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The Epiphany of the Lord — January 3 and 4, 2026

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

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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

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216-631-0754

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, January 3, 2026—Church

Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM Jennifer Boysko

Sunday, January 4, 2026—Church

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Eric Boysko

11:00 AM German — † Edwin Moore

Monday, January 5, 2026—Rectory Chapel

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

6:30 PM Intentions of the Sherman Family

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Christmas Weekday

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Church) Amy Mushinski

Wednesday, January 7, 2026—Church

Christmas Weekday

6:30 PM †† Emily and Jerry Wuensch

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

Thursday, January 8, 2026—Church

Christmas Weekday

6:30 PM Latin Mass — Bryce Albertson

Friday, January 9, 2026—Rectory Chapel

Christmas Weekday

6:30 PM Alexandra and Steve Felden

Saturday, January 10, 2026—Church

Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord

5:00 PM † Mary Becerra

Sunday, January 11, 2026—Church

The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM † Rosemary Powell

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2026 — JANUARY 4, 2026

	5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin
Lector:	Fred Courtright	Doris Peters	Ursula Keck / Kevin Young Diana Lipfird
EM:	Jean Gandee		
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

JANUARY 10, 2026 — JANUARY 11, 2026

	5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	John Maier	Chris Haddock	Diana Lipfird
EM:	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2025

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Doris Bealis	Kiki Kelley	Jessie Noelker
Berly Blankenship	Kai Kirk	Tom O'Donnell
Thomas John Cables	Jim	Christopher A. Park
Ruth Casto	Joe Kolecki	Paul
Rosemary Diemer	Kosmerl Family	Greg Ray and Family
Martin Eland	Karen Kranstueber	Herb Rielinger
Karen Fisher	Fr. Kropac	Herb Rodriguez
Kyoko Fry	Katharina Kosmalski	Rick Salvatore
Harry Tom Graef	Sr. Jane Lab	Irene Schroeder
Robert Gunn	Sr. Linda	Maureen Sciarino
Susan Hatta	Ruth Martin	Michael Sherman
Tadaaki Hatta	Maureen Masterson	Glenn Sneed
Raymond Hawley	Katie McClain	Sharon Sneed
Katharina Hayne	Rob McClain	Wayne Sneed
Barb Helon	Abbie McCoy	Evelyn Trucks
Debi Hess	Rita McDonald	Fr. Albert Veigas
Agnes Hogan	Steve McElroy	E. K. Wade
Horie Family	Victoria Miller	Noel Walters
Dianna Hosta	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 Epiphany of the Lord — January 3 and 4, 2026

REFLECTION

The Magi from the east are seeking the new born King of the Jews so that they may pay tribute to Him. Herod is seeking the new born King to destroy Him, whom he considers to be a threat to his authority. The former tries to acknowledge and honor God's plan, while the latter contests against it as it goes against his own egocentric motive. God reveals himself to those who seek Him with a sincere heart. The Epiphany of the Lord is a feast of God's self manifestation; the visit of the magi, the baptism of our Lord, and the first miracle at Cana. God does not exclude anybody from His divine plan of salvation. The call of Israel was a special call to fulfill a special role, but it was not a rejection of others. (In the second reading), St. Paul speaks of a mystery made known to him by revelation, which was not made known to human beings in other generations, that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in Christ Jesus. Let us all work together, as coheirs, to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. ~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

Pro-Life

Mass for the Gift of Human Life – January 23, 2026

Join us for the **Mass for the Gift of Human Life** on **Friday, January 23 at 10:00 AM** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. **Bishop Edward C. Malesic** will be the celebrant as our diocesan community gathers in prayerful solidarity with those participating in the national pro-life events in Washington, D.C. Questions? Contact Tony Dipre (director, Office for Human Life) at tdipre@dioceseofcleveland.org; 216.696.6525 ext. 2335.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Sunday, January 4th, is the last day to drop off gifts for the Cleveland Pregnancy Center. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Giving Tree!!!



DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2025 CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Christmas Offertory Collection.....	\$2,515.00
Christmas Ecclesia Nostra	\$7,216.12
Ecclesia Nostra (Christmas)	\$820.00

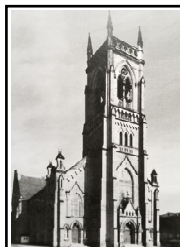
DECEMBER 26, 2025 FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN COLLECTION

Feast of St. Stephen	\$608.00
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DECEMBER 28, 2025 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$1,081.00
Children	\$3.00
Building Fund.....	\$45.00
Candles	\$175.00
Christmas Manger	\$8.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$7,964.12
General Donation	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
Utilities	\$220.00
Mission Appeal: Apostles of Jesus.....	\$430.00
Diocesan: Retirement Fund.....	\$10.00

Thank you all for your generosity!



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

† **Dolores Husney (nee Cercek)**

Class of 1947

Please remember her in your prayers!

Epiphany of Our Lord—January 6, 2026



The celebration of Mass at 6:45am on the **Epiphany of Our Lord, Tuesday, January 6th**, has been cancelled and rescheduled to **6:30pm**. If you wish to have Epiphany water blessed, please see Fr. Bede to make arrangements.

Heiligenblut Nativity Mass—January 4, 2026

Heiligenbluter Krippenmesse (Heiligenblut Nativity Mass)

The Gottscheer Heimatchor will sing the “Heiligenbluter Krippenmesse” (Heiligenblut Nativity Mass) at the **11:00am German Mass on Sunday, January 4**.

This Mass setting takes its name from the village of Heiligenblut am Großglockner in the Austrian state of Carinthia. Nestled at the base of the tallest mountain in Austria, it is the site of an annual tradition going back to the 16th century. On the evening and night of January 5, carollers (“Sternsinger”, literally translated as “star singers”) go from house to house bringing blessings to the inhabitants. Each carolling group (“Rotte”) consists of one star-bearer (“Sternträger”), five instrumentalists, and nine singers. Our January 4 German Mass at St. Stephen Church will honor this sublime tradition. No knowledge of German is needed to appreciate the beauty of the “Heiligenbluter Krippenmesse”. What better way to close this Christmas season?

A German-language Mass is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month at 11:00am (except Easter Sunday). 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.

Safety at our Masses

Please be aware that for your safety, we have a Security Guard on our church property for all of the Sunday Masses. We are actively engaged in the process of evaluating surveillance for the parking lot for the deterrence of criminal activity.

We are sorry for the upset and trauma caused to so many of our parishioners and visitors. You are being remembered in our prayers. Thank you to everyone who assisted those who were affected. *Please share this information with family and friends.*

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2025

Sun, Jan 4	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
	German Social (R)	after 11:00am Mass
Tues, Jan 6	6:45am Mass	Cancelled
	Mass: Feast of the Epiphany (C)	6:30pm
Thurs, Jan 8	RCIA/OCIA (SFR)	6:30pm
(C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (R) Rectory • (SFR) St Francis Room		

Parish Community Advertisements

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