



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

*A National Historic Landmark ~ Founded April 1869
Celebrating 150 Years of Tradition*

1930 West 54th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44102
Parish Office: 216-631-5633 Fax: 216-631-5634
Website: ststephencleveland.org

Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 17, 2019

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 9am-5pm
Closed Saturday/Sunday/Holidays

Pastoral Staff

Pastor:

Rev. Caroli B. Shao, A.J. (ext. 17)

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Benjamin Koka, A.J. (ext. 14)

Latin Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB

German Mass Celebrant:

Rev. S. Michael Franz (Ret.)

Parish Staff

Church Secretary:

Debbie Hemphill (ext. 11)

Church Accountant:

Russ Nieling (ext. 12)

Maintenance:

Glenn Rollins

Sacristan:

Melissa Daubert

Organists:

Joe Kolecki and Matthew Tirabassi

Latin Schola Director:

Nathan Marinchick

St. Vincent de Paul:

Steve McElroy (ext. 16)

Metro Catholic Parish School

1910 West 54th Street
Sister Anne Maline, SND, Director
216-281-4044

Sisters of Notre Dame Convent

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.

English Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 8am and 11am

Latin (Tridentine) Weekend Mass

1st Friday 6:30pm / 1st Saturday 9:30am

Sunday: 9:30am

German Weekend Mass

1st Sunday of every month: 11am

Weekday, Holy Days & Holidays

See full schedule inside bulletin

New Parishioners

Please contact the Parish Office to register.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Those wishing to become Catholic are encouraged to contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15-4:45pm

Sunday 9-9:20am (or by appointment)

Baptism

The baptism of infants and children under the age of seven are 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.

This Week's Church Services

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 16, Church

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent

4:15 – 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

5:00 PM † Mary Elizabeth Renner † Elizabeth Pearce † Lawrence Pearce

Sunday, March 17, Church

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM † Martin Hess

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard) / Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass - Thomas O'Donnell Family

11:00 AM † Hilde Spaeth

Monday, March 18, Rectory Chapel

Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM † John Taborosi

Tuesday, March 19

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM (Church) Tridentine Latin Mass - Living and Deceased Priests of St. Stephen

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † Mary Maddix, † Kevin Broderick

Wednesday, March 20, Church

Wednesday of Second Week of Lent

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - † Mike Schmidt

7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour (Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

Thursday, March 21, Church

Thursday of Second Week of Lent

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - Paula Haberer

Friday, March 22, Church

Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Sick and Disabled Parishioners of St. Stephen

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23, Church

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent

4:15 – 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

5:00 PM †† Russell and Dawn Sutherland

Sunday, March 24, Church

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM † Martin Hess

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard) / Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass - Intentions of Chris Opincar

11:00 AM † Ben Gratzner

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



CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Mar 16 & 17	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Franz
Mar 23 & 24	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Caroli

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES March 16 and 17

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Diana Lipfird
Euch.Min	Pat Burfield	John Rieth	Glen Sneed
Acolytes	Terry Shannon Sergio & Bella Rivera	Kevin Kroesen	Sarah Gandee, Lillie Duncan

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES March 23 and 24

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Glemm Smeed
Euch.Min	Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Jean Gandee, Diana Lipfird
Acolytes	Sergio & Bella Rivera Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Augie Cruz, David Duncan

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES WEEK OF MARCH 17

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick's Day
Monday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Tuesday:	St. Joseph
Wednesday:	Spring begins; Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sundown
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Walter Allen	Michael George	Thomas Rutherford
Kathryn Bevelacqua	Susan Hatta	Terry Shannon
Leo Bevelacqua	Agnes Hogan	Sharon Sneed
Burley Blankenship	Robert Johnson	Ann Stromp
Lawrence Blasius	Joseph Kolecki	Laura Thomas
Patricia Burfield	Fred Krisch	Fr. Lawrence Tosca
Fran Corbin	Inis Lustrì	Karin Whyde
Fred Courtright	Jennifer Martinc	
Wanda Eland	Teresa Rutherford	

Our brave First Responders who work tirelessly to keep us safe, especially Chris Larson, our Sunday Cleveland Police Officer, and Lt. Timothy Maffo-Judd.

