First Sunday of Lent ~ March 1, 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 Nie ling (ext. 12)

**Maintenance:**  
Glenn Rollins

**Sacristan:**  
Melissa Daubert

**Organists:**  
Joe Kolecki and Matthew Tirabassi

**Lectors:**  
Virginija Mulios and Teagan Webb

**Latin Schola Director:**  
Nathan Marinchick

**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

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**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.

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**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 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.

**Rite 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.
**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, February 29, Church**
Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent
4:15 – 4:45 PM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM  Bob Habjanic

**Sunday, March 1, Church**
First Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM  Marica Plavec & Family
9:00 AM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)/Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (Quinquagesima Sunday) - † Coletta Spuhler
11:00 AM  German Mass—†† Wilhelm & Mathilde Asbrand

**Monday, March 2, Rectory Chapel**
Lenten Weekday
6:30 PM  Intentions of Charles Myers

**Tuesday, March 3**
Lenten Weekday, St. Katharine Drexel
6:45 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (Feria of Lent) (Church)
IntenƟons of David “Dutch” Myers
6:30 PM  (Rectory Chapel)  Susan Hatta

**Wednesday, March 4, Church**
Ember Wednesday
6:30 PM  Tridentine Latin Mass— Intentions of Anthony Lichter
7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (AdoraƟon, Confessions, BenedicƟon)

**Thursday, March 5, Church**
Feria of Lent
6:30 PM  Intentions of Joan Donnelly

**Friday, March 6, Church**
Ember Friday (1st Friday)
5:00 PM  Tridense Latin Mass— Paula Haberer
5:30 PM  Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 7, Church**
9:30 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (Ember Saturday) (1st Saturday)
†† John and Rita Krock
Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent
4:15 – 4:45 PM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM  † Mario Pekar

**Sunday, March 8, Church**
Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM  Parishioners of St. Stephen
9:00 AM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)/Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass— Thomas J. Cables Family
11:00 AM  Alumni Mass— Living and Deceased Members of the St. Stephen Alumni Association

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

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**CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

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**SAINTS & OBSERVANCES WEEK OF MARCH 1**

- **Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent
- **Tuesday:** St. Katharine Drexel
- **Wednesday:** St. Casimir
- **Friday:** World Day of Prayer; AbsƟnence; First Friday
- **Saturday:** Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1**

- **Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- **Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- **Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- **Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- **Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- **Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- **Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- Walter Allen
- Luann Ashby
- Victoria Bailey
- Burley Blankenship
- Lawrence Blasius
- Patricia Burfield
- Jack Busdiecker
- Ann Caldwell
- Fr. Joseph Callahan
- Fran Corbin
- Fred Courtright
- Deacon Moisés Cruz
- Rebecca D'Andrea
- Dianna Daubert
- Ed Duritsky
- Wanda Eland
- Alberta Gall
- Mike Gallo
- Jack Grimm, Sr.
- Susan Hatta
- Larry Haynes
- Barb Helon
- Connor Hennessey
- Catherin Henry
- Cecilia Hoefer
- Agnes Hogan
- Roger Hoy
- Robert Johnson
- Renée Kolecki
- Milan Kovatch
- Fred Krisch
- Inis Lustri
- Ann Malone
- Tracy Martin
- Jennifer Martinc
- Cielo McClain
- Patricia McGonegal
- Elizabeth Niehaus
- Barbara Rith
- Mark Reynolds
- Ken Schneider
- Terry Shannon
- Glenn Sneed
- Sharon Sneed
- Ann Stremp
- Isabel Guadiz Tobey
- Evelyn Trucks
- Karin Whyde

