.



The Tower Lights are being illuminated during the month of May 2024
In Loving Memory of

† Horst and † Herman Kinscher
† Max and † Sophie Juran

Please remember them in your prayers!

Traditions and Treasures

Ever since our entrance upon the joys of the Paschal Season, scarcely a day has passed without the Calendar’s offering us some grand mystery or saint to honour, and all these have been radiant with the Easter sun. But of our Blessed Lady, there has not been a single feast to gladden our hearts by telling us of some mystery or glory of this august Queen. The Feast of her Seven Dolours is sometimes kept in April — that is, when Easter Sunday falls on or after the tenth of that month, but May and June pass without any special solemnity in honour of the Mother of God. It would seem as though Holy Church wished to honour, by a respectful silence, the forty days during which Mary enjoyed the company of her Jesus after His Resurrection. We, therefore, should never separate the Mother and the Son if we would have our Easter meditations be in strict accordance with truth, and that, we surely must wish. During these forty days, Jesus frequently visits His disciples, weak men and sinners as they are: can he, then, keep away from His Mother, now that He is so soon to ascend into Heaven and leave her for several long years here on earth? Our hearts forbid us to entertain the thought. We feel sure that He frequently visits her, and that, when not visibly present with her, she has Him in her soul, in a way more intimate and real and delicious than any other creature could have. ~ Dom Prosper Guéranger

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 Lustri	Glenn Sneed
Karen Fisher	Ruth Martin	Sharon Sneed
Joe Fleischer	Jennifer Martinc	Wayne Sneed
Kyoko Fry	Maureen Masterson	Mary Jo Tacka
William Fry	Cielo McClain	Edward Tadiello
John Grech	Robin McClain	Evelyn Trucks
Doris Harboldt	Abbie McCoy	Fr. Albert Veigas
Rhonda Harrel	Ben McDonald	Noel Walters
Susan Hatta	Steve McElroy	Devon Zink
Tadaaki Hatta	Patricia McGonegal	

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

~ cf. Isaiah 48:20

Pro-Life Corner

A Prayer for Those Afraid of their Motherhood

Lord God, we thank you, the Source of Life, for all those who have welcomed and nurtured our lives. In particular, we thank you for our mothers, who with trust in you and self-sacrifice beyond description, have made it possible for us to live and praise you today. Give them the reward of their labors.

Today Lord, we also pray for mothers who are afraid of being mothers. We pray especially for those carrying a child within them, but afraid to bring that child to birth. Look with favor on these, your daughters, and give them trust and strength. Enable them to give themselves to their children, as you give yourself to us, and to experience the joys of motherhood. Enable us to do our part to encourage them and provide for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

For more prayers, see www.PrayerCampaign.org
~ priestsforlife.org

Parish Announcements

APRIL 28, 2024

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection.....	\$1,523.00
Children.....	\$3.08
Altar Cloths.....	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$46.00
Candles.....	\$53.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$97.00
Ecclesia Nostra.....	\$1,547.12
General Donation.....	\$115.00
St. Stephen Plant and Flower Sale.....	\$820.85
SVDP.....	\$36.00
Utilities.....	\$10.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

Online Contribution Option

Online donations can be made directly from the St. Stephen website at: ststephencleveland.org
All you need to do 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.

APRIL 2024

ONLINE CONTRIBUTION COLLECTION

Offertory	\$319.00
Easter.....	\$100.00
Ecclesia Nostra.....	\$1,060.00
Building Fund	\$35.00
Food Pantry.....	\$35.00
General Donation.....	\$40.00
Live Streaming.....	\$35.00
Maintenance	\$35.00
Outreach Ministry.....	\$35.00
SVDP.....	\$35.00
Utilities.....	\$35.00
Wish List.....	\$45.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MAY 5, 2024

Sunday, May 5 Schola Practice (CR).....8:00am
 German Social (R).....after 11:00am Mass
 (C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) Saint Francis Room • (R) Rectory

News from the Pews

CONDOLENCES TO...

Sarah Swirynsky, family and friends on the passing of her Mother, **Karin Slattery**, on April 25, 2024. Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, May 11th, at 11:00am.



In your charity, please pray for the repose of her soul.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

May Crowning / Mother's Day

We would like to extend a special invitation to all parishioners and guests to attend our **Parish May Crowning after the 9:30 Mass Sunday, May 12th**. Weather permitting, the Crowning will take place in the Parish Garden. **We will celebrate our Blessed Mother and all Mothers** in the garden directly following the Crowning. We would appreciate help setting up and cleaning up, as well as inviting everyone to bring a delicious dish to share. Please call the parish office if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Outreach Ministry

The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 27 families on Thursday, April 25th, 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!

