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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 15 & 16, 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:

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Cantors:

Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb

Latin Schola Director:

Nathan Marinchick and Matthew Eccher

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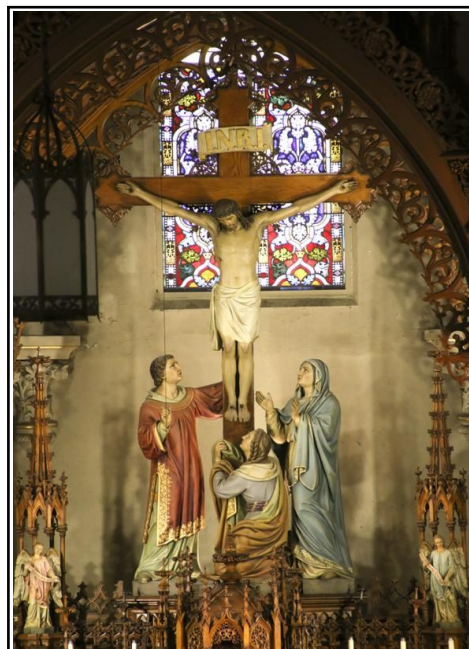
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Mission Statement

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 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

Monday, August 17, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Carmen Julia DeJesus

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Weekday

6:45 AM Latin — † Fr. Franz

6:30 PM Frank Schneider

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM † David Brezina

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

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

6:30 PM Latin — John Fecko

Friday, August 21, 2026

St. Pius X, Pope

6:30 PM Tim and Karen Cables

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Vigil of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Anthony Chresos

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Martha Ann O'Neill

11:00 AM † Louis Bonoan

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



CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 22, 2026 — AUGUST 23, 2026

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Januarius	Fr. Caesar
Lector:	Glenn Sneed	Elaine Ann	Diana Lipfird
		Vergara-Martel	
EM:	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2026

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 15 & 16, 2026

REFLECTION

The message of the Gospel today focuses on God's salvation plan for all people. The loving Spirit of God is poured into the whole of creation and rests within everyone. This truth is revealed throughout Scripture and is a message of hope for all times. Today, prophet Isaiah calls us to act with integrity and justice, recognizing that a time will come when true faith in the Lord of love and compassion will find expression in people of all faith. In the Second Reading, Paul teaches that God is faithful to his promises and will never take back the gifts he has so fondly and freely given to all people. God's mercy is for all of humanity. In the Gospel, we witness what at first seems as abnormally harsh answer from Jesus to a desperately worried mother. In this exchange, a foreign pagan woman with a daughter troubled by an evil spirit approaches him directly for help. Jesus's initial refusal to her cry for help, and her firm faith in him, offers a chance for him to teach his disciples that God's healing love is accessible for all people, no matter what their race, status, class or religion may be. Let us, too, pray for an outpouring of the kind of faith the woman reveals to us. May we be able to recognize the spirit of God in all people, and may we unite in living out God's covenant of love and justice in all that we do.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary

The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary wish to thank you for your generous response to our mission appeal. Your interest and concern is a real source of encouragement to us and our various missionary endeavors throughout the world. Please be assured of a continuous remembrance in the prayers of all the Sisters. May God continue to bless you and your families!



AUGUST 2, 2026 and AUGUST 9, 2026 OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

	August 2nd	August 9th
General Offertory Collection	\$1,848.00	\$2,534.00
Children	\$2.00	\$3.00
Building Fund	\$181.00	
Candles	\$85.00	\$151.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$6,642.12	\$1,354.12
Father's Day	\$2.00	
Food Pantry	\$20.00	\$320.00
General Donation	\$200.00	
Maintenance	\$50.00	
Peter's Pence	\$2.00	
Utilities	\$20.00	\$20.00
Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary		\$1,376.00
Diocesan SVDP Blanket Sunday		\$5.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2026

Sun, Aug 16	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
Fri, Aug 21	Wedding Rehearsal (C)	5:00pm
Sat, Aug 22	Wedding (C)	2:00pm
(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!

Confirmation / First Communion Classes

Classes begin on **Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 10:30AM**. There will be open Registration on the weekend of **August 23rd & 30th**. If you want your child to receive the Sacraments, all students, including home school students, are required to Register.

Any questions? Please contact Diana Lipfird at 440-532-9491 DRE or by email at dlipfird@gmail.com.

Schola Cantorum

The Schola Cantorum chants the Mass on Sundays and helps lead the congregation in singing the Mass Propers. They are actively seeking new members. Any training or experience with music and any knowledge of Latin is appreciated, but is not necessary. If interested, please contact Nate Marinchick by email at natemarinchick@gmail.com, Matthew Eccher by email at cantor.eccher@gmail.com, or see one of them after Mass.

J.M.J.

Dear Faithful of Saint Stephen's Parish,
It is with great joy and thanksgiving that I wish to extend to you my heartfelt gratitude for all your prayers and support for my vocation over the past nine years. Saint Stephen's parish has played a crucial role in my discernment, and I am forever indebted to you all. Please know that you and your intentions will be remembered at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and be assured that you are always in my prayers. — *Canon Nicholas Johanni*



2026 Parish Picnic — Upper Edgewater Park was the scene again for bright blue skies, enough food to feed an army, and good conversation among parish attendees! Everyone enjoyed grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes and delicious desserts. Many thanks go to Fr. Caroli, Fr. Ben, the Parish Council, and other volunteers for planning and implementing this year's gathering. Look for pictures in an upcoming bulletin in the next few weeks.

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. 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 or, call 216.242.0420 x130. For more information or to find a Tool Donation Center, visit sonnhalter.com/tooldrive.



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