St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church
A National Historic Landmark ~ Founded April 1869
Celebrating 150 Years of Tradition

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

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1910 West 54th Street
Mary Lou Toler, Director
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216-281-4044

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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.

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.
This Week's Church Services

MASS SCHEDULE

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 † Violet Todia
9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)/Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (3rd Sunday after Epiphany) - † Cole Spuhler
11:00 AM † Joe Londrico

Monday, January 27, Rectory Chapel
Weekday, St. Angela Merici
6:30 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 28
St. Peter Nolasco, Confessor
6:45 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Church) Intentions of Joel Regula
6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Homebound Parishioners

Wednesday, January 29, Church
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor
6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass— Special Intentions of the John N. Krock Family
7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

Thursday, January 30, Church
St. Martina, Virgin & Martyr
6:30 PM † Mary Louise Reed

Friday, January 31, Rectory Chapel
Saint John Bosco
6:30 PM George Alkire

Saturday, February 1, Church
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (St. Ignatius) (First Saturday) Intentions of Mike Lichter
Vigil of The Presentation of the Lord
4:15 – 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM Intentions of Sandra Esner

Sunday, February 2, Church
Presentation of the Lord
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Stephen
9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)/Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary) † Coletta Spuhler
11:00 AM German—†† Sepp & Ria Gradel

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

January 25 & 26
Lector: Steve McElroy
Euch.Min: Russ Nieling
Eucharistic Minister: TBD
Acolyte: Glenn Sneed

February 1 & 2
Lector: Russ Nieling
Euch.Min: Jim List
Eucharistic Minister: TBD
Acolyte: Bella & Sergio Harris

SAINTS & OBSERVANCES WEEK OF JANUARY 26
Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sunday of the Word of God; Catholic Schools Week
Monday: St. Angela Merici
Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Friday: St. John Bosco
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Walter Allen  Alberta Gall  Tracy Martin
Luann Ashby  Mike Gallo  Jennifer Martinc
Victoria Bailey  Jack Grimm, Sr.  Cielo McClain
Burley Blankenship  Susan Hatta  Patricia McGonegal
Lawrence Blasius  Larry Haynes  Elizabeth Niehaus
Patricia Burfield  Barb Helon  Barbara Rieth
Jack Busdiecker  Catherin Henry  Mark Reynolds
Ann Caldwell  Cecilia Hoefer  Ken Schneider
Fr. Joseph Callahan  Agnes Hogan  Terry Shannon
Fran Corbin  Roger Hoy  Glenn Sneed
Fred Courtright  Robert Johnson  Sharon Sneed
Deacon Moisés Cruz  Renée Kolecki  Ann Stropm
Rebecca D’Andrea  Milan Kovatch  Isabel Guadiz Tobey
Dianna Daubert  Fred Krisch  Evelyn Trucks
Wanda Eland  Inis Lustri  Margie Walters
Kelem Fabrice  Ann Malone  Karin Whyde
Nicholas Johanni — 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.
REFLECTION
Jesus launched His public mission with a message of repentance. The requirement for the change of heart and attitude was necessary for welcoming the new life of the Kingdom of Heaven. The impact of the demand bore fruit in Peter and his companions. The Divine Word transformed their lives and made them abandon the fishing profession, nets, boats and closest friends. The Lord equipped them with the Divine Word to fish people who live in waters of darkness marked by wars, oppression, hunger, sickness, injustice, worries, selfishness, ignorance, pride, etc. The Good News has the power to transform sinners to be saints, unbelievers to be God-fearing people, and above all to lead people to Life Eternal.

Our Mother Church invites us to treasure the Word of God and constantly read the Bible meditatively to achieve a better transformation in our lives. Developing holy familiarity with the Scriptures helps us to know Jesus in a better way and make others know Him by our words and actions. The Lord is calling us to be like Peter and his companions - to leave behind all that hinders us to be true Fishers of people; and to share effectively in the Divine Mission. Let every believer listen daily to Him through the Scriptures.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA
This weekend, we take up the collection for the Church in Latin America! Many in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to this special collection. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

HEART
In prayer it is better to have a heart without words, than words without a heart.—John Bunyan

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JANUARY 26
Sunday, Jan 26  
Schola Practice—8:30-9:15am (CR)  
Schola Practice—10:40am-12:00pm (CR)

