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

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First Sunday of Advent — November 29 & 30, 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

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Sisters of Notre Dame Convent

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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 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

Monday, December 1, 2025—Rectory Chapel

Advent Weekday

6:30 PM † Theresa Telisman

Tuesday, December 3, 2025

Advent Weekday

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) Bryce Albertson

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † Lorene Hill

Wednesday, December 4, 2025—Church

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

6:30 PM † Thomas Telisman

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

Thursday, December 5, 2025—Church

Advent Weekday

6:30 PM †† Emily and Jerry Wuensch

Friday, December 5, 2025—Church

Advent Weekday

6:30 PM (Latin Mass) (1st Friday) † Carolyn Marie Sage

Saturday, December 6, 2025—Church

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

9:30 AM (Latin Mass) (1st Saturday) † Francis Boysko

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM † Mario Pekar

Sunday, December 7, 2025—Church

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Those Suffering from Depression or Addiction

11:00 AM German— The Strifler Family, † 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

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		

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6, 2025 — DECEMBER 7, 2025

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin
Lector:	Fred Courtright	Doris Peters	Robert Filippi / Tina Waters
EM:	Jean Gandee		Elizabeth Filippi
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6 (second choice)/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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 Sciarino
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

Parish Announcements

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 St., 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.

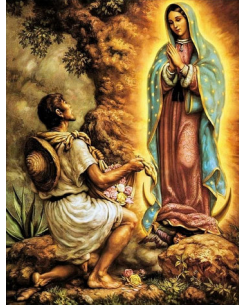
Music will be directed by Annette Spallone Murphy. Prelude will begin at **6:45 AM**.

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 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.



Parish Ministries

Our Parish Ministries are in need of your financial support... The St. Stephen Outreach and St. Vincent DePaul Ministries are supported only by the direct donations of our generous donors. No Offertory, EN, Christmas Appeal or other special campaign donation monies are used to support these critical ministries. Non-parish benefactors such as St. Bernadette's Church and their Knights of Columbus chapter, as well as Mr. Mark Stepowoy who provides monies for Thanksgiving turkeys each year, have kept these ministries afloat. However, the cost of groceries for our monthly Food Pantry has gone up substantially this year, as has the number of those within our community who are in need. In addition to operating the Food Pantry, our Outreach Ministry provides quarterly meals to the House of Champions (a local after-school program that supports inner-city youth living in poverty), conducts our Adopt-a-Family program at Christmas in association with St. Bernadette's parish, and supplements (where possible) the work of our St. Vincent DePaul Ministry in their support of those in desperate need of assistance with rent, utilities, clothing, vehicle repairs, etc.

There are only 4 Food Pantry and 5 SVDP Ministry appeal envelopes issued in a year, but we can accept donations to these ministries at any time during the year. Just indicate on your check or any church envelope that you wish this donation to be applied to our Outreach or SVDP ministries only. Thank you for supporting these critical ministries and the much needed services they provide for our St. Stephen Parish community! 1 John 3:18: "My little children, let us not love in word, or in tongue, but in deed, and in truth."

Around the Diocese



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
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The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next Sunday Grief Support Group will be on Sunday Dec. 21st. In-person will meet at 3pm, virtual at 5pm. In a welcoming and supportive setting, find fellowship among others who share their experiences and understand the pain of loss. Meetings are being held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, at no charge to you. Please join us for an hour of listening, healing, and finding comfort with others who understand. For details, call Renee at 216-930-4866 or visit www.clecem.org/Events. For virtual, please register at <https://clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>

In-Person Locations:

- All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road
- All Souls, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road
- Calvary Cleveland | 10000 Miles Avenue
- Holy Cross, Akron | 100 E Waterloo Road
- Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road
- St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road

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