



# St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord — April 4 and 5, 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, O.S.B.

### **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

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Nathan Marinchick and Matthew Eccher

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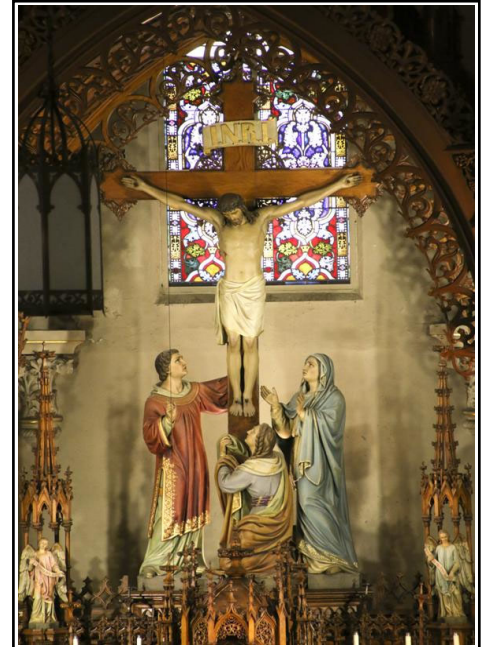
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## **Metro Catholic Parish School**

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## **Sisters of Notre Dame Convent**

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### *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

# 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, April 4, 2026—Church

**Holy Saturday / The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

8:30 PM OCIA Candidates

### Sunday, April 5, 2026—Church

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00 AM *Cancelled*

11:00 AM Parishioners

### Monday, April 6, 2026—Church

**Monday within the Octave of Easter**

10:00 AM Intentions of the Tran Family

### Tuesday, April 7, 2026

**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

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

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Sue Moritz

### Wednesday, April 8, 2026—Church

**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

6:30 PM † Joseph Waldron O'Reilly

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

### Thursday, April 9, 2026—Church

**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

6:30 PM † Faye Esther Thornton

### Friday, April 10, 2026—Church

**Friday within the Octave of Easter**

6:30 PM † Thomas Neff

### Saturday, April 11, 2026—Church

**Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

5:00 PM † Carole Caruso

### Sunday, April 12, 2026—Church

**Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

8:00 AM Evelyn Cowan

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

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 4, 2025

APRIL 5, 2025

	<u>8:30PM VIGIL MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli
<b>Lector:</b>	Russ Nieling/Glenn Sneed/ Chris Haddock	Robert Filippi
<b>EM:</b>	Diana Lipfird	Dianna Hosta/Liz Filippi
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ben Kost	Jean Gandee Ralph Capistrano

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2026 — APRIL 12, 2026

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin
<b>Lector:</b>	John Maier	Doris Peters	Jerry Nowesnick
<b>EM:</b>	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta/ Diana Lipfird
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ben Kost		Ralph Capistrano

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2025

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 / or evening Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Ray Ardire	Dianna Hosta	Kazuyuki Nagashima
Doris Bealis	Anthony J. House	Jessie Noelker
Berly Blankenship	Jim	Tom O'Donnell
Janina Bruozis	Kiki Kelley	Maria Papp
Thomas John Cables	Kai Kirk	Christopher A. Park
Ruth Casto	Joe Kolecki	Paul
Julio Castro	Katharina Kosmalski	Greg Ray and Family
Rosemary Diemer	Kosmerl Family	Herb Rielinger
Martin Eland	Karen Kranstueber	Herb Rodriguez
Karen Fisher	Fr. Kropac	Rick Salvatore
Fr. S. Michael Franz	Sr. Jane Lab	Irene Schroeder
Kyoko Fry	Sr. Linda	Maureen Sciarrino
Harry Tom Graef	Ruth Martin	Jan Sheats
Susan Hatta	Maureen Masterson	Michael Sherman
Tadaaki Hatta	Chuck Matias	Glenn Sneed
Raymond Hawley	Katie McClain	Sharon Sneed
Katharina Hayne	Rob McClain	Fr. Albert Veigas
Barb Helon	Rita McDonald	E. K. Wade
Debi Hess	Steve McElroy	Noel Walters
Agnes Hogan	Victoria Miller	Devon Zink
Horie Family	Mother and Daughter in Crisis	

