



# St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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*Fifth Sunday of Easter — May 2 and 3, 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

### **Latin Schola Director:**

Nathan Marinchick and Matthew Eccher

### **St. Vincent de Paul:**

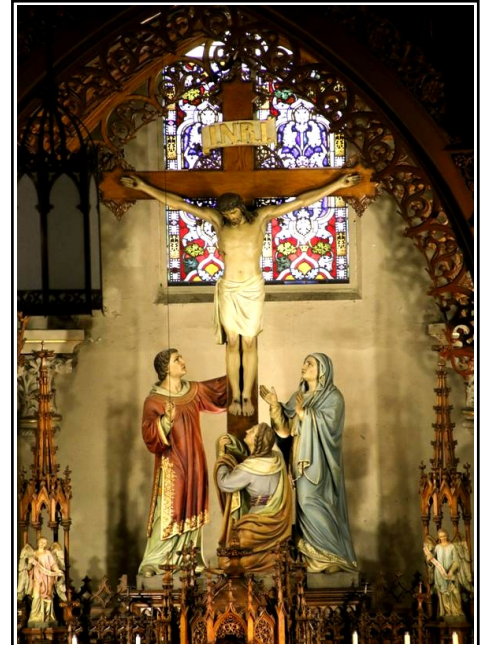
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## **Metro Catholic Parish School**

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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.

**ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE NOW CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCH**

#### Saturday, May 2, 2026

##### **Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 PM Tara Myers

#### Sunday, May 3, 2026

##### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Felix Stracensky

11:00 AM German — † Horst and † Herman Kinscher  
†† Max and Sophie Juran

#### Monday, May 4, 2026

##### **Easter Weekday**

6:30 PM † Evelyn Trucks

#### Tuesday, May 5, 2026

##### **Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM Latin Mass — Michael Lichter Family

6:30 PM Vicki Myers

#### Wednesday, May 6, 2026

##### **Easter Weekday**

6:30 PM † James F. Hogan

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

#### Thursday, May 7, 2026

##### **Easter Weekday**

6:30 PM Latin Mass — John Mushinski

#### Friday, May 8, 2026

##### **Easter Weekday**

6:30 PM † Robin McClain

#### Saturday, May 9, 2026

##### **Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 PM Strifler Family

#### Sunday, May 10, 2026

##### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Intentions of the Tran Family

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

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 2, 2026 — MAY 3, 2026

	5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli
<b>Lector:</b>	John Maier	Doris Peters	Edie Bees & Dr. Tina Waters
<b>EM:</b>	Glenn Sneed		Diana Lipfird / Dianna Hosta
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Glenn Sneed		Ben Kost

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 9, 2026 — MAY 10, 2026

	5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin
<b>Lector:</b>	Fred Courtright	Chris Haddock	Jerry Nowesnick Diana Lipfird
<b>EM:</b>	Jean Gandee		
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ben Kost		

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

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2025

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21  
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a  
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday: Solemnity The Ascension of the Lord  
 Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
 Saint Matthias, Apostle  
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17  
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Ray Ardire	Dianna Hosta	Mother and Daughter in Crisis
Doris Bealis	Anthony J. House	Kazuyuki Nagashima
Berly Blankenship	Jim	Jessie Noelker
Janina Bruozis	Kiki Kelley	Tom O'Donnell
Thomas John Cables	Kai Kirk	Maria Papp
Ruth Casto	Joe Kolecki	Christopher A. Park
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 Sciarriano
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		

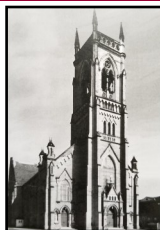
Brother Kevin Cush—Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life  
 Sean Homcy—Vocation to Priesthood  
 Abbé Nicholas Johanni—Vocation to Priesthood  
 Sister Rose-Marie (Rose Johanni) of the Passion of the Royal Heart,  
 Burning Furnace of Mercy  
 First Responder—Lt. Timothy Maffo-Judd

