



# St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Celebrating over 150 Years of Tradition*

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## *The Ascension of the Lord ~ May 11 and 12, 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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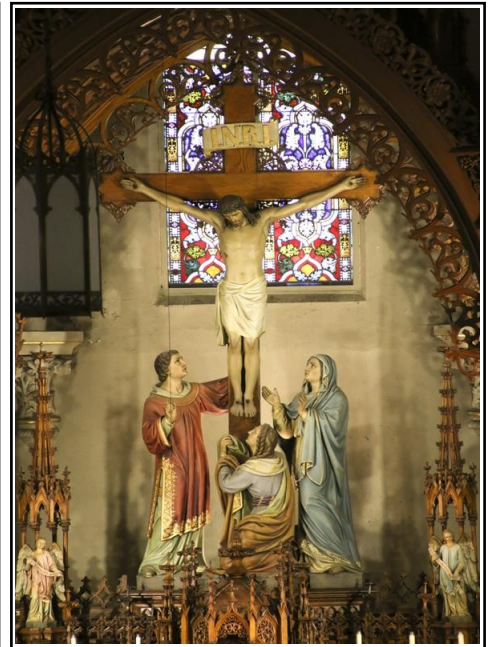
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### *Mission Statement*

*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 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

### Monday, May 13, 2024—Rectory Chapel

#### Easter Weekday / Our Lady of Fatima

6:30 PM Edna Deffler

### Tuesday, May 14, 2024

#### Saint Matthias, Apostle

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) — †† Robert and Coletta Spuhler

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) — † Shari Myers

### Wednesday, May 15, 2024—Church

#### Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Michael and Helena Araps

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

### Thursday, May 16, 2024—Church

#### Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Latin Mass — Judy Kavolsky

### Friday, May 17, 2024—Rectory Chapel

#### Easter Weekday

6:30 PM The Deike Family

### Saturday, May 18, 2024—Church

#### Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

5:00 PM † Eleanor Fischbach

### Sunday, May 19, 2024—Church

#### Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Caterina Lichter

11:00 AM Katie Bolan

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 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>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin
<b>Lector:</b>	Glen Sneed	Doris Peters	Matt Minarik
<b>EM:</b>	Jean Gandee		Diana Hosta
<b>Acolyte:</b>		Kevin Kroesen	

### PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 18, 2024 — MAY 19, 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>	Russ Nieling	Doris Peters	Jerry Nowesnick
<b>EM:</b>	Jean Gandee		Diana Hosta
<b>Acolyte:</b>		Kevin Kroesen	

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12

Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (62)

## Prayer Corner

### Help Against Spiritual Enemies

Glorious St. Michael, Prince of the heavenly hosts, who stands always ready to give assistance to the people of God; who fought with the dragon, the old serpent, and cast him out of heaven, and now valiantly defends the Church of God that the gates of hell may never prevail against her, I earnestly entreat thee to assist me also, in the painful and dangerous conflict which I have to sustain against the same formidable foe. Be with me, O mighty Prince! that I may courageously fight and wholly vanquish that proud spirit, whom thou hast by the Divine Power, so gloriously overthrown, and whom our powerful King, Jesus Christ, has, in our nature, so completely overcome; to the end that having triumphed over the enemy of my salvation, I may with thee and the holy angels, praise the clemency of God who, having refused mercy to the rebellious angels after their fall, has granted repentance and forgiveness to fallen man. Amen.



## The Ascension of the Lord ~ May 11 and 12, 2024

Before the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven, He rose from the dead. He is not dead but alive. We seek to join that state of life where we shall share the fullness of life with God, a life with no end (eternal life). Jesus has gone ahead to prepare for us a place in His Father's house. He accentuates the importance of obeying His commands, to live a life of love for God and the neighbor. If we follow His commandment, He and His Father will dwell in our hearts. Can we not imagine that even here on earth we can be united with the Trinitarian God? Yet this is not the fullness of our union with God. In death we are given hope of the resurrection. It is the resurrected life we gain and we share the everlasting life of God. Today as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and His triumph over sin and death, we also celebrate our victory to the extent that we have become a community that "Acts justly, loves tenderly, and Walks humbly with our God." As His true disciples, let us go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.

~ 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 Hoefler	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

### The Ascension of the Lord May 12, 2024

*O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called o you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.*

~ cf. Palm 27 (26):7-9



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

This ... 40th day of Easter, commemorates Christ's Ascension into Heaven from Mount Olivet 40 days after He rose from the dead (Mark 16:14-20). After the Gospel is sung, the Paschal Candle, lit from the New Fire of the Easter Vigil, is extinguished to symbolize the departure of Christ (if you use a Paschal candle at home, it should be put away today, too). As to the place of His Ascension, the Golden Legend, written in A.D. 1275 by Jacobus de Voragine, Archbishop of Genoa, has this to say:

"As to the first he ascended from the mount of Olives by Bethany; which mountain, by another relation, is said the mountain of three lights. For by night on the side of the west it is lighted of the fire that burneth in the Temple, which never is put out ne quenched. On the morning it is light of the orient, for she hath first the rays of the sun before it shineth in the city, and also it hath great abundance of oil that nourisheth the light, and therefore it is said the hill of three lights.