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

# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – April 4 and 5, 2026

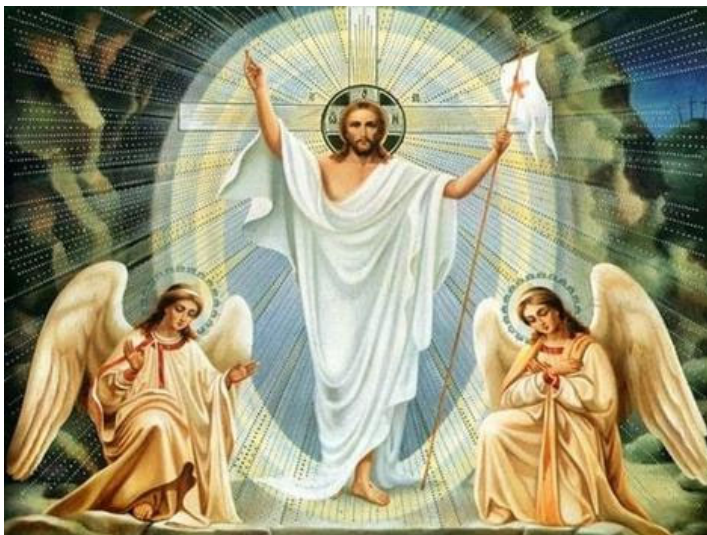
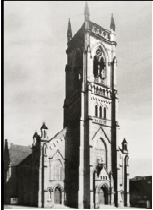
## EASTER MESSAGE 2026

The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia! With joy and gratitude, I extend to you my heartfelt greetings on the feast of Lord's Resurrection – the triumph of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair! Let us remind ourselves about the famous quote from Archbishop Fulton Sheen "Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." These are the words of encouragement and consolation to all of us Christians particularly in these times, when worries of daily life, illness, violence, war, uncertainty, and many other impediments can easily depress us, Christ calls us not to seek the living among the dead. And to root our faith not in emotions or feelings, but in His Word and promise. I am recommending that we personalize this Easter celebration. Recalling the Easter reality in the life of Christ, we can acknowledge that, by the gift of faith, we have been able to pick a winner. But the hidden reality and the source of unspeakable Easter joy is the fact that a winner has chosen us! This is victory day, this Easter Sunday. The triumph is Christ's, of course, but He has chosen to share that victory with us and make all of us winners. How can we not be happy today? How can we not be grateful?

May the Easter message of Jesus, "Peace be with you!" be the gift your families and friends celebrate with each other, the gift we celebrate with each other and the gift that together we breathe into all we meet. ~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

**"HE IS TRULY RISEN ALLELUIA ALLELUIA!"**

**HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL**

The Tower Lights are being illuminated during the month of April  
In Honor Of  
**Linda Hess**  
*Please remember her in your prayers!*

**Easter Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**—Mass will be celebrated at **10:00am in the Church.**  
*The Parish Office will be closed.*

## CRS Rice Bowl

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey has come to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl. If possible, **please convert your change collected to dollars or check**, and drop your donation for the CRS Rice Bowl into a collection basket. Be sure to write "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line of your check. You may donate directly online at: [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give). Thank you for participating with your family!



## Outreach Ministry

**The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 27 families on Thursday, March 26th from our Food Pantry.** Our Food Pantry is open from 9:30am-12:00pm on the last Thursday of every month. Thank you to all who donate to this much needed Ministry!



## Easter Decorations

**Thank you to all of the volunteers** who helped decorate the Church with beautiful Easter flowers that we were able to purchase with your generous donations to the Easter Flower Fund. Special thanks go to the Joe Londrico Family who has assisted us with purchasing flowers for many, many years.



