



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 27 and 28, 2025

Parish Office Hours

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

Pastoral Staff

Pastor:

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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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Debbie Hemphill

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Nathan Marinchick and Matthew Eccher

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Sisters of Notre Dame Convent

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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: 9-9:30am (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

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, September 27, 2025—Church

Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Kimberly Carroll

Sunday, September 28, 2025—Church

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Josh Baumann Family

11:00 AM Intentions of the Sherman Family

Monday, September 29, 2025—Rectory Chapel

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

6:30 PM Henry Myers

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) Jason Gilligan

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Rose Regula

Wednesday, October 1, 2025—Church

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

6:30 PM William Kness

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

Thursday, October 2, 2025—Church

The Holy Guardian Angels

6:30 PM † Nick Bolan

Friday, October 3, 2025—Rectory Chapel

Weekday

6:30 PM Latin Mass (1st Friday) Matthew Lewis

Saturday, October 4, 2025—Church

Saint Francis of Assisi

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

Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Lorenzo Becerra

Sunday, October 5, 2025—Church

Twenty-Seventh in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Neil Richter

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

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 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 — SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 4, 2025 — OCTOBER 5, 2025

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	Fred Courtright	Chris Haddock	Katie and Tony Ganzer
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 SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Marie Adamo	Kiki Kelley	Tom O'Donnell
Berly Blankenship	Kai Kirk	Dianne Pachasa
Thomas John Cables	Joe Kolecki	Christopher A. Park
Ruth Casto	Kosmerl Family	Paul
Rosemary Diemer	Karen Kranstueber	Greg Ray and Family
Martin Eland	Fr. Kropac	Herb Rielinger
Karen Fisher	Sr. Jane Lab	Herb Rodriguez
Kyoko Fry	Justin Latchney	Rick Salvatore
Harry Tom Graef	Sr. Linda	Irene Schroeder
Robert Gunn	Ruth Martin	Maureen Sciarrino
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	Rita McDonald	Evelyn Trucks
Agnes Hogan	Steve McElroy	Fr. Albert Veigas
Horie Family	Victoria Miller	E. K. Wade
Dianna Hosta	Kazuyuki Nagashima	Noel Walters
Russell Kamps	Jessie Noelker	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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 27 and 28, 2025

REFLECTION

This Sunday, the theme of wealth entered the Gospel text. The rich man refused to share his earthly possessions with a poor man - Lazarus who constantly beg for scraps of food for his fill. After the earthly life of both, there was a reversal of fortune: Lazarus died, and he was carried peacefully by Angels to the bosom of Abraham; while the rich man was buried and became a beggar. The story of these two people serves to remind us not to allow worldly riches to distance us from poor or needy people. Material and spiritual wealth are to be put to proper use to benefit the needy. Importantly in the poor, we should see and serve Christ. Therefore, there is no room for needy people to be abandoned, neglected, or marginalized in the community. In today's first reading, the Prophet Amos supplemented the Gospel message when he expressed the dissatisfaction of God with the rich people in Zion who took pleasure in material wealth at the extent of neglecting the poor. In the long run, they became beggars in the exile. The Lord does not like us to behave like the greedy rich man, but to turn to feed, house, treat the "Lazarus" in the streets, families, churches, country and the world.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

October is the month our Diocese asks parishes to conduct a count of the number of adults and children attending the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. This information is an important indicator of Catholic participation in our common celebration of the Holy Eucharist, "the source and summit of the Christian life." The annual Mass attendance count is intended to provide an accurate and comprehensive profile for the entire diocese, and a source of information for us in our local parish planning and ministry.

Counting will take place next weekend, October 4th and 5th, and on the following weekend of October 11th and 12th.

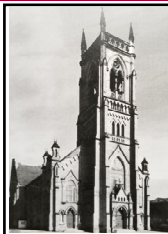
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection.....	\$1,111.00
Children.....	\$5.10
Building Fund	\$45.00
Candles.....	\$120.50
Ecclesia Nostra	\$2,343.12
Food Pantry	\$106.00
General Donation.....	\$50.00
General Donation: In Memory Of	\$50.00
St. Vincent de Paul Ministry	\$194.00
Utilities	\$20.00
Diocesan: Victims of Gaza	\$412.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Sun, Sept 28	Schola Practice (CR).....	8:00am
Fri, Oct 3	Rehearsal (C)	4:30pm
Sat, Oct 4	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

The Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel September 29

This is the original feast of the leader of the heavenly armies, St. Michael. The captain of the heavenly armies, the angel named in the Canon of the Mass, held, from early times the first place in the Liturgy among the other angels; wherefore many churches dedicated to St. Michael in the Middle Ages were simply known as churches "of the holy angel."

