



# *St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church*

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*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 18 & 19, 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:**

Maureen Easley

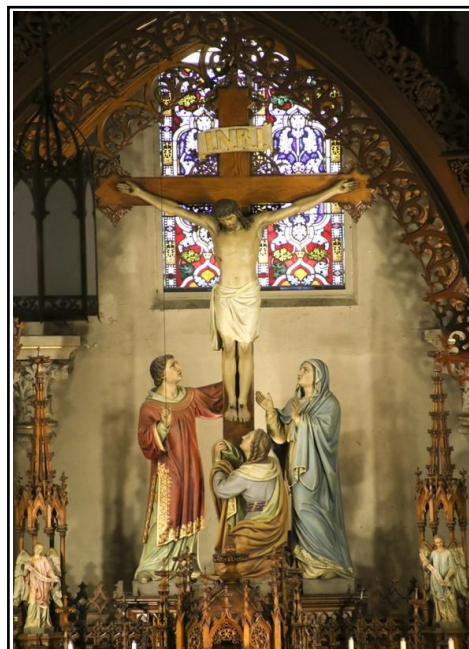
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### **Metro Catholic Parish School**

1910 West 54th Street  
216-281-4044

### **Sisters of Notre Dame Convent**

1891 West 57th Street  
216-631-0754



#### *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 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

#### Monday, July 20, 2026

##### **Weekday**

6:30 PM Intentions of Felix Stracensky

#### Tuesday, July 21, 2026

##### **Weekday**

6:45 AM Latin — †† Robert & Coletta Spuhler

6:30 PM † Paul Thornton

#### Wednesday, July 22, 2026

##### **Saint Mary Magdalene**

6:30 PM †† Emily and Jerry Wuensch

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

#### Thursday, July 23, 2026

##### **Weekday**

6:30 PM Latin — † Juan Garcia Espinal

#### Friday, July 24, 2026

##### **Weekday**

6:30 PM † Rachelle

#### Saturday, July 25, 2026

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

5:00 PM The Strifler Family

#### Sunday, July 26, 2026

##### **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM † Chrisann Blankenship

11:00 AM † Thomas Hayne

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



### CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### 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> |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Celebrant:</b> | Fr. Benjamin       | Fr. Benjamin       | Fr. Benjamin        |
| <b>Lector:</b>    | Russ Nieling       | Chris Haddock      | Matt Minarik        |
| <b>EM:</b>        | Jean Gandee        |                    | Dianna Hosta        |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>   | Ben Kost           |                    |                     |

#### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 25, 2026—JULY 26, 2026

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

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

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2026

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

*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

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 18 & 19, 2026

### REFLECTION

If we read today's Gospel meditatively, we find that Jesus is more concerned in the bad guys than the good guys. Supposedly, this is an exceedingly difficult thing to comprehend but it is true. A very practical example to demonstrate this is the Good Shepherd: he leaves the ninety-nine on the hilltop all by themselves in search for the lost sheep. And the poor shepherd runs all down the hill and into the valley, and He ultimately brings it back, puts him on his shoulders, and then what does the shepherd do? He gives a little party. Another famous story is about the poor lady who was thrown before Jesus, accused of adultery. The Torah requires adulterers (only the women of course) to be executed. And Jesus says an amazingly simple thing. He says, "Yes, that's what the Law says. Okay, he who has not sin at all, he can throw the first stone," they all drop their stones and realized how stupid, unfair and awful they were. This kind of metanoia should become a great lesson for us. But the thing to ponder upon is that God looks upon us with human feelings. He sees us as human beings and not as angels! And we are not the good guys or the bad guys. We are the ones who accept His love and try our best to be faithful to Him.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

### Upcoming German Mass

#### CHOIR TO SING "THE GERMAN PEASANT MASS" AUGUST 2

The combined Gottscheer Heimatchor/STV Bavaria choir will sing the "Deutsche Bauernmesse" (German Peasant Mass), a composition compiled and lyrically adapted by the folk song enthusiast Annette Thoma, at the **11am German Mass on August 2**.

Thoma based her Mass on "old songs and melodies from the Bavarian-Austrian Alpine region" but set them to new lyrics she wrote herself in a moderate Bavarian dialect. The Mass was originally arranged for a vocal trio and "Stubenmusik" ensemble (traditional Alpine chamber folk music), though an arrangement for mixed choir with accompaniment also exists [this version will be sung by the choir].

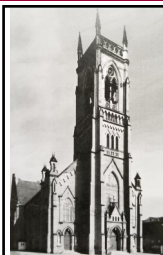
The Mass was first performed on June 29, 1933 at the "Badkapelle" in Wildbad Kreuth by the Riedering Singers. The first printed edition appeared in 1947, featuring additional instrumental interludes inserted by Annette Thoma. The Deutsche Bauernmesse has become very popular and deeply cherished by church congregations. — [Excerpted from Wikipedia]

### JULY 12, 2026

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

|                                              |            |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| General Collection .....                     | \$1,277.00 |
| Building Fund.....                           | \$45.00    |
| Candles .....                                | \$89.00    |
| Ecclesia Nostra .....                        | \$2,745.87 |
| Food Pantry .....                            | \$110.00   |
| General Donation .....                       | \$470.00   |
| Maintenance .....                            | \$1,250.00 |
| SVDP .....                                   | \$233.00   |
| Utilities .....                              | \$1,260.00 |
| Holy Father's Collection: Peter's Pence..... | \$10.00    |

**Thank you all for your generosity!**



The **ST. STEPHEN BELL TOWER** is illuminated throughout each 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 donation of \$250 for a month's Tower Lighting. Available months: , August, September and December.

We say farewell to Athanase Bizige, our former Maintenance Man, who has moved to be with his family in Alaska. We would like to welcome **Dieudonne Simbi**, our new Maintenance Man. Please, if you see him around, welcome him and say hello!

### Mass of Thanksgiving

Join us at St. Stephen on **Friday, August 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.** as newly ordained (Canon) Fr. Nicholas Johanni celebrates a Solemn Traditional Mass. Please come to prayerfully support (Canon) Fr. Johanni and enjoy light refreshments at a reception in the club room immediately following the Mass.

### Upcoming Mission Appeal

A representative of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary will be with us on the weekend of **August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary are now an international community... 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. The Sisters asks for your prayers of support, as well as for any contribution you can make to assist them. If you would like to read more about them, go to: [www.mshr.org](http://www.mshr.org).



### Parish Picnic 2026

**St. Stephen Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, August 9, 2026**  
**Edgewater Park – Upper Shelter West**  
**(same location as last year)**  
**Time: 11:00 to 4:00pm**



*Come join your fellow parishioners for a day of Fun, Food, Games and Celebration at Cleveland's own Edgewater Park!*

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**WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING AT 11:30pm**

Chips, Soft Drinks, Water and Tableware (paper plates, cups, forks, etc.) will also be provided. Families may bring any side dishes they want for their own family and / or to share. The picnic menu will be available from 11:30—3:00pm or until we run out of food. Plenty of picnic table seating under the shelter, but feel free to bring your own beach chairs to allow for additional seating. St. Stephen Picnic signs will be posted in the Park to help guide your way to the Shelter. **HOPE TO SEE YOU ON AUGUST 9TH!**

### MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JULY 19, 2026

**Sun, July 19** Schola Practice (CR) 8:00am  
 (C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) St Francis Room • (R) Rectory

## 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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