



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 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

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

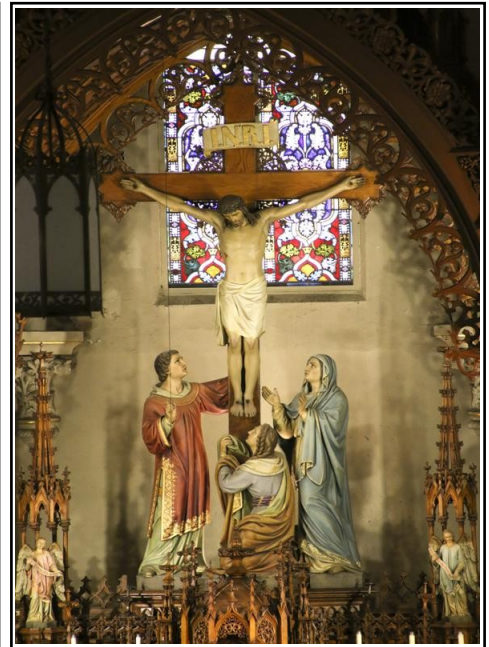
Sr. Anne Maline, SND, Director Emerita

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Sisters of Notre Dame Convent

1891 West 57th Street

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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, July 20, 2024—Church

Vigil of The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Maureen Fischbach Grady

Sunday, July 21, 2024—Church

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Lynda and Gerald E. Frizal and Family

11:00 AM † Thomas Hayne, † Hildegard Spaeth and
† Walter Spaeth

Monday, July 22, 2024—Rectory Chapel

Saint Mary Magdalene

6:30 PM † Filomena Riccio

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Weekday

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) — Sylvia Parsons

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) — Felix Rose

Wednesday, July 24, 2024—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM Prayers and Intentions of the Sherman Family

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

Thursday, July 25, 2024—Church

Saint James, Apostle

6:30 PM Latin Mass — † Edward J. Prokop

Friday, July 26, 2024—Rectory Chapel

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 PM 54th Wedding Anniversary of John and
Gloria Mushinski

Saturday, July 27, 2024—Church

Vigil of The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Travis Myers

Sunday, July 28, 2024—Church

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Prayers and Intentions of the Sherman Family

11:00 AM Dianna Hosta

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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 20, 2024—JULY 21, 2024

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Ben	Fr. Franz	Fr. Ben
Lector:	Glenn Sneed	Doris Peters	Jerry Nowesnick
EM:	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:		Kevin Kroesen	

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 27, 2024—JULY 28, 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		Diana Lipfird
EM:	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:		Kevin Kroesen	

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 21

Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Monday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Daily readings at: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

Prayer Corner

A Student's Prayer (by St. Thomas Aquinas)

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance.

Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself.

Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion.

This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever.

Amen.



See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.. ~ Psalm 54 (53):6, 8

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 20 and 21, 2024

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals that he is that good Shepherd promised by Jeremiah. He declared unequivocally that he will not rest until humanity is completely healed and restored. This was why he had to break his rest and vacation in order to attend to his people. As a compassionate Lord and Shepherd, Jesus knows our situation well. He is not keeping quiet in our conundrums. He sees our vulnerability and knows how some of our leaders have abandoned us, wandering about like a sheep without a shepherd. He is doing something about it and, will not rest until we are gathered and restored. When shepherds, leaders, friends and even family members fail to come to us or keep us at arm's length, Jesus walks into the room as the invisible guest that strengthens and consoles us. The Lord takes the best care of us even when nobody cares about us at all. All we need today is simply to do whatever God wants us to do in order to heal us and our world.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Marie Adamo	Agnes Hogan	Victoria Miller
Danielle Becka	Dianna Hosta	Sarah Morkeberg
Tom Beercheck	Kiki Kelley	Tom O'Donnell
Burley Blankenship	Diane Kinzer	Kenneth Pachasa
Kenneth Brady	Joe Kolecki	Christopher A. Park
Ruth Casto	Kosmerl Family	Greg Ray and Family
Fran Corbin	Karen Kranstueber	Herb Rielinger
Martin Eland	Sr. Jane Lab	Ken Schneider
Karen Fisher	Justin Latchney	Michael Sherman
Joe Fleischer	Sr. Linda	Jill Snedden
Kyoko Fry	Jim Lisi	Glenn Sneed
William Fry	Linda Lucas	Sharon Sneed
John Grech	Inis Lustru	Wayne Sneed
Doris Harboldt	Ruth Martin	Maryanne Sutherland
Rhonda Harrel	Maureen Masterson	Edward Tadiello
Susan Hatta	Cielo McClain	Evelyn Trucks
Tadaaki Hatta	Robin McClain	Fr. Albert Veigas
Tim Hennessey	Abbie McCoy	Noel Walters
Debi Hess	Steve McElroy	Devon Zink

