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The Ascension of the Lord — May 16 & 17, 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

Parish Staff

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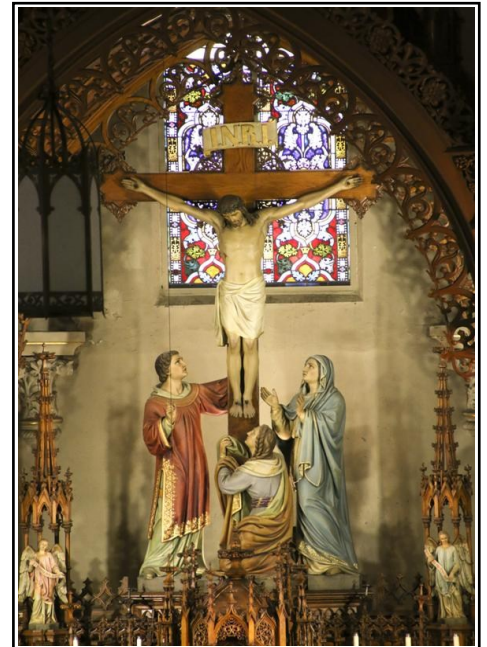
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Mission Statement

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 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

Monday, May 18, 2026

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM † Sean Patrick O'Reilly

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Easter Weekday

6:45 AM Latin Mass — Antonio Pedrozo

6:30 PM † Fr. S. Michael Franz

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Rectory Chapel — Mary Myers

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

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM Latin Mass — Daniel Smith Family

Friday, May 22, 2026

Easter Weekday

6:30 PM †† Tia Edna and Tio Deo DePalm

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

5:00 PM † Russell Kamps

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Thomas J. Cables

11:00 AM † Gizella Gregoire

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



CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 23, 2026 — MAY 24, 2026

	5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin
Lector:	Russ Nieling	Doris Peters	Sarah Halko
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 MAY 17, 2025

Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

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

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 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		

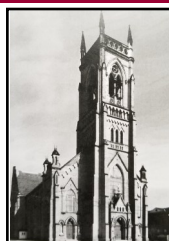
Brother Kevin Cush—Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
Sean Homcy—Vocation to Priesthood
Abbé Nicholas Johanni—Vocation to Priesthood
Sister Rose-Marie (Rose Johanni) of the Passion of the Royal Heart,
Burning Furnace of Mercy
First Responder—Lt. Timothy Maffo-Judd

The Ascension of the Lord — May 16 & 17, 2026

REFLECTION

Traditionally, many people have a belief that after death they join their ancestors in the community of the living and the dead. Although considered dead here on earth, they still live somewhere in a different world. This is analogous to our Catholic belief. Death is the end of our earthly existence and the beginning of eternal life, whether in heaven, for those found worthy in the eyes of God, in hell, for those found unworthy before God, or in purgatory, between the two. Our God is the God of the living, not of the dead. Before His ascent to heaven, Jesus resurrects from the dead. He is not dead. This is what we are trying to achieve. We seek to join in that state of life where we share in the fullness of life with God, a life with no end. Jesus Has gone ahead to prepare for us a place in His Father's house. He accentuates the importance of been obedient to His commandments, to live a life of love of God and the neighbor. Can we not imagine that even here on earth we can be united with the Trinitarian God? Yet this is not the fullness of our union with God. In death we are given hope of the resurrection, and it is in the resurrection that we share everlasting life with God.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, 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!

Special Thank You!



Fr. Caroli and the Outreach Committee would like to say **“THANK YOU”** to the **Knights of Columbus from St. Bernadette Parish**. The Knights held a vigorous collection for our Food Pantry Ministry and collected an extraordinary amount totaling \$8,175.46! Please include the parishioners of St. Bernadette in your prayers for all they do to help our Outreach Ministry to touch the lives of so many in need, our parish community and our neighborhood. *Pictured (left to right): Chris Giuliano, Tom Sherman, Frank Benkalowycz, Joe Schilens, Jim Schultz, Rich Noga, Fr. Caroli, Jerry Nowesnick, Paul Etzler*

News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Victor and Delaney Yarosz, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, May 16, 2026!



MAY 10, 2026

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$2,056.84
Children	\$1.00
Altar Flowers	\$150.00
Ascension of the Lord.....	\$60.00
Building Fund.....	\$20.00
Bulletin Ad	\$250.00
Candles	\$125.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$2,205.12
Food Pantry	\$50.00
General Donation (In Memory Of)	\$1,485.00.00
Mother's Day.....	\$50.00
Music Ministry.....	\$400.00
Diocesan Collection: Newman Campus.....	\$54.00
Utilities	\$225.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MAY 17, 2026

Sun, May 17	Schola Practice (CR).....	8:00am
Fri, May 22	Wedding Rehearsal (C).....	4:00pm
Sat, May 23	Wedding (C).....	1:00pm

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



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. Place your order in store at **Dean's Greenhouse, 3984 Porter Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145**. This sale runs from **May 1st—June 25th, 2026**. Mention St. Stephen Church when you check out and we will receive a percentage of your sale. **Thank you!**

Garden Flash Mob!

It's feeling like spring! If you have the itch to mulch, plant, prune and dig in the fresh air, join us on **Saturday, May 23 at 9am** (weather permitting) in the Mary Garden between the church and rectory. Please bring your favorite garden tool(s) and work gloves. We'll spend a couple of hours mulching, edging, raking and fertilizing in both the Mary and Joseph gardens. Many hands make light work, so invite a family member or friend too!

Bottled water and snacks provided. Call or text Herb Mausser at (216) 402-7437 to confirm your participation or with any questions.



Confirmation / First Communion Classes

Classes will begin on Saturday, **September 12, 2026** at 10:30AM
Registration will be open from

August 1, 2026 — September 12, 2026.

If you want your child to receive the Sacraments, all students including home school students are required to Register.

Any questions, please contact:
Diana Lipfird, DRE 440-532-9491
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