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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 25 and 26, 2025

Parish Office Hours

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

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Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

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Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB

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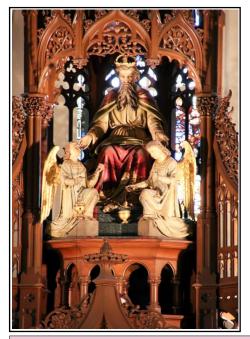
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Mission Statement

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, October 25, 2025—Church Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM †† Elizabeth and Lawrence Pearce

Sunday, October 26, 2025—Church Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Carolyn Salvatore

11:00 AM Intentions of the Sherman Family

Monday, October 27, 2025—Rectory Chapel Weekday

6:30 PM Shari Myers

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) † Ray LaFerriere 6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Sophia Wirbel

Wednesday, October 29, 2025—Church Weekday

6:30 PM The Deike Family

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

Thursday, October 30, 2025—Church Weekday

6:30 PM † Timothy Barrett

<u>Friday, October 31, 2025—Rectory Chapel</u> Weekday

6:30 PM The Hurst Family

Saturday, November 1, 2025—Church

All Saints

9:30 AM (1st Saturday) (Latin Mass) † Joseph Sa, Sr.

Vigil of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Souls (All Souls' Day)

5:00 PM The Strifler Family

Sunday, November 2, 2025—Church

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Souls (All Souls' Day)

8:00 AM The Husni Family

11:00 AM German — † Thomas Hayne, † Walter Spaeth

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



CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 25, 2025 — OCTOBER 26, 2025

Celebrant: Fr. Caroli
Lector: Glenn Sneed
EM: Jean Gandee
Acolyte: Ben Kost

5:00PM MASS
Fr. Caroli
Fr. Caroli
Lou Ockunzzi
Sarah Elena
Dianna Hosta

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY) NOVEMBER 1, 2025 – NOVEMBER 2, 2025

	5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Januarius	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	Fred Courtright	Chris Haddock	Alfons Schermaier
			/ Edie Bees
EM:	Jean Gandee		Diana Lipfird
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2025

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Solemnity [not a Holyday of Obligation this year]

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 25 and 26, 2025

REFLECTION

St. Paul stands out as an outstanding figure who was converted from being the master of his own life and the lives of others to a humble servant of God and humanity. He came to the realization that he owed his existence to God, and as such he does not belong to himself. With this realization, he offers his life and service as a sacrifice to God to whom he completely surrenders. The Pharisee in the Gospel represents St. Paul's attitude before conversion. He is the self-proclaimer master, "I am not like the tax collectors and other sinners." He counts himself worthy and labels the others as unworthy. The tax collector, on the contrary, represents converted Paul who owns up his limitations and ready to turns to God, whom he acknowledges as the Master, to guide him through. He thus becomes God's servant, a disciple and apostle who will stop at nothing to ensure that the mission of God is done. He does not care what it will cost him, for, to him, nothing counts more than the crown God has assured his servant. Today we can judge ourselves. Are we the Pharisee or the tax collector? Are we Saul or Paul?

Archdiocese for Military Services Collection

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

The upcoming Collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services is scheduled for **November 8**th and 9th:

"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The mission of the Archdiocese for Military Services is to ensure that service members, Veterans, and their families be able to seek sacramental preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, first Communion, Penance and Marriage; to benefit from consultation with a Priest, and to receive the Sacrament of Penance as they defend our rights of freedom, speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty.

If in a position to do so, I ask you to consider in prayer a donation to help minister to the 1.8 million faithful throughout the U.S. and around the globe who serve the nation.

The AMS does not receive financial assistance from the government or the U.S. Armed Forces, and without parishes, it cannot receive funds from weekly collections. Its mission is solely supported by the generosity of donors such as you.

With sentiments of unwavering gratitude, I am Sincerely in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D. Archbishop for the Military Services, USA"

OCTOBER 18, 2025 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$1,059.00
Children	\$3.00
Candles	\$68.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$1,657.12
General Donation	\$300.00
St. Vincent de Paul Ministry	\$10.00
Tower Lighting	\$250.00
Diocese: World Mission Sunday	

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 Traditions

In the Extraordinary Rite calendar, the last Sunday in October celebrates the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI at the close of the Holy Year, 1925. The purpose of the Holy Father was to bring home to all mankind the fact that Christ is King not merely over individuals, but over families and societies, over states and nations, over rulers and tribunals as well. The duty of Catholics is to hasten the return of the world to His authority by their prayers, their influence and their actions. They are reminded that they must courageously fight under His royal banner, with the weapons of the spirit, for the rights of God and of His Church. The last Sunday of October was chosen for the feast, the Sunday preceding All Saints, because during this month the liturgical year draws to its close and thus the mysteries of Jesus Christ are fittingly completed and crowned by the liturgical festival of Christ, the King. On the same day also will annually take place the consecration of mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

