



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 10 & 11, 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:

Dieudonne Simbi

Organist:

Joe Kolecki

Cantors:

Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb

Latin Schola Director:

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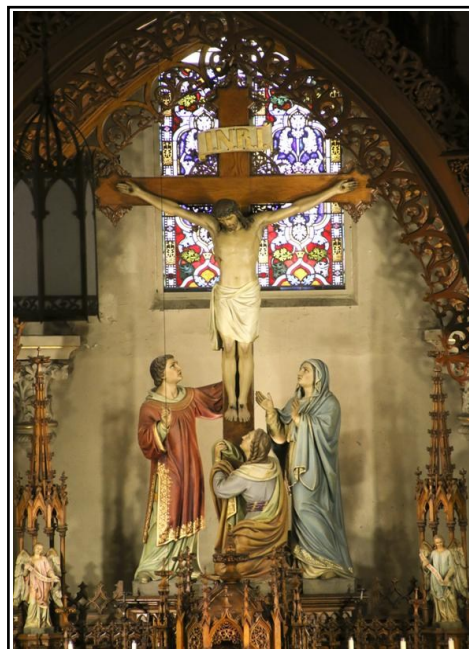
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Mission Statement

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, October 10, 2026

Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM The Strifler Family

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Aubrey Earle

11:00 AM Alumni—Living and Deceased Members of the
St. Stephen Alumni Association

Monday, October 12, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM † Teresita Pedrozo and † Adela Rivera

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Weekday

6:45 AM †† Julia and William Watson

6:30 PM Thomas A. Cables II and Family

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Amanda Baker

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

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

6:30 PM John Hemphill

Friday, October 16, 2026

Weekday

6:30 PM Milina Ilijana Luketic

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Alice Minarik

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Irene Schroeder

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 10, 2026—OCTOBER 11, 2026

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin Russ Nieling	Fr. Benjamin Chris Haddock	Fr. Benjamin Jerry Nowesnick
Lector:	Jean Gandee		Diana Lipfird
EM:			
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 17, 2026—OCTOBER 18, 2026

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli John Maier	Fr. Benjamin Lou Ockunzzi	Fr. Caroli Matt Minarik
Lector:	Jean Gandee		Diana Lipfird
EM:			
Acolyte:	Ben Kost		Ralph Capistrano

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2026

Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Judy Ansbro	Joe Kolecki	Gloria Parrott
Ray Ardire	Ann Konieczny	Gino Pascazi
James Bayne	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 Sciarino
Susan Hatta	Maureen Masterson	Jan Sheats
Tadaaki Hatta	Chuck Matias	Michael Sherman
Katharina Hayne	Rita McDonald	Glenn Sneed
Barb Helon	Steve McElroy	Sharon Sneed
Tim Hennessey	Victoria Miller	Spencer Stadnik
Debi Hess	Mother and Daughter in Crisis	Les Taborosi
Agnes Hogan	Kazuyuki Nagashima	E. K. Wade
Horie Family	Jessie Noelker	Noel Walters
Dianna Hosta	Tom O'Donnell	Dawn Wheeler
Patti Huskey	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

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REFLECTION

The Parable of the Wedding Feast we hear in today's Gospel, explicitly shows God's generosity to all people though not everyone responds positively. Those who refuse to say yes to God's open invitation could be some of us who are too busy with our businesses, we are often preoccupied by our business deals and transactions and have very little or no time for church or community activities. We are the people who have misplaced our scale of priority by placing our material needs far over and above our spiritual needs. Today we have The Holy Eucharist as the banquet where all of us are invited to the table of the Lord to partake, our happiness will only depend on our positive response to this free, open and generous invitation. Life is a celebration and it is about celebrating the goodness and providence of God. He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him/her and dine with him/her, and he/she with Me" (Revelation 3:20). Let us join always in this banquet, but never forget to put on the right garment!