Unto this hill Jesu Christ commanded his disciples that they should go. For on the day of his Ascension he appeared two times, one time to eleven disciples that ate in the hall where they had supped with him. All the apostles and the disciples and also the women, abode in that part of Jerusalem which is called Mello, in the mountain of Sion, where David had made his palace. And there was the great hall arrayed and ordained for to sup, whereas Jesu Christ commanded that they should make ready for to eat the Paschal Lamb, and in this place the eleven apostles abode, and the other disciples, and the women abode in divers mansions there about.

And when they had eaten in this hall, our Lord appeared to them and reproved them of their incredulity. And when he had eaten with them, and had commanded them that they should go to the Mount of Olivet on the side by Bethany, he appeared again to them, and answered to them of the demands that they made to him indiscreetly, and with his hands lifted he blessed them; and anon before them he ascended unto heaven...."

The footprints said to be His are now enclosed in a shrine called the Chapel of the Ascension near the top of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. The original building was destroyed by the Persians in A.D. 614, but was rebuilt by Crusaders. The Moslems took control of the building in the 13th century and transformed it into a mosque, walling in the arches, and adding a dome. ~ Taken in part from [fish eaters.com/Ascension](http://fish eaters.com/Ascension)

*Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.*

~ John 17:22

# Parish Announcements

**MAY 5, 2024**

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection.....	\$2,160.00
Children.....	\$4.83
Altar Cloths .....	\$50.00
Building Fund .....	\$45.00
Candles.....	\$180.00
Ecclesia Nostra.....	\$3,426.00
First Friday .....	\$83.00
Food Pantry.....	\$80.00
General Donation.....	\$650.00
SVDP.....	\$25.00

***Thank you all for your generosity!***

## MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MAY 12, 2024

**Sunday, May 12** Schola Practice (CR) ..... 8:00am  
 May Crowning at Grotto .... after 9:30am Mass  
 Social (St. Joseph Garden) after May Crowning

**Monday, May 13** Parish Council (CR)..... 7:00pm

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

## News from the Pews

### CONDOLENCES TO...

Virginia Chaudhary, family and friends on the passing of **Mildred Roberts**, on April 6, 2024. Funeral services are scheduled for Monday, May 13th, 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.*

## Pro-Life Corner

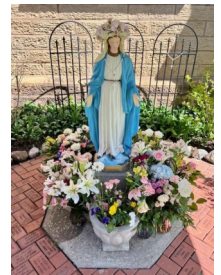
### The Glory of the Ascension

Jesus prayed on the night before he died, "Father, give me the glory I had with you before the world began." How is the glory he has in the Ascension different from the glory he had "before the world began?" It differs only in that now, he has it in a human nature. Our humanity has been taken to the heights of heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, "To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne." God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with him on the throne! This hope extended to the human family by the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on his throne. ~ [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org)

## May Crowning / Mother's Day

The St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church  
**May Crowning will follow the 9:30am Latin Mass on Sunday, May 12, 2024.**

**Please join us** immediately following the May Crowning for refreshments / sweet treats **to celebrate and Honor our Most Heavenly Mother Mary and all Mothers.**



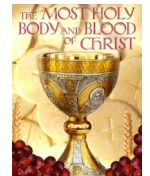
*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

## Parish School of Religion

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Our First Holy Communion Candidate  
**Charles Anthony Gerrity**, who will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time on **Sunday, May 12, 2024.**

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



## News from the Pews

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Michael and Helena Araps** (and to the maternal Grandparents, **Ray and Monica Stadnik**) on the birth of their baby boy, **Joseph Michael**, on May 5th, 2024.



## 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!**

## Ascension Day

The liturgical festival of the Ascension, whilst less ancient than that of Pentecost, is one of the oldest of the cycle, was already so universally observed that St. Augustine was able to attribute its institution to the Apostles themselves. ...On this day Jesus was taken up into heaven; His faithful disciples continued to gaze heavenward. The contemplative vision of Paradise is reserved, however, for those Who have already passed into the Church Triumphant.

The supreme glorification of the Head who is this day enthroned at the right hand of the Father in heaven affects the members also, like the precious balsam which, as the psalmist tells us, descended from the head of Aaron on to his flowing beard and on to his gorgeous pontifical vestments. This spiritual unction is the gift of the Holy Ghost, which Christ obtains to-day from heaven for his Church. Hence the connection between the Ascension and Pentecost is very close, nor can we understand the one without the other.  
~ The New Roman Missal, Rev. F. X. Lasance



## COAR Mission Appeal

Next Sunday, Nicolette Cregan will be speaking at the Masses regarding COAR Mission Appeal - Community Oscar Arnulfo Romero, COAR is located in Zaragoza, El Salvador. It was founded in 1980 by a Cleveland Diocese Mission Team priest Fr. Ken Myers during El Salvador's brutal civil war. Fr. Ken and fellow Cleveland Mission Team members Sr. Dorothy Kazel, OSU, and Jean Donovan (murdered December 2, 1980) began gathering orphans from refugee camps and bringing them back to the Mission's parish of Zaragoza. COAR is a foster care facility, school, clinic servicing vulnerable children in El Salvador.

## 10th National Eucharistic Congress



## 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/>

## 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.bluearmyclleveland.com](http://www.bluearmyclleveland.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](http://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."*

# 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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