Monday, Jan 27  
Finance Committee—7:00pm (R)

Saturday, Feb 1  
First Saturday  
Sacramental Prep—11:00am (SFR)  
- Confirmation (CR)-Club Room (R)-Rectory (SFR)-St Francis Room (MCB)-Michael Bldg Cafeteria

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
SEEKING THE LIGHT
In today’s readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John’s arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: “the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen” (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin’s death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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SAINT ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540)
January 27
Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela’s insightful conviction that society’s disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal “order” but as the Company (compagnia) of Saint Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici’s spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

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PROLIFE CORNER — Finding Forgiveness
Linda is a woman who had an abortion. She writes, “My breaking point with ...[my former] Church was when I was feeling truly guilty because of what I had done, I knew it was wrong, but people were trying to justify it to me. I didn’t need justification, I needed to know how to reconcile an already fragmented relationship with the Lord I desired... but I was too weighed down and no one seemed to see the need of forgiveness and reconciliation, at least until I came into contact with the Catholic Church. The funny thing is, so many people seem to see the Church as uncompassionate and uncaring, it was where I found love, acceptance, and forgiveness...”

~ priestsforlife.org

JANUARY 18 & 19 OFFERTORY COLLECTION
General Collection: (41) $1,569.00 / Children: (3) $11.00
Ecclesia Nostra: (22) $991.12
Catholic University of America: (6) $43.00

Thank you all for your generosity!
Number of Weekly Collection Envelopes Issued: 232
Parish Announcements

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!

150th ANNIVERSARY CANDLES
We still have commemorative 150th Anniversary celebration candles available through the Parish office. We are requesting a minimum donation of $10.00 each or 3 for $25 to help defray our costs. Please consider picking up one for yourself and/or as a special gift for others. All candles have been blessed for your convenience.

**THANK YOU for your continuing financial support of our 150th Anniversary celebration!**

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


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Thought for the Day:** Receiving Christ in frequent Communion with humble faith in His Divinity is the best assurance that we shall enter heaven.

**Bible and Liturgy:** Faith, humility and confidence should mark our approach to God. Like the centurion, many persons in the Bible gave an example of Faith, i.e., total self-surrender to God, Who reveals Himself to us. The most outstanding was Abraham, who is considered by the Church as the father of all the faithful.

**Prayer:** Almighty and eternal God, look mercifully upon our weakness, and stretch forth the right hand of Your power to protect us. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Ministry Updates

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - Copies of the February Ministry Schedule are available in the Sacristy.

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.

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 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 end of business day 1/21/2020)

News from the Pews

CONDOLENCES TO...

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**
ROSARY FOR LIFE, Saturday, February 1st
Witness prayerfully for mothers and their infant children. St. Andrew Abbey provides 8:30am Confessions, then 9:15am Mass in their Chapel, located at 2900 Martin Luther King Drive, 300 feet south of Buckeye Road. After Mass drive or walk one-half mile to the abortuary at 12000 Shaker Blvd. Pray fifteen Decades of the Rosary to repair for sins against human life and for the dignity of women as bearers of life. Curb parking East-bound from East 116th Street along Shaker Blvd. Carpooling is suggested. Return to the Benedictine Abbey for a Buffet Brunch. Enjoy your Celebration of Life!

We hope to see you there!

In the Secret of the Rosary, Saint Louis de Montfort said:
“Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.”

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.

For questions, please call Pam Bennett at 440-773-3291 or call Pat Lawler at 440-843-9186.

FREE Benedictine GERMAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION***
FOR WORKING VOLUNTEERS in Bavaria, accessible by public transportation.

Improve German (and Latin) language through liturgy of the hours and by living and working with German people.

Men’s Benedictine Abbey of Plankstetten (on Donau-Main Canal) www.kloster-plankstetten.de — male or female volunteers with Basic German (no English spoken).

ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARTNEREI HELP GREATLY NEEDED!!!

Women’s Benedictine Abbey of Eichstätt www.abtei-st-walburg.de — female only volunteers with Basic German (Abbess is American).

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QUESTIONS? Please call Ann Malone, cell 970-581-5952. She will be speaking at the next German Mass, February 2, 2020 and attending the German social to answer questions.

CARRY THE LOAD
The chief thing is to take the burden on one’s shoulders. As you press forward, it soon shakes down and the load is evenly distributed. —St. John Bosco