



# 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](http://ststephencleveland.org)

Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 24, 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 54<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Gratzer

### Monday, March 25, Church

#### **The Annunciation of the Lord**

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass † Salvatore Bevelacqua

### Tuesday, March 26

#### **Tuesday of Third Week of Lent**

6:45 AM (Church) Tridentine Latin Mass † Frank Fleischer

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

### Wednesday, March 27, Church

#### **Wednesday of Third Week of Lent**

5:00 – 8:00 PM Confession

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass † Teresa DeGracia

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

### Thursday, March 28, Church

#### **Thursday of Third Week of Lent**

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - Intentions of Gloria Mushinski

### Friday, March 29, Church

#### **Lenten Weekday**

5:00 PM Martin & Virginia Hess - Wedding Anniversary

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 30, Church

#### **Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

5:00 PM † Judith Kenny

### Sunday, March 31, Church

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM † Mary Eleanor Baker & † James Ray Baker

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass - †† Joseph & Charlotte Bija

11:00 AM † Joe Londrico

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 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 23 & 24	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Caroli
Mar 30 & 31	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES March 23 and 24

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES March 30 and 31

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Russ Nieling
Euch.Min	Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon Sergio & Bella Rivera	Kevin Kroesen	Glenn Sneed

## SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES WEEK OF MARCH 24

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Monday: Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

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

## Third Sunday of Lent

### REFLECTION

There are people who believe that their sins or failures in life make them unsuitable to associate with the Church or Divine Worship. Lent is meant for the people trapped in sins and difficulties to obtain the mercy of God. The love of Jesus changed many sinners including a Samaritan woman. This Samaritan woman was in deep problems; she was lonely, unsatisfied in life, failed in her marriage, hated people especially Jews, and lacked drinking water. When she encountered Jesus at the well, she was sincere and revealed all her problems to Him. In a long run the lady was transformed and openly confessed that Jesus is the Messiah. She decided to abandon her old behavior of hating other people, she left the old jar, the water point and became preacher of the Kingdom of God. This is a time of purification for believers and sinners to begin their faith journey again from Jesus and match with Him to the Promised Land.

- Rev. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

### Third Sunday of Lent March 24, 2019

The LORD secures justice  
and the rights of all the  
oppressed.

— Psalm 103:6



### LENTEN OBSERVANCES

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

**Come join us this Lenten Season!**



### DIOCESAN COLLECTION

Next week we will take up a collection to Support the Catholic Relief Services—HELP Jesus in disguise. When so many suffer the scourge of human trafficking, our contribution is saving lives. In a small village in Bihar, in northeast India, lives a boy named Triveni, 11, and his sister Premshila, 13. Shortly after Triveni was born, he and his siblings were orphaned, and their older brother became their guardian. The children, needing money, withdrew from school to work. This put them at risk for human trafficking and exploitation. Support from the Catholic Relief Services collection helped these children avoid this fate. They are now back in school and receive school uniforms and daily lunches. Children like Triveni and Premshila need you to continue this lifesaving work. Support the Catholic Relief Services Collection and HELP Jesus in disguise.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) RICE BOWL

Encounter the Dhathcroos Family—the Dhathcroos family returned home after fleeing violence in their country to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information.

Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl 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.



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

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### PROLIFE CORNER - [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org) Lent, A Eucharistic Time

"The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation ... we enter into the very dynamic of His self-giving' (Encyclical *Deus caritas est*, 13). Let us live Lent then, as a 'Eucharistic' time in which, welcoming the love of Jesus, we learn to spread it around us with every word and deed. Contemplating "Him whom they have pierced" moves us in this way to open our hearts to others, recognizing the wounds inflicted upon the dignity of the human person; it moves us, in particular, to fight every form of contempt for life and human exploitation and to alleviate the tragedies of loneliness and abandonment of so many people. May Lent be for every Christian a renewed experience of God's love given to us in Christ, a love that each day we, in turn, must 'regive' to our neighbor, especially to the one who suffers most and is in need. Only in this way will we be able to participate fully in the joy of Easter" (Pope Benedict XVI, Lenten Message, 2007).

### MARCH 16 and 17 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection: \$5870.50      Children: 7 / \$2.02

Envelopes Issued: 181      Envelopes Returned: 85

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES—WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2019

**Sunday, March 24:** Schola Rehearsal — 8:30am (CR)

Schola Rehearsal—10:40am (CR)

**Thursday, March 28:** Food Pantry—9:30am-1pm (R)

**Friday, March 29:** Lenten Fish Fry — 4pm-7pm (MBC)

Stations of the Cross — 5:30pm

**Saturday, March 30:** Prayer Group—8:30am (CR)

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

On Monday, March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will be celebrated in the Church with a Latin Mass at 6:30pm. There will be NO 6:30pm English Mass in the Chapel.

