



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 216-631-5633 Fax: 216-631-5634

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 30 & 31, 2025

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:

Athanase Bizige

Organist:

Joe Kolecki

Cantors:

Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb

Latin Schola Director:

Nathan Marinchick and Matthew Eccher

St. Vincent de Paul:

Maureen Easley



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: 9-9:30am (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

Metro Catholic Parish School

1910 West 54th Street

216-281-4044

Sisters of Notre Dame Convent

1891 West 57th Street

216-631-0754

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, August 30, 2025—Church

Vigil of the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Harley Chresos

Sunday, August 31, 2025—Church

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM †† Angelo and Irene Salvatore

11:00 AM † Marlene Brunette

Monday, September 1, 2025—Church

Weekday (Labor Day)

10:00 AM † Mary Ellen Stilwell

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Weekday

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

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Mary Sockloskie

Wednesday, September 3, 2025—Church

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

6:30 PM † Mary Theresa Jankowski

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

Thursday, September 4, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM Latin Mass - Intentions of the Sherman Family

Friday, September 5, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM Latin Mass (1st Friday) Michelle Valore

Saturday, September 6, 2025—Church

Saturday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Latin Mass (1st Saturday) † Lloyd Hemphill

Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Katherine Duffy Rock

Sunday, September 7, 2025—Church

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Mary Wetzel

11:00 AM † Thomas Hayne

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



CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 30, 2025 — AUGUST 31, 2025

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr Charles	Fr. Charles	Fr. Charles
Lector:	Russ Nieling	Elaine Amondo	Diana Lipfird
EM:	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost	Kevin Kroesen	

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 — SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin
Lector:	Fred Courtright	Doris Peters	Ursula Keck / Kevin Young
EM:	Jean Gandee		Diana Lipfird
Acolyte:	Ben Kost	Kevin Kroesen	

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2025

Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/ Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Marie Adamo	Kai Kirk	Kenneth Pachasa
Berly Blankenship	Joe Kolecki	Mary Lou Pannel
Thomas John Cables	Kosmerl Family	Christopher A. Park
Ruth Casto	Karen Kranstueber	Paul
Rosemary Diemer	Fr. Kropac	Greg Ray and Family
Martin Eland	Sr. Jane Lab	Herb Rielinger
Karen Fisher	Justin Latchney	Herb Rodriguez
Kyoko Fry	Sr. Linda	Rick Salvatore
Harry Tom Graef	Jim Lisi	Irene Schroeder
Robert Gunn	Ruth Martin	Maureen Sciarino
Susan Hatta	Maureen Masterson	Michael Sherman
Tadaaki Hatta	Katie McClain	Glenn Sneed
Raymond Hawley	Rob McClain	Sharon Sneed
Katharina Hayne	Abbie McCoy	Wayne Sneed
Debi Hess	Steve McElroy	Evelyn Trucks
Agnes Hogan	Victoria Miller	Fr. Albert Veigas
Horie Family	Kazuyuki Nagashima	Noel Walters
Dianna Hosta	Jessie Noelker	Devon Zink
Kiki Kelley	Tom O'Donnell	

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 30 & 31, 2025

REFLECTION

The first reading of this Sunday encourages the people of God to reflect deeply on the importance of humility. This is an essential virtue for all Christians to identify themselves with Christ. It helps believers to build a good relationship with God and neighbors. For proud people, humility makes them look inferior and unrecognized in society. While for Christians, this virtue enriches and liberates people from false self-exultation and unhealthy competition in the areas of work. The Book of Sirach states, "My Child, Humble yourself the more, greater you are, and you will find favor with God." Humble people are sincere and able to identify quickly their weaknesses and strength in the communities. This virtue plays a great role in the conversion of hearts and makes sinners to admit bravely their sinful behaviors against God and their fellow brothers and sisters. Jesus advised his followers not to seek human admiration like the Pharisees or Scribes who style themselves to be praised, respected or honored by others. In the Gospel of St. Luke, the Lord said, "For everyone who exults himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exulted." Please, make a wise decision to embrace the spirit of humility.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 31, 2025



