



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 216-631-5633 Fax: 216-631-5634

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — November 22 & 23, 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

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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 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 Tylinski Family

Monday, November 24, 2025—Rectory Chapel

Saint Andrew of Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 PM Dianne Pachasa

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Weekday

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

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Intentions of the Sherman Family

Wednesday, November 26, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM St. John Berchmans Altar Servers Ministry

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

Thursday, November 27, 2025—Church

Thanksgiving Day

10:00 AM Dianna Hosta

Friday, November 28, 2025—Church

Weekday

6:30 PM The Yates Family

Saturday, November 29, 2025—Church

Vigil of First Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM † Kathleen Riley

Sunday, November 30, 2025—Church

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Intentions of the Sherman Family

11:00 AM Dianna Hosta

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



CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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		

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2025 — NOVEMBER 30, 2025

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	Russ Nieling	Lou Ockunzzi	Diana Lipfird
EM:			Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day— Sir 50:22-24

Ps 138:1-5/1 Cor 1:3-9/Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — November 22 & 23, 2025

REFLECTION

Jesus does not respond to the jeers and provocations. He only offers a prayer for forgiveness on their behalf: "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Jesus does not answer the jeers, but He answers the prayer of the good criminal, who acknowledges his sins and asks for mercy. Jesus never refuses His grace if we ask Him for it humbly and recognizing our sins. He has not come to condemn us, but to save us. He accepts the death on the cross, so that we may be forgiven. He knows our human condition and sympathizes with us, which is why He is our King. He invites us to communion with Him so that we may be truly free: free from the oppression of our sins, selfishness, pride, and from our desires to always think first about ourselves. It is from Him that we learn there is more joy in giving than in receiving and that we gain our lives when we lose them for others. He desires for us to be free children of God, free to love, give, and free to forgive others. Do we have the courage to follow Jesus and to accept His life's mission? Let us pray that we may receive the Holy Spirit and walk in that Spirit as Jesus does. ~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 23, 2025

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the
LORD." — *Psalm 122:1*



NOVEMBER 16, 2025 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$1,239.00
Children	\$.60
All Souls Day	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$45.00
Candles	\$61.00
Church Tours	\$222.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$1,965.12
Food Pantry	\$20.00
General Donation	\$250.00
St. Vincent de Paul Ministry	\$50.00
Utilities	\$10.00
Diocese: Archdiocese for Military Services	\$41.00
Diocese: Campaign for Human Development ...	\$243.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Sun, Nov 23	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
Thurs, Nov 27	Thanksgiving Mass	10:00am
	Parish Office	Closed
	RCIA/OCIA Class (SFR)	Cancelled
Fri, Nov 28	Parish Office	Closed
	Rehearsal (C)	5:00pm
Sat, Nov 29	Wedding (C)	2:00pm
	PSR—1st Communion (SFR)	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!

Traditions and Treasures

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the Kingship of Christ.

Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969, it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

We have an example in the institution of the feast of the Kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ by the Sovereign Pontiff, Pope Pius XI, in the jubilee year December 1925, and explained to the faithful in the Encyclical *Quas Primas*.

https://www.vatican.va/content/pius-xi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-xi_enc_11121925_quas-primas.html

Pro-Life

The King of Life

The liturgy for today's Feast of Christ the King tells us that His is "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." Indeed, all these realities fit together perfectly. Truth and life go together, because when we know the truth about God's love and care for creation, we will respect all life. When we know the truth about ourselves, that we belong only to God, then we realize we cannot destroy any other person. A respect for life, personally as well as in our laws and policies as a nation, is the first requirement of justice and an absolute condition of peace. And the holier we are, the more we allow God's grace into our every thought and desire, the more we will adhere to truth, defend life, and promote justice and peace. ~ PriestsforLife.org

Parish Announcement



"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever..."
Psalms 107:1

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 10:00AM IN ENGLISH ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Fr. Caroli, Fr. Ben, Fr. Bede, Fr. Franz and the Parish Staff of St. Stephen wish you a most blessed and joyous Thanksgiving celebration!

The Parish Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th.

News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond and Olivia Posipanka, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, November 22, 2025!



CONDOLENCES TO...

the Boysko family and friends on the death of parishioner, **Francis "Frank" J. Boysko**, who died on November 8, 2025. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Charles on November 22, 2025.



In your charity, please pray for his soul.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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!

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

During Advent, the Saint Vincent DePaul Ministry will host its annual "Giving Tree" initiative benefiting the Cleveland Pregnancy Center. The Christmas "giving tree" is a way to donate gifts to those who are less fortunate at Christmas.



