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The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)—November 1 & 2, 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

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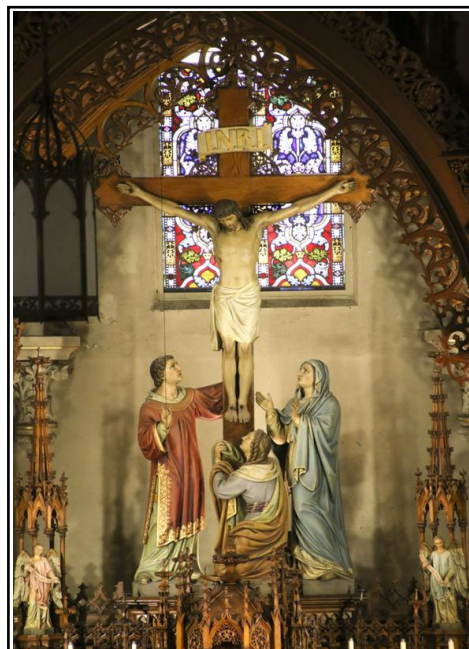
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Mission Statement

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, November 1, 2025—Church

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

Monday, November 3, 2025—Rectory Chapel

Weekday

9:00 AM Intentions of the Sherman Family

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) The Jankowski Family

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) The Kucharson Family

Wednesday, November 5, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM † Greg Priddy

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

Thursday, November 6, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM Pio Capone

Friday, November 7, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM (1st Friday) (Latin Mass) † Carole Caruso Fischbach

Saturday, November 8, 2025—Church

Vigil of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5:00 PM † Grace Wrynn

Sunday, November 9, 2025—Church

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 AM The McGovern-Garby Family

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

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

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

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA NOVEMBER 8, 2025 — NOVEMBER 9, 2025

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Januarius	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	Glenn Sneed	Doris Peters	Diana Lipfird
EM:			Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)—November 1 & 2, 2025

REFLECTION

As we commemorate All Souls Day, we should be encouraged by the words of Jesus, “it is the Will of God that I should not loose anything of what He gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day.” Jesus dies on the cross by giving up everything but at the same time releases His Spirit into the world. In Jesus Christ, God becomes true Emmanuel – God is with us. God’s Holy Spirit that dwells in Jesus is available to all who believe in Him and that He, by His death on the cross, removes all our sins and makes it possible for us to receive the Holy Spirit. This Spirit is a source of new life, as it is for Jesus by raising Him from the dead. The same Spirit working in the disciples of Christ helps them resist evil and to obey God’s commandments, and thus to build the kingdom of God. We cannot look for Jesus in the tomb, nor can we speak of Jesus as someone who belongs to the past. Jesus is not just an important and historical figure but someone who is alive and present among us. He is here for us, to save us from the death of all our sins and our inability to forgive and to love the others as they are. Let us therefore, offer prayers, sacrifices, and acts of charity on behalf of our deceased brothers and sisters to ease their suffering and hasten their journey to heaven.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

Archdiocese for Military Services Collection

Next week, **November 8 and 9**, we take up the collection for 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. The collection is approved by the USCCB to be taken every three years, to increase awareness and support of the mission, “Serving Those Who Serve.”

OCTOBER 25, 2025

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$1,986.00
Children	\$.60
All Saints' Day	\$100.00
All Souls' Day	\$120.00
Building Fund	\$545.00
Candles	\$42.50
Ecclesia Nostra	\$3,545.12
General Donation	\$50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,000.00
Utilities	\$50.00
Diocese: Campaign for Human Development .	\$50.00
Diocese: World Mission Sunday	\$75.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Sun, Nov 2	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
	German Social (R)	after 9:30am Mass
Thurs, Nov 6	RCIA/OCIA Class (SFR)	6:30pm
Fri, Nov 7	Rehearsal (C)	4:30pm
Sat, Nov 8	Wedding (C)	1:00pm
	PSR—1st Holy Communion (SFR)	2:00pm

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



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

†† **Herbert and Edith Mausser**

Please remember them in your prayers!

Treasures of our Traditions

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The commemoration of all the faithful departed is celebrated by the Church on November 2, or, if this falls on a Sunday (*in the old calendar*) or a solemnity, the feast is celebrated on November 3. The Office of the Dead must be recited by the clergy on this day, and all the Masses are to be of Requiem except one of the current feast, where this is of obligation.

The theological basis for the feast is the doctrine that the souls which, on departing from the body are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, are debarred from the Beatific Vision, and that the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, almsgiving and especially the sacrifice of the Mass.

