Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 19, 2020

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 Marinich
St. Vincent de Paul:
Steve McElroy (ext. 16)

Metro Catholic Parish School
1910 West 54th Street
Mary Lou Toler, Director
Sr. Anne Maline, SND, Director Emerita
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 through truth and Jesus-centered ministries and faithful 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

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.

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.
MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 18, Church
Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:15 – 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM † David Becerra

Sunday, January 19, Church
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Stephen
9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)/Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (2nd Sunday after Epiphany)
- Intentions of Katie Rotsaert
11:00 AM † Chrisann Blankenship, Deceased Members of the Smith Family, Living & Deceased Members of the Bewley Family

Monday, January 20, Rectory Chapel
Weekday
6:30 PM † Fr. James H. Beatty

Tuesday, January 21
Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
6:45 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Church) † Dorothy Evans
6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Susan Hatta

Wednesday, January 22, Church
St. Vincent & St. Anastasius, Martyrs
6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass— Special Intentions of the Lloyd Hemphill Family
7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

Thursday, January 23, Church
St. Raymond of Peñafort, Confessor
6:30 PM Intentions of Jennifer Davis

Friday, January 24, Rectory Chapel
Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
6:30 PM Intentions of Erica Lichter

Saturday, January 25, Church
Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:15 – 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM †† Russell and Dawn Sutherland, † Bart Dekom

Sunday, January 26, Church
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Stephen
9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)/Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (3rd Sunday after Epiphany)
- † Coletta Spuhler
11:00 AM † Joe Londrico

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
Jan 18 & 19        Fr. Benjamin    Fr. Franz    Fr. Caroli
Jan 25 & 26        Fr. Caroli      Fr. Franz    Fr. Benjamin
All Sunday & Holy Days at 9:30am: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Sunday 5PM       Sunday 8AM       Sunday 11AM
Lector Steve McElroy Andy Reichert Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min Jim Lisi TBD Diana Lipfird, Russ Nieling
Acolyte Bella & Sergio Harris Kevin Kroesen Mason Martina

SAINTS & OBSERVANCES WEEK OF JANUARY 19

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Julian Calendar
         Theophany (Epiphany)
Monday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: St. Agnes
Wednesday: Day of Prayer—Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Thursday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
Friday: St. Francis de Sales
Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
          Mk 3:1-6, or any readings for the Day of Prayer
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 / Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;
        Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Walter Allen    Mike Gallo     Tracy Martin
Luann Ashby    Jack Grimm, Sr. Jennifer Martinc
Victoria Bailey  Susan Hatta    Cielo McClain
Burley Blankenship  Larry Haynes  Patricia McGonegal
Lawrence Blasius  Barb Helon    Elizabeth Niehaus
Patricia Burfield  Catherin Henry Barbara Rieth
Jack Busdiecker  Cecilia Hoefer  Mark Reynolds
Fr. Joseph Callahan  Agnes Hogan  Ken Schneider
Fran Corbin    Bill Hopple    Terry Shannon
Fred Courtright  Roger Hoy      Glenn Sneed
Deacon Moisés Cruz  Robert Johnson Sharon Sneed
Rebecca D’Andrea  Renée Kolecki Ann Stropm
Dianna Daubert  Milan Kovatch  Isabel Guadiz Tobey
Wanda Eland    Fred Krisch  Evelyn Trucks
Kelem Fabrice  Inis Lustri Margie Walters
Alberta Gall    Ann Malone    Karin Whyde
Nicholas Johanne — Discernment of Holy Orders
Rose Johanni—Discerning Religious Life
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 or removed from this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.
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I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. — Isaiah 49:6b

NEXT WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION
Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

BEND, DON’T BREAK
When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time. ~ St. Francis de Sales

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JANUARY 19

**Sunday, Jan 19**  
Schola Practice—8:30-9:15am (CR)  
Schola Practice—10:40am-12:00pm (CR)

**Friday, Jan 24**  
Girl Scouts—7:00pm (CR)

**Saturday, Jan 25**  
Sacramental Prep—11:00am (SFR)  
- Confirmation

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

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**REFLECTION**

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

**CALLED TO BE HOLY**

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God’s relationship with Israel and John the Baptist’s relationship with Jesus. Israel’s relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God’s “salvation will reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God’s will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are “called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**SAINT AGNES (died 304) - January 21**

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: “This is a virgin’s birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr’s heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!” Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: “to make holy,” to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers’ hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church’s only Eucharistic Prayer.

~Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**PROLIFE CORNER—Three Key Themes**

This week our nation honors the dream of equal human rights articulated by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On January 22, we also mark the anniversary of the most egregious violation of human rights through the Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade, which permitted the killing of children in the womb. This week our nation honors the dream of equal human rights articulated by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On January 22, we also mark the anniversary of the most egregious violation of human rights through the Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade, which permitted the killing of children in the womb. During these days, Christians also observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. These three themes intersect powerfully. We pray that Christians will unite in effective service to all who are deprived of their rights, and bring about a Culture of Life, Justice, and Love. ~ priestsforlife.org

**JANUARY 11 & 12 OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

General Collection: (64) $3,422.62  
Ecclesia Nostra: (28) $1,492.00  
Food Pantry (34): $1,217.12  
Building Fund: $230.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

Number of Weekly Collection Envelopes Issued: 230
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
on Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION
We have openings for weekday and some weekend Masses in the year of our Lord 2020. You can schedule a Mass for a deceased loved one or friend, anniversary of a loved one’s death, a birthday, an illness or any other particular intention. The stipend for the Mass Intention is $10. Please contact the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633 to schedule a Mass intention. Thank you!

THE “ECCLESIA NOSTRA” FUND
The Finance Council has created a new fund for the parish entitled the “Ecclesia Nostra” (“Our Church”) fund. Every penny donated to the Ecclesia Nostra fund will be used to support the operating needs of the Parish. NONE of this money will go to the Diocese. If you wish to donate to the Ecclesia Nostra fund, please write “EN” in big letters on any envelope. Writing “EN” on any envelope will direct your donation to the Ecclesia Nostra fund. Your check should be made payable to St. Stephen. Our Website, also, is being improved to enable more flexibility in our online giving capabilities. Please note that, like the Ecclesia Nostra Fund, all monies donated to the Utilities Fund, the Building Fund, the Maintenance Fund, the Food Pantry, Flower Funds, Candle Funds, and/or every other similar Parish collection, are NOT shared with the Diocese. Blue-colored Ecclesia Nostra envelopes will be included in your Offertory Envelope mail starting in April of 2020.

Thank you for your generous contribution to this fund!

PLEASE CONSIDER REGISTERING WITH ST. STEPHEN AS YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY
If you are attending Mass here on a regular basis, you are part of our parish family. Please consider registering. By doing so, we can provide a record of your giving to help you prepare for tax season and enable you to deduct all of your donations to St. Stephen on your taxes.

This Week in the Latin Rite
“Fill the jars with water,” Jesus ordered.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Thought for the Day: Imitating Mary’s life of charity and relying on her powerful intercession, we may find a sure way out of our daily troubles, as the bridegroom did at the wedding at Cana.

Bible and Liturgy: Faith is a grace of God, but Jesus’ signs can help those “of little Faith” to come to that complete surrender of mind and heart which means “Faith” in the true Biblical meaning of the word.

Prayer: Most merciful Jesus! who didst work Thy first miracle at the wedding in Cana by changing water into wine, thereby revealing Thy divine power and majesty, and honoring matrimony: grant we beseech Thee, that Thy faithful may ever keep sacred and inviolate the holy sacrament of Matrimony, and that they may so live in it truthfully, in the fear of the Lord, that they may not put an obstacle in the way of obtaining heaven for themselves, and their children.

ST. STEPHEN OUTREACH MINISTRY
The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 85 people on Thursday, January 9th from our Food Pantry. Our Community Kindness Food Pantry is open from 9:30am-1pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month.

THANK YOU to those who have generously volunteered their time in support of this Ministry!

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING BIN
Please bring your newspapers, magazines, junk mail, scrap paper, etc. for recycling to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. Have hearts that “bring God’s love to the poor” through your generosity and donations.

Thank you!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Classes for adults seeking Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are now in session on Thursdays at St. Colman Church from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the St. Colman Parish Rectory. To register for the Classes for St. Stephen, please call the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Burke, Jr. on the Baptism of their daughter, Annaclaire Agnes on January 18, 2020!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...
Mr. and Mrs. Sean and Martha Kennedy who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on January 18, 2020!