Please pick an ornament and then purchase the requested item, affix the wooden ornament to the gift and place it beneath the tree. Gifts will be collected sometime during the first or second week of January. Please note that only size Newborn and size 1 diapers will be accepted. If you wish to donate other sizes, please consider donating to other Cleveland-based prolife organizations.

Thank you for your continued assistance and generosity to the mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry!

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 atdlipfird@gmail.com.

Parents will need to fill out a registration form and provide a Certificate of Baptism.

Classes are in session and will continue every other week at 2:00pm in the St. Francis Room.

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.

Mission Appeal



APOSTLES OF JESUS MISSION APPEAL

Bishop Edward Malesic has given permission to the Apostles of Jesus to conduct a mission appeal once a year at St. Stephen Church. For those who do not know, our Priests, Fr. Caroli Shao and Fr. Ben Koka, are members of the Apostles of Jesus.

The Apostles of Jesus is a Missionary Order founded in Uganda-Africa in the year 1968 by two Italian Comboni Missionaries for the evangelization of Africa and the World. Working with various Catholic Dioceses in the world, the Apostles of Jesus are engaged in various fields of apostolate, namely: Primary Evangelization, Parish Ministry, Clinical Pastoral Care and Hospital Chaplaincy, Nursing Homes/Aids Ministry, and Formation of the Lay Leaders.

All funds raised from this mission appeal will help to educate the many vocations in the society of the Apostles of Jesus in Africa. This mission appeal will take place here at St. Stephen Parish on **December 13 and 14, 2025**. Please prayerfully consider contributing generously to this annual appeal.

"It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for God is Charity." St. Albert the Great

Parish Announcements

Outreach Ministry



We wish to thank all Parishioners and donors for their very generous financial support of both our Food Pantry and Outreach Ministry's efforts to help those in need to enjoy their Thanksgiving holiday.

On Thursday, November 20th, **81** families were each given 3 bags of groceries, as well as a \$25.00 Walmart gift card to go towards their Thanksgiving meals. The gift cards were provided by an anonymous donor.

THANK YOU to the Outreach Committee, parishioners, donors and to those who have volunteered their time in support of this Ministry!

Candlelight Mass

ADVENT CANDLELIGHT LATIN MASS FEAST OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO

The 17th Annual St. John Berchmans Advent Candlelight Latin Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Bede Kotlinski, O.S.B. on **Tuesday, December 9th, 2025 at 7:00 AM** at Historic St. Stephen Catholic Church, 1930 W. 54th Street, Cleveland, OH 44102.

Mass will be served by the St. John Berchmans Altar Servers Ministry (SJB), comprised of students from St. Ignatius, Benedictine, and other local Catholic high schools and Home Schools.

Music will be directed by Annette Spallone Murphy. Prelude will begin at **6:45 AM**.

Latin-English Missals will be available for use during Mass.

Rosaries will be distributed and refreshments will be served following the Mass.

The Candlelight Latin Mass is a beautiful way to celebrate the Advent season. Join us as we honor the Feast of Saint Juan Diego, humble messenger of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special Mass. Please invite your family and friends.

See a life-sized replica of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Tilma on display at the Mass.

The SJB Altar Servers Ministry is inviting Catholic men ages 14-18 interested in learning how to serve the Latin Mass to become new members. Please see Fr. Bede or call the St. Stephen Parish Office at 216.631.5633.



Around the Diocese

St. Christina Hymn Contest

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist's crypt chapel holds the skeletal remains of a 3rd century martyr, St. Christina. She was martyred as a young teen and initially laid to rest in the catacombs of St. Pontianus outside Rome. Pope Pius XI gifted the relic to Bishop Schrembs in 1925. To celebrate the centenary of her presence and patronage here, the Diocese of Cleveland is proud to accept submissions for a new hymn in her honor from November 1, 2025 to May 1, 2026.

For a copy of the rules for "A Hymn to St. Christina composition competition", please call the parish office.

For more information about St. Christina's relics, go to: <https://saintjohncathedral.com/st-christine-relics>

For further information and archived excerpts from the Cleveland Diocese and Catholic Universe Bulletin, go to:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5104e2686f3c4a9f849880dd699ce983>

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2025 Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life. God poured blessings upon the campaign and we know 409 babies, mothers, fathers, and families were spared from abortion including the 4 here in Cleveland! Additionally, 3 more abortion workers experienced conversion, and 14 more abortion facilities closed. Praise God! Cumulatively over the 18 years of 40 Days for Life, there have been 26,109 babies spared from abortion, 275 converted abortion workers, and 184 abortion facility closures. Praise God! We look forward to praying with you from February 18 – March 29 in the 2026 Spring Campaign. God bless you and thank you. — John Noall, Campaign Director - 40 DFL/Cleveland/Bedford Hts./Painesville

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
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