



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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

Website: ststephencleveland.org Email: ststephendh@gmail.com

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 7 and 8, 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:

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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

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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, February 7, 2026—Church

Saturday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Katharina and Greg Hayne

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM †† Emily and Jerry Wuensch

Sunday, February 8, 2026—Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Randy Cremeans

11:00 AM Alumni — Living and Deceased Members of the
St. Stephen Alumni Association

Monday, February 9, 2026—Rectory Chapel

Weekday [Week 5 in Ordinary Time]

6:30 PM Dylema Lacombe

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) James Patrick Price

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † Ronald Stadnik, Sr.

Wednesday, February 11, 2026—Church

Weekday [Week 5 in Ordinary Time]

6:30 PM Craig Fierle

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

Thursday, February 12, 2026—Church

Weekday [Week 5 in Ordinary Time]

6:30 PM Latin Mass — † Lois Dreaden

Friday, February 13, 2026—Rectory Chapel

Weekday [Week 5 in Ordinary Time]

6:30 PM † Patricia Smirnoff

Saturday, February 14, 2026—Church

Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Laura Bonneau

Sunday, February 15, 2026—Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Thomas Hayne

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 7, 2026 — FEBRUARY 8, 2026

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	Fred Courtright	Doris Peters	Jerry Nowesnick
EM:			Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		Ralph Capistrano

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 14, 2026 — FEBRUARY 15, 2026

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin
Lector:	John Maier	Chris Haddock	Matt Minarik
EM:	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		Ralph Capistrano

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2025

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Ray Ardire	Dianna Hosta	Mother and Daughter
Doris Bealis	Jim	in Crisis
Berly Blankenship	Kai Kirk	Jessie Noelker
Janina Bruozis	Kiki Kelley	Tom O'Donnell
Thomas John Cables	Joe Kolecki	Maria Papp
Ruth Casto	Katharina Kosmalski	Christopher A. Park
Julio Castro	Kosmerl Family	Paul
Rosemary Diemer	Karen Kranstueber	Greg Ray and Family
Martin Eland	Fr. Kropac	Herb Rielinger
Karen Fisher	Sr. Jane Lab	Herb Rodriguez
Kyoko Fry	Sr. Linda	Rick Salvatore
Harry Tom Graef	Ruth Martin	Irene Schroeder
† Robert Gunn	Maureen Masterson	Maureen Sciarrino
Susan Hatta	Chuck Matias	Michael Sherman
Tadaaki Hatta	Katie McClain	Glenn Sneed
Raymond Hawley	Rob McClain	Sharon 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

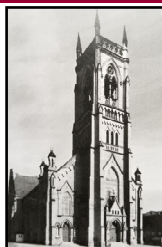
Brother Kevin Cush—Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
 Sean Homcy—Vocation to Priesthood
 Abbé Nicholas Johanni—Vocation to Priesthood
 Sister Rose-Marie (Rose Johanni) of the Passion of the Royal Heart,
 Burning Furnace of Mercy
 First Responder—Lt. Timothy Maffo-Judd

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REFLECTION

Jesus said to His Followers, "You are the salt of earth and light of the world". This revelation of Jesus reminds believers that the Divine Word they received is powerful to purify or transform the hearts of people. The Prophet Isaiah explained that the light of believers would shine brightly when we care for the hungry, clothe the naked, stop oppression, false accusation, pride, and be just to all people. The world is in darkness and urgently needs these Divine Treasures (Salt and Light) for people to see the way of truth that leads to the Kingdom of God. The point for us is to radiate the Light of Christ to all people by words and charitable works.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.



The Tower Lights are being illuminated during the month of February

In Memory Of

† Thomas Hayne

† Creighton R. Hayne

Please remember them in your prayers

Treasures and Traditions

"No greater thing can be said of a man than that he is the salt of the earth. Salt has two principal effects. It gives savor to food, and it preserves organic matter from corruption. Now the legates of Christ accomplish these two effects in the moral order in the nations of the earth. The world was without the knowledge of God, and without faith. It was like unsalted food, having no savor for its Creator. The legates of Christ gave it knowledge of God, and salted it by faith. They did this in the beginning by diffusing throughout the land the message of Christ. They gradually formed themselves into a great system, a great organism, and this has kept alive the faith of Christ ever since. To them every man must come for salt, that God may be pleased with the savor of his soul. Here again we see the design of Christ to teach the world by commissioned men, having authority to teach in his name...

Salt preserves from corruption; and the teachers of the New Law were to save men from the moral corruption of sin by preaching the word, by instructing the young, by administering the sacraments; in a word, by employing every remedy left on earth by Christ for the destruction of sin. He gave into their hands his doctrine, his sacraments, his commission. In declaring them to be the salt of the earth, the universality of Christ's kingdom is proclaimed. They were to operate among all the nations of the earth, and salt them with Christ's doctrine and moral code...