Please also pray for all those who are helped by our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

Second Sunday of Lent

REFLECTION

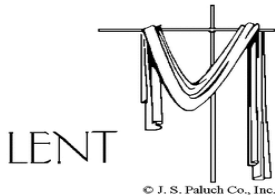
In the Gospel today, we hear the Father speaking to the three apostles, Peter, James and John and says, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him." (Luke 9:35) That is what Lent is all about, listening to Jesus. The fundamental question which each one of us ought to ask today is: Am I giving God sufficient time to speak to me? Is the Lord asking something special of me this Lent? If so let us follow the Father's advice, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him." It took the apostles a long time to get to know Jesus and the longer they were with Jesus the better they got to know him. It is the same for us today, we also gradually grow in our faith, love and knowledge of Jesus and we also grow in understanding what Jesus is asking of us.

- Fr. Caroli Shao



Second Sunday of Lent March 17, 2019

The LORD is my light and
my salvation;
whom should I fear?
— *Psalm 27:1*



LENTEN OBSERVANCES

An English Mass will be celebrated every Friday during Lent at 5pm, and will be immediately followed by Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm.

Come join us this Lenten Season!



DIOCESAN COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. Find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) RICE BOWL

Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl today from the table in the back of the church (on the St. Rita side), and begin engaging your family in the daily pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.



Visit crricebowl.org for more information.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to "give something up" for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: "What are you taking on for Easter?"
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PROLIFE CORNER - priestsforlife.org Fresh Commitment to Life...

Cardinal Justin Rigali, in the annual Mass for Life in Washington DC in 2007, commented on the Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. He called it a "misguided use of judicial power exercised in the name of the authority resting in the people of the United States of America." He went on to say, "Each passing year confirms us in the pain of recognizing the violence inflicted upon millions and millions of unborn children and even partially born children in our land. It is important that this truth be acknowledged, that repentance be sincere, and that effective means be taken to stop this grotesque tragedy, while preventing it from being repeated in the future. At the same time each passing year confirms us in new hope for the future. As people of prayer, we are moved by the words of Saint Paul, who says: "...we have set our hope on the living God" (1 Tim 4:10). The word of God and His commandments encourage us in our efforts, and they certainly inspire the rising generation to form new attitudes and assume a fresh commitment to the cause of life."

MARCH 9 and 10 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection: \$2992.00 Children: 2 / \$1.00
2nd Collection: Food Pantry - \$508 / Black & Indian Mission - \$108
Other Collections: Ash Wednesday - \$411 / Wish List - \$250
Fish Fry Sales - March 8: \$1482.00
Envelopes Issued: 181 Envelopes Returned: 72
Thank you for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES—WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2019

Sunday, March 17: Schola Rehearsal — 8:30am (CR)
Schola Rehearsal—10:40am (CR)

Monday, March 18: 150th Committee Meeting — 7pm (CR)

Friday, March 22: Lenten Fish Fry — 4pm-7pm (MBC)
Stations of the Cross — 5:30pm

Saturday, March 23: Sacramental Prep—10am (SFR)

(CR)-Club Room (R)-Rectory (SFR)-St Francis Room (MCB)-Michael Bldg Cafeteria

Parish Announcements

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, MARCH 25th

The Annunciation of the Lord on Monday, March 25th, will be celebrated by a Latin Mass at 6:30pm in the Church. There will be NO ENGLISH MASS that day in the Rectory Chapel at 6:30pm.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please bear with us as our office staff continues to reconcile 2018 contributions and work to prepare the Annual Contribution Statements. Your continued patience is much appreciated.

PRIOR APPROVAL MUST BE OBTAINED.....

from the Parish Office for all pamphlets, cards, flyers and other literature that you want to advertise or leave on the back table of the church or post to any of the bulletin boards. Please contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 for approval. Thank you!

