

St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time —November 7 and 8, 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:

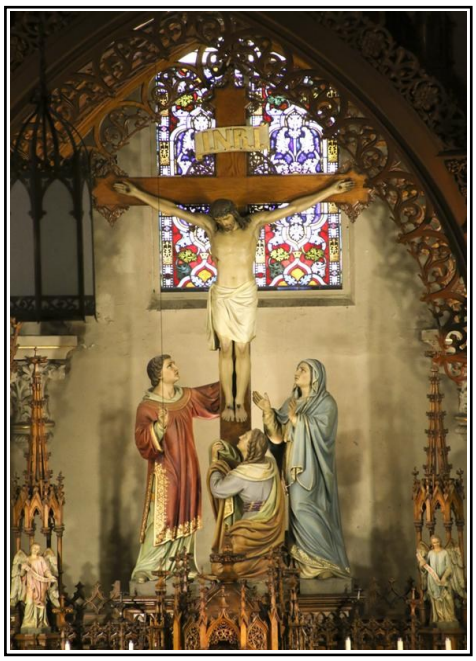
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Organist:
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Nathan Marinchick and Matthew Eccher
St. Vincent de Paul:
Maureen Easley

Metro Catholic Parish School
1910 West 54th Street
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1891 West 57th Street
216-631-0754





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.

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

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.

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 celebrated in the Church

Saturday, November 7, 2026
Vigil of the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Cathy Ramirez

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Salvatore Family
11:00 AM Alumni — Living and Deceased Members of the St. Stephen Alumni Association

Monday, November 9, 2026
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
6:30 PM † Albert Arellano, Jr.

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
6:45 AM Latin — Ambrogio Charbel Pantile
6:30 PM † All Victims of Suicide

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
6:30 PM Jessie Noelker
7:00-8:00 PM Confession, Holy Hour, Benediction

Thursday, November 12, 2026
St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
6:30 PM Latin — †† Robert and Coletta Spuhler

Friday, November 13, 2026
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
6:30 PM Leo Boylan

Saturday, November 14, 2026
Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM The Strifler Family

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Alex and Taylor Wollerman
11:00 AM Henry Schroeder

Contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 to schedule a Mass intention. The customary stipend (offering) is $10.00.

CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 7, 2026 — November 8, 2026

	5:00PM Mass	8:00AM Mass	11:00AM Mass
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin
Lector:	Glenn Sneed	Doris Peters	Jerry Nowesnick
EM:	Jean Gandee		Diana Lipfird
Acolyte:			

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14, 2026 — November 15, 2026

	5:00PM Mass	8:00AM Mass	11:00AM Mass
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli
Lector:	John Maier	Lou Ockunzzi	Matt Minarik
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 NOVEMBER 7, 2026

Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Judy Pachasa Ansbro
Ray Ardire
James Bayne
Andrea Belmonte
Berly Blankenship
Janina Bruozis
Thomas John Cables
Rosemary Diemer
Martin Eland
Kyoko Fry
Susan Hatta
Tadaaki Hatta
Katharina Hayne
Barb Helon
† Tim Hennessey
Debi Hess
Agnes Hogan
Horie Family
Dianna Hosta
Patti Huskey
Kiki Kelley
Kai Kirk
Joe Kolecki
Ann Konieczny
Stephan Kosmalski
Kosmerl Family
Karen Kranstueber
Sr. Linda
Robin Manocchio
Ruth Martin
Chelsea Mason
Maureen Masterson
Chuck Matias
Rita McDonald
† Marilyn McKenna
Steve McElroy
Victoria Miller
Mother and Daughter in Crisis
Kazuyuki Nagashima
Jessie Noelker
Tom O'Donnell
Daniel Pachasa
Maria Papp
Christopher A. Park
Gloria Parrott
Gino Pascazi
Herb Rielinger
Herb Rodriguez
Rick Salvatore
Jerry Schneider
Joyce Schneider
Irene Schroeder
Maureen Sciarrino
Jan Sheats
Michael Sherman
Glenn Sneed
Sharon Sneed
Spencer Stadnik
Les Taborosi
E. K. Wade
Noel Walters
Dawn Wheeler
Andrew Wilkolok
Jim Wilkolok
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