You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. — *Hebrews 12:22a*

John of Patmos watches the descent of the New Jerusalem from God

August 30 & 31: Mission Appeal

MISSION APPEAL FOR KABALE DIOCESE (UGANDA) MISSION WORK AND NEEDS

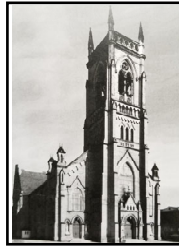
Fr Charles Mugabi is celebrating the 5:00pm, 8:00am and 11:00am Masses this weekend. He will speak on the continued development of Our Lady of Good Health Rushoroza Hospital for the rural poor (phase III) construction of labor and delivery unit, children's ward, emergency room, and dental/ophthalmology units; and the long-term Kabale Diocese Orphaned and Vulnerable Children Program. They provide less fortunate children with tuition, and school supplies, healthcare, and personal need assistance at a cost of \$350/per year. They are currently supporting 540 children out of well over 20,000 little ones that remain in critical need of outreach help. He will also speak on the formation and training of seminarians and catechists. They currently have 77 major seminarians and 916 catechists. 55 of their catechists are currently in formation. Total education/formation cost for one seminarian/year is \$400 and \$150 for one catechist. Please prayerfully consider a donation to this appeal!



MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2025

Sun, Aug 31	Schola Practice (CR).....	8:00am
Fri, Sept 5	Rehearsal (C)	5:00pm
Sat, Sept 6	Lecture (CR)	after 9:30am 1st Saturday Mass
Sat, Sept 6	Wedding (C)	2:00pm

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



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

† **Maryanne Sutherland**

September 24, 1930 – September 18, 2024

Please remember her in your prayers!

Treasures from our Tradition

From the Old Calendar...

SEPT. 2. St. Stephen, King of Hungary, Confessor

St. Stephen, King of Hungary, introduced Christianity into his native land. Pope Sylvester II gave him the privilege of having a cross carried before him like an archbishop. He did all that an apostle could do for his country. By his example and his influence he induced the nobles and the people to embrace the Catholic Faith; he gave Christian legislation to the kingdom; he founded and endowed episcopal sees, built monasteries and established charitable institutions, not only in Hungary but even in Constantinople, Jerusalem, Ravenna and Rome.

St. Stephen, seven years before his death, saw his young and most innocent son Emerich, an angel of purity and holiness, whom God glorified by many miracles, precede him on the way to heaven. He followed him to the tomb on August 15, 1034, but Innocent XI appointed his feast to be kept on September 2, in memory of the victory which the Christian army won over the Turks at Budapest on this day. — Rev. F.X. Lasance, New Roman Missal

Pro-Life

Statement from Bishop Malesic on Minneapolis Catholic School Shooting • News of the Diocese • August 27, 2025

Our hearts break for the children, staff and families of Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis affected by the shooting that took place today during a school Mass. This senseless act of cruelty and violence is beyond comprehension.

Please join us in praying for those who lost their lives, for the many others who were wounded, for their families and loved ones, and for all who will suffer the scars of this tragedy. Let us pray fervently to our Father in heaven for the physical and mental healing of the victims, and indeed for this entire community, in the days, weeks and months ahead.

AUGUST 24, 2025 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Contributions and donations received from the mail, will be published in next week's bulletin.

MONTH OF AUGUST 2025 ONLINE COLLECTION

Offertory Collection.....	\$203.33
Ecclesia Nostra	\$1,201.00
General Donation	\$250.00
Music Ministry.....	\$200.00
St. Vincent de Paul Ministry	\$50.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

Parish Announcements

In observance of the Labor Day holiday,
**Monday, September 1st, Mass will be
celebrated at 10:00am in the Church.**

The 6:30pm Mass will not be celebrated in
the Rectory Chapel.



The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day.

Outreach Ministry



**The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 63
families on Thursday, August 28th 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!

2026 Liturgical Calendar

The parish will be ordering 2026 Liturgical
Calendars in September. In harmony with the
1962 Typical Edition of the Roman Missal, the
2026 Liturgical Calendar accurately lists the
feast days and other liturgical days celebrated
each season. Servants of the Holy Family
(servi.org) has included a special guide, along with a mini-
catechism of the essential teachings of the Catholic Faith, a list
of Patron Saints and a section of Prayers.