LENTEN FISH FRY

Serves Every Friday through Lent (Including Good Friday) 4pm-7pm in the Michael Building School Cafeteria.

Enter through the Parking Lot on West 57th — next to the Convent at 1891 W. 57th and directly behind the Church.

NEED BAKERY ITEMS

The St. Stephen Fish Fry Team continues to look for bakery items to serve as dessert at the Lenten Friday Fish Fry Dinners. If you have bakery you'd like to donate, you can drop your item off at the Parish Office on Lenten Friday afternoons before 5pm, or at the Michael Building basement cafeteria anytime after 3:15pm.

CHURCH RESTORATION

The restoration efforts in the church continue to be a fluid operation. For your safety, and the safety of others, please avoid any areas in the church where scaffolding has been set-up. As of this printing, the St. Joseph side entrance is temporarily closed. Please use the South entrance or the W. 54th entrance for Mass. REMINDER: the boards on the floor in front of the altar railing and in the aisles are not secure.



PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS AND SAFE!



ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS FOR SUNDAY BULLETIN

Article submissions for the Sunday, March 31 Bulletin are now being accepted and must be received by no later than close of business March 22 to be included. Contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 if you have any questions.

SUNDAY BULLETIN ADVERTISERS WANTED

If you own a business or know of a local business that might like to support our parish by advertising in our bulletin, please contact John Salmi, from J.S. Paluch, at 216-973-9314 or email John at: salmij@jspaluch.com.

Ministry Updates



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

The Confirmation Class students of 2019 are preparing to attend a field trip on Saturday, March 23rd. They will be delivering books to various Children's Library Boxes throughout the West Side of Cleveland.

DONATIONS

Thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners, we currently have donations of toys and clothing for all ages, as well as miscellaneous household goods. The St. Francis Room will be open every Saturday from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM through the end of March to distribute the items. No appointment necessary – just stop in! Please contact Jean Gandee (216) 961-1447 if you have any questions.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Below is a **Giving Tree Thank You** we received from the Office Manager of the Cleveland Pregnancy Center: "I wanted to thank your congregation for their generosity this past Christmas Season. The gifts sent in were amazing! Our clients were very grateful to receive new winter coats and toiletry items, as well as diapers and new outfits for their children. It means so much to us here at the Cleveland Pregnancy Center that St. Stephen Parishioners are the hands and feet of Jesus, and show His love for the least of these by giving our clients such a blessing at Christmas. May God bless you all richly."

- Maureen Fleming www.clevelandpregnancycenter.org

Opportunities to Serve

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a way to serve the Parish this Lenten Season? Are you a High School teen that needs Service Hours? If so, please contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 to volunteer to help out at our St Stephen Fish Fry Fridays! Dinners are served between 4pm and 7pm every Friday during Lent (including Good Friday) in the basement cafeteria of the Michael Building. Cafeteria clean-up volunteers are the most needed. Clean-up begins at 6:30pm.

OUR OUTREACH MINISTRY NEEDS HELP

The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry is in dire need of volunteers, especially in support of our Community Kindness Food Pantry. Our Food Pantry serves those in need that live in our neighborhood and is open from 9:30am to 1:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month. If you have a few hours to spare and are interested in helping us with this much needed and appreciated community service, please contact: Paula McClain at 440-668-0693.

150th Anniversary Jubilee

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF TRADITION

I am delighted to take this valuable time to welcome you to St. Stephen's 150th Anniversary preparation and celebration in 2019. Thank you for loving and supporting our beloved St. Stephen Church, and for helping us to preserve the mission and heritage of this exquisite and wonderful Parish. We know that many of your ancestors helped to build this Parish and this building. It is our responsibility today to continue that mission and to be good stewards of this sacred place, for the people who come to us now, and for all those who will come to us in the future. St. Stephen's presence on W. 54th street is vital in many ways: for our parishioners, those who worship here, the people in the neighborhood and for our city. With God, all things are possible! With your continued prayer and support, the future of St. Stephen Parish is bright. Thank you and thanks to your German ancestors! I look forward to celebrating with you at our 150th Anniversary Mass, planned for Saturday, September 21, 2019.