Brother Kevin Cush—Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life

Sean Homcy—Vocation to Priesthood

Abbé Nicholas Johanni—Vocation to Priesthood

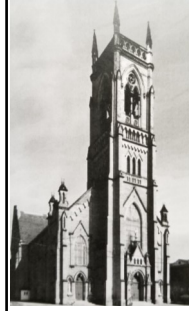
Sister Rose-Marie (Rose Johanni) of the Passion of the Royal Heart,
Burning Furnace of Mercy

First Responder—Lt. Timothy Maffo-Judd

Our prayer list has been updated. If you would like to add a name for the new list, please call the Parish Office at 216-631-5633. You can help to manage the list too. Please let us know when a person no longer needs prayers.

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 21, 2024

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
~ Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6*



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

† Walter Spaeth

† Hildegard Spaeth

Please remember them in your prayers!

Traditions and Treasures

The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernardina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community.

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

Pro-Life Corner—A Consistent Ethic of Life

"A wide spectrum of issues touches on the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. As Pope John Paul II has reminded us: *"Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent.* It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good" (The Gospel of Life, no. 87).

"Among important issues involving the dignity of human life with which the Church is concerned, abortion necessarily plays a central role. Abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is *always* gravely immoral (The Gospel of Life, no. 57); its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. It is imperative that those who are called to serve the least among us give urgent attention and priority to this issue of justice" (2001: US Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life).

~priestsforlife.org

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. ~ John 10:27

Parish Announcements

JULY 14, 2024

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection.....	\$1,814.00
Candles.....	\$88.00
Ecclesia Nostra.....	\$1,585.00
Food Pantry.....	\$357.00
General Donation.....	\$200.00
Utilities.....	\$10.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JULY 21, 2024

Sunday, July 21 Schola Practice (CR). 8:00am
Friday, July 26 Wedding Rehearsal (C)..... 5:00pm
Saturday, July 27 Wedding (C)..... 1:00pm
 (C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) Saint Francis Room • (R) Rectory

Church Parking Lot

CAUTION / SLOW DOWN / WATCH OUT FOR POTHOLES



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News from the Pews

CONDOLENCES TO...

Glenn Sneed, family and friends on the passing of his son, **Wayne Sneed** on July 13, 2024.



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

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

Altar Cloths Thank You

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GENEROUSLY GAVE TO THE ALTAR CLOTH DONATION FUND!

With the money we collected we were able to buy three complete sets of Altar Cloths:

Green, Red, and Purple

As well as the matching Tabernacle Curtains.

WE APPRECIATE THE CONTINUED SUPPORT EVERYONE ALWAYS GIVES TO OUR PARISH!

Your Parish Needs Volunteers

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

We are looking for anyone who would like to join our Ministry of Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers to serve at the following Masses: 5pm Saturday, 8am and 11am Sunday. Please contact Diana Lipfird at: dlipfird@gmail.com or call: 440-532-9491.