So necessary was it that the teachers of mankind should value the high functions that they were to perform in the world, that the Lord enforces the lesson of this first figure by a second of equal force, which especially relates to their capacity as teachers. They are the light of the world. God illumines the material earth by the luminaries of heaven. Earth is dependent on them for its light. If they withhold it, the earth is dark. God could have given light to earth in other ways, but he has established this way. In like manner, God illumines the moral world by teachers. They are the luminaries of the spiritual world of men. Christ is the essential light of the world; his legates are the avenues by which it comes to man. If they withhold their light, the world becomes dark. One of the worst evils of the world of that day was the moral darkness of paganism. These lights of the world were to dispel that darkness and they did it. The darkness of materialism now hangs like a pall over the civilized world, and this is harder to be dispelled. The teachers of mankind are less intense now, and hearts are less receptive of truth. What the world needs is more light, not the false light that makes objects appear in false proportions; but the pure light of Heaven, that shows man his duty and his destiny".... —"A Harmonized Exposition of the Four Gospels", Volume II, pp. 101-106, 1903 by Rev. A. E. Breen, Ph. D., D.D.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2026



Catholic Charities
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND
2026 Appeal

The 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal will take place next weekend. This year's appeal them is "Yours are the hands with

which He blesses all the world." Your generous support will bring peace to the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable. Our in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, **February 14th-15th**. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Malesic, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it. No need to fill out an additional envelope this year, stating you have already given. Please view stories and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2026Appeal.

JANUARY 25, 2026 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$408.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$689.00

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$1,240.00
Children	\$2.10
Building Fund.....	\$461.00
Candles	\$150.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$4,452.12
Food Pantry	\$50.00
General Donation	\$200.00
General Donation—In Honor Of.....	\$100.00
Presentation of the Lord/Purification	\$29.00
Utilities	\$30.00
Diocesan: Catholic University.....	\$1.00
Diocesan: Latin America	\$178.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2025

Sun, Feb 8	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
	Latin Social (CR).....	after 9:30am Mass
Mon, Feb 9	Parish Council (CR)	7:00pm
Thurs, Feb 12	RCIA/OCIA (SFR)	6:30pm

(C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (R) Rectory • (SFR) St Francis Room

Parish Announcements

News from the Pews

CONDOLENCES TO...

Peter and Maria Mutnansky, family and friends on the passing of Pete's Sister, **Stephanie Landy**, on January 27, 2026.

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



CONDOLENCES TO...

Ray and Monica Stadnik, family and friends on the passing of Ray's Brother, **Ronald Stadnik, Sr.**, on January 27, 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. Amen.



Outreach Ministry

The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served **16** families on Thursday, January 29th, from our Food Pantry. Our Community Kindness Food Pantry is open from 9:30am-12:00 Noon the last Thursday of the month. **Thank you all for your continued generosity!**



Latin Mass Socials

Help is needed at the Latin Mass Coffee and Donut Socials on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. These Socials are a great opportunity to get to know your parish community — a chance to mingle, catch up with friends, and make new friends! The Socials do require help to make them successful. There are a few ways you can assist:

- Donations are always appreciated and can be made by cash donation or by bringing a donation of a food or drink item—bagels, donuts or dish to share, coffee, juice, silverware, napkins, paper towels, Ziploc bags, etc.

and/or

- Volunteer your time to make coffee, set up tables for food, lay out plates, silverware, napkins, and/or volunteer to clean up afterwards. Without the donation of your time as a volunteer, the 4th Sunday Social may be discontinued.

Please contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 or speak to someone at the Social today!

BELL TOWER LIGHTING

Each month our St. Stephen Bell Tower is illuminated throughout the night, and can be clearly seen throughout the neighborhood and when driving down I-90 Westbound. If you wish to reserve the bell tower illumination, please contact the Parish Office.



The months open for reservation in 2026 are March, July, August, September, October, November and December. Thank you for your support of our beloved St. Stephen Parish.

SIXTH ANNUAL PIEROGI FUNDRAISER

We are once again offering the same wonderful Sue's Pierogis you've enjoyed at past fish fries. These homemade pierogis will be fully cooked. Take them home and heat them up, add some sautéed onions and sour cream and you can have a little taste of our annual Lenten Fish Fry. If you want to purchase enough for the Lenten season, they can be frozen.

You will be able to place your order either by Order Form (found in back of Church) or via Email AND you will have two opportunities to place your order.