St. Michael, whose name signifies "who is like unto God" cast the evil spirit out of heaven, and overcame Satan in the struggle for possession of the body of Moses. God has entrusted our defense, in the combat with the devil, to the angels. The reason of this is easily understood. The devil is a spirit who has lost none of the powers inherent to his nature. In order, therefore, that the struggle should not be unequal, God has placed at our side defenders of the same nature as Lucifer, that is to say pure spirits, who are, however, greater and more powerful than he is. —Fr. F.X. Lasance, The New Roman Missal

To many, Saint Michael the Archangel, "Captain of the Heavenly Host," is best known as that dauntless spirit who vanquished his peer among the angels, Lucifer, once called "the Star of the Morning." Michael is a star of the love than conquers pride. Sometimes he is pictured as a winged angel in white robes, but oftener as the armed warrior on the errands of God, about his head a halo and under his foot the demon, prone and helpless. He was honored in Jewish tradition, and became the champion of Christian warriors as well, although in early ages he was also given the protection of the sick. Of his early sanctuaries, the best known is Monte Gargano in Italy, where he appeared in the fifth or sixth century to the Lombards and insured their victory over the Greek Neapolitans. In the Middle Ages Michael became in Normandy the patron of mariners. His shrines were built in high places, facing the sea, and Mont-Saint-Michel on its rock is the greatest example of devotion to him, a place of pilgrimage a thousand years ago as it still is today. —Taken in part from <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=1156&repos=3&subrepos=1&searchid=2565579>

Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC)

This weekend, we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Cleveland Diocese to support local efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at www.usccb.org/ccf.

Parish Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Marianna Sutherland, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, September 27, 2025!



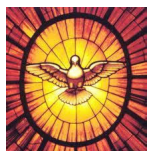
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Do you have a 2nd grade student or a child in need of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion? Registration is now open. Please contact Diana Lipfird at 440-532-9491 or email at dlipfird@gmail.com.



CONFIRMATION

Do you have an 8th grade student or a child in need of Confirmation? Registration is now open. Please contact Diana Lipfird at 440-532-9491 or email at dlipfird@gmail.com.



CLASSES WILL BEGIN SOON!!!

Parish Ministries

The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 35 families on Thursday, September 28th from our Food Pantry. Our Food Pantry is open from 9:30am-12:00 Noon the last Thursday of the month. **Thank you to all who donate food supplies and/or offer financial support to help us assist those in need.**



Our Parish Ministries are in need of your financial support...

The St. Stephen Outreach and St. Vincent DePaul Ministries are supported only by the direct donations of our generous donors. No Offertory, Ecclesia Nostra (EN), Christmas Appeal or other special campaign donation monies are used to support these critical ministries. Non-parish benefactors such as Saint Bernadette's Church and their Knights of Columbus chapter, as well as Mr. Mark Stepowoy who provides monies for Thanksgiving turkeys each year, have kept these ministries afloat. However, the cost of groceries for our monthly Food Pantry has gone up substantially this year, as has the number of those within our community who are in need. In addition to operating the Food Pantry, our Outreach Ministry provides quarterly meals to the House of Champions (a local after-school program that supports inner-city youth living in poverty), conducts our Adopt-a-Family program at Christmas in association with St. Bernadette's parish, and supplements (where possible) the work of our St. Vincent DePaul Ministry in their support of those in desperate need of assistance with rent, utilities, clothing, vehicle repairs, etc.

There are only 5 Food Pantry and 5 SVDP Ministry appeal envelopes issued a year, but we can accept donations to these ministries at any time during the year. Just indicate on your check or any church envelope that you wish this donation to be applied to our Outreach or SVDP ministries only. Thank you for supporting these critical ministries and the much needed services they provide for our St. Stephen Parish community! 1 John 3:18: "My little children, let us not love in word, or in tongue, but in deed, and in truth."

Fall Fundraiser

If you are looking for mums, corn stalks, pumpkins, straw bales or other fall gardening supplies, you can support St. Stephen Church now through October 15th by shopping at:

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3984 Porter Rd.
Westlake, Ohio

Just mention St. Stephen when you check out and we will receive **20%** of your order. Thank you for your support!



Around the Diocese

UPCOMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – A plan to end abortion by fasting and prayer from **September 24th to November 2nd**. Call 440-585-5317.

OHIO MASS/MARCH FOR LIFE will be celebrated at **9 a.m. on Oct. 3rd** in St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, followed by the March for Life on the Ohio Statehouse lawn. Rally at 12 Noon. Columbus Bishop Earl Fernandes and Toledo Bishop Daniel Thomas will concelebrate the Mass. More information: <https://marchforlife.org/ohio/>

Travel by Bus: Sponsored by Brunswick Knights Columbus, Call Marty Shaw, at 216 533 7737 to register. Cost is \$25.00 for bus and box lunch. You will leave St. Ambrose parking lot at 8:30am and return around 4:00pm. Aim to be at St. Ambrose by 8:15am (929 Pearl Rd, Brunswick Ohio 44212).

