



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 11 and 12, 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 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 Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Rebecca Wenzel

11:00 AM Alumni — Living and Deceased Members of the St. Stephen Alumni Association

Monday, October 13, 2025—Rectory Chapel

Weekday

6:30 PM Rosemary Jankowski

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Weekday

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) †† Lloyd, Sr. & Dolores Hemphill

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Amanda Baker

Wednesday, October 15, 2025—Church

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

6:30 PM Samuel Marinchick

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

Thursday, October 16, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM Intentions of the Sherman Family

Friday, October 17, 2025—Rectory Chapel

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

6:30 PM John Hemphill

Saturday, October 18, 2025—Church

Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Ali Lipinski

Sunday, October 19, 2025—Church

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Sandra Schmidt

11:00 AM The Strifler Family

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-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:			

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 18, 2025 — OCTOBER 19, 2025

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Januarius	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	Russ Nieling	Lou Ockunzzi	Sarah Elena
EM:	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2025

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 11 and 12, 2025

REFLECTION

Once again Jesus revealed his loving mercy for all people. In the Gospel of this Sunday, he cleansed a band of ten lepers- nine Jews and a Samaritan. These traditional enemies got together and cried "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." Jesus said, "Go and show yourselves to the Priest." Miraculously, ten of them were cleansed from their leprosy. Surprisingly, the Samaritan – the bad guy – became a good guy by expressing gratitude to God for being merciful to him — while the nine Jews had shown poor return for the good done to them. It was disheartening for Jesus to discover that nine of the ten mercifully treated failed to recognize God. This spirit of ungratefulness is being experienced in our time in the Churches where few believers come for the Eucharistic celebrations -- "The source of Thanksgivings to God". There is no doubt, the favor and blessings of God cover all people, both Jews and Gentiles. To express thankfulness is a gracious preparation for people to get more blessings. Let us equally turn to show gratitude to people who contributed or continue to impact our lives including parents, siblings, friends, co-workers, doctors, security providers, religious leaders, cooks, and many others. ~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

Upcoming World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. 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. Please be generous in our collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions.

Did you know?

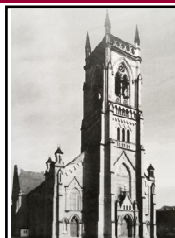
Though formally established as a universal day of prayer and solidarity for the missions in 1922, the World Mission Sunday collection finds its origin in the prayer circles created by Blessed Pauline Jaricot, the foundress of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of four Pontifical Mission Societies. This 19th-century French laywoman convinced her friends, many of whom were laborers in her family's silk factory, to pray daily for the missions and give a penny a week. For more information, go to <https://pontificalmissions.org/wms>

OCTOBER 5, 2025

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection.....	\$2,251.00
Children	\$5.60
Building Fund	\$235.00
Candles.....	\$57.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$1,907.12
General Donation.....	\$110.00
Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels	\$36.00
In Memory Of.....	\$785.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$10.00
Utilities	\$20.00
Diocese: Catholic Communications	\$31.00
Diocese: World Mission Sunday.....	\$100.00

Thank you all for your generosity!



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 of our Tradition

St. Teresa of Jesus (1515-1582) • Ordinary Time: October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, honored by the Church as the "seraphic virgin," *virgo seraphica*, and reformer of the Carmelite Order, ranks first among women for wisdom and learning. She is called *doctrix mystica*, doctor of mystical theology; in a report to Pope Paul V the Roman Rota declared: "Teresa has been given to the Church by God as a teacher of the spiritual life. The mysteries of the inner mystical life which the holy Fathers propounded unsystematically and without orderly sequence, she has presented with unparalleled clarity." Her writings are still the classic works on mysticism, and from her all later teachers have drawn, e.g., Francis de Sales, Alphonsus Liguori. Characteristic of her mysticism is the subjective-individualistic approach; there is little integration with the liturgy and social piety, and thus she reflects the spirit of the sixteenth and following centuries.

Teresa was born at Avila, Spain, in the year 1515. At the age of seven she set out for Africa to die for Christ, but was brought back by her uncle. When she lost her mother at twelve, she implored Mary for her maternal protection. In 1533 she entered the Carmelite Order; for eighteen years she suffered physical pain and spiritual dryness. Under divine inspiration and with the approval of Pope Pius IV, she began the work of reforming the Carmelite Order with the help of St. John of the Cross. In spite of heavy opposition and constant difficulties, she founded thirty-two reformed convents.

Truly wonderful were the exterior and interior manifestations of her mystical union with God, especially during the last decade of her life. These graces reached a climax when her heart was transfixed (*transverberatio cordis*), an event that is commemorated in the Carmelite Order by a special feast on August 27. She practiced great devotion to the foster-father of Jesus, whose cult was greatly furthered throughout the Church through her efforts. When dying she often repeated the words: "Lord, I am a daughter of the Church!" Her holy body rests upon the high altar of the Carmelite church in Alba, Spain; her heart with its mysterious wound is reserved in a precious reliquary on the Epistle side of the altar.

