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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 8 & 9, 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:

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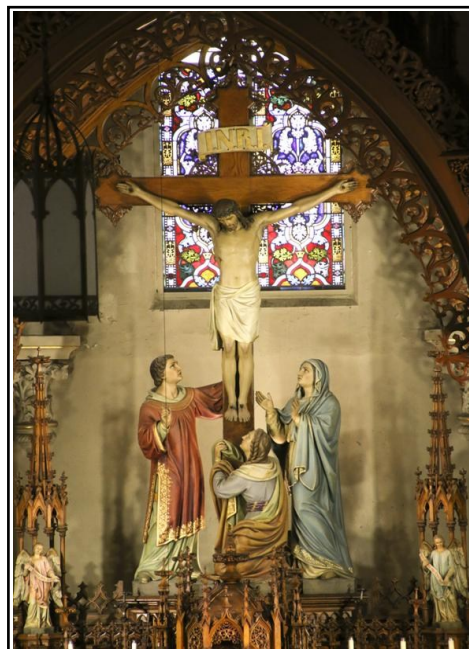
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Mission Statement

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.

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, 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

Monday, August 10, 2026

St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

6:30 PM Rekira Manuela Luketic

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

St. Clare, Virgin

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

6:30 PM Isabella Schmidt

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Linda Hess

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

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Latin — † Fred Courtright

Friday, August 14, 2026

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

6:30 PM † Vilma Negron

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Ante Krizan

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

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>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	Diana Lipfird	Chris Haddock	Jerry Nowesnick
EM:	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		Ralph Capistrano

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 15, 2026 — AUGUST 16, 2026

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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/
Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56

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 Pascazi
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 Sciarriano
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

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REFLECTION

Prophet Elijah faced challenges in his mission including an assassination attempt as he stated, “... they are seeking my life, to take it away”. The Lord came to his rescue and made him fulfil the objectives of the mission. In the Gospel, the Apostles met with life threatening storms and they feared that with the absence of Jesus in the boat, their lives were in danger. To their surprise, Jesus became available and when he got into the boat the violent wind ceased. The unfriendly experience of the Prophet of Elijah among his people and obstacles the Apostles faced, communicate realities and dangerous situations in which Christians practice their faith in many Countries. Amidst the unfavorable conditions, the encouraging message of Jesus to His faithful Christians, “Take heart, here I am, do not be afraid”. The Lord will surely come to our aid, but in a different form or time according to His Will. Let us take Peter as our model. For all our needs we turn to Jesus and cry out, “Lord, save me/ my family, Church, Country or the unborn children, the people in war zones, the sick, hungry, etc.” ~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

SACRAMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Soon we will have Sacramental Registration for all those interested in First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Every student, including Home School students, are required to Register. **Classes will begin on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 10:30AM.** If you have any questions, please contact Diana Lipfird at 440-532-9491

News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben and Elizabeth Trull, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, August 8, 2026!



Outreach Ministry



The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 33 families on Thursday, July 30th from our Food Pantry.

Our Food Pantry is open from 9:30am-12:00pm on the last Thursday of every month. Thank you to all who generously donate to this much needed Ministry!

AUGUST 2, 2026 OFFERTORY COLLECTION
will be published in next week's bulletin

JULY ONLINE DONATIONS

General Collection	\$270.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$5,883.00
General Donation.....	\$550.00
Music Ministry	\$250.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$50.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2026

Sun, Aug 9 Schola Practice (CR) 8:00am
Latin Social (Edgewater Park) after 9:30am Mass
Parish Picnic (Edgewater Park) . 11:00am—4:00pm

(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.

Directions (Leaving from St. Stephen's parking lot)

- ~ Head north on W. 57th Street toward Detroit Ave.
- ~ Turn left onto Detroit Ave.
- ~ Lake Ave. meets Detroit on an angle. Take a slight right on-to Lake Ave.
- ~ Continue through the light at Clifton Blvd. staying on Lake.
- ~ At the next light, turn right onto West Blvd.
- ~ Continue past the stop sign. West Blvd. then turns slightly right and becomes Edgewater Pk/Upper Edgewater Drive.
- ~ Continue to follow Upper Edgewater Drive (past the script Cleveland sign) following the road until it ends at the parking lot for the Upper Edgewater West Shelter.

Additional St. Stephen Picnic signs will be posted in the Park to help guide your way to the Shelter.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE PARISH PICNIC!



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, please visit www.TheFEST.us.

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