**Nicholas Johanni — Discernment of Holy Orders**

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

In today’s gospel, Jesus is tempted three times, after which the devil leaves Him. In a way, the spiritual life is like the physical life, in that we grow tougher through repeated action. After lifting weights repeatedly, our physical strength increases, and we can overcome progressively complicated challenges. It is the same with our spiritual life. An old gospel song says, “Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin. Each battle will help us to win.” Scripture says, “resist the devil and he will flee” (James 4:7). Lenten season is a time to resist the forces of evil, for conversion, repentance and renewal, to overcome globalization of indifference and enter a new chapter where we recognize the difference between oneself and the other, between one lifestyle and another, between oneself and God. I invite you today, dear friends, to utterly abandon the “wisdom of the devil” that sets traps that pull us into sin, and also ponder that reality of “divine foolishness” in the work of salvation that frees us from sin. “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” This Lenten season let us then listen attentively to him, resists the devil’s voice, repent and truly believe the good news. ~ Fr. Caroli Shao

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“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.”
— Matthew 4:10

NEXT WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION

Next week’s second collection is in support of our Food Pantry.

Dear Families,

During Lent our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger — and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family.

We will be reminded through the Gospel story of Jesus feeding the 5,000, that if we commit to sharing what we have with those in need, trusting in God’s abundance, there is more than enough to feed everyone. Through our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving, we can respond to the call to ensure that all our brothers and sisters are fed nutritious food that gives them what they need to fulfill their God-given potential.

During this holy season, it is important to come together as a family and reflect on the cross of hunger and lack of proper nutrition, that so many of our brothers and sisters both near and far are forced to carry. In so doing, we pledge to stand alongside these members of our human family, supporting them as the Gospel calls us to do. Please pick up your Rice Bowl today in the back of the Church on the table near St. Rita.

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Yours in Christ—Fr. Caroli Shao

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In a few weeks’ time, at the Chrism Mass of the diocese, fresh sacramental oils will be blessed and chrism consecrated for use in every parish. Olive oil is the main ingredient of chrism, but olive oil with some exotic additives that change its character and purpose. Rich balsam and perfumes separate chrism from the pantry. Food no longer, neither is this oil for grooming or toning muscles. It has a breathtaking aroma that is both alluring and enduring.

The prayer of consecration is a good meditation for the coming Lenten season since it focuses us on the goal of our journey, linking it with the olive-bearing dove at the end of Noah’s stormy voyage of forty days. The dove signaled the birth of a new world, a society reborn from the wreckage of the old, drowned world of sin. At the end of our Lenten journey, the oil of chrism will be poured down in abundance on the brows of catechumens and infants, as well as on those to be confirmed or ordained. Lent puts us in touch with the hard edges of life in need of salvation, and the chrism of Easter joy redeems and restores. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PROLIFE CORNER

“You Shall Be Like Gods”

This original temptation, outlined in the first reading, was a promise that what was right and what was wrong would be up to us; that we could write our own moral law. That’s what the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil” meant, and why Adam and Eve couldn’t eat from it. We are all called to know good from evil, but not to decide it. To think we decide it is the error of the “pro-choice” mindset. “It’s all up to me and my choice, even if it means killing a baby.” In the culture of life, on the other hand, we live in the freedom of the children of God, and pattern our lives on the obedience of Jesus that leads to life eternal. ~ PriestsforLife.org
## Parish Announcements

### LENTEN SEASON SPIRITUAL GUIDE

Limited copies of the **Magnificat Lenten Companion**, are available in the literature rack located in the back on the St. Rita side of the Church.

### This Week in the Latin Rite

*And behold, Angels came and ministered to Him.*

### LENT* AND EASTER SCHEDULE

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### News from the Pews

**CONDOLENCES TO...**

*...the Walters Family on the death of Margie Muhall Walters (Class of 1969), who died on February 17, 2020 after a long battle with cancer.*

*...the Family of Jacinta Guilfu on her passing on February 20, 2020.*

*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.*

### Opportunities to Serve

**ROSARY FOR LIFE, Saturday, March 7th**

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/car pool to the abortion chamber 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. Return to St. Andrew Abbey for a Buffet Brunch.

