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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 17 and 18, 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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Russ Nieling

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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

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 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

Monday, January 19, 2026—Rectory Chapel

Weekday [Week 2 in Ordinary Time]

6:30 PM Karen Kurzdiel

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Weekday [Week 2 in Ordinary Time]

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) Daniel Smith Family

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † Elroy Foster

Wednesday, January 21, 2026—Church

Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

6:30 PM † Patrick Pannell

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

Thursday, January 22, 2026—Church

Weekday [Week 2 in Ordinary Time]

6:30 PM Latin Mass — † Michael Boysko, Jr.

Friday, January 23, 2026—Rectory Chapel

Weekday [Week 2 in Ordinary Time]

6:30 PM † Mark Moreno

Saturday, January 24, 2026—Church

Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Josefina Krizan

Sunday, January 25, 2026—Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Barbara Anna Boysko

11:00 AM † Thomas Hanway, † Rose McDevitt

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



CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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		

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 2026 — JANUARY 25, 2026

	<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	Elaine Ann Cara	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 JANUARY 18, 2025

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

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
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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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time —January 17 and 18, 2026

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist introduces Jesus, he tells us who Jesus is and what sort of mission He will accomplish in His life. He says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." In Jesus' time however, the lamb evokes much more than wool and meal. For Jewish people the lamb had various roles, a one-year old male takes the place of the people. They put all their sins on that small animal's back, lead him to the table or altar and open the main artery of his neck. His blood flows over the table washing away transgressions. So today we get a tipoff, a glimpse about how the story ends, the wedding banquet of the lamb. Astoundingly we have an experience of the banquet even now. In every Mass we receive an invitation like what we hear in the Gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those (you and I) who are called to the Supper of the Lamb." Our humble and prompt answer will follow; "Nobody is worthy to receive Him in his/her life but through His eternal Word we shall be saved." Amen

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day.

Pro-Life

Catholics are encouraged to observe a prayer vigil on **Thursday, January 22 to Friday, January 23, 2026** to pray for an end to abortion and a great respect for all human life in post-Roe America. If you can't make it to the March for Life in D.C., consider a trip to the Ohio Capitol building to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for the legal protection of unborn children. **Eucharistic Adoration** will take place on Thursday January 22 from 10:00am-2:00pm at Governor Thomas Worthington Center (inside the Ohio Statehouse) **1 Capital Square, Columbus, Ohio 43215**. For more details, visit ohiocathconf.org/adoration.

Upcoming Collection

The Latin American—El Salvador Collection will take place on **January 24 & 25**. This is the main support for two Diocese of Cleveland Priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission Office. This appeal also makes a contribution to the Collection for the Church in Latin America and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin American.

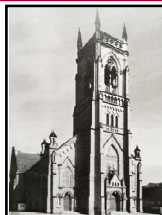
DECEMBER 2025 ONLINE COLLECTIONS

Altar Furnishings & Supplies.....	\$250.00
Christmas.....	\$1,500.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$3,273.30
Food Pantry	\$750.00
General Donations	\$520.00
Music Ministry.....	\$200.00
Offertory.....	\$190.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$50.00
Utilities	\$250.00
Mission Appeal: Apostles of Jesus.....	\$150.00

JANUARY 4, 2026

Collection will be published next week.

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!

News from the Pews

CONDOLENCES TO...

Glenn and Sharon Sneed, family and friends on the passing of Glenn's Father, **Wayne Sneed**, on January 15, 2026.



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

Interim Report—Matching Funds

A final report of Matching Funds and Donations has 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
- Repair of Steps to the Club Room (parking lot side)
- Repair of the Rectory Balcony Roof
- Repair of the South Side Entrance

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 can 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!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2025

Sun, Jan 18 Schola Practice (CR)8:00am
Mon, Jan 19 Parish Office..... *Closed*
Thurs, Jan 22 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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