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!

St. Stephen Plant / Flower Sale

If you missed the deadline for ordering flowers **you can still support St. Stephen's by going directly to Dean's Greenhouse, 3984 Porter Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145.**

Make a purchase between **May 1, 2024 and June 15, 2024** and St. Stephen will receive a percentage of your purchase. Just mention St. Stephen when you check out! **THANK YOU!**

2024 Parish Picnic—Save the Date

**St. Stephen Parish Picnic / Upper Edgewater Park Pavilion
 Sunday, August 25, 2024
 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Plan to join the fun at our annual parish gathering! Free food, drinks, games and good fellowship! Take a moment now to put it on your calendar. **Hope to see you there!**

Fatima Statue Visit



Eucharistic Congress

Fatima Statue Visit

Join our parish as we host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima in a day of prayer and reparation in support of the Eucharistic Revival in our nation.

DATE: Sunday, June 23, 2024

Let's Pray Them Back!

We all have family who has fallen away from the Catholic Faith. Please submit your special intentions for these loved ones.

Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA/
Our Lady's Blue Army. www.bluearmy.com



The World Apostolate of Fatima, USA/Our Lady's Blue Army is launching a tour of the historic National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima ahead of the Eucharistic Revival walking pilgrimage along the Seton route, from Connecticut to Indianapolis.

The Cleveland Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima is bringing Her to the Cleveland Diocese, to ten host parishes for a Night of Love, offering an evening vigil of Eucharistic reparation for the return of fallen-away and marginal Catholics.

Petitions for these conversions are being gathered from across the diocese to be carried in Our Lady's Heart to the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.

St. Stephen's is privileged to host Our Lady of Fatima's National Pilgrim Virgin Statue on Sunday, June 23, 2024. Stay tuned for more details as they become available. More information will be available on the Cleveland Divisions website: www.bluearmyclleveland.com.

"The foundation of our Faith is our belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The foundation of the Fatima message is Eucharistic Reparation. This is where the Angel of Peace at Fatima directed us more than a century ago. Mary accompanying her Son on this journey to Indianapolis is a reaffirmation of this," said David Carollo, Executive Director, WAF/Blue Army.

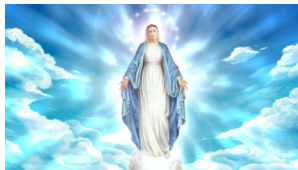
In a letter of support, Tim Glemkowski, Executive Director of the Eucharistic Revival Congress, said the pilgrim virgin statue processions will "visibly demonstrate Our Blessed Mother's accompaniment of this Eucharistic Revival journey the Church is undertaking collectively. The Eucharistic Revival, in my view, is distinctly Marian in its heart, part of the work of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts to heal, convert, form and unify the Church so that it can be sent on mission 'for the life of the world.' Our Blessed Mother never obscures her Son, but invites all to behold and know Him fully."

May and Mary

There have long been devotions to our Blessed Mother, but the dedication of the month of May to Mary is a more recent development in the long history of the Church. In the sixteenth century there were month-long Marian devotions, but they were not necessarily associated with May. In medieval times, various celebrations involving Mary occurred in May. But it wasn't until late eighteenth-century Italy that the idea of dedicating May to Mary began to take root. This notion flourished in the nineteenth century and began to foster daily devotions, frequent rosaries, and May crownings around the world. And so May, the lovely month of nature's motherhood, came to be dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary.

With Mary, the apostles and first disciples kept prayerful vigil for the Spirit's coming, the culmination of Mary's faith-filled lifetime. Mary's faith was shown forth in her acceptance of the angel's word at the Annunciation, her charity in the Visitation to Elizabeth, her trust in Joseph during the flight into Egypt, her steadfast vigil beneath her Son's cross. Throughout these joyful and sorrowful mysteries of her life, Mary's faith-filled heart embraced God's will, making her an instrument for the accomplishment of God's plan for our salvation, and a living model for us of trust and perseverance.

For Mary's undaunted faith and the selfless love it inspired, all generations shall call her blessed.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.

God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it. Whether you can come for one day or all five, join us for this generational moment.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Get regular updates about the historic National Eucharistic Revival, Pilgrimage, and Congress. For more information, go to: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDULGENCES

Several key moments in the National Eucharistic Revival are now opportunities to gain a plenary indulgence. To learn more, go to: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

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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