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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 22 & 23, 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

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Debbie Hemphill

Church Accountant:

Russ Nieling

Maintenance:

Athanase Bizige

Organist:

Joe Kolecki

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Nathan Marinchick and Matthew Eccher

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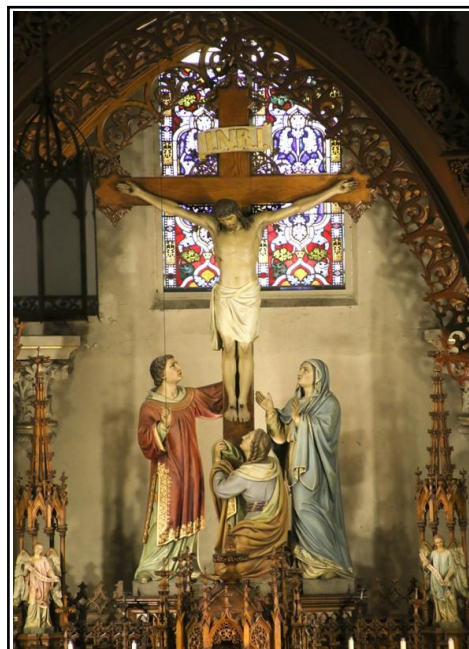
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Mission Statement

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 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

Monday, August 24, 2026

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

6:30 PM † David Brezina

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Weekday

6:45 AM Robert & Rachel Dippong

6:30 PM Ambrogio Charbel Pantile

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Leo Boylan

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

Thursday, August 27, 2026

Saint Monica

6:30 PM Latin — † Marylou Pannell

Friday, August 28, 2026

Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

6:30 PM † Thomas A. Cables

Saturday, August 29, 2026

Vigil of the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Harley Chresos

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Philip Zdravko Luketic

11:00 AM †† John P. and Rose E. Leabu

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



CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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 Vergara-Martel	Diana Lipfird
EM:	Jean Gandee		Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 29, 2026 — AUGUST 30, 2026

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caesar	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin
Lector:	John Maier	Elaine Ann Vergara-Martel	Diana Lipfird
EM:	Jean Gandee		Diana Lipfird
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		Ralph Capistrano

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2026

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31 (430)/Mk 6:17-29

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

In the district of Philippi, Jesus questioned his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is? After receiving unsatisfactory answers of the people, he rephrased the question and said, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter personally replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." With this satisfactory answer, Jesus immediately told Peter in front of the others, "You are blessed.... For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." The Confession of Peter underlined the true Divinity of Jesus revealed by God the Father. By his Nature, Jesus cannot be equated to prophets Elijah, Jeremiah or John the Baptist. The Lord gave authority to Peter and his Companions to teach the TRUTH REVEALED BY HIS FATHER. The message is clear that in our faith journey, God the Father is intimately involved in understanding Jesus and his salvation mission. To this point, Jesus assured Peter that the gates of death or hades shall not prevailed against the Faith. The Church of Christ is built on Rock. There is no room to fear or be shaken by false teachings/challenges that come our way. Let us be rooted in Christ the Son of the Living God and transmit the very truth to others.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

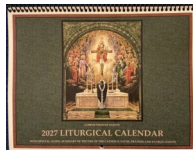
News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip and Miranda Parente,
who were united in the Holy Sacrament of
Marriage on Saturday, August 22, 2026!



The parish will be ordering 2027 Liturgical Calendars in September. In harmony with the 1962 Edition of the Roman Missal, the 2027 Liturgical Calendar accurately lists the feast days and other liturgical days celebrated each season.



Calendar costs are: \$24.95ea, shipping and tax is \$8.00. To place an order (to be included in the parish order), please submit the number requested and the payment for each to the parish office by September 30th. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. *Photo credit: Servants of the Holy Family

AUGUST 16, 2026

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$1205.00
Children	\$4.50
Assumption	\$184.00
Building Fund	\$42.00
Candles	\$72.00
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General Donation	\$230.00
Utilities	\$10.00
Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary	\$887.00
Diocesan: Faith & Values.....	\$95.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2026

Sun, Aug 23 Schola Practice (CR) 8:00am

Mon, Aug 24 Parish Council Subcommittee (SFR) 7:00pm

(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!

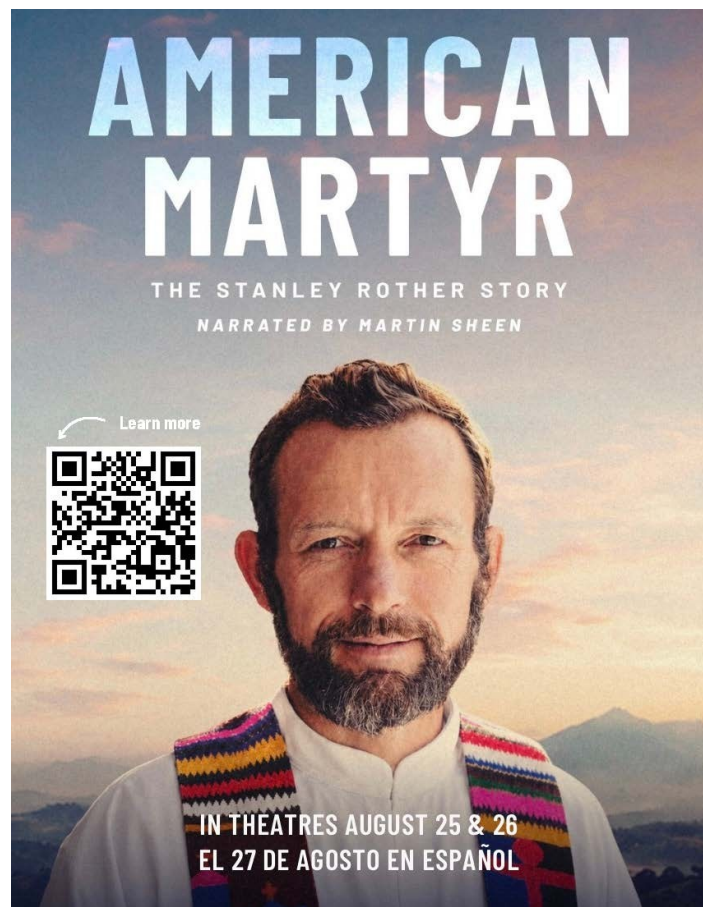
Confirmation / First Communion Classes

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.

From the Office of the Bishop

Bishop Malesic is recommending parishes share the news of a new movie/documentary coming out at the end of August on Fr. Stanley Rother, the first American martyr.

American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story is coming to theaters on August 25 & 26 (English) & August 27 (En Español). The documentary tells the incredible true story of the first American-born priest to be recognized as a martyr. Learn more at www.BlessedRotherFilm.com. Celebrate the power of community and take a group from our parish to the movies: <https://tinyurl.com/rothergroupsales>.



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