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches about the coming of the kingdom and the need to stay awake. The parable of the ten virgins invites us to comprehend the difference between those who keep vigil and those grow careless, Discipleship means active watchfulness and obedience. We as Jesus's followers are urged to live each day as though He might return at any moment. The lesson we draw from this parable is that faith must be lived with steady readiness and spiritual attention. Doing good or doing evil is always based upon human choice. Doing evil leads to eternal separation from the Son of Man in His glory, is based upon failure to focus upon God, failure to be ready for God, and failure to do what His arrival demands from us. Sin is preoccupation with our own interests and desires, and a failure to recognize that the Son of Man wants to lead us into something far more interesting and desirable than anything we can achieve on our own. We should therefore strive to do always good and avoid evil. ~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

Upcoming Collection

The Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will take place next weekend November 14th & 15th: "The Church's love for the poor… is a part of her constant tradition" (Catechism of the Catholic Church", no. 2444). The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that create lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. In the last six years, over 36% of CCHD's grants have gone toward advancing education, supporting economic development, and improving housing in low-income neighborhoods. You can help participate in this tradition today. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection. For this purpose, there are extra envelopes at the doors of the Church.

NOVEMBER 1, 2026
OFFERTORY COLLECTION

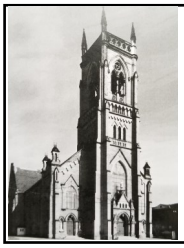
General Offertory Collection	$2,240.80
Children	$5.81
All Saints' Day	$196.00
All Souls' Day	$487.00
Building Fund	$65.00
Candles	$153.00
Ecclesia Nostra	$2,871.12
Food Pantry	$2,320.00
General Donation	$734.00
St. Vincent de Paul	$100.00
Tower Lighting	$250.00
Utilities	$20.00
Diocesan: Catholic Communications Campaign	$60.00
Diocesan: Propagation of the Faith (Mission)	$1.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Sun, Nov 8	Schola Practice (CR)	8:00am
	Latin Social (R)	after 9:30am Mass
Mon, Nov 9	Parish Council (CR)	7:00pm
Thurs, Nov 12	OCIA Class (StC)	6:30pm

(C) Church • (CR) Club Rm • (SFR) St Francis Rm • (R) Rectory • • (MCS) Metro Catholic School • (StC) St. Colman



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

† Streeter Stephen Speakman III (Tre)

October 14, 1946—February 12, 2018

Please remember him in your prayers!

EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION



We have Eucharistic Devotion on Wednesday Evening 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 will be held on **November 21st** at **10:30am**. Classrooms are located in the Metro School Building, Rooms 107 and 109. **Registration is now closed.**

If you have any questions? Please call Diana Lipfird at 440-532-9491 or send an email to 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. **Classes began on Thursday, October 29th** and are held from **6:30pm—8:00pm.** We invite adults who are interested to register by calling the parish office at 216-631-5633. The Church asks adults to spend this time in preparation for the Sacraments, to learn our faith, rituals, traditions, and holy scripture, as wells as to nurture our 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.

We have received a supply of 2027 Children's Offertory Envelopes. Using these envelopes allow your children to place their own gifts to God in the Offertory basket each week. This program IS NOT to raise more money for our parish. The purpose is to teach children the joy of giving, to be good stewards and to give back from their own resources to God out of gratitude for all that He has given to them. Please call the Parish Office if you would like envelopes for your children.

