



# *St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church*

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*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 1 & 2, 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:**

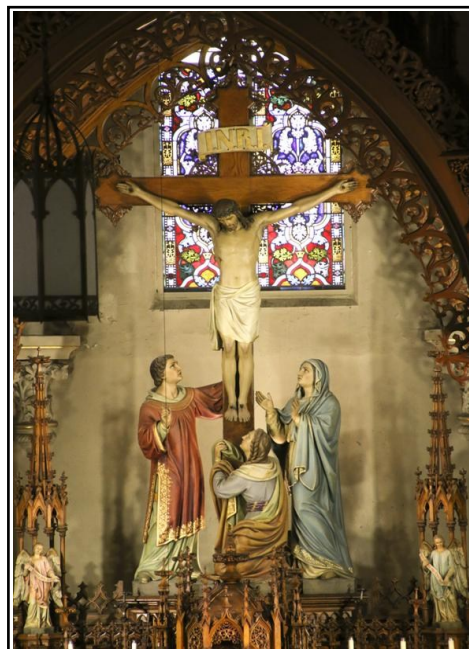
Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb

#### **Latin Schola Director:**

Nathan Marinchick and Matthew Eccher

#### **St. Vincent de Paul:**

Maureen Easley



#### *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

#### **Metro Catholic Parish School**

1910 West 54th Street

216-281-4044

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

1891 West 57th Street

216-631-0754

## 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, August 1, 2026

##### **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 German — The Strifler Family

#### Monday, August 3, 2026

##### **Weekday**

6:30 PM Timothy Andrew Carpenter

#### Tuesday, August 4, 2026

##### **St. John Vianney, Priest**

6:45 AM Latin — Raymond Schmitt

6:30 PM John Vianney Cables

#### Wednesday, August 5, 2026

##### **Weekday**

6:30 PM † Timothy Barrett

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

#### Thursday, August 6, 2026

##### **The Transfiguration of the Lord**

6:30 PM Latin — Mark Allen Carpenter, Jr.

#### Friday, August 7, 2026

##### **Weekday**

6:30 PM Latin — Brandon Agnew

#### Saturday, August 8, 2026

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

5:00 PM † Mary Pearce Renner, † Anna Renner

#### Sunday, August 9, 2026

##### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM †† Emily and Jerry Wuensch

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

#### 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>           |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Celebrant:</b> | Fr. Benjamin       | Fr. Benjamin       | Fr. Benjamin                  |
| <b>Lector:</b>    | Glenn Sneed        | Doris Peters       | Friederike Winstersteller     |
| <b>EM:</b>        | Jean Gandee        |                    | Liz Fillipi /<br>Dianna Hosta |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>   | Ben Kost           |                    | Ralph Capistrano              |

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 8, 2026 — AUGUST 9, 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>    | Diana Lipfird      | Chris Haddock      | Jerry Nowesnick     |
| <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 AUGUST 2, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20

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

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 1 & 2, 2026

### REFLECTION

In our gospel reading today, we hear much rather about something very strange. We encounter someone who has the power to give us the bread of life, all the bread we would want. And no money needed. "Though you have no money, come! Listen to me and you will have good things to eat" (Isaiah 55). This sounds good to be true! But is not just anyone who is calling. It is the Lord Himself, opening wide His hand. "You open wide your hand, grant the desire of all who live" (Psalm 144). In this episode Jesus had just fed five thousand plus: "They all ate as much as they wanted" and now they are searching for Him! The connection with the Eucharist is obvious and deliberate. Jesus is teaching us to be aware of how He feeds us in a miraculous way in the Eucharist. Unfortunately, the hunger in our world today is all real and painful. But there are other hungers too; hunger for love, peace, justice, security, help and comfort in difficult time and, perhaps the strangest and the deepest of all is the hunger for pleasure. So, what remains? To believe and to trust the Lord is absolutely imperative. ~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

### Schola Cantorum

The Schola Cantorum provides the chant for the 9:30am Latin Mass on Sundays and they are actively seeking additional members! Any training or experience with music and any knowledge of Latin is appreciated, but is *not* necessary. If interested, please contact Nate Marinchick at: [natemarinchick@gmail.com](mailto:natemarinchick@gmail.com) or Matthew Eccher at email: [cantor.eccher@gmail.com](mailto:cantor.eccher@gmail.com).

### Mass of Thanksgiving

Join us this **Friday, August 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.** as newly ordained (Canon) Fr. Nicholas Johanni celebrates a Solemn Traditional Latin 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 next weekend. The Sisters ask for your prayers of support, as well as for any contribution you can make to assist them. To read more about them, visit their website at [www.mshr.org](http://www.mshr.org).



**JULY 26, 2026**

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| General Collection ..... | \$1,297.00 |
| Building Fund .....      | \$50.00    |
| Candles .....            | \$75.00    |
| Ecclesia Nostra .....    | \$2,439.00 |
| Maintenance .....        | \$20.00    |
| Utilities .....          | \$21.00    |

**Thank you all for your generosity!**

### MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

|                   |                            |                    |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sun, Aug 2</b> | Schola Practice (CR) ..... | 8:00am             |
|                   | German Social (R) .....    | after 11:00am Mass |
| <b>Fri, Aug 7</b> | Rehearsal (C) .....        | 4:00pm             |
|                   | Reception (CR) .....       | after 6:30pm Mass  |
| <b>Sat, Aug 8</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 August for the Conversion of the Tokarz Family, Their Friends and the Entire World to the Catholic Church.

*Please keep this special intention in your prayers!*

### 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. 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!**



### The 17th Annual Sonnhalter Tool Drive August 1-31, 2026



The Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity is looking for donations of your used and unused tools...or any related construction materials that can be used to help eliminate substandard housing. Since 2010, Sonnhalter has collected and donated more than \$603,000 for Habitat for Humanity through the generosity of community members and businesses. They count on people like us to help whenever possible, and we are reaching out to you. We need your help. Bring your items to one of the Sonnhalter Tool Donation Stations during the month of August.

To arrange a pickup or for larger items, email Rosemarie at [rascherl@sonnhalter.com](mailto:rascherl@sonnhalter.com) or, call 216.242.0420 x130. For more information or to find a Tool Donation Center, visit:

**[sonnhalter.com/tooldrive](http://sonnhalter.com/tooldrive)**

**THE FEST** — This year, join us on **Saturday, August 15 at ForeFront Field in Avon** for The FEST. For all the details and a complete schedule of the day, along with ticket and parking information go to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us). Visit [www.TheFEST.us](http://www.TheFEST.us) for tickets + complete event details.

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