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Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 9 and 10, 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.)

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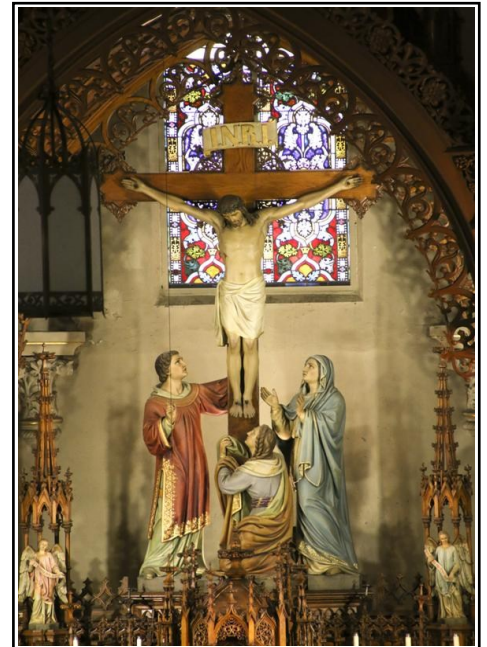
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Mission Statement

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 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

Monday, May 11, 2026

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM † John Summers

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Latin Mass — Justin Dailey Family

6:30 PM † Robin McClain

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Easter Weekday / Our Lady of Fatima

6:30 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Saint Matthias, Apostle

6:30 PM Latin Mass — Cindy and Gary Wise

Friday, May 15, 2026

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Judy Kavolsky

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

5:00 PM † Eleanor Fischbach, † Carole Fischbach Caruso

Sunday, May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM William Connor Talbott

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

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

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 16, 2026 — MAY 17, 2026

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	Glenn Sneed	Chris Haddock	Matt Minarik
EM:	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:			

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 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

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

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	Greg Ray and Family
Julio Castro	Katharina Kosmalski	Herb Rielinger
Rosemary Diemer	Kosmerl Family	Herb Rodriguez
Martin Eland	Karen Kranstueber	Rick Salvatore
† Karen Fisher	Fr. Kropac	Irene Schroeder
† Fr. S. Michael Franz	Sr. Jane Lab	Maureen Sciarino
Kyoko Fry	Sr. Linda	Jan Sheats
Harry Tom Graef	Ruth Martin	Michael Sherman
Susan Hatta	Maureen Masterson	Glenn Sneed
Tadaaki Hatta	Chuck Matias	Sharon Sneed
Raymond Hawley	Katie McClain	Fr. Albert Veigas
Katharina Hayne	† Rob McClain	E. K. Wade
Barb Helon	Rita McDonald	Noel Walters
Debi Hess	Steve McElroy	Devon Zink
Agnes Hogan	Victoria Miller	
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

Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 9 and 10, 2026

REFLECTION

The moment Jesus revealed his going to the Father, the Apostles felt helpless, but the Lord said, "I will give you the Advocate... the Spirit of truth... he will remain with you. I will not leave you orphans" This promise is specifically for those who show sincere love for God. God is Love, in love He created you and I for love. For Christians, love is a profound act of holiness and a clear proof of the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit plays a central role in preserving and spreading the truth of the Kingdom of Love in people of different cultures, background, languages, skills, etc. The role of good Christians is to leave their hearts of love open for others to experience, praise, appreciate, and love the unseen God who is present in believers. The numerous problems including physical pains, death, lack of some basic needs, absence of friends, lack of access to communal celebrations in the Churches and other difficulties are to be offered constantly in faith to The Dependable God. The Love of the Lord is abundant, the more you share with others, the more you will receive.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.



The Tower Lights are being illuminated during the month of May
In Loving Memory of
† Horst and † Herman Kinscher
† Max and † Sophie Juran

Please remember them in your prayers!

News from the Pews

CONDOLENCES TO...

The family, friends and St. Stephen Parish Community on the passing of **Fr. S. Michael Franz**, on May 1, 2026. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on May 8, 2026. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery.



In your charity, please pray for his soul.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Armando and Elaine Ann Vergara-Martel who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, May 9, 2026!



The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served **61** patrons on Thursday, April 30th 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!

MAY 3, 2026

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$1,482.44
Children	\$1.00
Building Fund.....	\$20.00
Candles	\$101.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$2,955.12
First Friday.....	\$115.00
General Donation	\$85.00
General Donation (In Memory Of)	\$655.00
Mother's Day.....	\$227.00
St. Vincent de Paul Ministry	\$50.00
Utilities	\$10.00

Thank you all for your generosity!



MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGE FOR OUR MOMS

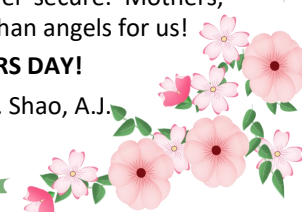
Mother's Day is nothing else but to cherish, remember and celebrate the kind of a woman who raised us and shaped who we are as people.

From the Nine months in the womb, the pains of birth, nursing, all the packed lunches with napkin notes, to the bandages and kisses after falling off our bike, to be the first one to cry at our graduation – our moms were there for us all. It's imperative to thank them for all the love and work they put in through the years. Let us remind them of our love and appreciation with perfect commitment.

We don't see our relationship as something which is biological. For us, your warm hugs are nothing short of magical. Through life's rough patches you've made us feel secure. Mothers, you have been nothing less than angels for us!

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Fr. Caroli B. Shao, A.J.



We would like to extend a special invitation to all parishioners and guests to attend May Crowning and a celebration of all Mothers **today, 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.



Please join us in the St. Francis room and the Club Room following May Crowning for a celebration of our Blessed Mother, all Mothers, family and friends together.

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MAY 10, 2025

Sun, May 10	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
	May Crowning (Garden).....	after 9:30am Mass
Mon, May 11	Parish Council (CR).....	7:00pm
Fri, May 8	Wedding Rehearsal (C)	5:00pm
Sat, May 9	Wedding (C)	12:00 Noon

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

Parish Community Advertisements

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