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

Upcoming Collection—World Mission Sunday

The beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen on September 24 was a great gift to the Church in the United States. While many know him best for his TV presence, book and charismatic eloquence, he repeatedly said, "My greatest love has always been for the missions of the Church."

He is the greatest National Director of the Pontifical Missions in the history of the Church helping raise \$200 million (in today's money, \$2.1 billion) to support the growth of the Church.

Under his leadership (1950-1966), World Mission Sunday became a defining moment in the life of the Church of the United States. We can surely count on his intercession for World Mission Sunday 2026, which will take place next week on **October 17th & 18th**, as we together reflect upon, pray for and take a collection to support the missions.

Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us!

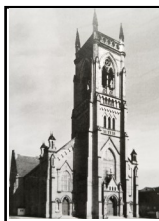
OCTOBER 4, 2026 OFFERTORY COLLECTION and SEPTEMBER ONLINE DONATIONS

		September Online
General Offertory Collection	\$2,727.03	\$310.00
Children	\$3.00	
Building Fund	\$267.00	
Candles	\$69.00	
Ecclesia Nostra	\$3,564.12	\$2,407.00
First Friday	\$105.00	
General Donation	\$850.00	
German Mass of Remembrance	\$55.00	
Music Ministry	\$200.00	
St. Vincent de Paul Ministry	\$75.00	
Utilities	\$50.00	\$125.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2026

Sun, Oct 11	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
	Latin Social (CR)	after 9:30am Mass
Mon, Oct 12	Parish Council (CR)	7:00pm
	(C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) St Francis Room • (R) Rectory	



The Tower Lights are being illuminated
during the month of October
In Memory Of the

Minor and Lipfird Families

Please remember them in your prayers!

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION



**We have Eucharistic Devotion
on Wednesday Evenings after 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.

CONFIRMATION / FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Classes for the remainder of the month will be on **October 24th at 10:30am**. Classes are being held in the Metro School Building, Room 107 and 109. If you want your child to receive the Sacraments, all students including home school students are required to register. Any questions? Call Diana Lipfird at 440-532-9491 DRE or email at dlipfird@gmail.com.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) is a process of instruction to introduce persons seeking initiation into the Roman Catholic Church or adults seeking to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church who have already been validly baptized. The Church asks adults to spend this time in preparation for the Sacraments, to learn our faith, rituals, traditions, and holy scripture, as well as to nurture a relationship with our God, who loves us beyond our imagining, and who enters our lives through the sacraments. Sponsors and those wishing to renew their faith are also welcome.

Classes begin on Thursday, October 29th from 6:30pm—8:00pm. We invite adults who are interested to register by calling the parish office at 216-631-5633.

VIVA Bavaria hosts Gedächtnismesse 2026

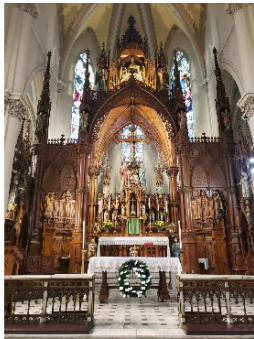
VIVA Bavaria hosts Gedächtnismesse 2026



VIVA Bavaria welcomes everyone to a Gedächtnismesse (Remembrance Mass) on Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 11:00 am at St. Stephen Church, 1930 West 54th Street in Cleveland. Following Mass, all are invited to the Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center (7370 Columbia Rd, Olmsted Township) for their annual Kirchweih.

St. Stephen is one of the most beautiful churches in Cleveland. Established in 1869, it was built by and was home to the largest number of German Catholics in Cleveland and, more than 100 years later, continues to honor its heritage by celebrating a German-language Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

The Gedächtnismesse is a Mass in the German language in thanksgiving and recognition of your dearly departed family and friends. All are invited to attend and / or offer an intention. To commemorate a family member or friend, please follow the instructions below.



Intensions Wreath
at the altar

All names will be included in the Worship Program Booklet, placed on the Intensions Wreath, and read during Mass.