As she had reached the highest degree of prayer and through prayer obtained such knowledge of divine things that in 1970 Pope Paul VI named her the first woman Doctor of the Church.

—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch.

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2025

Sun, Oct 12	Schola Practice (CR).....	8:00am
	Latin Social (R)	after 9:30am Mass
Fri, Oct 17	Rehearsal (C)	5:00pm
Sat, Oct 18	Wedding (C).....	2:00pm
(C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) St Francis Room • (R) Rectory		

Parish Announcements

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Do you have a child who is 7 years old and above in need of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion? Please contact Diana Lipfird at 440-532-9491 or by email at dlipfird@gmail.com. Parents will need to fill out a registration form and provide a Certificate of Baptism.

CONFIRMATION

Do you have an 8th grade student or a child in need of Confirmation? Please contact Diana Lipfird at 440-532-9491 or email at dlipfird@gmail.com. Parents will need to fill out a registration form and provide a Certificate of Baptism.

CLASSES WILL BEGIN SOON!

RCIA / OCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) / **OCIA** (The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes for adults seeking Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation or adults seeking to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church who have already been validly baptized will begin on **Thursday, October 30, 2024**. RCIA/OCIA is a process of instruction to introduce persons seeking initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. We invite adults who wish to join the Catholic Faith to register by stopping by the parish office or calling 216-631-5633.

News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas and Nicole Niro, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, October 11, 2025!



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Sir Matthew Mann Minarik, Sr., KHS, parishioner, on investiture in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Investiture of two new Knights into its Cleveland Section at the North Central Lieutenancy's annual Investiture Weekend was held in Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 12-15, 2025. In a solemn investiture ceremony held on Sunday, September 14 at the Basilica of St. Adalbert in Grand Rapids, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Jerome E. ListECKI, KC*HS, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and former Coadjutor Prior, invested Sir Ryan George Scheel, KHS, and **Sir Matthew Mann Minarik, Sr., KHS**, into the Equestrian Order as Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. ~Photo by Ken Snow



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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Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Blanket Sunday

The 39th Annual Blanket Sunday in-parish appeal kicks off this 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.

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.

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.

16TH ANNUAL SONNHALTER TOOL DRIVE

The parish received a thank you letter from Sonnhalter:



"Once again, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who participated. The 2025 Tool Drive brought in \$36,000 in tool and building material donations! To date, we've now collected an incredible \$603,000 worth of tools and supplies for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cleveland—providing the resources needed to build safe, affordable homes for families in our community.

Your support helps provide homes and new beginnings for people in need. Thank you, Matt Sonnhalter, Vision Architect"

Around the Diocese

News From The Rock!

The Fall Spirit Drive is here! Listen in Wednesday, October 22nd through Friday, October 24th and join Debbie Georgianni, Chaplain Father Doug Brown, The Rock team, and other surprise guests as we explore our theme: Barriers to Evangelization. As a listener-supported lay apostolate, the station relies on contributions to continue to offer Rock Solid Catholic programming. Tune in for great premiums, daily drawings, and much more. You don't have to wait for the Pledge Drive to support Catholic radio. Visit www.am1260therock.com and click the orange "Donate Now" tab or call us at 216-227-1260. Catholic radio has changed lives and converted hearts. Thank you for your generous support!!



THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us on Monday, Oct. 13

7 – 8:30pm

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We have a transformative evening planned with a panel led by our own Deacon Dr. Ken DeLuca, Fr. Jim Winings, Judith Marinich, M.ED, LPCC-S, LICDC-CS, LSW and Dr. Ted Raddell, PhD. They will address topics of addiction in both the young & old, depression, anxiety, stressors of today, the impact of social media & technology and offer strategies and spirituality to regain control in finding the Peace & Joy God intends for us!

The cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. Advance tickets recommended.

Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm.



Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

The Holy See has designated Saturday, October 11, through Sunday, October 12, 2025, as the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality. We ask you to join with us in praying for Catholics in this parish and in the wider community, that they may find comfort, guidance, and a deeper connection to their faith by embracing Marian prayers and developing a Marian spirituality.

So what is "Marian Spirituality"? It is more than saying prayers daily; it is instead a recognition that Mary's entire life points to Christ. Thus, as we become more devoted to Mary, we imitate her virtues and follow her example of conformity to the will of God.



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www.OurMothersHands.org



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October 25, 2025



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Garfield Heights, OH 44125

Ss. Peter & Paul

4750 Turney Rd.

Garfield Heights, OH 44125

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

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Sisters of Notre Dame (Chardon) 440-279-1163
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