LIFE CHAIN— A powerful, prayerful witness to the sacredness of life. Sunday, **October 5th from 2 to 3pm**, at 21016 Center Ridge Rd., Rocky River, OH. Signs are provided at Life Chain. Call Doris Peters at 216 659 3362 for more information.

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE — Month Mass and Holy Hour — This event will be held on **October 10th from 7 to 9pm**, at St. Mary Church, 250 Kraft St., Berea Ohio. Call 440-823-5141.

CHOOSE LIFE BANQUET— The keynote speaker is Andy Schlafly, Esq., the president of the legal Center for the Defense of life. He is the son of Phyllis Schlafly, a well known pro-life activist. The event will be held at Windows on the River, 2000 Sycamore St., Cleveland, Ohio on **Friday, November 21st**. Cost: \$73/person or \$584/table of eight. Call 216 661 6616.

Rosary Rally — A rosary rally will take place at **12:00 Noon Oct. 11** on Public Square in downtown Cleveland, near the fountain. For more information or to RSVP for the event, email: clarinetkimberly@gmail.com. The rally was inspired by an ongoing rosary rally initiative of America Needs Fatima, an organization dedicated to spreading the message of Fatima throughout the United States.

Suburban West Right to Life invites you to their next meeting on Saturday, **October 4th at 1:00pm** at the Mary Queen of Peace Parish Center, 4427 Pearl Road, Cleveland 44109. Guest Speaker: "Shroud of Turin" presented by Frank Budziak. Refreshments provided. If you have any questions, please call Doris Peters at 216-659-3362.

Around the Diocese

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God

Join us for **Touching the Divine** to explore the qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.

The Walking with Purpose (WWP) ministry at St. James in Lakewood is offering a new weekly Catholic women's Bible study, "Touching the Divine," which is a study on the Gospel of John. The 22-week long study takes place on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, beginning **October 2, 2025** running through March 26, 2026. There are also free monthly "Connect Coffee" events, the first of which takes place 10/2/2025. Our group includes a wide range of ages -- from those in their 20s all the way to those in their 70s!

walking with purpose

www.walkingwithpurpose.com



Catholic Cemeteries Association (CCA) Annual Walk to Remember and online Memorial Wall

OCTOBER 5, 2025, 1-2 PM

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to participate in a half-mile walking Rosary to honor your departed loved ones. We walk, we pray, we sing, and we remember. For those who cannot walk, or in case of rain, the Rosary will be prayed indoors. You may also honor your departed loved ones on our "In Remembrance" Wall. Please Submit names by September 30th to be included. Pre-Register and/or submit Remembrance Names TODAY online at <https://www.clecem.org/Events/WalkToRemember.aspx>, by email (rweese@clecem.org), by phone (Renee/216-930-4866). Onsite registration is available the morning of the Walk.

Walk to Remember locations:

Holy Cross Cemetery | 14609 Brookpark Road, Brook Park | Starts at St. Jude Mausoleum.

St. Joseph Cemetery | 32789 Detroit Road, Avon | Starts at St. Joseph Mausoleum.

A Rosary podcast is available on our website for those who cannot attend but wish to participate. <https://www.clecem.org/Events/WalkToRemember.aspx>



*St. Thérèse
of Lisieux*

Her relics visit the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, Michigan
October 1st - 8th

on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of her Canonization.

For details visit

<https://shrinechurch.com/>

"Greetings, we were made aware of this upcoming tour; the closest stop is in Michigan and it starts in just over a week. We know many of the faithful have a special devotion to The Little Flower so we put this ... together to make parishioners aware. God Bless, Rosemary Reed, Director, Our Mother's Hands • www.OurMothersHands.org • 330-800-0929, or by email: Rosemary@OurMothersHands.org "

2025 Cleveland Catholic Women's DAY OF REFLECTION



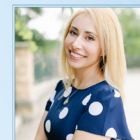
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JACKIE ANGEL



FR. RYAN MANN



KIRA ANDREA

Saturday, October 11, 2025

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Rd.
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The International Order of Alhambra is a fraternal organization of Catholic men and women founded in 1904 dedicated to assisting persons that are intellectually disabled or handicapped, particularly children. Within our Cleveland Diocese is the Cleveland chapter known as the Carmona Caravan, organized in 1948, which was recently featured in the July/August edition of the Northeast Ohio Catholic Magazine. Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries has worked closely with the Carmona Caravan and is grateful for their many years of support. They meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is **October 14th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garfield Hts., 10806 Granger Road. Anyone interested in service to children with special needs are invited to come to a meeting. To contact the Carmona Caravan, its calendar of events, and for more information on the founding, history, mission of Alhambra visit: carmonacaravan.org.



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