St. Vincent de Paul

ATTENTION

We are in need of volunteers for our St. Vincent de Paul group. We only have four members and lots of needs. We provide works of charity that alleviate deprivation and suffering. We aspire to elevate one's human dignity. We serve those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social backgrounds, and political beliefs. Summer is upon us, and we usually have in influx of calls from people with no relief from the heat, health concerns and rental assistance. Please consider joining us in this special ministry. We meet once a month. If interested, call **Maureen** at **216-926-9442** or email at winkie453@gmail.com. Thank you!



**BE A SHEPHERD OF GOD'S WORK
BECOME A VOLUNTEER**

2nd Annual St. Stephen 50 / 50 Raffle

The St. Stephen Parish 50/50 Raffle is Back....and BETTER!

We are once again offering a 50/50 Raffle to benefit our beloved St. Stephen Parish.

This year's 50/50 offers you two Raffle Ticket options.

You can buy from one or both options without limits.

500 tickets to be offered at \$20 each

100 tickets to be offered at \$100. each.

Tickets will be sold in the back of the Church or outside the Church before and after ALL weekend Masses through August.

We will accept cash or checks (made out to St. Stephen Church).

Drawing will be at our Parish Picnic on Sunday August 25th.

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!**

The FEST—2024



ALL Moms are special!

We all know that moms (and grandmothers, godmothers, aunts and sisters) are special...very special!! When you come to **The FEST on Sunday, August 4, 2024 in Wickliffe**, you can have an amazing day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE – and have the chance to get special giveaways from our friends at Marc's. The Marc's Moms Station will be filled with some wonderful opportunities and blessings for all women who join us on FEST day. To register online today to win great gift baskets and prizes from Marc's, go to www.theFEST.us/moms. Special thanks to our friends at Marc's, Baron's Bus and the Diocese of Cleveland for their support for The FEST. It's FREE and all are welcome.

The FEST is also a great day for the kids and grandkids. It's a day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE. There's the best Contemporary Christian artists along with activities, displays, inflatables, family friendly food and lots and lots of fun. Check out all the details by going to: www.theFEST.us

Christ our Light!

Easter boldly proclaims that Christ is the Light stronger than all the darkness. He is our way, our truth and our life. He is the path of peace.

Come on Sunday, August 4 as we gather in the light of summer to rejoice in the Eternal Light of Christ at The FEST. Our 23rd Annual Catholic Family FESTival takes place at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe.

Come and enjoy the best national Christian artists: **Casting Crowns, We the Kingdom, Cochren & Co., Caleb & John**. There are inspiring and fun activities for the kids and grandkids. There are meaningful displays, family friendly food, opportunities for prayer and reflection. There's something for everyone at The FEST. The day will conclude with an inspiring outdoor Mass with Bishop Malesic and Bishop Woost.

Invite your family and friends to join you for this amazing day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE – thanks to our friends at: **Marc's, First Day School Supplies, and Baron's Bus**. This summer bask in the joy and Light of Christ at The FEST.



THEFEST

Visit the TheFEST.us

THE FEST

AUGUST 4, 2024
WICKLIFFE, OHIO
CENTER for PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Theology on the Rocks For Adult 40 and Over

Join us Monday, Aug. 12: The Eucharist & Time of your Life!
NEW LOCATION

Westside Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.

Fr. Jerry Bednar, retired Priest, Professor & Attorney will talk to us on the significance of the Resurrection in the Eucharist.

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** for catering purposes. **Register in advance:** www.theologyontherockswest.com

Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.



Retrouvaille Lifeline for Married Couples

A Unique Program to Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage
Beginning September 20-22, 2024

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is open to couples of all faiths and is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions.

For more information or to register, visit: www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301 or 440.836.4810.

Camp Cheerful in Strongsville

St. Augustine Health Ministries
Happy Campers Week
Needs Volunteers!

Join us August 12-15 at Camp Cheerful in Strongsville. Volunteers assist with activities, serve meals, play games, help with crafts, and befriend our residents.

To volunteer contact Caroline DiFabio at (216) 939-7601 or cdifabio@st-aug.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!
GOD BLESS and THANK YOU!

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