Enjoy your Celebration of Life! **We hope to see you there!**

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* Lenten Guide on Fasting and Abstinence—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year.
**Parish Announcements**

**West Shore Chorale ~**

“Great American Choral Classics
Then and Now”

Fr. Caroli, the St. Stephen Fundraising Committee, parishioners and visitors of St. Stephen wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the West Shore Chorale for their Sunday afternoon “Great American Choral Classics Then and Now” concert. Thank you to Conductors John Drotleff and Michael K. Lisi and the West Shore Chorale members for bringing angelic voices and inspirational music to St. Stephen this past Sunday, February 23, 2020. The final selection of “Beautiful Savior” was outstanding and your crowning glory!

We also wish to thank our own Music Director, Joe Koleczi, for arranging this concert and for his final words of thanks, as well as a heartfelt thank you to Fundraising Committee members, St. Vincent de Paul Ministry members, and Staff of St. Stephen for their assistance with greeting and ushering during the event. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the good will collection which amounted to $313.00.

Photography credit to Herb Rielinger—Thank you!

**Around the Diocese**

**THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS - WEST**

**Monday, March 9, 7:00pm Socializing**
7:30pm Program Begins
VOSH 1414 RIVERSIDE DR., LAKEWOOD
Fellowship, Food, & Fabulous Discussion for Adults 40 & Over
William Toler, Dir. of Liturgy & Adult Faith, St. Raphael’s Parish presents –
“Defending our Faith: Finding the right words to explain our Beliefs.”

$15 per person - register in advance
includes heavy appetizers & cash bar
www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

**Nutritious Meals Delivered to Your Door**

St. Augustine Health Ministries offers a home delivered meals service for qualifying homebound seniors who are 60 years old and older. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday to residents of the Detroit Shorway area and are free of charge. For more information call 216-631-7717. This program is made possible by a grant from the Ohio Department of Aging through WRAAA.

**“Counterfeits in the Culture: Catholicism vs. New Age”**

AM 1260 The Rock and Mary Queen of Peace Parish are pleased to welcome Johnnette Benkovic Williams, host of EWTN’s Women of Grace as she discusses the differences between Catholic teaching and false ideologies. She will give you practical tools to evaluate if something is Christian or New Age. Join us Tuesday, March 10th at 7 PM at Mary Queen of Peace Parish, 4423 Pearl Road in Cleveland. This FREE event is open to all. More information is available at www.am1260therock.com

**It’s an Irish Celebration – and everyone is Irish that day!**

Tuesday, March 17th at 3 pm, St. Colman will host the Annual Collins, Conway, McGoun and Patton St. Patrick’s Day Party!

Open to everyone, it’s an event filled with Irish music, raffles, food and event. Special appearances by Cleveland Fire Fighters Pipe & Drum Corp. and the Theresa Burke School of Dance. Corned Beef Sandwiches, Potato Soup, Beer, Wine and more will be available! Admission is just $5 per Adult, $3 for children with a maximum of $25 per immediate family. All proceeds benefit St. Colman Church.

**Join us every Friday during Lent beginning February 28th for The Stations of the Cross by triple platinum recording artist DANA and Fr. Kevin Scallon. This beautiful, hour-long program is brought to you by our sponsor CatholicBook.net. In Stations, the haunting music guides you through the final steps of Christ’s life on Earth with song and reflection. The music will calm your spirit and help you prepare your heart during the Lenten season. You can tune in every Friday during Lent for this program at 3 p.m. E.S.T., and 9 p.m. E.S.T. for a chance to hear this program.**

Living Bread Radio.com AM 1060, FM 94.5, FM 89.5

**The Way of the Cross for Those in Recovery.**

Tuesday, March 3 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. Presented by Fr. Bob Kraig.

Using his recently published booklet on the Stations of the Cross dedicated to the Jack Mulhall Center, Fr. Bob will lead us in praying the Stations of the Cross. Cost: FREE. Offered at Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd., Parma. To register, contact 440-884-9300 or visit www.jesuitretreatcenter.org.