



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 11 & 12, 2026

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 9am-5pm
Closed Saturday/Sunday/Holidays

Pastoral Staff

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Rev. Caroli B. Shao, A.J.

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

Latin Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bede Kotlinski, O.S.B.

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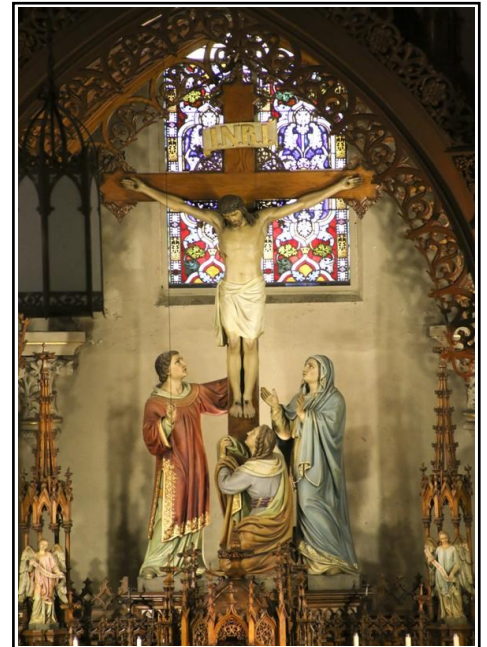
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Mission Statement

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, 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

Monday, July 13, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Gino Pazcuzzi

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

6:45 AM Latin — Spencer Stadnik

6:30 PM Intentions of Sally Alkire and Mark Kofron

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

6:30 PM Philip Michael Luketic

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

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Latin — James Bayne

Friday, July 17, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM † Fred Courtright

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Vigil of The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Maureen Fischbach Grady

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Carrie Jones

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

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. Benjamin Glenn Sneed	Fr. Benjamin Chris Haddock	Fr. Benjamin Jerry Nowesnick
Lector:	Jean Gandee	Jean Gandee	Diana Lipfird
EM:	Jean Gandee	Jean Gandee	Diana Lipfird
Acolyte:	Ben Kost	Ben Kost	Ralph Capistrano

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 18, 2026—JULY 19, 2026

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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Ray Ardire	Jim	Tom O'Donnell
Alessandra Augustyn	Kiki Kelley	Maria Papp
Doris Bealis	Kai Kirk	Christopher A. Park
Berly Blankenship	Joe Kolecki	Gloria Parrott
Janina Bruozis	Katharina Kosmalski	Gino Pazcuzzi
Thomas John Cables	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 Sciarrino
Susan Hatta	Maureen Masterson	Jan Sheats
Tadaaki Hatta	Chuck Matias	Michael Sherman
Katharina Hayne	Rita McDonald	Glenn Sneed
Barb Helon	Steve McElroy	Sharon Sneed
Tim Hennessey	Victoria Miller	Spencer Stadnik
Debi Hess	Mother and Daughter	Fr. Albert Veigas
Agnes Hogan	in Crisis	E. K. Wade
Horie Family	Kazuyuki Nagashima	Noel Walters
Dianna Hosta	Jessie Noelker	Devon Zink

Brother Kevin Cush—Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
 Deacon Sean Homcy—Vocation to Priesthood
 Canon 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

The numerous challenges and sufferings in life put some Christians to doubt in the Power of God’s Word. The readings of this Sunday provide a credible solution to such faith problems. The Lord said through the Prophet Amos, “My Word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will....” It is a clear fact that the Word of God is effective and can produce fruits at the right time without fail. Jesus’ explanation was that for the Word to bear plenty of fruits, it should be received in the fertile soil of hearts. This kind of heart enjoys the blessings of God for being open, lovable, kind, generous, forgiving and so forth. While the hearts which are rocky, hard, or thorny are ruled by evil spirits which fight the Word of God.

Jesus invites the victims of evil spirits or sinners to make a strong decision to remove the rocks and thorns from their hearts and allow the Spirit to bear fruit. To heal these dangerous spiritual wounds, the Church encourages all the victims to receive the Sacrament of reconciliation and be fruitful.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

The **St. STEPHEN BELL TOWER** is illuminated throughout each night. To help defray the monthly cost to the parish, we request a donation of \$250 for a month's Tower Lighting. 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. Months available are July, August, September, November and December.



Treasures of Tradition

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. "The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

...in the oldest document, outside of sacred scripture, [was found] from the first century of the Christian era – to be exact, from Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. Says Pope Clement: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious it is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."
 — catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/07_1.cfm

Upcoming Mission Appeal

A representative of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary will be with us on the weekend of **August 8th & 9th, 2026**. The community was founded in Ireland in 1924 to work with the women of Nigeria, West Africa. The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary are now an international community working in nine countries of Africa, and in Brazil. They serve in all forms of education, medical work, pastoral work, community development and agriculture and assisting trafficked women, internally displaced families and the homeless. They are a strictly missionary group with no institutions in the United States or Canada, so therefore rely almost exclusively on funds provided through the society for the propagation of the Faith and the generosity of the people here to support their sisters on mission. The Sisters asks for your prayers of support, as well as for any contribution you can make to assist them. You will be remembered in their daily prayer. If you would like to read more about them, their website is: www.mshr.org.



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, 2025 from 11:00am-4:00pm**. Look for more information in the bulletin in the upcoming weeks!

Pro-Life Peaceful, Prayerful Witness by the Planned Parenthood office, corner of Brookpark & Broadview Roads. Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am. Join us on the public sidewalk. Pray to end abortion. If you have any questions, please call Mike and Doris Peters at 216-659-3362



JULY 5, 2026

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$1,107.00
Building Fund.....	\$65.00
Candles	\$85.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$3,158.12
Father’s Day	\$40.00
Utilities	\$10.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JULY 12, 2026

Sun, July 12	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
	Latin Social (CR)	after 9:30am Mass
Mon, July 13	Parish Council (CR)	7:00pm

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

Make Plans for The FEST Today!

The countdown to The FEST is on – less than one month away!! Now is the perfect time to invite your family and friends, and also secure your tickets. Join thousands throughout Northeast Ohio on Saturday, **August 15, at ForeFront Field in Avon** for a day of faith, family, and fun – The FEST. Enjoy Live performances from award-winning artists, CAIN, Matt Maher, and Riley Clemmons, along with family activities, great food, prayer opportunities, giveaways, and so much more. Admission is just \$10 a ticket. There is plenty of FREE parking available, with on-site parking passes also available for purchase. Gather your family and friends and make plans to be part of this inspiring day. Visit www.TheFEST.us for tickets + complete event details.

Parish Community Advertisements

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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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