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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 29 & 30, 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

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Cantors:

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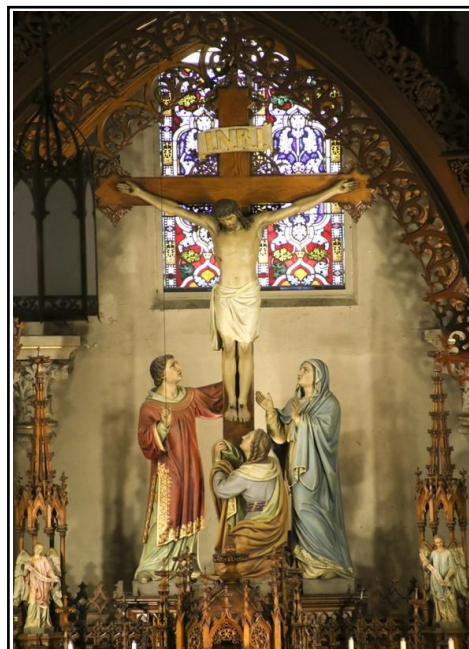
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Mission Statement

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 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

Monday, August 31, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Dawn Wheeler

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Weekday

6:45 AM †† Robert & Coletta Spuhler

6:30 PM Carmen Julia DeJesus

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM † Matthew Masterson

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

Thursday, September 3, 2026

St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

6:30 PM Latin — † Margaret Laura Brooks

Friday, September 4, 2026

Weekday / Votive of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 PM Latin (1st Friday) † Lloyd Hemphill, Jr.,

† Delores Hemphill

Saturday, September 5, 2026

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin

9:30 AM † Gabriel Hemphill

Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM The Strifler Family

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Martha Ann O'Neill

11:00 AM German — Marcus Donnelly and Caitlyn Reynolds

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 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

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 — SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Januarius	Fr. Caesar
Lector:	Diana Lipfird	Doris Peters	Katie & Tony Ganzer
EM:	Jean Gandee		Diana Lipfird / Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5

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 today's Gospel, Matthew offers a very different picture to the one we had last Sunday. Last Sunday, Jesus gave Peter the "keys of the kingdom". The same Peter who acknowledged, "You are the Christ the Son of the living God" last Sunday, is today rebuked as "Satan." It appears Peter has not fully understood God's ways. This encounter between Jesus and Peter teaches us much about our spiritual life: what we think we know, possibly, we don't; what we would rather not know, we ought to know. Christ simply rebuked Peter for being an obstacle to His mission. This shows that though Peter professed that Christ is the Messiah (as God revealed it to him), yet, he has not fully understood the nature of Christ's mission. He still perceives it only from the human perspective of power and glory. Of course, he was eager to participate in these. This also teaches us that we are all exposed to making mistakes and falling, no matter how spiritual we are. So, this calls for taking seriously the admonition of Paul: "Let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he falls" (1Cor 10:12). Ultimately, we should also understand that God's call is not only about, and participating in His glory, it is also participating first in His suffering.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.



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

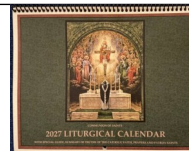
Classes begin on **Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 10:30AM**. There will be open Registration on the weekend of **August 30th**. If you want your child to receive the Sacraments, all students, including home school students, are required to Register. *Any questions?* Please contact Diana Lipfird at 440-532-9491 DRE or by email at dlipfird@gmail.com.

Outreach Ministry

The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 60 families on Thursday, August 28th from our Food Pantry. Our Kindness Food Pantry is open from 9:30am -12:00pm on the last Thursday of every month. *Thank you to all who donate to this much-needed Ministry!*



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. Servants of the Holy Family (servi.org) has included a special guide, along with a mini-catechism of the essential teachings of the Catholic Faith, a list of Patron Saints and a section of Prayers. The calendar cost is \$24.95ea, and shipping, handling and tax is \$8.00. To save on tax, handling and shipping, you may submit the number of calendars you would like to order, along with payment for each calendar to the parish office by September 30th. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. **Photo credit: Servants of the Holy Family*



In observance of the Labor Day holiday, **Monday, September 7th, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am in the Church.** The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day. Have a safe and happy celebration!

1st Saturday Mass and Lecture

Please join us for 1st Saturday Mass on **September 5th at 9:30am**. After Mass, Fr. Bede will present a lecture with an examination of A Harmonized Exposition of the Four Gospels by Rev. A. Breen, Volume III. To download into your favorite format and to prepare for this lecture, go to: <https://archive.org/details/harmonizedexposi0003aebr/page/n5/mode/2up>.

AUGUST 23, 2026 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection	\$2,435.00
Children	\$2.75
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Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

Sun, Aug 30 Schola Practice (CR) 8:00am
Sat, Sept 4 Latin Lecture (CR).....after 9:30am 1st Sat Mass
 (C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) St Francis Room • (R) Rectory



Eucharistic Procession

The Legion of Mary is hosting a Eucharistic Procession at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist on Saturday, September 5th starting with Mass at 11 followed by the procession. After the procession, we will return to the cathedral for the Rosary and Benediction. The Cathedral is located at 1007 Superior Avenue E., Cleveland 44114

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