Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 16, 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 Kolecik and Matthew Tirabassi

**Cantors:**
Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb

**Latin Schola Director:**
Nathan Marinick

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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.

**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.

**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.
This Week’s Church Services

MASS SCHEDULE

We welcome all Parishioners and Visitors back to Mass at St. Stephen. The Confession schedule is as follows—

- Saturday: 4:15–4:45 pm — St. Francis Room
- Sunday: before 9:30 am Mass — St. Francis Room & Club Room

Please call the Parish Office if you wish to scheduled a private Confession. In addition, please see Fr. Caroli’s letter on page 4.

Saturday, August 15, 2020, Church
Vigil of The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM † Mary Pearce Renner, † Elizabeth Pearce and † Lawrence Pearce

Sunday, August 16, Church
The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM All Impacted by COVID-19
9:00 AM Pray the Holy Rosary; Confession (see above)
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (11th Sunday after Pentecost)—† John Dailey

11:00 AM † Chrissann Blankenship, Dawn Tucker, Deceased Members of the Smith Family, Living and Deceased Members of the Bewley Family

5:00 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — † Francis Gaczyński

Monday, August 17, 2020, Rectory Chapel

Weekday
6:30 PM Regina Rock

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Weekday
6:45 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Feria) (Church) Julie Marinchick
6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) †† John and Violet Todia

Wednesday, August 19, 2020, Church
St. John Eudes
6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — † Harold Adams
7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration and Benediction)

Thursday, August 20, 2020, Church
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
6:30 PM Intention of the Marinchick Family

Friday, August 21, Rectory Chapel
Saint Pius X, Pope
6:30 PM † Anthony Chresos

Saturday, August 22, 2020, Church
Vigil of The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM † Russell and Dawn Sutherland, † Bart Dekom

Sunday, August 23, Church
The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Roger Lipfird
9:00 AM Pray the Holy Rosary; Confession (see above)
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (12th Sunday after Pentecost) — Intentions of Michael Rotsaert

11:00 AM Tim & Eileen Hennessey 45th Wedding Anniversary
5:00 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — Our Nation, Individual Repentance of Sin

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday 5PM Sunday 8AM Sunday 11AM
August 15 & 16 Fr. Benjamin Fr. Franz Fr. Caroli
August 22 & 23 Fr. Caroli Fr. Franz Fr. Benjamin

All Sundays at 9:30am & 5:00pm & Holy Days: Rev. Bede Kotkinski

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES — August 15 & 16

Saturday 5PM Sunday 8AM Sunday 11AM
Lector Steve McElroy Andy Reichert Jerry Nowesnick

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES — August 22 & 23

Saturday 5PM Sunday 8AM Sunday 11AM
Lector Steve McElroy Andy Reichert Glenn Sneed

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINTS & OBSERVANCES — WEEK OF AUGUST 16

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. John Eudes
Thursday: St. Bernard
Friday: St. Pius X
Saturday: Queen of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Walter Allen Mike Gallo Cielo McClain
Luann Ashby Jack Grimm, Sr. Patricia McGonegal
Victoria Bailey Susan Hatta Elizabeth Niehaus
Burley Blankenship Larry Haynes Mark Reynolds
Lawrence Blasius Barb Helon Randy Rollins
Patricia Burfield Conor Hennessey Ken Schneider
Jack Busdiecker Catherine Henry Terry Shannon
Ann Caldwell Cecilia Hoofer Glenn Sneed
Fr. Joseph Callahan Agnes Hogan Sharon Sneed
Fran Corbin Milan Kovatch Ann Stromp
Christine Courtright Fred Krisch Maryanne Sutherland
Fred Courtright Roger Lipfird Isabel Guadiz Tobey
Deacon Moisés Cruz Inis Lustri Evelyn Trucks
Rebecca D'Andrea Ann Malone Karin Whyde
William Fry Tracy Martin Verona Family
Wanda Eland Jennifer Martinc John Young
Alberta Gall Maureen Masterson

Abbé Nicholas Johanni—pursuit of his priestly vocation
Rose Johanni—Discerning Religious Life Curtis McQuade Family
Our brave First Responders 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.
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION

The focus of our readings today is that God’s plan of salvation is for all people. The loving Spirit of God is poured into the whole of creation and rests within everyone. This truth is revealed throughout Scripture and is a message of hope for all times. Today prophet Isaiah calls us to act with integrity and justice, recognizing that a time will come when true faith in the Lord of love and compassion will find expression in people of all faith. In the Second Reading, Paul teaches that God is faithful to his promises and will never take back the gifts he has so fondly and freely given to all people. God’s mercy is for all of humanity. In the Gospel, we witness what at first seems as abnormally harsh answer from Jesus to a desperately worried mother. In this exchange, a foreign pagan woman with a daughter troubled by an evil spirit approaches him directly for help. Jesus’s initial refusal to her cry for help, and her firm faith in him, offers a chance for him to teach his disciples that God’s healing love is accessible for all people, no matter what their race, status, class or religion may be. Let us, too, pray for an outpouring of the kind of faith the woman reveals to us. May we be able to recognize the spirit of God in all people, and may we unite in living out God’s covenant of love and justice in all that we do.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao

