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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica — November 8 & 9, 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:

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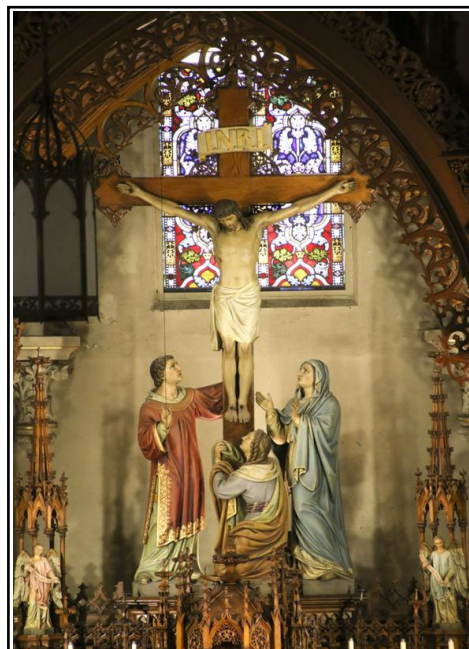
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Mission Statement

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 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

Monday, November 10, 2025—Rectory Chapel

St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

6:30 PM † Alan Arellano

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) Intentions of the Sherman Family

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Donald and Missy Krock

Wednesday, November 12, 2025—Church

Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

6:30 PM The Murphy Family

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

Thursday, November 13, 2025—Church

Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini

6:30 PM The Saxon Family

Friday, November 14, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM † Thomas Katsahnias

Saturday, November 15, 2025—Church

Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Ann Rock Evans

Sunday, November 16, 2025—Church

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Carole Caruso Fischbach

11:00 AM Intentions of the Sherman 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

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		

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 15, 2025 — NOVEMBER 16, 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	Elaine Amondo	Matt Minarik
EM:			Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8

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

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REFLECTION

Every experience of faith can be turned into transaction between man and God and can thus be turned into a profitable business. So, it happens in the temple: Unblemished animals and 'hard currency,' acceptable offerings for sacrifice, are sold for tremendous profit inside the temple. The temple thus, becomes a market place. This image distorts its primary purpose: to be place of encounter with God. Jesus cannot accept this and as a true prophet, he gives a clear sign that God is displeased with the situation. The temple of God, whom he calls His Father, needs to be restored to its original purpose. It is also an occasion for Jesus to indicate that He Himself is where people can encounter God; His body is the visible temple of God that will last forever. The temple of stone is destroyed sometime later and never rebuild; Jesus is crucified but on the third day He rises from the dead and is present to those who believe in Him. We can encounter God by receiving the sacramental body of Christ and in the community of the Church because through our faith we have become as the dwelling place of God. This calls us to give a clear witness through our behavior that we belong to God.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

Pope Leo XIV released his prayer intention for November 2025, inviting us to pray *"that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life."*

NOVEMBER 2, 2025 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

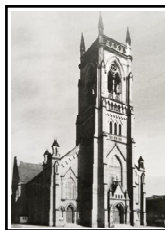
General Collection	\$1,856.00
Children	\$3.35
All Saints' Day (1st Saturday)	\$667.00
All Souls' Day	\$648.00
Building Fund	\$45.00
Candles	\$158.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$2,540.12
General Donation	\$802.34
Utilities	\$10.00
Diocese: Archdiocese for Military Services	\$50.00
Diocese: World Mission Sunday	\$1.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Sun, Nov 9	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
	Latin Social (CR)	after 9:30am
	Alumni Celebration (MCS) ...	after 11:00am
Thurs, Nov 13	RCIA/OCIA Class (SFR)	6:30pm
Fri, Nov 14	Rehearsal (C)	5:00pm
Sat, Nov 15	Wedding (C)	1:00pm

(C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (MCS) Metro Catholic School • (R) Rectory
• (SFR) St Francis Room



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

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica's official title is "Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran" but most often called the Basilica of St. John Lateran. It is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not the Basilica of St. Peter as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome, this was the church where everyone was baptized. It is the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

St. John Lateran is unique because it is both a cathedral and a basilica. The Church celebrates the anniversary of the dedication as a cathedral since it is regarded as the Mother Church of the entire Catholic Faith. Because the Church/Cathedral bears the title of "Christ our Savior Cathedral," today's feast is considered a Feast of the Lord which takes precedence over the Sunday liturgy.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—

Leo I, Pope and Doctor of the Church, ruled from 440 to 461. He is surnamed "the Great" and ranks among the most illustrious sovereigns that ever sat on the throne of St. Peter. ...He saw most clearly that one of his greatest tasks was to vindicate the primacy of the Roman bishop, St. Peter's successor, and to raise the prestige of the Holy See before the entire world.