Remembering the Deceased 2025-2026

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR
NOVEMBER 1, 2025 – OCTOBER 31, 2026

Timothy Hennessey
October 30, 2026

Jeannette Presley
April 21, 2026

Margaret Mary Gianakis
October 17, 2026

Walter Robin McClain, Jr.
April 17, 2026

Joanne Miller
October 12, 2026

Karen Fisher
March 27, 2026

Phillip Luke Smith
September 21, 2026

Evelyn Germaine Trucks
February 26, 2026

Carmen Julia DeJesus
September 18, 2026

Edward Heben
February 2, 2026

David Brezina
August 3, 2026

Lynn Ann Gallagher
December 4, 2025

Nancy Fischbach
June 7, 2026

Robert Gunn
December 1, 2025

Fred Courtright
June 6, 2026

Russell Kamps
November 21, 2025

Fr. Sheldon Michael Franz
May 1, 2026

Francis Boysko
November 8, 2025

John George Cresante, Jr.
November 5, 2025

God of mercy, hear our prayers for those we love who have left this world in faith. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

German Mass of Remembrance 2026



GEDÄCHTNISSMESSE 2026

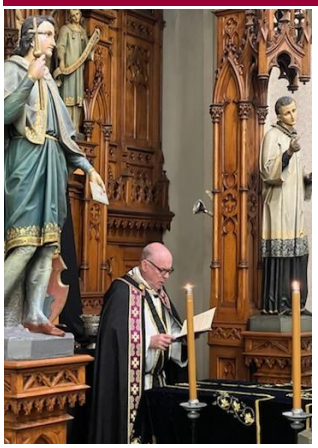
A beautifully warm first Sunday in November greeted congregants at St. Stephen Church, gathered to remember deceased family and friends. The annual Gedächtnissmesse, or Mass of Remembrance, generously sponsored by Viva Bavaria and featuring the singing of the Gottscheer Heimatchor and STV Bavaria choirs, was held at 11:00am. Father Caroli was the celebrant of this moving observance, recalling over 69 dearly departed family members and friends of German and Austrian descent. A memorial wreath presentation and reading of the deceased's names added special meaning to this celebration of the Holy Sacrament.

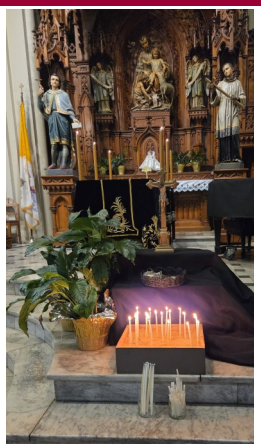
Following the Mass, representatives of Viva Bavaria were pleased to inform Father Caroli that nearly $800.00 was raised for the Church maintenance fund from individual donations by those submitting names for remembrance.

A German-language Mass is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month at 11:00am at St. Stephen. Come join us! If you have any questions or are interested in additional information regarding the monthly German Mass at St. Stephen, please contact the Parish Office at: 216-631-5633

Photo from left: Erich Hetzel, Heidi Rock, Father Caroli, Regina Rock-Ott, Kenny Ott

November 2, 2026 The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)




Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Lord, receive our prayers for those who have died. Purify them in Your mercy and bring them into the joy of Your presence. Amen.

Outreach Ministry

URGENT! - FOOD PANTRY IN NEED OF HELP

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Stephen Parish,

First of all, it is with sincere gratitude that we thank you for your continued monetary support and the food donations you have made to the Outreach Ministry Food Pantry. However, with the escalating food prices and the increase in numbers of those in need, we are experiencing a shortfall in our budget to continue our Ministry Programs.



The Food Pantry and the Adopt a Family programs are in jeopardy. Our Outreach programs are funded SOLELY by contributions. Our budget each year to provide services is approximately $24,000.00.

Through the Grace of God and our faithful supporters, we have been able to maintain our mission to assist our clients in giving them the support when needed — that is up until now.

To better understand our Outreach Ministry, here is a synopsis of our programs:

Food Pantry: The Food Pantry distribution is the last Thursday of each month. The families receive 3 bags of groceries and either one pound of ground meat or chicken breast every month, $10.00 Dollar Store gift card every other month and donated personal items if available. We do all the shopping and packing for items each month.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Distribution: Thanks to a very generous doner, Gift Cards, in the amount of $25.00 are donated to the families at the Thanksgiving holiday pantry distribution.

Adopt a Family Christmas Gift Card Program. In the past, with the generous help of our sister parish, St. Bernadette of Westlake, we have been able to distribute gift cards to 10 families from Metro Catholic School and 10 families from our Parish and neighborhood. Along with Outreach funds, cards are distributed according to the number of children and adults in the family. Unfortunately, this program is in jeopardy this year because of limited funds.