PIEROGI SELECTIONS (sold by the dozen)

Savory Pierogi: Potato / Potato with Cheese /
Potato with Onion / Sauerkraut

Sweet Pierogi: Cottage Cheese / Lekvar-Prune filled

Cost: \$15.00/baker's dozen – Accepting Cash or Check (make checks payable to St. Stephen Church)

First Order Form deadline: Sunday, February 22nd
First Email order deadline: Wednesday, February 25th
First Order pick up: Friday, March 6th
Second Order Form deadline: Sunday, March 8th
Second Email order deadline: Wednesday, March 11th
Second Order pick up: Friday, March 20th

Order Forms are located at the back of the church. Completed forms **with payment** can be placed in the collection basket.

Email Orders can be sent to: ststephendh@gmail.com

Provide your name, phone number, type of pierogi you want, and the quantity. (i.e. Potato with Cheese / 1 dozen). **Payment is due at pick up.**

Order Pick Up: from 4:30pm to 7:00pm at the St. Stephen Fish Fry....located in the Michael Building Cafeteria.

Pro-Life

BISHOP THOMAS EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR EXECUTIVE ACTIONS PROTECTING PREBORN CHILDREN

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo and Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, offered a statement of gratitude for executive actions protecting preborn children. Late last week, the Administration took steps to provide pro-life protections for foreign assistance spending, stop performing and funding research using aborted human fetal tissue, and enhance interpretations and pursue enforcement of important health care conscience protection laws. To read the full statement, go to:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/26-pl-executive-actions-statement.pdf>

Annual Contribution Statements

Please call the parish office to request your statement or send a request by email to ststephendh@gmail.com. 2025 Annual Contribution Statements can be mailed via U.S. regular mail, or if you prefer, by email.

2026 Lenten Season

2026 St. Stephen Lenten Fish Fry Every Friday During Lent Except Good Friday

Starting February 20, our annual Fish Fry will be in full swing from **4:30-7:00pm** with all of your favorites from the past. Full menus will be included in upcoming bulletins as well as at: ststephencleveland.org. Enjoy a good meal with good company!

The Fish Fry will be served 6 Fridays during Lent: February 20 & 27 and March 6, 13, 20 & 27

Meals will be served in the school cafeteria in the building just south of the Convent Building, 1891 W. 57th St. Access the cafeteria from the church parking lot off of W. 57th St. Signs will be posted. If you can't stay to eat in, all dinners and side orders are available for take-out.

Want to get involved?

- Volunteer a few hours of your time to help make the Fish Fry a big success! On-site helpers are welcome any time between 2:30 and 7:30pm each Friday. Call or text Herb at (216) 402-7437 for more information.
- Pastry donations (home-baked or store-bought) are always welcome. Drop them off at the church during business hours on Thursday or Friday, or call the rectory at (216) 631-5633 Wednesday to arrange a pick-up, or bring your donation when you come to the Fish Fry!



Lent begins on Wednesday, **February 18, 2024**. Now is the time to bring last year's dried palms back to the Church so that they may be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

We invite everyone to bring last year's palms and place them in the box by the table in the back of the Church.

Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church.



Ash Wednesday Masses and distribution of ashes:

9:00am — English Mass
6:30pm — Latin Mass

GUIDE ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence:

Begins on one's 14th birthday.
Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.
Abstain from meat.

Days of Fast:

Applies to everyone aged 18 to 59, inclusive.
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
One full meal permitted and two other meals may be taken which, when combined, are less than a full meal.
If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and celebrate more readily His Resurrection.
Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

2026 DIOCESAN-WIDE EVENING OF CONFESSION

The 2026 diocesan-wide Evening of Confession will take place on Wednesday, **March 4, 2026** from 5-8 p.m.

LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday.. (February 18)	4:30 PM English Mass 6:30 PM Latin Mass (Ashes distributed at all Masses)
February 20	5:00 PM English Mass 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
February 27	5:00 PM English Mass 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
March 4	5:00 PM—8:00 PM Evening of Confession
March 6	5:00 PM Latin Mass (1st Friday) 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
March 13	5:00 PM English Mass 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
March 20	5:00 PM English Mass 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
March 27	5:00 PM English Mass 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
March 29	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 8:00 AM English Mass <i>No Confessions</i> 9:15 AM Procession 11:00 AM English Mass
April 1	Wednesday in Holy Week 6:30 PM Latin Mass Tenebrae to follow
April 2	Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM English Mass (Adoration until Midnight)
April 3	Good Friday 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM Passion of our Lord
April 4	Holy Saturday 8:45 PM English Mass
April 5	Easter Sunday <i>Cancelled</i> 8:00 AM Mass <i>No Confessions</i> 9:30 AM Latin Mass 11:00 AM English Mass



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