Ministry Updates
St. Raphael Books and Gifts (Canton) and Living Bread Radio to host screening of Unplanned & Mass for Life

St. Raphael Books and Gifts and Living Bread Radio, located inside the St. Raphael Center, Inc. at 4365 Fulton Drive N.W., have served the Catholic community of Stark County for nearly three decades. The center is expanding its community programming with a Mass for Life at 6:30 p.m. on January 21, 2020 celebrated by Fr. Nicholas Mancini. Following Mass will be a free screening of the film Unplanned at 8:30 p.m. about former Planned Parenthood worker Abby Johnson.

“God has given us the greatest gift of life and sadly, many in our society herald destroying it through abortion. We want to offer a Mass for all the unborn and those that were killed at the hands of abortionists,” said Fr. Nicholas Mancini, spiritual adviser of St. Raphael Center, Inc.

Those interested in attending should reserve their spot by Monday, January 20 at 5:00 p.m. by emailing ccugini@livingbreadradio.com or calling (330) 492-7018.

St. Raphael Center, Inc. opened its doors on September 15, 1989. The center began as a 300 square foot space and has since grown into the 7,500 square foot multipurpose facility on Fulton Drive. St. Raphael Center, Inc. is home to St. Raphael Books & Gifts, Living Bread Radio Network and the Mother Angelica Tour. It is a non-profit organization that was formed to help others find Christ alive in their lives.

The organization wants to enlighten and educate others to the depth and richness of the Catholic faith, encourage and inspire those already Catholic to learn more about the teachings of the Catholic faith and to pass on those teachings to their children. The store hours are Monday-Saturday from 10am to 6pm.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Formation Sessions - January 2020

In an effort to better serve parishes and parishioners the Office for Worship will be offering monthly formation sessions for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. The Office for Worship is accepting nominations for the January 2020 formation sessions for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. The remainder of the 2020 schedule will be posted in the near future.

January 22, 2020—7:00—9:30 pm (check-in at 6:30 pm)
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
29850 Euclid Ave.
Wickliffe, OH 44092
(RSVP by end of business day 1/15/2020)

January 29, 2020—7:00—9:30 pm (check-in at 6:30 pm)
St. Therese Parish
5276 E. 105th St.
Garfield Heights, OH 44125
(RSVP by end of business day 1/21/2020)

JANUARY PRO-LIFE EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, DC

Wednesday, January 22: 7:00-8:00 PM—Candlelight prayer vigil at the steps of the Supreme Court.

Thursday, January 23: 9:00-11:00 AM: Interdenominational prayerful protest at Planned Parenthood. Prayers and speeches led by Fr. Frank Pavone and other pro-life leaders/activists. Visit the Priests for Life exhibit booth at the March for Life exhibit Hall at the renaissance Washington DC Downton Hotel (999 9th St. NW, between K Street and I Street) on Thursday, January 23.

Friday, January 24: 8:30—10:30 AM—National Prayer Service. DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D St., NW (18th and D St). There will be a Mass at 7:30 am. 2:30 pm—Testimonies from Silent No More Awareness Campaign outside of the Supreme Court. See PriestsForLife.org/MarchForLife for more information.

For those who cannot come, follow the events live at www.EndAbortion.TV and on the various social media platforms linked from there!

Please consider joining the November of Reparation for Roe vs. Wade from January 14-22.
PrayerCampaign.org/Reparation

2020 MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP, 1 NIGHT HOTEL

STAY—Leave Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1545 South Green Road, South Euclid, Ohio 44121 at 7 AM, January 23rd, mid-afternoon arrival at Rockville, MD hotel, near the Metro. January 24th, return home after the March for late night arrival in South Euclid. Bus fare is $70.00. The rate per room is $120.75. Rooms sleep up to 6 people. Sponsored by Holy Rosary Parish. Reservations and information at heightsareaforlife@wowway.com or call (216)932-9515. Some seats still available – Sign up now. If you are unable to go yourself, consider a donation to sponsor someone else.

ST. CHARLES—LADIES GUILD DAY OF RECOLLECTION—February 17, 2020 (President's Day)

All women are invited to attend. Guest speaker: Father Lou Thomas. The topic of discussion is “Everything you always wanted to know about the Catholic Church and more!!” Our Day of Recollection will be on Monday, February 17 in the Lower Parish Hall. We will start with a Continental Breakfast at 9:00am—10:00am. The day will conclude with Benediction in the church at 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided for a $2.00 charge or you may bring your own brown bag lunch. Any questions, please call Pam Bennett at 440-773-3291 or call Pat Lawler at 440-843-9186.

FORGIVENESS

The only true forgiveness is that which is offered and extended even before the offender has apologized and sought it.
—Søren Kierkegaard