DONATE/GIVING — OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We would like to request that you continue to prayerfully consider mailing in your weekly offertory and/or to utilize the On-Line giving through our website, ststephencleveland.org. Understandably, St. Stephen Church consistently relies upon your individual offertory donations, and your personal giving to meet our monthly expenses.

We wish to extend a very special thank you, always, for your very thoughtful and prayerful generosity in support of our Church, especially during these challenging times.

Please continue to join us in praying for all of those who are suffering from this virus, from illness or disease of any kind, and for all of our dedicated health care workers.

AUGUST 9 – AUGUST 16, 2020
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
Contributions/donations received from the mail, and Offertory Collections will be reflected in the August 23th bulletin.

Thank you all for your generosity!
Number of Weekly Collection Envelopes Issued: 239

Traditional Latin Mass Propers

If you wish to bring your own copy of the translation of each Sunday Traditional Latin Mass, please go to propria.org, download the current Sunday proper and print.

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES — WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020
All Meetings and Activities — Cancelled

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have looked at the evolution of how Roman Catholics initiate children into the life of the Church. How did customs evolve in the Eastern Church? At one time, Christians in both East and West preferred to celebrate baptism in a community setting, with large numbers of adults and children initiated at Easter. The two branches of Christianity began to split on the proper time to do this. In the East, water was blessed in abundance on the feast of the Epiphany, which marked, among other things, the baptism of the Lord. Once infant baptism was fixed on that day, local customs marking a birth began to evolve. One celebration was the giving of a name on the eighth day, another was the “purification” of the mother on the fortieth day after birth. In that blessing, re-enacting Mary and Joseph’s journey to the temple, the priest took the baby in his arms and placed the child before the altar. Just as Simeon received the child Jesus, so the priest received the new Christian while chanting Simeon’s prayer. Later, normally on Epiphany, the priest would baptize, christen (confirm), and give a few drops of the Precious Blood to the child in a joyous celebration of the whole community.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Pro-Life Corner

The Pope and the Abortionist — On the morning of April 11, 2014, the Holy Father Pope Francis spoke to the Italian Movement for Life. Here is an excerpt of his address: “Human life is sacred and inviolable.... Every civil right is based on the recognition of the first, fundamental right, the right to life, which is not subject to any condition, of a qualitative, economic and certainly not of an ideological nature. ... Therefore it is necessary to reaffirm our solid opposition to any direct offence against life, especially when innocent and defenseless, and the unborn child in its mother’s womb is the quintessence of innocence. Let us remember the words of Vatican Council II: ‘Therefore from the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes’. …I remember once, a long time ago, I participated in a conference with doctors. After the conference I greeted them and while I spoke to them, one of them called me to one side. He had a package and he said to me, ‘Father, I want to leave this with you. These are the instruments I have used to carry out abortions. I have encountered the Lord and repented, and now I fight for life’. He gave me all those instruments. Let us pray for this good man”. PriestsforLife.org

CONDOLENCES TO...

The family and friends of Thomas Hayne who died on August 1, 2020.

The family and friends of Terry Shannon who died on August 2, 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.
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I thank God profoundly for his love, mercy and goodness to all of us throughout this unprecedented time in our life’s history. Unequivocally, no one ever imagined or envisioned such an experience, but all in all we should be thankful to God that you and I are still alive, healthy and resilient. Thank you for continuing your love and faith to God during this difficult time. Please accept my humble gratitude for your philanthropy and support to St. Stephen Church during this crisis. Praised be to God that all our parishioners are safe, supposedly transitioning from stay home to stay safe in Ohio! This is the reason why we should tremendously offer gratitude to God for his guidance and protection.

Regardless of the challenges and uncertainties of the world’s experience today, I am delighted to welcome all of you back to our beloved St. Stephen Church. The coronavirus pandemic experience should and must not deter us from coming together in solidarity stronger than even before, and to respond with conscientious focus on the profound resolve to reopen our church. The Catholic Bishops of Ohio have graciously recommended to have a soft opening of our Catholic Churches for public worship on Pentecost Sunday (i.e., Sunday, May 31, 2020). On that same note, the Administrator of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, Rev. Fr. Donald Oleksiak, has humbly recommended that we softly open our churches with the public celebration of our weekday Masses on Monday, May 25.

