



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 25 & 26, 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:

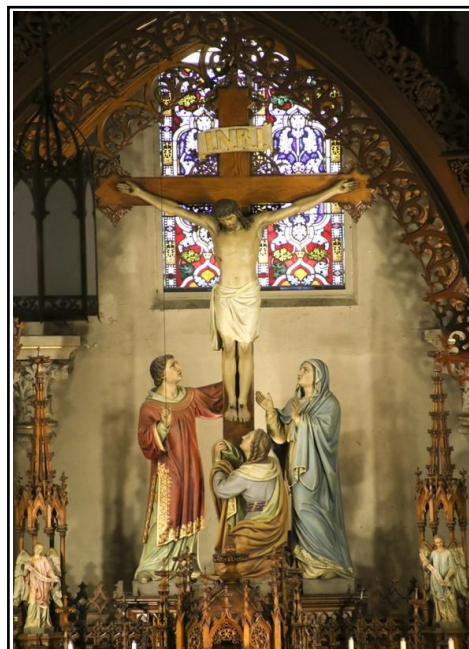
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Mission Statement

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.

Order 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 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

Monday, July 27, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Travis Myers

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Weekday

6:45 AM Latin — Alexander Cowan

6:30 PM Brandon Earle

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

6:30 PM † Fr. Franz

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

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Latin — Timothy Hemphill

Friday, July 31, 2026

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

6:30 PM † Gene Schaefer

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:30 AM Latin (1st Saturday) † Giovanni DiSiena

Vigil of The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Thomas Hayne

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Intentions of Felix Stracensky

11:00 AM The Strifler Family

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



CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	John Maier	Elaine Ann Vergara-Martel	Sarah Halko
EM:	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		Ralph Capistrano

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 1, 2026—AUGUST 2, 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	Friederike Winstersteller
EM:	Jean Gandee		Liz Fillipi / Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52/13:44-46
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21 (403)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

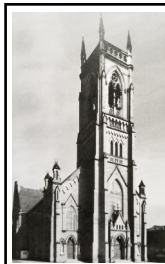
Ray Ardire	Jim	Tom O'Donnell
Alessandra Augustyn	Kiki Kelley	Maria Papp
Doris Bealis	Kai Kirk	Christopher A. Park
Berly Blankenship	Joe Kolecki	Gloria Parrott
Janina Bruozis	Katharina Kosmalski	Gino Pazcuzzi
Thomas John Cables	Kosmerl Family	Greg Ray and Family
Julio Castro	Karen Kranstueber	Herb Rielinger
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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 25 & 26, 2026

REFLECTION

The Lord surprised the young King Solomon and asked him to name his wish - "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." The King never asked for greatness of power, money, good health, long life or happiness, but sought wisdom and knowledge to govern the people in a peaceful society. The Lord granted the wish of the young King and with his Wisdom he built a great Kingdom. In the Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus presented the Kingdom of God as a high quality of treasure which is buried in the field. The Lord encourages His followers to be wise like King Solomon in living the life of the Kingdom of God. The lives of those who discovered this Divine Treasure changed, sinners gave up evil deeds, enemies became friends, Martyrs sacrificed their lives, the rich opened their doors for the needy, Missionaries left for distant places to spread the joy of the Kingdom of God etc. Let us be like King Solomon who chose Spiritual treasure, and the Lord in His Goodness will provide us with the earthly wealth we need. ~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.



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 and September.

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]

CONGRATULATIONS...

Through the waters of Baptism, we joyfully welcome **Athanasius Justin**, child of Justin and Jessica Dailey, into our parish family. May God's grace and the light of Christ guide him on his lifelong journey of faith.



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 Latin 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 8th & 9th, 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 ask 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.



JULY 19, 2026

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$1,370.00
Building Fund.....	\$45.00
Candles	\$114.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$2,354.12
General Donation	\$1,000.00
Maintenance	\$20.00
Utilities	\$277.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

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!

GRILLED HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS
WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING AT 11:30pm

Chips, Soft Drinks, Water and Tableware (paper plates, cups, forks, etc.) will also be provided. You may bring any side dishes you may want for your 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 26, 2026

Sun, July 26 Schola Practice (CR).....8:00am
(C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) St Francis Room • (R) Rectory

Parish Community Advertisements

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Sisters of Notre Dame (Chardon) 440-279-1163
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