In the early days of Christianity the names of the departed brethren were entered in the diptychs. Later, in the sixth century, it was customary in Benedictine monasteries to hold a commemoration of the deceased members at Whitsuntide. In Spain there was such a day on Saturday before Sexagesima or before Pentecost, at the time of Saint Isidore (d. 636). In Germany there existed (according to the testimony of Widukind, Abbot of Corvey, c.980) a time-honoured ceremony of praying to the dead on October 1. This was accepted and sanctified by the Church.

Saint Odilo of Cluny ordered that the commemoration of all the faithful departed be held annually in the monasteries of his congregation. From here, it spread among the other congregations of the Benedictines and among the Carthusians.

Of all the dioceses, Liège was the first to adopt it under Bishop Notger (d. 1008). It is then found in the martyrology of Saint Protadius of Besançon (1053-66). Bishop Otricus (1120-25) introduced it into Milan for October 15. In Spain, Portugal, and Latin America, priests say three Masses on this day. A similar concession for the entire world was asked of Pope Leo XIII; he would not grant the favour, but ordered a special Requiem on Sunday September 30, 1888.

In the Greek Rite this commemoration is held on the eve of Sexagesima Sunday, or on the eve of Pentecost. The Armenians celebrate the passover of the dead on the day after Easter.

Source: *Catholic Encyclopedia*, Copyright 1907.

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.**

Parish Announcements

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR

NOVEMBER 1, 2024 – OCTOBER 31, 2025

Norbert Hannibal Matilda P. Whiteaker
October 13, 2025 May 21, 2025

Mary Lou Pannell John W. Newton, IV
September 6, 2025 April 20, 2025

Dianne Pachasa James Boehlefeld
September 22, 2025 April 13, 2025

Edward J. Presley Francis Corbin
September 1, 2025 February 3, 2025

Sarah Jane Zupan Timothy Hugh Barrett
July 25, 2025 December 4, 2024

Katarina Kraljevic
August 11, 2024

God of mercy, hear our prayers for those we love who have left this world in faith. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Plenary Indulgence for the Poor Souls

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. On all the days from November 1 through November 8 inclusive, a **plenary indulgence**, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. *On All Souls' Day, a plenary indulgence*, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit any parish church or public oratory and there recite one *Our Father* and one *Credo (Creed)*.

A **partial indulgence** is granted to those who recite Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, and to those who recite the prayer "Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domini, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace." ("Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.").

All indulgences whatsoever may be applied to the Poor Souls at any time by way of suffrage (The simple intention to offer them for the Poor Souls is sufficient).

Rules for Indulgences apply. To acquire a plenary indulgence, it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff. It is further required that all attachment to sin, even venial sin, be absent.

German Mass of Remembrance

The Gottscheer Heimatchor and the STV Bavaria choir will jointly sing the "Schubert Messe" on **Sunday, November 2 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.



News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob and Jamie Bonacci, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, November 1, 2025!
and

Nicholas and Isabel Stumphauzer, on the baptism of their daughter, **Eleanor Kathryn**, welcomed into the One Holy Catholic Church, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, November 1, 2025!



RCIA / OCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) / **OCIA** (The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) 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 began 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 with 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. Class will begin on **November 8th**.

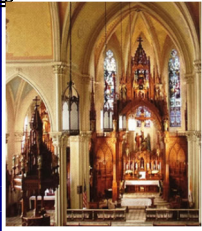
CONFIRMATION — Do you have an 8th grade student or a child in need of Confirmation? Please contact Diana Lipfird at 440-532-9491 or email at dlipfird@gmail.com.

Outreach Ministry

The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 61 families on Thursday, October 30, 2025 from our Food Pantry. In November, our Food Pantry will be open on **November 20th** (the *third* Thursday of the month) due to the Thanksgiving holiday the following week. Thank you to all who donate to this much needed Ministry!



Parish Announcements



The St. Stephen Alumni

will be Honoring the Memory of



MARYANNE SUTHERLAND

at the Alumni Mass on
Sunday, November 9, 2025

All St. Stephen Alumni and friends of Maryanne are welcome to join us for the 11:00am Alumni Mass and the Social in the School immediately following Mass.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
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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 Muttillio at pmuttillio@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. Contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or by email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Around the Diocese



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7:00PM

Grief Observed - C.S. Lewis

with Fr. Dan Schlegel

6:30pm — Doors Open

7:00pm — Program Begins

\$15 per person — 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:

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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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