In 1969, Pope Paul VI took several steps to enhance the witness of the feast day. To emphasize Christ's universal reign, he changed the name of the celebration to the feast of "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of All" (*Domini Nostri Iesu Christi universorum Regis*). He also changed the date to the last Sunday in the liturgical year, emphasizing even more strongly the connection between Christ's kingship and His second advent (coming) to judge the world. In addition, the pope raised the feast to the highest rank of celebration on the Church calendar, that of a "solemnity." — Pope Pius XI, encyclical Quas Primas, no. 24

Nov. 1. The Feast of All Saints: The custom of keeping holy one day in the year as the festival of all God's saints, whether commemorated in the Liturgy or not, dates back to at least the beginning of the Fifth Century. In ancient times, it was usually called the feast of All Holy Martyrs. The day of its celebration varied; and in the East, even now, All Saints is in most places a movable feast. Pope St. Boniface IV, when dedicating the Roman Pantheon as the Church of Our Blessed Lady and All Holy Martyrs, appointed November 1 for the chief annual festival in the sacred building. Gregory III built an oratory at St. Peter's in honor of all the saints, confessors as well as martyrs, who had died in all parts of the world. Gregory IV chose November 1 as the Feast of All Saints. The Octave was added by Sixtus IV. The New Roman Missal, Fr. F.X. Lasance

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2025 Sun, Oct 26 Schola Practice (CR) 8:00am Latin Social (CR) after 9:30am Mass Thurs, Oct 30 RCIA/OCIA Class (SFR) 6:30pm Fri, Oct 31 Rehearsal (C) 5:00pm Sat, Nov 1 All Saints — Mass (1st Sat) (C) 9:30am Lecture (CR) after 9:30am Mass Baptism (C) 12:00 Noon Wedding (C) 2:00pm (C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) St Francis Room • (R) Rectory

Parish Announcements

News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Kristina Casey, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, October 25, 2025!



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, 2025 at 6:30pm in the St. Francis Room. We invite adults who wish to join the Catholic Faith and receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation to register by calling the parish office.

Parish School of Religion

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Do you have a child age 7 or 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!

Mass of Remembrance November 2nd

The Gottscheer Heimatchor and the STV Bavaria choir will jointly sing the "Schubert Messe" on **Sunday, November 2nd at 11:00am** during the annual Mass of Remembrance (Gedächtnismesse) hosted by
VIVA Bavaria.



This solemn Mass, including a Memorial Wreath presentation at the altar during

Offertory, is in thanksgiving and to honor of all friends and family members of Americans of German or Austrian descent in the greater Cleveland area. Members of all German/Austrian clubs, as well as the general public, are invited to attend. Worshipers are welcome to gather in after the Mass for coffee, pastries and conversation.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before Sunday, November 2nd!

This marks the end of Daylight Saving Time for the year.

All Saints' Day / All Souls' Day

ALL SAINTS' DAY—November 1st

The Solemnity of All Saints is not a holy day of obligation this year. Therefore, Mass on Friday evening, October 31, is of the day, not the vigil of All Saints. **The Solemnity of All Saints will be celebrated on Saturday, November 1st at 9:30am.** The 5:00pm Mass on All Saints' Day will be celebrated for The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

ALL SOULS' DAY-November 2nd

All Souls' Day, also called The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on your All Souls' Day envelope and place it into the collection basket. These names will be placed on the altar and remembered during all the Masses in November.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed:

The memento of the dead ... is common to all Liturgies since the 3rd century. In the 8th century we find among the customs of the monastery of Fulda that of celebrating each month a commemoration of the faithful departed with a special Office and special prayers. ... towards the 10 Century, ... the custom prevailed of commemorating every year the benefactors and friends of the house who had been taken from this world. St. Odilo, Abbot of Cluny, is generally recognized as having been responsible for the universal adoption of this custom, already in use in many churches. -The New Roman Missal, Fr. F.X. Lasance

Plenary Indulgence for the Poor Souls

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. From **November 2** — **November 9** inclusive, a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray for the departed.

