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The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — November 15 & 16, 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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Debbie Hemphill

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Russ Nieling

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Athanase Bizige

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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

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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 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

Monday, November 17, 2025—Rectory Chapel

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

6:30 PM The Sharon Johnson Family

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Weekday

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) Beatrice Longo

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) The Steele Family

Wednesday, November 19, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM Brent Haberer

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

Thursday, November 20, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM The Traill Family

Friday, November 21, 2025—Church

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 PM Andres DeJesus, Jr.

Saturday, November 22, 2025—Church

Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00 PM † Eleanor Fischbach

Sunday, November 23, 2025—Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 AM †† Emily and Jerry Wuensch

11:00 AM The Tylnski 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

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		

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 22, 2025 — NOVEMBER 23, 2025

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	Diana Lipfird	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 NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — November 15 & 16, 2025

REFLECTION

Jesus is not a tourist, marveling at the external beauty of the temple building! He is a prophet who looks beyond appearance and sees the unworthiness of the temple worship that no longer brings people closer to God, worship that has become fruitless as far as the kingdom of God is concerned. A temple that does not fulfil its purpose will be destroyed. These events will take place some forty years later when the Roman army will invade Israel to silence a rebellion against Rome's colonial rule. However, before this happens, the faith of the disciples will be put on trial. They will experience persecution for their belief in Jesus. Jesus, however, tells them to take these difficulties as opportunities. Standing trial, they will have an audience to whom they can give testimony to their faith. This is the Christian approach to life: to look at difficulties as opportunities. Every challenge can become an occasion to do good. In the midst of trouble, we are not to get discouraged but to ask God to show us how to use our plights for the benefit of those around us. If we really believe we are in the hands of God, no evil can touch us; even if we lose our earthly life, we will live with God forever in His kingdom. ~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$2,110.00
Children.....	\$4.50
All Souls' Day	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$45.00
Candles	\$106.00
Ecclesia Nostra.....	\$2,658.12
Food Pantry	\$50.00
General Donation	\$500.00
Utilities.....	\$20.00
Diocese: Archdiocese for Military Services....	\$542.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Sun, Nov 16	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
Thurs, Nov 20	RCIA/OCIA Class (SFR)	6:30pm
Fri, Nov 21	Rehearsal (C)	5:00pm
Sat, Nov 22	Wedding (C).....	2:00pm
(C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (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!

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.

Traditions and Treasures

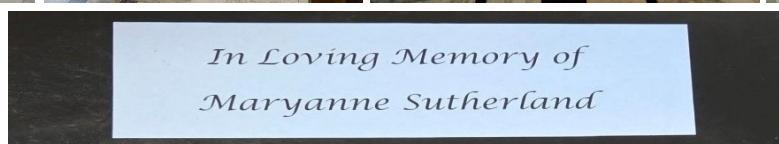
THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—NOVEMBER 21

Just as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the feast of His Holy Name and His presentation in the Temple, so too the Church solemnizes the nativity of the Blessed Virgin, the feast of her holy name and her presentation-in the Temple. The tradition that Mary when three years old was presented by her parents in the Temple in order to be brought up in the shadow of the tabernacle is first found in the apocryphal Gospels. It agrees, however, so completely with the sentiment of Catholic devotion concerning that part of the immaculate life of Mary not mentioned in the Gospel, that it found favor with Catholics too. It was celebrated in the East as early as the Sixth Century. It was introduced in the West by the agency of Philippe de Maizieres, envoy of the King of Cyprus to the papal Court of Avignon. He described the festival as celebrated in the East in such glowing colors that Gregory XI introduced it into the Calendar of the Curia.

Mary was brought by her parents to the Temple at Jerusalem in order that the Rod of Jesse from whence the Flower of Nazareth would blossom should be preserved from all danger in the shadow of the sanctuary. — The New Roman Missal, Rev. F.X. Lasance

Parish Announcements

The 11:00 Mass on November 9th was a beautiful tribute to Maryanne Sutherland and the St. Stephen Alumni Association. Maryanne's family and Alumni members were able to reminisce and catch up at a social held in the old High School (Stephen) building after Mass. Next Spring, the north entrance of the Church will be rebuilt to comply with ADA standards with help from the Alumni Association. When completed, the entrance will be dedicated and renamed the St. Stephen Alumni Memorial Entrance and a plaque In Memory of Maryanne will be installed. Thank you to everyone who assisted with making this such a beautiful day of remembrance for Maryanne's family, friends, and Alumni members!



Parish Announcement

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Ian and Brigid D'Costa, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, November 15, 2025!



Dean's Greenhouse Fundraiser

Looking for Poinsettias other seasonal items or gardening supplies? You can support St. Stephen from November 15th through December 24th 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!

Diocesan Sacred Heart Enthronement Holy Hour



The Diocesan Sacred Heart Enthronement Apostolate invites everyone to join in its annual Holy Hour on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 23rd, praying that the Social Reign of Jesus, who wishes to be King and Center of all hearts, will be made manifest. Solemn Vespers with Eucharistic procession and Benediction begin at 4:30pm at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 Easter 65th Street, Cleveland 44105. The church will be open throughout the afternoon for private prayer and adoration. Do join us for this moving and inspiring annual celebration!

— Rev. Fr. Eric S. Orzech, Diocesan Director



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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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Around the Diocese



THEOLOGY ON TAP



MORE THAN A FUNERAL: BURYING THE DEAD INVITES US TO DEEPER COMPASSION AND HOPE

Burying the Dead invites us to deeper compassion and hope. Learn meaningful ways to honor life and accompany those who grieve.

NOVEMBER 18TH
Forest City Brewery
7pm



with Tony Dipre

Tony Dipre is Director of the Office for Human Life for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. He holds an M.A. in Theology and Religious Studies from John Carroll University and previously taught high school theology for twelve years. He and his wife, Hillary, have two children.

Registration will be available at dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle. Parking is available on the street or at St. Wendelin



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492 The "splendor of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son".¹³⁶ The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before Him in love".¹³⁷

— From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

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