To place an order (to be included in the parish order), please
submit the number requested and the payment for each to the
parish office. Calendar costs are: \$14.95ea (for an order placed
for 1-19 calendars); \$10.45ea (for an order placed for 20-99
calendars). You may order more than one calendar. If the
discount for 20-99 calendars is achieved, reimbursement will
be given once the calendars are received. Please submit your
order and payment by September 15th. If you have any ques-
tions, please call the parish office. To view the calendar online,
please go to <https://servi.org/product-category/publications/>.

**Photo credit: Servants of the Holy Family*

Bell Tower Lighting



Each month our St. Stephen Bell Tower is
illuminated throughout the night, and can be
clearly seen throughout the neighborhood and
when driving down I-90 Westbound.

To maintain the Bell Tower Lights, our cost is
approximately \$17 daily. To help defray the
monthly cost to the parish. We would like to
request a minimum financial donation of \$250 for a month's
Tower Lighting.

If you wish to reserve a month of bell tower illumination, please
contact the Parish Office. In 2026, all of the months are open,
with the exception of May. Thank you for your generosity and
financial support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew and Marialana Tusick,
who were united in the Holy Sacrament of
Marriage on Saturday, August 30, 2025!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As the New School Year begins, St. Stephen will begin
getting our children ready to receive their most important
initiation Sacraments:

**First Holy Communion
&**

Confirmation

If you have a child in 2nd or 8th grade, please contact:

Diana Lipfird 440-532-9491
dlipfird@gmail.com

CLASSES WILL BEGIN SOON!!!

Around the Diocese



If you are looking for help with your marriage, **Retrouvaille** is
here to help. Whether you are struggling with communications,
feel distant or have significant issues you've been unable to
resolve, you'll find hope and tools that make a difference.

Cleveland Retrouvaille Program: Weekend September 19-21
with Post-weekend sessions from September 28-November 2
To register or request more information about our upcoming
weekend, go to:

<https://helpourmarriage.org/cle>, call 216.509.0301 or email
3031r@helpourmarriage.org before September 5th



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The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and
compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and memorial
events throughout the year. Upcoming support/ gatherings:

- Sept.13th – National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn
(Akron, Valley City)
- Sept 21st – Sunday Grief Support meetings (3pm In-person;
5pm Virtual)
- Oct. 5th – Walk to Remember and online Memorial Wall
(Register in September)

For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Events/Events.aspx>
For more information or questions, call Renee at 216-930-4866

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

Monday, September 8
7:00PM

Field Trip:
Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Church
Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
418 W 15th Street
Lorain, Ohio



6:30pm Doors Open
7:00pm Program Begins

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, Sept. 8 • 7 – 8:30pm

Our Annual Field Trip Event to:

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary/Lorain
418 W. 15th St., Lorain, Ohio

Join us as we become Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year. We will be treated to a tour of one of the designated Sacred Sites at which a plenary indulgence may be obtained. Rich in history, its Polish-American Heritage and over 70 relics on display; it's an evening you don't want to miss.

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers & refreshments included. Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Jubilee Indulgence

The Year of the Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

The Jubilee Year is a special year of grace, in which the Church offers the faithful the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence. An indulgence, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, is "a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." "An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead. In short, although we receive forgiveness for sins through the sacrament of Reconciliation, further purification is needed.

Here are the basic elements to receive an indulgence:

In addition to being truly repentant and desiring the indulgence, the faithful are to go to confession, attend Mass, pray for the Pope and his intentions, and also complete one of the following:

- ◆ Undertake a pious pilgrimage to a Sacred Site: devoutly participate in Holy Mass, anointing of the sick, celebration of the Word of God, Liturgy of the Hours, the Way of the Cross, the Marian Rosary, or penitential celebration.
- ◆ Visit a Sacred Site: engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith, and the invocations to Mary, Mother of God.
- ◆ Participate in: a mission, spiritual exercises or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place.
- ◆ Participate in works of mercy and penance: the corporal or spiritual works of mercy, visiting the sick and imprisoned, feeding the hungry, welcoming the migrant, observing the penitential nature of Friday, etc.

For more information, visit: <http://dioceseofcleveland.org/pilgrims-of-hope>



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12:30 PM - 4:00 PM, doors open at 12:15 PM
Tickets: \$35 Per person
To register, visit <https://tobcble.org/event/let-love-in>



Parish Community Advertisements

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