- Fr. Caroli Shao

150th CELEBRATION YEAR KICK-OFF MASS

Our 150th Anniversary Celebrations will begin this year with a special German Mass, planned for Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 11:00am. Our celebrant will be Fr. S. Michael Franz, with opening remarks provided by Fr. Caroli Shao, Pastor. Plan to join us for this very special celebration, and experience for yourselves the traditional German service of our Parish Founders.

150th ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER GALA

A 150th Anniversary Fund Raising Gala is planned for Friday, May 17, 2019 at the Intercontinental Hotel. Proceeds will help defer the cost of our 150th Anniversary Jubilee celebration planned for September. Fundraiser Gala flyers, Corporate Sponsorship forms, Program Advertisement and In Kind Donation forms are available in the literature rack in the back of the church next to the table on the St. Rita side. To purchase tickets to this event, visit our website at: ststephencleveland.org.

150th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND DINNER

We will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary Mass on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 4:00pm. Our celebrant will be The Most Reverend, Nelson J. Perez, Bishop of Cleveland. This mass will offer the majesty, pageantry and most solemn ceremonial rituals from all the traditions we celebrate here as a Parish community: German, English and Latin. An Open House and complimentary dinner is also being planned for this day. Additional details and information will be provided as planning continues.

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF ST. STEPHEN PARISH

Did you know.....

St. Stephen's parish arose from a division necessitated by the increase of St. Mary's parish. The need of a new parish, for German speaking Catholics residing in the western suburbs, had long been felt. St. Mary's, until the spring of 1869, was the only German parish on the West Side, and Catholics (living far to the west of it) found it difficult to assist at Mass and other religious services conducted there.

For the rest of the story, visit our website at:

ststephencleveland.org/150th

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL
150TH ANNIVERSARY
NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES.

Around the Diocese

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Join the men of Greater Cleveland at the Annual "Answer The Call" Conference, Saturday, March 23, from 8am to 5pm at the Holiday Inn at Rockside Road and I-77 in Independence. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at 12pm. The Holy Rosary will be prayed after lunch. Bishop Nelson Perez will offer a reflection at 3pm, and celebrate the closing Mass.

Additional details and registration available at: cmfneo.com



LATIN MASS WORKSHOP

There will be a workshop on the Latin Mass on Sunday, March 24th from 12:15pm to 12:45pm, in the basement of St Sebastian's Church - 476 Mull Avenue, Akron. Afterwards, you are welcome to stay and attend the 1pm Latin Mass. If you have any questions, please call 330-869-0682.

ASSISTING GOD'S PEOPLE TO END ABORTION

You are encouraged to join leaders of the pro-life movement as they take America on a nation-wide journey through the nine months of pregnancy from March 25th "Day of the Unborn Child" thru Christmas Day, 2019. With prayer, pastoral outreach and education, the Priests for Life organization wants to help people learn about the development of the unborn child. For more information, refer to website: www.BabyChris.org.

ST EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

The Edwardian Players are presenting *Jekyll & Hyde* at St. Edward High School, 13500 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood on Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30, April 5 and 6 at 7:30pm and Sunday, April 7 at 3:00pm. The epic struggle between good and evil comes to life on stage in the musical phenomenon, *Jekyll & Hyde*. Based on the classic story by Robert Louis Stevenson and featuring a thrilling score of pop rock hits from multi-Grammy and Tony nominated Frank Wildhorn and double-Oscar and Grammy winning Leslie Bricusse, *Jekyll & Hyde* has mesmerized audiences the world over. For more information, please call 216-221-0793, Ext 201.

News from the Pews

Would you like to commemorate or celebrate an important milestone or accomplishment with your St. Stephen Parish community? If so, submit your announcement to the Parish Office to be published under our News from the Pews section.