### 150th ANNIVERSARY SPONSORSHIP PACKETS

150th Anniversary Sponsorship Packets have been placed in the literature rack in the back of the church. Would you like to help us celebrate? Pick-up an information packet and **Join us** for the St. Stephen 150th Anniversary Fundraiser on Friday, May 17, OR become a Corporate **Sponsor** OR **Advertise** in the Event Program Book OR make an **In-Kind Donation**.

### METRO CATHOLIC SCHOOL PLANT SALE

Metro Catholic Plant Sale Order Forms have been placed in the literature rack in the back of the church. Proceeds from the sale support the student garden program. Please pick up your order form today. Order deadline is Easter Sunday. Order forms can be placed in the collection baskets.

### 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 57<sup>th</sup> — next to the Convent at 1891 W. 57<sup>th</sup> 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. 54<sup>th</sup> 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, April 7 Bulletin are now being accepted and must be received by no later than close of business March 29 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](mailto:salmij@jspaluch.com).

## Ministry Updates

### ST. STEPHEN OUTREACH MINISTRY



The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 57 patrons last week from our Food Pantry. We were also blessed to welcome two new volunteers to our ministry. THANK YOU! Our Community Kindness Food Pantry is open from 9:30am-1pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month.

**Thank you all for your continued generosity!**

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Our young children are preparing to receive their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, April 13. The candidates are learning how to take the necessary steps for reconciliation with themselves, with each other and with God. They will celebrate their First Penance secure in the knowledge that they are loved by God; and need to take responsibility and ask forgiveness when their behavior has not reflected their goodness. The children are learning that it is important to say "sorry" and accept the forgiveness that is given them in love. This beautiful Sacrament is instituted by Christ as a way to offer us His Mercy and Grace.



## Opportunities to Serve

### OUR OUTREACH MINISTRY NEEDS MORE HELP

The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry is still in need of parish volunteers to support 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.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Friday Lenten Fish Fry is more popular than ever this year! If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer during this Lenten Season, 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.

**Hope to see you there!**



## 150th Anniversary Jubilee

### 150th FUNDRAISER SPONSOR MASS

Come join us on Tuesday, April 2, at 6:00pm, when The Most Reverend Roger W. Gries, O.S.B. will be celebrating a special Mass at St. Stephen's for potential donors of our 150th Anniversary Fundraiser Gala.

### WANT TO HELP THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE?

If you'd like to help with any of the anniversary events we have planned, please contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

### 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](http://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.....

"Our first church building, begun by Rev. Stephen Falk (Pastor of St. Mary's) in the spring of 1869, was completed by May 1, 1870. On that day Rev. Casimir Reichlin, the newly appointed and first Pastor of St. Stephen's, celebrated the holy sacrifice of the mass in it for the first time. A fortnight earlier the school, in the lower story of the building, had been finished to a degree that it was available for the occupancy of the classes. The formal opening of the building, on May 1, was an occasion for great rejoicing among the people.

Though much credit is due to Father Falk for what he had accomplished, still, he had done little more than to make St Stephen's a name when Father Reichlin took hold in the spring of 1870."

First printed in the Golden Jubilee Souvenir Book - 50th Anniversary (1870-1920)

For the rest of the story, visit our dedicated 150th Anniversary page at: <https://www.ststephencleveland.org/150th>

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

## Around the Diocese

### 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.

### ST. COLMAN PARISH PRESENTS:

#### Fly Away, Sail Away, Get Away!

Win a Trip to Ireland-OR-a Caribbean Cruise-OR-\$5000 Cash! All inclusive Ireland trip - airfare, transportation, hotel, meals and tour; Caribbean Cruise - airfare, transportation, cruise. Both trips—Two Person, 7 Day/6 Night. Trip arranged through Pat Hollywood, The Travel Connection. (Travel Restrictions)

**RAFFLE DONATION: \$20/Ticket; 3 for \$50; 7 for \$100**

Cash, Check, Credit/Debit Card Accepted

**DRAWING: Sunday, June 2, 2019** — at the St. Colman Steak Roast. Winner need not be present, but you'll want to be!

Contact St. Colman Parish Office 216-651-0550, Ext 100

All proceeds benefit St. Colman Parish. [stcolmanparish.org](http://stcolmanparish.org)

### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

#### Retire Old Glory

Do you have a worn, tattered, or faded American Flag? The Catholic Cemeteries Association is now accepting flags in need of retirement. Flags will be accepted year-round at all eight of our cemetery offices during normal business hours. To find an office near you call 216-539-7943 or visit [www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org).



### HURDLING

God's grace within me and God's strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me.

—Anonymous

## 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.