...His sermons, which occur frequently in the Divine Office, belong to the finest and most profound in patristic literature. The Council of Chalcedon was held under his direction (451). The Breviary tells us: Leo I, an Etruscan, ruled the Church at the time when Attila, King of the Huns, who was called the Scourge of God, invaded Italy. After a siege of three years, he took, sacked and burned Aquileia, and then hurried on toward Rome. Inflamed with anger, his troops were already preparing to cross the Po, at the point where it is joined by the Mincio.

Here Attila was stopped by Leo (452). ...Some time later, the Vandal Genseric entered the city, and again Leo, by the power of his eloquence and the authority of his holy life, persuaded him to desist from atrocity and slaughter (455). Leo was also active in matters liturgical. The so-called Leonine sacramentary, a compendium of Missal prayers, contains many of his compositions; some liturgists give him credit for the beautiful offices of Advent. —Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch

Parish Announcements

News from the Pews

CONDOLENCES TO...

Kristen Ashenbach, family and friends on the death of her Mother, **Linda Ashenbach**, who died on October 31, 2025. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Elizabeth Shrine on November 6, 2025.

and

Family and friends of **John George Cresante, Jr.**, who died on November 5, 2025. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 10:00am in the Church.

and

Family and friends of **Gordon Wayne Buchanan**, who died on October 30, 2025. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 10:00am in the Church.

In your charity, please pray for their souls.

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian and Kayla Hendricks, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, November 8, 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 began 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.

St. Stephen Alumni Association Celebration!

This Sunday's 11:00am Alumni Mass is being offered in remembrance and celebration of our beloved Maryanne Sutherland. To honor and recognize Maryanne's unparalleled contribution and selfless dedication to St. Stephen Parish and the Alumni Association, the St. Joseph side entrance of St. Stephen's will be renamed the:

ST. STEPHEN ALUMNI MEMORIAL ENTRANCE

This entrance is scheduled to be rebuilt next Spring and updated to meet ADA standards. A bronze plaque to Maryanne's memory will be dedicated and installed on this new entrance when building has been completed.

Our Pastor, Father Caroli, will be blessing this plaque near the conclusion of the Alumni Mass. Afterwards, all friends and family of Maryanne are invited to join us for a donut social in the old High School building.

German Mass of Remembrance



The first Sunday in November brought over 100 congregants together at St. Stephen Church to remember deceased family and friends. The annual Gedächtnissmesse, or Mass of Remembrance, generously sponsored by Viva Bavaria and featuring the singing of the Gottscheer Heimatchor and STV Bavaria choirs, was held at 11:00am. Father Caroli was the celebrant of this moving observance, recalling over 60 dearly departed family members and friends of German and Austrian descent. A memorial wreath presentation and reading of the deceased's names added special meaning to this celebration of the Holy Sacrament.

A vibrant reception in the rectory, featuring an array of pastries donated by Reinecker Bakery, followed the Mass. Representatives of Viva Bavaria were pleased to present Father Caroli with a check for \$602.34 that was raised for the Church maintenance fund from individual donations by those submitting names for remembrance.

A German-language Mass is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month at 11:00am at St. Stephen. Come join us! If you have any questions or are interested in additional information regarding the monthly German Mass at St. Stephen, please contact the Parish Office at: 216-631-5633

Photo from left: Erich Hetzel, Regina Rock-Ott, Father Caroli, Heidi Rock, Kenny Ott

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS IN PRAYER

November 11, 2025

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.



Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor!
May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us,
be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us.
Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen.

PRAYER FOR DECEASED VETERANS

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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Monday, November 10

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:

www.theologyontherockswest.com/



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Graveside Service for Deceased Priests

Monday, November 17th at 3 PM
Holy Cross Cemetery
Brook Park

You're invited to join us as we remember those priests who left us in the past year and all deceased priests who served our Diocese so faithfully.

The service will be indoors at the St. John Paul II Mausoleum in section 5, directly across from Priest Section 10.



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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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