



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Celebrating over 150 Years of Tradition

1930 West 54th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44102

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

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 4 and 5, 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, October 4, 2025—Church

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

Monday, October 6, 2025—Rectory Chapel

Weekday

6:30 PM † Stanley Yeast, Jr.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Our Lady of the Rosary

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) Paul Marinchick

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Penelope Jankowski

Wednesday, October 8, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM † Raymond Polantz, Sr.

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

Thursday, October 9, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM † Jim Karis

Friday, October 10, 2025—Rectory Chapel

Weekday

6:30 PM Intentions of the Sherman Family

Saturday, October 11, 2025—Church

Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Mayme Wrynn Rock

Sunday, October 12, 2025—Church

Twenty-Eighth in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Rebecca Wenzel

11:00 AM Alumni — 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

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 Diana Lipfird
EM:	Jean Gandee		
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 11, 2025 — OCTOBER 12, 2025

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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2025

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

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
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Robert Gunn	Ruth Martin	Maureen Sciarino
Susan Hatta	Maureen Masterson	Michael Sherman
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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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 4 and 5, 2025

REFLECTION

The Apostles have come to the comprehension that they can only understand the teachings of Jesus if they have faith. Consequently, they make a humble appeal to Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus explains that one cannot increase what is not there. If we have faith, however how much small it is, we are already on the path. Faith cannot be quantified. We either have it or we don't have it. We cannot have small piece of Jesus. We either have Him or we don't have Him. When we have Him and make that real through our actions, we change for the better, and by so doing we influence the things around us to change for the better as well. As a result, fear is replaced with courage, passivity with action, weakness with power, hate with love, and pride with humility. Only at this level can we bear difficult situations without complaining or waiting for appreciation because we have truly realized our mission and that to which we are called.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

Upcoming World Mission Sunday

We will be celebrating World Mission Sunday in a couple of weeks. In *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, St. Pope Paul VI reminds us that prayer is the soul of all mission: "It is the Holy Spirit who, today just as at the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangelizer" (75). Through our prayers, we unite ourselves with missionaries bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Let us offer our rosaries and Masses this week for those who bring Christ's love to the margins, often at great personal cost. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of hope in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, where we are.

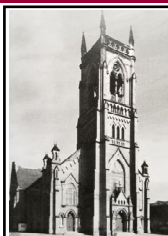
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 OFFERTORY and SEPTEMBER ONLINE COLLECTIONS

General Collection	\$1,908.00	 \$190.00
Children.....	\$3.35	
Building Fund—In Memory Of	\$265.00	
Candles.....	\$130.00	
Ecclesia Nostra	\$1,696.12	.. \$1,818.00
Food Pantry.....	\$110.00	
General Donation.....	\$300.00	 \$250.00
Maintenance	\$100.00	 \$133.00
St. Vincent de Paul Ministry.....	\$1.00	 \$50.00
Tower Lighting	\$250.00	
Utilities	\$10.00	
Diocesan: Catholic Communications.....	\$175.00	

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2025

Sun, Oct 5	Schola Practice (CR).....	8:00am
	German Social (R)	after 11:00am Mass
Fri, Oct 10	Rehearsal (C)	5:00pm
Sat, Oct 11	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 October
In Memory Of

† **Streeter Stephen Speakman**

October 14, 1946—February 12, 2018

Please remember him in your prayers!

Treasures from our Tradition

MONTH OF OCTOBER: DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"...If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church...." — *Mary in our Life* by Fr. William G. Most

October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on Oct. 7. ...

Two years before establishing the feast, in 1569, Pope St. Pius V officially approved the rosary in its present form with the papal bull *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices* ("The Roman Pontiffs are accustomed," the first words of the document). In a development from earlier methods of praying the rosary, the new version included the second half of the Hail Mary, as well as the "Glory Be" prayer at the end of each mystery.

In *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices*, St. Pius V established the two essential elements of the rosary: vocal prayer and mental prayer. This fact has been highlighted by all Marian saints, especially Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort (1673 – 1716), author of popular Marian books such as "The Admirable secret of the Rosary," "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin," and "Methods for Saying the Rosary." — <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/249212/our-lady-of-victory-and-why-october-is-the-month-of-the-rosary> and <https://www.mileschristi.blogspot.com/2022/09/bula-sobre-el-santo-rosario.html>

Parish Announcements

News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Conner and Alexis Buchanan, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, October 4, 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!!!

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. Counting will take place this weekend and next.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

"Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity."

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Blanket Sunday



The 39th Annual Blanket Sunday in-parish appeal kicks off next weekend, October 11-12, 2025.

Your monetary donation will purchase thousands of warm blankets, beds, and other winter essentials given directly to those in need through our parish groups, hunger centers, Labre (homeless outreach) programs and others in NE Ohio. You can make a contribution next weekend using the one of the envelopes found in the pews or at the exits of the Church. To securely donate online, go to BlanketSunday.org or mail a check to:

St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday
1404 East 9th Street
Cleveland, OH 44114

Thank you for helping us "blanket" neighbors in warmth and compassion.

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:

Dean's Greenhouse

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

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.

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, Ohio. Call 216 659 3362.

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 Phylis 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.

October 25, 2025



**JOIN US FOR A
MASS & EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
In REPARATION for the sins against the
Immaculate Heart of Mary**

St. Therese 5276 E 105th St. Garfield Heights, OH 44125	Ss. Peter & Paul 4750 Turney Rd. Garfield Heights, OH 44125
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9:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Therese	
10:00 A.M. Eucharistic Procession to Ss. Peter & Paul	
11:00 A.M. Benediction @ Ss. Peter & Paul	
11:30 A.M. Light Lunch @ St. Therese	

*** Times noted are approximate
Sponsored by: World Apostolate of Fatima, Cleveland Division - Our Lady's Blue Army

Around the Diocese

USCCB NATIONAL PASTORAL ON THE LAITY

You are invited to be part of a nationwide consultation which will assist the U.S. Catholic Bishops as they discover how the People of God understand the baptismal identity and co-responsible mission of the laity within the Church and society.

**Please complete this survey by
Friday, October 10.**

See caption for link to begin the survey.



The USCCB has begun a consultative process to "discover how the People of God understand the baptismal identity and co-responsible mission of the laity within Church and society." We have been asked to gather feedback from the faithful of Cleveland as the U.S. Catholic Bishops begin work on a pastoral letter on this important topic. As a result, we have created an online survey that we ask you and those you serve to complete by no later than Friday, October 10. The link for the survey is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/3ErBmyiybg>

Catholic Cemeteries Association

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. For those who cannot walk, or in case of rain, the Rosary will be prayed indoors. 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.

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

Catholic Charities

Thank You for Supporting the 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal! As autumn settles in, your generosity has carried Christ's peace to families in crisis, the hungry, the homeless, the elderly, and those with disabilities. Yet many are still waiting for that peace. With your continued support, Catholic Charities can untie the knots of hardship and bring hope where it's needed most. See your impact at www.catholiccommunity.org/impact.



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 /
Rosemary@OurMothersHands.org • 330-800-0929"

2025 Cleveland Catholic Women's DAY OF REFLECTION



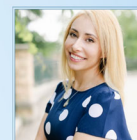
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JACKIE ANGEL



FR. RYAN MANN



KIRA ANDREA

Saturday, October 11, 2025

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Rd.
Independence, Ohio



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www.tobcle.org

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.



Parish Community Advertisements

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