Six general rules for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence:

- State of grace at least when performing the indulgenced act
- Complete detachment from sin, even venial sin
- Confession (20 days before or after the indulgenced act)
- Communion (20 days before or after the indulgenced act)
- Prayers for the Supreme Pontiff (20 days before or after the indulgenced act)
- Indulgenced act: a special good work with special conditions of place and time

Indulgenced acts to be performed for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Poor Souls of Purgatory:

From **November 2 to November 9**: visit a cemetery with mental prayer for the poor souls.

On **November 2**: visit a church or an oratory with one Our Father and one Creed being recited.

On these days, a partial indulgence can be obtained any time by visiting a cemetery and praying for the Poor Souls.

The following prayer is especially recommended:

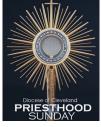
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

Around the Diocese

Priesthood Sunday

Today we celebrate Priesthood Sunday. We specifically honor Priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated. Priesthood Sunday is a more personal one for parishes and organizations with a chaplain. It is for those who cultivate close working relationships with their Priests and therefore could benefit



from a special day to express their gratitude. It's a chance to thank and honor Priests in unique ways.

May God continue to bless our Pastor, Rev. Caroli B. Shao, A.J.; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Benjamin Koka, A.J.; Rev. S. Michael Franz, Rev. Bede Kotlinski, O.S.B. and all priests throughout the universal Church who give of themselves for Christ's people. Please take a moment to express your gratitude to our wonderful Priests through a card or verbal acknowledgement!



CEMETERY SUNDAY MASS - NOV 2nd, 3:00PM

Cemetery Sunday is a spiritual way to honor our deceased loved ones on All Souls Day, by providing a special opportunity to celebrate Mass on cemetery grounds.

Mass will be celebrated at the following cemeteries:

- All Saints Cemetery | 480 W. Highland Road, Northfield OH
 Nativity Mausoleum
- All Souls Cemetery | 10366 Chardon Road, Chardon | Service Building
- Calvary Cemetery | 10000 Miles Avenue, Cleveland | Main Office
- Calvary Cemetery | 555 N. Ridge Rd, Lorain | Our Lady of Guadalupe Mausoleum
- Holy Cross Cemetery | 100 E Waterloo Road, Akron | Sacred Heart Mausoleum
- Holy Cross Cemetery | 14609 Brookpark Road, Brook Park
 | St. Jude Mausoleum
- St. Joseph Cemetery | 32789 Detroit Road, Avon |
 St. Joseph Mausoleum
- St. Mary Cemetery | 4270 E. 71st Street, Cuyahoga Hts. OH
 | Service Building

Please contact Paige Muttillo at pmuttillo@clecem.org, or Catholic Cemeteries Association website: https://clecem.org/Events/CemeterySunday.aspx for more information.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.



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FOR ADULTS 40 & OVER

Monday, November 10 7:00PM

Grief Observed - C.S. Lewis with Fr. Dan Schlegel

6:30pm — Doors Open

7:00pm — Program Begins

 $$15 ext{ per person} - ext{includes light appetizers}$

& cash bar available



Fr. Dan Schlegel will speak of faith that can survive doubt, a love that transcends death and a path that can lead to deeper faith.

In this month that celebrates the feasts of All Saints and of All Souls, we are aware that grief can be marked by fear, anger, confusion, but grace can lead us to understanding and acceptance. Join us for this presentation on a topic that touches all.

To purchase tickets, go to www.theologyontherockswest.com/

World Mission Sunday—Thank You!

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH—WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

On behalf of the Pontifical Mission Societies, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and thank you for your generous support. The World Mission Sunday collection supports 1,124 mission territories. It funds the formation of seminarians, catechists, and religious sisters, builds churches and schools, and sustains healthcare and social outreach programs. It is a call that deeply resonates with our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who spent most of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru, serving communities in the Andean highlands and rural villages, always with humility, joy and pastoral closeness.

Your contributions help sustain the Church's missionary work and bring the light of Christ to those who need it most. Let us continue to pray for our missionaries and the people they serve, and may we always be mindful of our call to be missionaries in our own lives. Thank you! —Rev. R. Stephen Vellenga, Diocesan Mission Director

Digital Encounter with Pope Leo XIV at NCYC

Pope Leo XIV will hold a 45-minute digital dialogue with young people from across the United States during the National Catholic Youth Conference on Friday, **November 21, 2025**, at 10:15 am ET | 7:15 am PT. This marks the first time in history that a Pope will directly engage U.S. youth in a live digital encounter—a conversation broadcast worldwide from Lucas Oil Stadium through EWTN. All are invited! For more information and to register, go to https://nfcym.leadlms.com/questionnaires/81

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Sisters of Notre Dame (Chardon) 440-279-1163
Sisters of Saint Joseph (Rocky River Dr.) 216-252-0548
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