For the inclusion of your loved one(s) in the Worship Program Booklet, names must be received by **Friday, October 23, 2026.**

Your loved one(s) do not need to be Catholic or German to be commemorated and all are welcome to attend, regardless of religion or heritage.

We encourage you to wear traditional Tracht to attend Mass and the reception that follows.

Net proceeds benefit the St. Stephen Church Maintenance Fund.

For more information, contact Regina Rock-Ott (216-598-5049) or email at rockott2014@gmail.com

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Please submit payment (\$15 per name suggested) via check, VENMO or St. Stephen's website.

Be certain to provide the name(s) of your loved one(s) being memorialized.

Payment via Check:	Payment via VENMO:	Payment via ststephencleveland.org
Mail this form with a check to: VIVA Bavaria 7218 Lilac Court North Olmsted, OH 44070	@vivabavaria • Use the "What's this for?" box to enter your loved one(s) name(s) • Click "Pay"	• Scroll down to "Proceed to Online Giving Site" • Enter donation amount • Select "German Mass of Remembrance" • Enter your loved one(s) name(s) in the Memo • Click "continue" and enter your Payment Method information

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Please clearly print the name(s) of your loved one(s) being commemorated:

FOR YOUR RECORDS: The Internal Revenue Service requires VIVA Bavaria, a 501 (c) (3) organization, to inform you that the organization has not provided any goods or services in exchange for your donation. This donation is fully tax deductible under the law.

Upcoming Events



**ST. STEPHEN'S
ALL HALLOWS
EVE PARTY!**

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25TH**

POTLUCK/REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW
IN THE CLUB ROOM AFTER THE 9:30 MASS

KIDS, DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE HOLY
FIGURE! RECEIVE A GOODIE BAG!

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Feel the Spirit of the Holy Land



JERUSALEM GIFTS — The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations, including our family. More than 80% of the Christian community's income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism, the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian Families to leave their homes in search of work and safety. Our mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling its beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We have been blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to travel to different parishes all around the United States for the past 16 years to represent these less fortunate Christians. We are happy to announce that we will be visiting your parish on **October 24th - 25th**.

We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand-carved items. We value your support. We will be accepting cash, credit cards & checks. May God bless you & keep you safe.



The Diocese of Cleveland's Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd Institute is proudly sponsoring the fourth annual Faith AND Science workshop on artificial intel-

ligence. **The event is November 14th at St. Sebastian's Zwisler Hall from 11 AM- 3:30 PM.** Registration includes: presentations by prominent experts in both scientific and ethical fields, lunch, and discussion tables. Mass will be celebrated at St. Sebastian's at 4:30 PM, for those wishing to join. This event is open to all who are interested in delving deeper into this evolving technology and who wish to participate in healthy discussions about it. Please find speaker profiles & other information on the website! Cost: \$20, boxed lunch included. **RSVPs required by Nov 7th:** <https://mmgsi.org/events/>

SAVE THE DATE *A Chosen Life* Dinner

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Ellen Salter is a nationally recognized pro-life advocate with a tremendous witness on the beautiful impact of choosing life. She's appeared on EWTN, FOX News, and other acclaimed media, and will join us at St. Anthony to share Catholic teaching on life support and end of life care. There will be a Q and A to follow.

Plan on joining us for this inspiring opportunity!

Sunday October 25th at 2:00PM

ST. ANTHONY GYM

RIGATONI DINNER | SPEAKER | Q & A

\$25 FOR ADULTS. KIDS 10 AND UNDER ARE FREE

INVITE A FRIEND

RSVP TO MIKE THOMAS 216-403-2489 OR

DONNA OROS 440-465 6412

BY OCTOBER 19TH. NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR



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is a Catholic organization founded in 1904 and dedicated to assisting persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, particularly children, and the agencies that serve them. Carmona Caravan #75 is the Cleveland chapter and has served Northeast Ohio since 1948.

Catholic men and women interested in learning more, attending one of our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, or supporting our mission are invited to visit our live calendar of events and past newsletters at www.carmonacaravan.org.



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