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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 5 & 6, 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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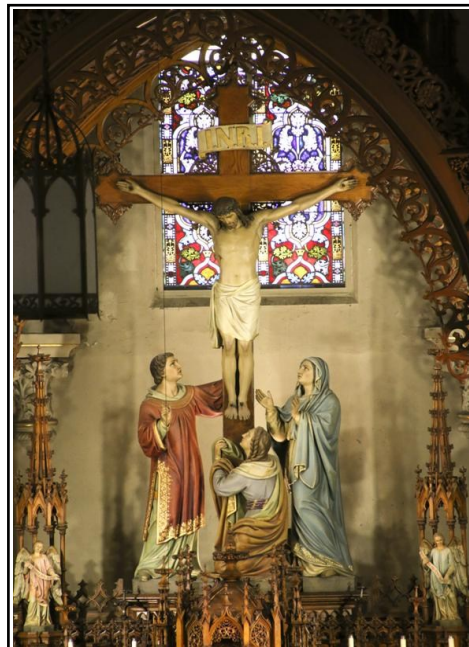
Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb

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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

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1891 West 57th Street

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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, September 5, 2026

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

Monday, September 7, 2026

Weekday / Labor Day

10:00 AM John Vaccaro

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM Deborah Hemphill

6:30 PM Intentions of Timothy Hemphill & Sydney Satchwill

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

St. Peter Claver, Priest

6:30 PM Courtney Capone

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

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Brian Rotsaert Family

Friday, September 11, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Jennifer Robinson

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Vigil of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Matthew Masterson

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ambrogio Charbel Pantile

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

TWENTY-THIRD 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. Benjamin
Lector:	Diana Lipfird	Doris Peters	Katie & Tony Ganzer
EM:	Jean Gandee		Diana Lipfird / Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 — SEPTEMBER 13, 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	Chris Haddock	Jerry Nowesnick
EM:			Dianna Hosta
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49

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 Sciarino
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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 5 & 6, 2026

REFLECTION

In the readings of this Sunday, the Lord authorizes His followers to confront the wicked and those who wronged us in the spirit of humility and respect. This is what He said, "If your brother sins against you go and tell him his fault...." Christians are called to be charitable and intervene promptly in solving individual, family, Church or International problems. There is no doubt that parents, children, brothers and sisters are wrong at times with one another, friends disagree, workers are not at peace with one another, and even nations go against other nations. There is great need to engage in fraternal corrections to heal the wounded persons and not abandon them to suffer in isolation. To handle a meaningful reconciliation, we should be spiritually enlightened to make decisions based on faith, wisdom and love. The fraternal corrections are not meant to humiliate or inflict punishment on the wicked or sinners, but to repair the damaged relationship and restore peace and justice among children of God. In fighting evils, we are not alone, the Lord is present as He said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in their midst."

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

First Communion / Confirmation Classes

Classes begin on **Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 10:30AM**. There will be Registration on the weekends of **September 5th & 6th** and **September 12th & 13th**. If you want your child to receive the Sacraments, all students, including home school students, are required to Register. *Questions?* Please call Diana Lipfird at 440-532-9491 or contact her by email at dlipfird@gmail.com. Please do not call the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus and Caitlin Donnelly,
united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on
Sunday, September 6, 2026!



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!**

AUGUST 30, 2026

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Offertory Collection	\$1,002.00
Children	\$3.75
Building Fund.....	\$45.00
Candles	\$169.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$2,243.12
General Donation	\$24.00
Utilities	\$10.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Sun, Sept 6	Schola Practice (CR).....	8:00am
	Wedding (C)	1:30pm
Mon, Sept 7	Labor Day Mass (C).....	10:00am
	Parish Office	Closed
Fri, Sept 11	Rehearsal (C)	5:00pm
Sat, Sept 12	Wedding (C)	1:00pm

(C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) St Francis Room • (R) Rectory



The **ST. STEPHEN BELL TOWER** is illuminated throughout each night. To help defray the monthly cost to the parish, a donation of \$250 is requested for a month's Tower Lighting. The remainder of this month is available at a pro-rated amount. If you would like to sponsor the lighting of our Tower in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office.

THE NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY — September 8

The *Roman Martyrology* states Mary was "of the lineage of Abraham, born of the tribe of Judah and of the progeny of King David, from whom the Son of God was born, made man by the work of the Holy Spirit, to free humanity from the ancient bondage of sin."

The earliest document commemorating this feast comes from the sixth century. St. Romanus, the great ecclesiastical lyricist of the Greek Church, composed for it a hymn (Card. Pitra, "Hymnogr. Graeca", Paris, 1876, 199) which is a poetical sketch of the apocryphal Gospel of St. James. St. Romanus was a native of Emesa in Syria, deacon of Berytus and later on at the Blachernae church in Constantinople, and composed his hymns between 536-556 (P. Maas in "Byzant. Zeitschrift", 1906). The feast may have originated somewhere in Syria or Palestine in the beginning of the sixth century, when after the Council of Ephesus, under the influence of the "Apocrypha", the cult of the Mother of God was greatly intensified, especially in Syria. St. Andrew of Crete in the beginning of the eighth century preached several sermons on this feast (Lucius-Anrich, "Anfänge des Heiligenkultus", Tübingen, 1906, 468).

... The Church of Rome adopted it in the seventh century from the East; it is found in the Gelasian (seventh cent.) and the Gregorian (eighth to ninth cent.) Sacramentaries. Sergius I (687-701) prescribed a litany and procession for this feast (P.L. cxxviii, 897 sqq.).... The feast is found in the calendar of Sonnatius, Bishop of Reims, 614-31 (Kellner, *Heortology*, 21)... St. Fulbert, Bishop of Chartres (d. 1028), speaks of it as of recent institution (P.L., cxli, 320, sqq.); the three sermons he wrote are the oldest genuine Latin sermons for this festival (Kellner, "Heortology", London, 1908, 230). The octave was instituted by Innocent IV (a. 1243) in accordance with a vow made by the cardinals in the conclave of the autumn of 1241, when they were kept prisoners by Frederick II for three months... To read more, go to: <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/10712b.htm>

Herbstfest / German Day • October 4th

Celebrate German heritage, music and tradition at Herbstfest celebrating German Day, presented by VIVA Bavaria. This family-friendly fall festival brings Northeast Ohio's German and Austrian communities together for an afternoon of live entertainment, traditional performances, games, hayrides and plenty of "gemütlichkeit".

Herbstfest is more than a fall festival. It is an opportunity to gather with family and friends, celebrate the traditions passed down through generations and experience the music, dancing and community that make German culture so special.

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026, 12 noon to 6 p.m.

German Central Organization

7863 York Rd., Parma, OH 44130

Indoor performances, outdoor entertainment and games are included in the \$5 admission at the gate. Horse-drawn hayrides require an additional ticket.

Parish Community Advertisements

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