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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 19 & 20, 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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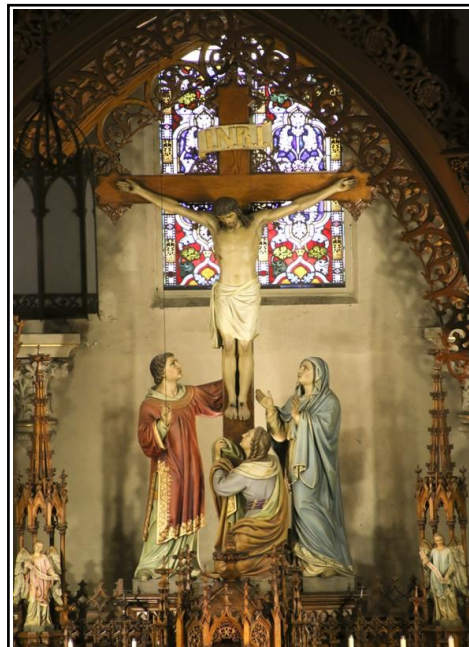
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Latin Schola Director:

Nathan Marinchick and Matthew Eccher

St. Vincent de Paul:

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

216-281-4044

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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 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

Monday, September 21, 2026

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

6:30 PM † Mark Yeast

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Weekday

6:45 AM Rachael Dippong

6:30 PM † Evelyn Trucks

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

6:30 PM † John Bogart

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

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Jason Gilligan

Friday, September 25, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Daniel Smith Family

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Jackie and Andrew Turner

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Hedy Hammon

11:00 AM Dianna Hosta

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-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>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caesar	Fr. Januarius	Fr. Benjamin
Lector:	Russ Nieling	Chris Haddock	Matt Minarik
EM:			
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		Ralph Capistrano

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 — SEPTEMBER 27, 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	Sarah Halko
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 SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
 Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Ray Ardire	Joe Kolecki	Gloria Parrott
James Bayne	Ann Konieczny	Gino Pascazi
Doris Bealis	Stephan Kosmalski	Herb Rielinger
Berly Blankenship	Kosmerl Family	Herb Rodriguez
Janina Bruozis	Karen Kranstueber	Rick Salvatore
Thomas John Cables	Sr. Linda	Jerry Schneider
Rosemary Diemer	Robin Manocchio	Joyce schneider
Martin Eland	Ruth Martin	Irene Schroeder
Kyoko Fry	Chelsea Mason	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 in Crisis	Les Taborosi
Debi Hess	Kazuyuki Nagashima	Fr. Albert Veigas
Agnes Hogan	Jessie Noelker	E. K. Wade
Horie Family	Tom O'Donnell	Noel Walters
Dianna Hosta	Maria Papp	Andrew Wilkolok
Kiki Kelley	Christopher A. Park	Jim Wilkolok
Kai Kirk		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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 19 & 20, 2026

REFLECTION

Why is it that many people rely on God's generosity to themselves, but they are resentful when God is generous to others? The Gospel of this Sunday tackles this dangerous virus among believers. Jesus presented the issue of the Landowner who lovingly hired laborers who each agreed to do a different amount of work for the same amount of pay. At the time of rewarding, the people who were employed first grumbled because they expected to be favored more than those who came late in the business. They wanted to change the mind of the Master. However, the Master gave a clear answer saying, "Am I not free to do as I wish. Are you envious because I am generous?" There are lessons for us to learn to appreciate the favors, the gifts, successes, etc. of others. The Services in the Church, or in public offices are not to gain merit from God. We are called to put our contributions and to value the services we render simply for the glory of God, but not to claim rewards. The Lord wants His laborers to work lovingly with every person. His generosity is endless and rewards abundantly those who consider themselves as mere servants.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

Next weekend, **September 26th-27th** we will take up a special collection to support the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Cleveland to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

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ST. STEPHEN • SEPTEMBER 27TH • 10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Offertory Collection	\$2,051.00
Children	\$3.00
Building Fund.....	\$522.00
Candles	\$160.00
Ecclesia Nostra	\$3,954.00
Food Pantry	\$447.00
General Donation	\$170.00
Utilities	\$181.00
Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary	\$20.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Sun, Sept 20	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
Fri, Sept 25	Rehearsal (C)	5:00pm
Sat, Sept 26	Wedding (C)	1:00pm

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mr. and Mrs. Dylan and Alexandra McKeon, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, September 18, 2026!
and

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick and Amelia Roche, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, September 19, 2026!



EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION



"Wait 1 Hour With Me"

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

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

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 began our Sacramental Program on Saturday, **September 19th at 10:30am**. All Classes are held at Metro Catholic School next door to the Church. There is still time to Register. Please call Diana Lipfird at 440-532-9491. Registration will be closed

On October 24th. Our Catechist will have the Schedule of Classes available. We have new books as well for each child attending classes.

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.

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