# Fifth Sunday of Easter — May 2 and 3, 2026

## REFLECTION

In today's gospel we hear about Jesus' farewell discourse. The disciples are troubled, knowing that the end was very close. Jesus responds not with a plan or a strategy, but with a promise: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14: 1). This is an encouragement from Jesus to His disciples during times of uncertainty, urging them to trust in God and Himself rather than succumbing to fear. He speaks of preparing a place for them in the Father's dwelling, reminding them that their journey is not aimless—it is leading toward intimacy with God. When Thomas asks for directions, Jesus responds with one of the most profound declarations in Scripture: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." This is not just guidance for the future; it's an invitation to live in relationship with Him now. This invitation challenges us to trust even when the path feels uncertain. Faith is not about having every answer, but about walking closely with the One who is the way, the truth and the life. It's also a call to live as models of that way for others—through acts of mercy, truthfulness, and life-giving love.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.



The Tower Lights are being illuminated  
during the month of April  
In Honor Of  
**Linda Hess**

*Please remember her in your prayers!*

## May Crowning / Mother's Day

We would like to extend a special invitation to all parishioners and guests to attend May Crowning and a celebration of all Mothers next **Sunday, May 10th**, after the 9:30am Mass. Weather permitting, we will process from the Church to Blessed Mother's garden at the grotto and join in reciting the Litany of Loreto, the 5th Glorious Mystery of the Rosary, and the Act of Consecration to Jesus through Mary.



We'll gather for the usual Latin Mass social following in the club room. Please bring a delicious dish to share!

## News from the Pews

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Jeffrey and Giavonna Cappabianca-Podolsky, parents of **Giacomo Gene**, who will be welcomed into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 3, 2026!



### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Mr. and Mrs. Jacob and Rachael Burnett**, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, May 2, 2026!



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



If you missed the deadline for ordering flowers, there is still time to have a percentage of the cost of your purchase to be donated to St. Stephen. Please your order in store at **Dean's Greenhouse, 3984 Porter Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145**. Dean's Greenhouse in-store/walk-in sale runs **May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Mention St. Stephen Church when you check out and we will receive a percentage of your sale. **Thank you!**

## St. Stephen Garden Update

May has arrived! Take a few minutes to enjoy the spring beauty of the Mary Garden between the church and the rectory. The Garden Committee has been pruning shrubs, pulling weeds, and generally sprucing up this gem of the parish. Much remains to be done, in the Joseph Garden on the other side of the rectory, as well as between the church and school building. For more information or if you wish to assist, please contact Herb at (216) 402-7437 (talk or text) or [Herbert.Mausser@yahoo.com](mailto:Herbert.Mausser@yahoo.com).



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## APRIL 25, 2026 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection .....	\$2,286.00
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Building Fund.....	\$65.00
Candles .....	\$108.00
Easter Sunday .....	\$100.00
Ecclesia Nostra .....	\$2,320.12
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General Donation (In Memory Of) .....	\$340.00
Holy Land.....	\$100.00
Holy Thursday.....	\$50.00
Music Ministry.....	\$100.00
Rice Bowl .....	\$18.00
St. Vincent de Paul Ministry .....	\$130.00
Utilities .....	\$10.00
Diocesan: Catholic Home Missions.....	\$50.00

**Thank you all for your generosity!**

## MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MAY 3, 2025

<b>Sun, May 3</b>	Schola Practice (CR).....	8:00am
	Baptism (C) .....	after 11:00am Mass
<b>Fri, May 8</b>	Wedding Rehearsal (C) .....	5:00pm
<b>Sat, May 9</b>	Wedding (C).....	12:00 Noon

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

## 2026 Save the Date!

**ST. STEPHEN PARISH PICNIC / UPPER EDGEWATER PARK PAVILION**  
Come join your fellow parishioners for a day of Fun, Food, Games and Celebration at Cleveland's beautiful Edgewater Park Pavilion on **Sunday, August 9, 2026**. Hope to see you there!

# Parish Community Advertisements

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