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The Baptism of the Lord—January 10 and 11, 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

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

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 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

Monday, January 12, 2026—Rectory Chapel

Weekday [Week 1 in Ordinary Time]

6:30 PM Michael Boysko

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Weekday [Week 1 in Ordinary Time]

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) † Joseph Boysko

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † Charlie Kirk

Wednesday, January 14, 2026—Church

Weekday [Week 1 in Ordinary Time]

6:30 PM Maverick Cowan

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

Thursday, January 15, 2026—Church

Weekday [Week 1 in Ordinary Time]

6:30 PM Latin Mass — Sarah Hemphill

Friday, January 16, 2026—Rectory Chapel

Weekday [Week 1 in Ordinary Time]

6:30 PM Bryce Albertson

Saturday, January 17, 2026—Church

Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † David Becerra

Sunday, January 18, 2026—Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Gizella Gregoire

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 10, 2026 — JANUARY 11, 2026

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 17, 2026 — JANUARY 18, 2026

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin
Lector:	Russ Nieling	Lou Ockunzzi	Matt Minarik
EM:	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2025

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

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
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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 Baptism of the Lord — January 10 and 11, 2026

REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus whom we confess in the Creed – “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;” meaning that He is sinless. His Baptism is another manifestation of His identity in a voice from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” [Matthew 3:17]. He was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with Power to begin His Public Ministry of Salvation. The Baptism of Jesus helps us to understand that the mission of our Salvation is truly of God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. To save us from sin, Jesus visibly identifies Himself with us His followers. It is in Baptism that we become truly the Mystical Body of Christ. With the seal of baptism, we are counted among the beloved sons and daughters of God. The celebration of the Lord’s Baptism should remind all of us of our baptismal promises and the mission to preach the Kingdom of God to all people.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Matthew and Therese Ondich, parents of **Lillian Thérèse**, who was welcomed into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 4, 2026.



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.

DECEMBER 31, 2025

YEAR-END MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS

Christmas Collection.....	\$901.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$101.00
General Donations	\$644.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$420.00
Utilities	\$25.00
Diocesan: Retirement Fund	\$101.00

JANUARY 4, 2025

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$1,269.00
Children	\$3.50
Building Fund.....	\$65.00
Candles	\$117.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$2,622.12
Food Pantry	\$185.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$446.00
Utilities	\$30.00
Diocesan: Church in Latin America.....	\$50.00

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!

Interim Report—Matching Funds

A final report of Matching Funds and Donations have been compiled. We are pleased to report that an amount of \$98,220.00 was collected and then matched by an Anonymous Donor. The total raised in our Matching Fund Campaign is \$196,440.00! The impact of your donations has allowed us to complete certain projects, begin other projects which are still in process, and consider scheduling other projects long overdue at the parish.

In addition, other anonymous donations were collected in late Summer and Fall, and were designated for specific projects. We were able to accomplish multiple projects and have scheduled other projects for repair.

Completed Projects:

- Re-pavement of the Parking Lot (shared cost with Metro Catholic School)
- Replacement of the Sacristy Roof
- Repair of the Convent Roof
- Repair of Rectory Soffit (Westside)
- Cleaning of the Statues in the Church
- Steps to the Club Room (parking lot side)
- Rectory Balcony Roof Repair

Projects in Progress:

- Restoration of the Doors of the Church
- Repair of the Entrances (Sacristy and North Sides)
- Walkway (near the rear porch of the Rectory)

Projects to be Scheduled:

- Cornice of pillar in the Church
- Club Room Roof
- Interior Plaster over Baptismal Font
- Spindles over High Pulpit

All of this could only be taken care of because of your generosity and prayers. May our Lord bless you all for your sacrifice. And may our Lord bless our Anonymous Donor who selflessly contributed the matching dollar amount to our Matching Funds collected. **THANK YOU** to everyone!

Upcoming Collection

Next weekend, January 17-18, a collection will be taken for The Catholic University of America. The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Gifts support students during this crucial time and helps the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country.

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2025

Sun, Jan 11	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
	Latin Social (R)	after 9:30am Mass
Mon, Jan 12	Parish Council (CR).....	7:00pm
Thurs, Jan 15	RCIA/OCIA (SFR).....	6:30pm
(C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (R) Rectory • (SFR) St Francis Room		

Parish Community Advertisements

Thinking about buying or selling?

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