House of Champions: The House of Champions, located on West 47th , is a non profit after-school program, founded by the Notre Dame Sisters, Ursuline Sisters and the Sisters of the Holy Trinity. The House of Champions provides a nurturing and safe family-like environment where children in grades two through four can thrive with additional opportunities to learn life skills and gain confidence to succeed. St. Stephen Outreach provides Volunteer dinner meals four time a year for 10-12 children in the after-school program. We also donate $500.00 to their annual fund raiser. It is a wonderful program.

In conclusion, if at all possible, we are asking for your help to continue our mission. Please consider making a monetary donation in any amount you are able to give.

Blessings to you and your families.

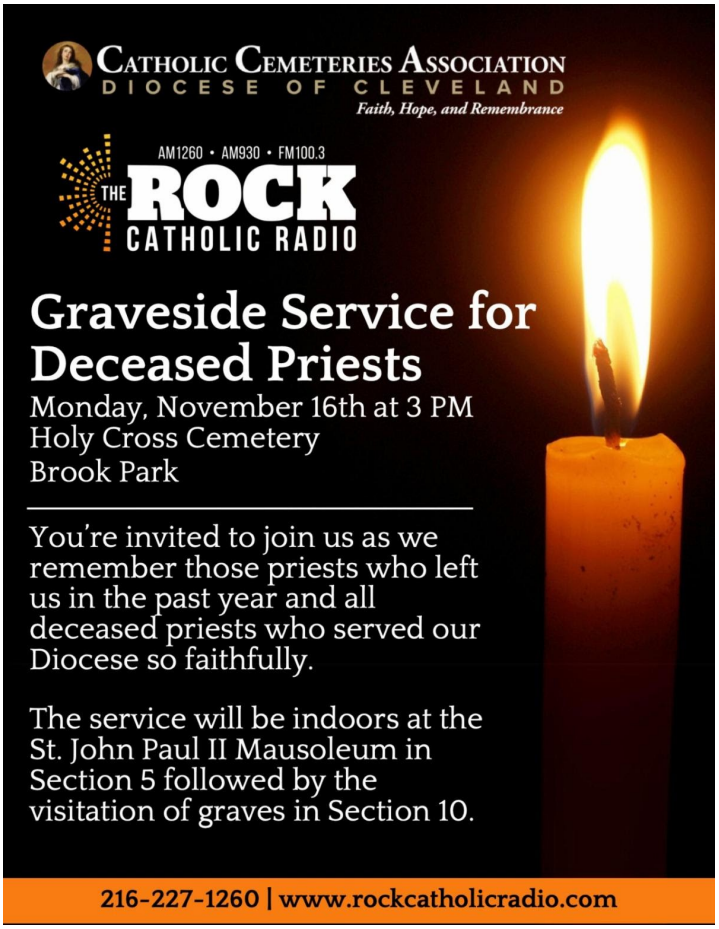
Around the Diocese

You're Invited! Join Dr. Ray for a Special Television Taping!
Be part of the audience for one or both televised tapings of the globally broadcast show *Living Right with Dr. Ray* on **November 10, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** at the Barrette and Business Community Center on the campus of Walsh University. Be part of an inspiring evening filled with meaningful conversations about grief, faith, and family. **Admission is free, but registration is required!** Seating is reserved for registered attendees, so be sure to save your spot. To reserve your seat for one or both tapings, please email **molly.romano@yahoo.com**. We look forward to welcoming you!

A free evening with cast members from *The Chosen*
Join us **Friday, November 13**, at Lakewood Civic Auditorium, 14100 Franklin Boulevard. Doors open at 6 p.m.; the program begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free with advance registration. Bring family or a friend!
Details and reservations: NEOChosen.com/lakewood



Families in Christ Jesus & Men of Praise invite you to Life in the Spirit Retreat, on Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 AM to 8:30 PM at The Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. The event includes Holy Mass, powerful teachings, inspiring testimonies, praise and worship music, and time for personal prayer. All are welcome! For more details, https://rockcatholicradio.com/calendar/life-in-the-spirit-retreat/



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