Please be reminded that this soft opening of public celebration of Masses is temporal and will continue until the situation becomes normal. With weekday Masses here at St. Stephen, we shall maintain the status quo. With the Sunday Masses, note the following addition:

- Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM,
- Sunday English Mass 8:00 AM,
- Sunday Latin Mass 9:30 AM,
- Sunday English Mass 11:00 AM,
- Sunday Low Latin Mass 5:00 PM.

These changes are brought about mainly by two factors: distancing and cleaning of the church after every Mass. After missing you all for two months, I am looking forward with excitement to seeing you very soon!

As we prepare for the reopening of our church, consequently we should prepare and humble ourselves to follow all the guidelines from our Catholic Bishops and those from the Governor of Ohio. Please allow me to mention some few guidelines here which I thought are imperative: (i) The faithful are obliged to wear a mask (or other face covering) upon entering the church and during the celebration of Mass, except for the brief moment of receiving Holy Communion. Disposable masks should be made available at the doors of the church. (ii) Seating is to be arranged such that six feet of distance should be maintained between members of one household and another. (iii) All parishioners should be encouraged to take their temperatures prior to coming to Mass. Any parishioner with a temperature of 100.4 F or more should stay home. Anyone not feeling well should be encouraged to stay home. Read more about the guidelines at https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/forward-with-christ/worship-guidelines.

Finally, you know that I, Fr. Benjamin, Fr. Franz and Fr. Bede continue to pray for you and for all those affected by the coronavirus – the sick, the deceased, the grieving, the healthcare workers, first responders and all those who are impacted by this disease. May Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us.

Sincerely Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Caroli B. Shao A.J.

Go forth and set the world on fire.
—St. Ignatius of Loyola
**Next Week’s Second Collection**

Catholic schools make a profound impact on a child’s life and now, more than ever, children need the faith and values present in our Catholic schools. You can help provide more opportunities for students to obtain a Catholic education. Next weekend, a special appeal, the **Faith and Values Appeal for Education**, will be held across the diocese to raise funds to help provide tuition assistance to needy students and their families right here in our diocese. Please be generous in your support of Catholic school students. Envelopes for this special appeal are included with your parish envelopes. You can make a secure donation online at [www.CatholicCommunity.org/education](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/education) or call Karen Joyce at 800-869-6525 x1910.

**Holy Land Gifts**

**HOLY LAND GIFTS — ST. STEPHEN — August 22 & 23**

Next weekend after all of the Masses, there will be a display of handmade articles for sale, such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosary, etc. Holy Land Gifts represents over 100 Christian families who make a living selling traditional olivewood handicrafts and religious articles. When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families who live and work with dignity in a region fraught with tension. Thank you for supporting this project to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land of Jesus’ birth.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**August 15**

**Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius XII**

**MUNIFICENTISSIMUS DEUS**

**Defining the Dogma of the Assumption**

November 1, 1950

“... For which reason, after we have poured forth prayers of supplication again and again to God, and have invoked the light of the Spirit of Truth, for the glory of Almighty God who has lavished his special affection upon the Virgin Mary, for the honor of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

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**August 16th – The Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary**

“Be HUMBLE in this life, that God may raise you up in the next. Be truly MODERATE and do not punish or condemn anyone immoderately. Be GENTLE, so that you may never oppose justice. Be HONOURABLE, so that you may never voluntarily bring disgrace upon anyone. Be CHASTE, so that you may avoid all the foulness of lust like the pangs of death.”

~ St. Stephen of Hungary

**News from the Pews**

**Fillii Maria**

Are you a dedicated Latin Mass Young Adult (age 18-26) who is interested in our new group, **Fillii Maria**, for service, Holy Recreation and Prayer? If so, please contact: Nina Verona at [oldfashionedgirl4@gmail.com](mailto:oldfashionedgirl4@gmail.com) or Matthew Tirabassi at [matttirabassi@gmail.com](mailto:matttirabassi@gmail.com).

**Thank You!**

We have received an anonymous donation for the installation of new carpeting and runners in the Rectory. A very special and heartfelt **Thank You!** goes to members of our St. Stephen Parish Family who noticed the need for replacement of the old, dry-rotted, stained carpeting and runners in the Rectory.

Thank you for your time and generous sacrifice! The carpeting in the Food Pantry room, Dining room, Hallway, Living room and Fr. Caroli’s office is beautiful and very much appreciated!

**Ask What’s New at**

**The Rock FM 1260**

**August 20th**

“Table Talk” with our local bishops will feature Retired Auxiliary Bishop Roger Gries this month on Thursday August 20th at 5:00 PM and will be rebroadcast on Friday August 21st at 8:00 AM and Sunday August 23rd at 1:00 PM.

**Pro-Life Prayerful Witness**


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