



# St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 12 & 13, 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:

Athanase Bizige

#### Organist:

Joe Kolecki

#### Cantors:

Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb

#### Latin Schola Director:

Nathan Marinchick and Matthew Eccher

#### St. Vincent de Paul:

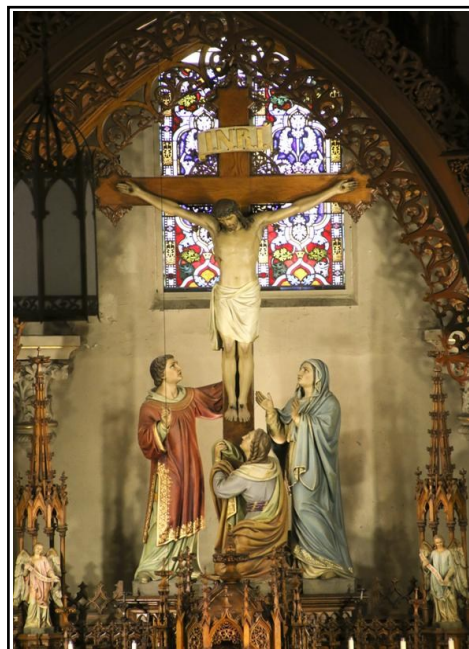
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### Metro Catholic Parish School

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### Sisters of Notre Dame Convent

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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, 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

#### Monday, September 14, 2026

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

6:30 PM † Gerald B. Harris

#### Tuesday, September 15, 2026

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

6:45 AM Michael Lichter Family

6:30 PM Leo Boylan

#### Wednesday, September 16, 2026

**Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

6:30 PM † Maurice Easley

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

#### Thursday, September 17, 2026

**Weekday**

6:30 PM †† Robert and Coletta Spuhler

#### Friday, September 18, 2026

**Weekday**

6:30 PM Justin Dailey Family

#### Saturday, September 19, 2026

**Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM † Alice Minarik

#### Sunday, September 20, 2026

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Gail Schmidt

11:00 AM † Thomas Hayne

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-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> |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Celebrant:</b> | Fr. Benjamin       | Fr. Januarius                | Fr. Caesar          |
| <b>Lector:</b>    | Glenn Sneed        | Elaine Ann<br>Vergara-Martel | Jerry Nowesnick     |
| <b>EM:</b>        |                    |                              | Diana Lipfird       |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>   | Ben Kost           |                              |                     |

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 — SEPTEMBER 20, 2026**

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

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a (444)/Jn 19:25-27 or  
Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-5

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

Daily readings at <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

|                    |                                  |                     |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ray Ardire         | Kai Kirk                         | Christopher A. Park |
| James Bayne        | Joe Kolecki                      | Gloria Parrott      |
| Doris Bealis       | Ann Konieczny                    | Gino Pascazi        |
| Berly Blankenship  | Stephan Kosmalski                | Herb Rielinger      |
| Janina Bruozis     | Kosmerl Family                   | Herb Rodriguez      |
| Thomas John Cables | Karen Kranstueber                | Rick Salvatore      |
| Julio Castro       | Sr. Jane Lab                     | Jerry Schneider     |
| Rosemary Diemer    | Sr. Linda                        | Joyce Schneider     |
| Martin Eland       | Robin Manocchio                  | Irene Schroeder     |
| Kyoko Fry          | Ruth Martin                      | Maureen Sciarino    |
| 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<br>in Crisis | Fr. Albert Veigas   |
| Debi Hess          | Kazuyuki Nagashima               | E. K. Wade          |
| Agnes Hogan        | Jessie Noelker                   | Noel Walters        |
| Horie Family       | Tom O'Donnell                    | Andrew Wilkolok     |
| Dianna Hosta       | Maria Papp                       | Jim Wilkolok        |
| Kiki Kelley        |                                  | Devon Zink          |

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 12 & 13, 2026

### REFLECTION

Faith perspective in Jesus reminds us constantly that true faith is seen in the way we love and care for one another. On the flipside, the teaching of Jesus in today's gospel puts some of us in a conundrum as forgiveness becomes enormous challenge in our lives. It hurts our pride to have to forgive. We often think we should have been treated better by someone and so we carry around bitterness which only pulls us down. Many times, when we think of forgiveness, we often forget that we have also a duty to forgive others and ourselves at times. When God forgives us, in turn we must forgive others and ourselves. That is the only trajectory to have a sense of happiness and peace with ourselves and with God. Sometimes the pain goes so deep that it takes a long time or even therapy to be set free of the hurt that we all experienced. We should all strive eagerly to get all the necessary help we need. This will enable us to comprehend the words of Jesus "pray for those who persecute you." The moment we have that grudge, we are the one's who will feel persecuted. Instead of boiling with anger against our brothers and sisters, let us send a prayer for them. This will help not only the person who hurts us but certainly us as well.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Mr. and Mrs. John and Ayesha Das**, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, September 12, 2026!



### EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION

**We have Eucharistic Devotion on Wednesday Evenings after the 6:30PM Mass.**



**"Wait 1 Hour With Me"**

Words spoken by our Lord in the garden of Gethsemane.  
(Mt 26:40-41)

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to just "BE" in the presence of the Lord. It extends the union with Christ which we have received in Communion. The most important thing to realize is that you don't have to do anything except spend time in the presence of the Lord. It is in this silence that the Lord speaks to us. We invite you to come pray with us each Wednesday evening, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration!  
What a wonderful way to Thank our Lord for all that He does for us.



### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We are beginning our Sacramental Program on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. All Classes will be held in the School this year. There is still time to Register, call Diana Lipfird 440-532-9491, or come on the 19<sup>th</sup> and register. Doors will be open at 10am. Registration will be closed October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our Catechist will have the Schedule of Classes available. We have new books as well for each child attending classes.

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**Thank you all for your generosity!**

### MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

|                       |                            |                   |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sun, Sept 13</b>   | Schola Practice (CR) ..... | 8:00am            |
|                       | Latin Social (CR).....     | after 9:30am Mass |
| <b>Mon, Sept 14</b>   | Parish Council (CR) .....  | 7:00pm            |
| <b>Thurs, Sept 17</b> | Rehearsal (C) .....        | 4:30pm            |
| <b>Fri, Sept 18</b>   | Wedding (C) .....          | 3:30pm            |
|                       | Rehearsal (C) .....        | 5:15pm            |
| <b>Sat, Sept 19</b>   | Wedding (C) .....          | 1:00pm            |

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

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