



# St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time — June 20 & 21, 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:**

## *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:**

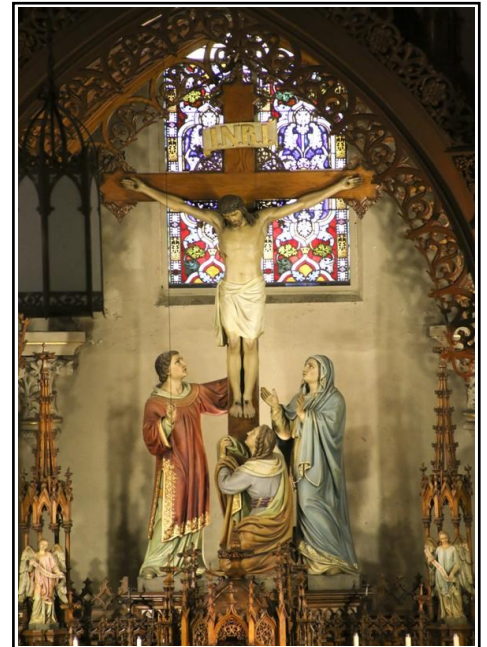
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## **Metro Catholic Parish School**

1910 West 54th Street  
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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, June 20, 2026

#### **Vigil of The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM Mary Myers

### Sunday, June 21, 2026

#### **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM † Angelica Strohm

11:00 AM † Dolores Bompiedi

### Monday, June 22, 2026

#### **Weekday**

6:30 PM † Zoey Mahoney

### Tuesday, June 23, 2026

#### **Weekday**

6:45 AM Latin Mass — Zoilo and Barb Pedrozo

6:30 PM † Michael P. Gilligan

### Wednesday, June 24, 2026

#### **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

6:30 PM † Raymond Gunderman

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

### Thursday, June 25, 2026

#### **Weekday**

6:30 PM Latin Mass — ++ Robert and Coletta Spuhler

### Friday, June 26, 2026

#### **Weekday**

6:30 PM Dawn Wheeler

### Saturday, June 27, 2026

#### **Vigil of The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM † Martin Morisky

### Sunday, June 28, 2026

#### **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Diana and Roger Lipfird

11:00 AM ++ Edwin "Red" and Marjorie McMahon

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



## CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 20, 2026—JUNE 21, 2026

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

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 27, 2026—JUNE 28, 2026

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Caroli Russ Nieling	Fr. Caroli Elaine Ann Vergara-Martel	Fr. Caroli Sarah Halko
<b>Lector:</b>	Jean Gandee		Diana Hosta
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ben Kost		Ralph Capistrano

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33  
 Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5  
 Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
 Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
 Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29  
 Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4  
 Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time — June 20 & 21, 2026

### REFLECTION

In today's gospel message Jesus reveals what the future holds for Him, and He warns us that we must be ready for the same fate. The word, 'martyr' means 'witness'. In the early centuries of the church, the fact that so many men and women, young and old, were ready to face a dreadful death, rather than renounce their faith, so impressed their pagan neighbors that it led many of them to be converted to the Christian faith. Martyrdom has been a continuing fact of the Church's life during the past, present and consequently the future. This is the reason why Jesus reminds us today 'Do not fear', 'Do not be afraid ...'. Jesus knows that there will be much that will cause us his disciples to be afraid but tries to get us to distinguish appropriate from inappropriate fear. There is a false fear and a true fear. We ought not fear those who can kill the body, because our entire physical existence is held within the hands of God and is precious in God's sight. If we stand firm in witness to the Gospel and the values it enshrines even to the point of death, we can be confident that our ultimate destiny lies in the hand of God and we will one day be vindicated.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

**Upcoming Peter Pence Collection:** Each year, the annual Peter's Pence Collection in support of the works of the Holy Father is held in parishes across the country. The proceeds from this collection fund emergency financial assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, and natural disasters. This year's Collection is scheduled for next weekend, **June 27 & June 28**.

**This is your final opportunity** to have a percentage of your purchase cost donated to St. Stephen during our **Annual Plant Sale!** Place your order in-store at Dean's Greenhouse located at 3984 Porter Road, Westlake by **June 25th**. Mention St. Stephen Church when you check out and we will receive a percentage of your sale. If you have any questions, please call Gail at 440-590-2423.

### ONLINE DONATIONS — MONTH OF MAY & JUNE 14, 2026 OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

		May Online
General Collection.....	\$664.00	\$170.00
Children.....	\$3.00	
Building Fund.....	\$50.00	
Candles.....	\$151.00	
Ecclesia Nostra.....	\$2,893.62	\$1,599.00
Father's Day.....	\$189.00	
General Donation.....	\$150.00	\$825.00
Livestream of Masses.....		\$100.00
Music Ministry.....		\$50.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....		\$170.00
Utilities.....	\$20.00	

**Thank you all for your generosity!**

### MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2026

<b>Sun, June 21</b>	Schola Practice (CR) .....	8:00am
<b>Thurs, June 25</b>	Wedding Rehearsal (C) .....	4:00pm
<b>Fri, June 26</b>	Wedding (C).....	3:30pm
	Wedding Rehearsal (C) .....	5:15pm
<b>Sat, June 27</b>	Wedding (C).....	1:00pm

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



The Tower Lights are being illuminated during the month of June  
In Loving Memory of  
**William P. Quigley**  
December 1, 1941 — June 20, 2023  
*Please remember him in your prayers!*

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

May our Lord bless you in a special way today and help you to be a model of courage, sacrifice, strength and love to your family. Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus — and Patron Saint of Fathers — lived his life extolling the virtues of fatherhood. As we read about St. Joseph in the Gospels, we see how he cared for and loved his family, worked hard to support them and lived a life of faith and sacrifice. We pray that fathers who know how to give help will have the courage to ask help from a loving Father who sent his Son to show us His great love, and to help fathers on earth lead their children to heaven.

We remember in our prayer those fathers who have completed their work on earth. May they rest in peace with the Father of us all, our loving God, who gives us life and teaches us love.

— Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

*God our Father, you entrusted your Son to the care of Joseph. Bless all fathers and father figures with strength, wisdom, and patience as they care for their families. Help children to honor and appreciate them. May St. Joseph inspire them to live with courage and faith. We pray for healing for those wounded by their fathers and for the eternal rest of those who have passed.*



### News from the Pews

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Mr. and Mrs. Dominic and Chloe Valerian**, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, June 20, 2026!



#### CONDOLENCES TO...

The Fischbach family and friends on the passing of **Nancy Fischbach** on June 7, 2026.

*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.*



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Joseph Damiani**, Grade 11, Summa Cum Laude, who made honor roll for Benedictine High School in the 4th Quarter.



### Silver Rose Prayer Service

The Knights of Columbus of St. Bernadette Parish invite parishioners and neighboring communities to attend a Silver Rose Prayer Service **this Friday, June 26 at 7:00 PM** at St. Bernadette Church in Westlake. The Silver Rose program honors Our Lady of Guadalupe and celebrates the sanctity of human life through prayer and devotion. Please join us for this special evening of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. A brief reception will follow the service.



## Parish Community Advertisements

Thinking about buying or selling?



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Poor Clare Nuns (Euclid Ave.)	216-361-0783
Sisters of Notre Dame (Chardon)	440-279-1163
Sisters of Saint Joseph (Rocky River Dr.)	216-252-0548
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