



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 4 & 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:

Parish Staff

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Debbie Hemphill

Church Accountant:

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Organist:

Joe Kolecki

Cantors:

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Latin Schola Director:

Nathan Marinchick and Matthew Eccher

St. Vincent de Paul:

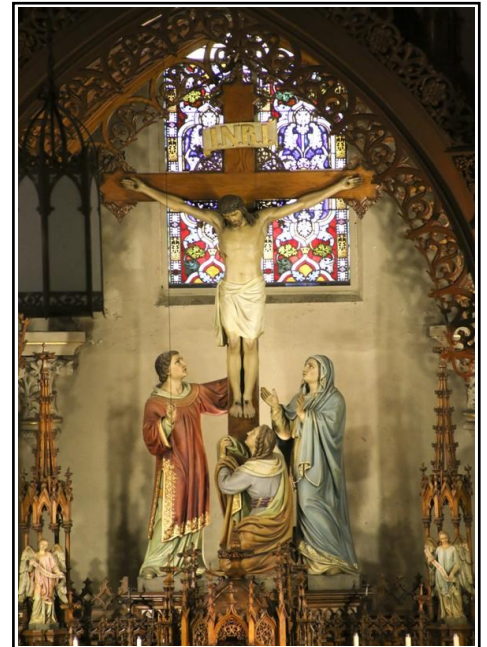
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Mission Statement

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, July 4, 2026

Vigil of The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Nancy Fischbach

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Salvatore Bevelacqua, Jr.

11:00 AM German — † Kelly Uhazi

Monday, July 6, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM † David Masters

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Weekday

6:45 AM Latin — Mark and Alicia Stack

6:30 PM † Harry Minor, Sr.

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM † Robin McClain

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

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Latin — Kathy Kness

Friday, July 10, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Rachel Konieczny

Saturday, July 11, 2026

Vigil of The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Jesus Becerra

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Francis Boysko

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 4, 2026—JULY 5, 2026

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin
Lector:	Diana Lipfird	Doris Peters	Ursula Keck / Alfons Schermaier
EM:			Dianna Hosta / Diana Lipfird
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 11, 2026—JULY 12, 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	Jerry Nowesnick
EM:	Jean Gandee		Diana Lipfird
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		Ralph Capistrano

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2026

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
 Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

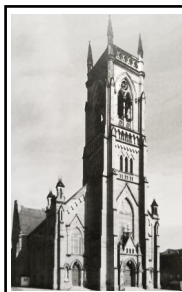
Ray Ardire	Dianna Hosta	Jessie Noelker
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Doris Bealis	Kiki Kelley	Maria Papp
Berly Blankenship	Kai Kirk	Christopher A. Park
Janina Bruozis	Joe Kolecki	Gloria Parrott
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Ruth Casto	Kosmerl Family	Herb Rielinger
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Tim Hennessey	Victoria Miller	Fr. Albert Veigas
Debi Hess	Mother and Daughter	E. K. Wade
Agnes Hogan	in Crisis	Noel Walters
Horie Family	Kazuyuki Nagashima	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

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REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is "meek and humble of heart". A word about humility, perhaps. We habitually don't think that people who think highly of themselves are humble! If we scrutinize Jesus' words here – He is equating Himself with God, saying that He has been given everything that He can share our burdens with us and that we need to learn from Him. Although this may not sound humble, we need to realize that humility is seeing oneself in a way that doesn't amplify our good things or diminish the bad things. It is the ability to see ourselves as we are, and to know when to talk about it. Jesus is being realistic about who He is and what He has to offer us; consequently, He is being humble. And He speaks about it because it is necessary to do so to help us believers understand that we can come to Him when in distress. If we do this, we will find rest for our souls. He doesn't say that He will solve every problem or that there won't be stresses and disappointments in our lives. But we will find rest inside where it will make a difference to our lives. We therefore, ought to humble ourselves and follow His example. ~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.



Each month the **ST. STEPHEN BELL TOWER** is illuminated throughout the night. If you would like to sponsor the lighting of our Tower in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office. To help defray the monthly cost to the parish, we request a minimum financial donation of \$250 for a month's Tower Lighting. Months available are July, August, September, November and December.

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION'S next Sunday Grief Support Group will be on **Sunday, July 19th**. In-person will meet at 3pm, virtual at 5pm. In a welcoming and supportive setting, find fellowship among others who share their experiences and understand the pain of loss. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday this month, at no charge to you. Please join us for an hour of listening, healing, and finding comfort with others who understand. For details, call Suzi at 216-930-4866. To register: <https://clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>

News from the Pews

CONDOLENCES TO ...

family and friends of **Fred J. Courtright**, who passed suddenly on June 26, 2026. Fred faithfully served as a Lector at the 5:00pm Mass, and as an active member of both the Parish Council and the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry team. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Teresa of Avila Church in Sheffield Village on Friday, July 3, 2026. Interment is at St. Teresa Cemetery in Sheffield. 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.*



Angels in the Bible with Fr. Smiga

July 13, 2026

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

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Theology on the Rocks presents "Angels in the Bible". The bible is filled with scenes of angelic beings employed to help God accomplish His will. Fr. George Smiga, STD and author of several books including, "Angels in the Bible", will offer a brief overview of angels in Scripture and explore several lesser-known biblical stories in which they play a central role. Because angels are mediators of God's action, studying angels is studying God. Join us for what promises to be an enlightening evening! Purchase Tickets in Advance.

JUNE 28, 2026 OFFERTORY COLLECTION And JUNE ONLINE DONATIONS

		June Online
General Collection	\$2,283.55	\$300.00
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Diocesan Collection: Peter's Pence....	\$441.00	

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JULY 5, 2026

Sun, July 5 Schola Practice (CR)8:00am
 German Social (CR)after 11:00am Mass

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

If you believe you have left something behind in Church, please check the "Lost and Found" box located in the last pew (before the usher's single pew) of the Church on St. Joseph's side off the main aisle. Missals that are left behind are placed in the Sacristy. Please call the parish office if you are missing your missal.

News From The Rock! Traveling this summer? Don't take a vacation from Catholic Radio! The Rock Catholic Radio is available 24/7 and can be heard in the car on **AM 1260** or **AM 930/100.3 FM**, online, or through our mobile app. Wherever your plans may take you, The Rock can follow! Scan the QR code or download the app today to stay connected to Rock Solid Truth!



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Pope Leo XIV released his prayer intention for July, 2026. This month's Intention is for grandparents and the elderly.

Let us pray that members of the Church might always appreciate the treasure of faith and wisdom offered to us by grandparents and the elderly, and be willing to learn from their experience.

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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