**Thank you to Julio Castro and Glenn Rollins** for setting up the sepulcher and for the buffing and waxing of the floors of the Church. **Blessings to all of you and Happy Easter!!!**

**MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2025**

<b>Sun, April 5</b>	Schola Practice (CR) .....	8:00am
	8:00am Mass (C) .....	<i>Cancelled</i>
<b>Mon, April 6</b>	Easter Monday Mass (C) .....	10:00am
	Parish Office .....	<i>Closed</i>
<b>Sat, April 11</b>	Wedding (C) .....	12:00 Noon

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

**MARCH 29, 2026**  
**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

General Collection .....	\$1,332.00
Children .....	\$3.50
Annunciation .....	\$50.00
Building Fund .....	\$45.00
Candles .....	\$107.00
Easter Flowers .....	\$130.00
Ecclesia Nostra .....	\$4,722.12
Fish Fry .....	\$1,533.00
General Donation .....	\$1,010.00
Utilities .....	\$20.00

**Thank you all for your generosity!**

## Parish Announcements

### CONDOLENCES TO...

James Mazurkewicz, family and friends on the passing of his Sister, **Karen Fisher**, who died on March 27, 2026. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **April 25, 2026 at 10:30am** at St. Stephen.



In your charity, please pray for her soul.

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

### 3rd Annual St. Stephen Flower/Plant Sale



With spring just around the corner, you may be planning your vegetable garden, flower beds or planter boxes. This year you can beautify your yard and support St. Stephen at the same time! We will be selling Annuals (in flats and 4in" pots), Hanging Baskets and Vegetable Plants. You can find order forms at the doors of the church. **You will have until April 16<sup>th</sup> to place your order.**

Flowers will be available for **pickup on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 5599 Columbia Rd., North Olmsted, Ohio 44070.

If you have any questions, please call Gail at 440-590-2423 or send an email to [ststephendh@gmail.com](mailto:ststephendh@gmail.com).

—Or—

**DEAN'S GREENHOUSE IS OFFERING AN IN-STORE/WALK-IN SALE** — May 1st through June 25th, 2026.

If you prefer to pick out your own flowers and garden supplies, you can also go directly to:

Dean's Greenhouse  
3984 Porter Rd.  
Westlake, Ohio 44145

Mention St. Stephen Church when you check out and St. Stephen will receive a percentage of your sale. **ORDER FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE EXITS OF THE CHURCH**



## Fish Fry Highlights



## The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet

Please join us for the celebration of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm on Sunday, April 12, 2026 in the Church!

Jesus asked St. Faustina that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy. This year, the Divine Mercy Novena started on Good Friday, April 3, 2026.

In Rome, on August 30, 2000, Pope St. John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy of Poland, ratifying one of the most hopeful messages ever given to the Universal Church.

Sister Faustina was a mystic who received extraordinary graces from God, including visits from Our Lord, our Blessed Mother, the angels and the saints.

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast would be a day when **“all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.”** (Diary 699).

Jesus made a great promise to all those who would go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the second Sunday of Easter, saying:

***“The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (699) I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. (Diary 1109)***

Jesus gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena. For instance, on the last day, Jesus asked her to pray for the “lukewarm and indifferent” of whom He said:

***“These souls cause Me more suffering than any others...’ The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy.”***

In her diary, St. Faustina noted that Jesus told her:

***“On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls.”***

A novena is typically nine days of prayer in preparation of a celebration of a feast day. At the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena is recited perpetually at the Hour of Great Mercy — the three o'clock hour.

The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena. He promised, **“By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls.”**

Look for the Divine Mercy Novena pamphlet in the literature racks at the back of the Church, or to print a copy of the Divine Mercy Novena prayers and the chaplet, go to:

<https://centrefordivinemercy.org/9-day-novena>

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>



### THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Opening Prayer (Repeat three times)

*You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.*

*O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!*
3. Our Father

*Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.*
4. Hail Mary

*Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.*
5. The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.*
6. The Eternal Father

*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*
7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*
8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father..." (see 6. above) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion..." (see 7. above) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.
9. Conclude with

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat three times).*
10. Closing Prayer

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Jesus, I trust in You.*

# Parish Community Advertisements

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