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 Mulolios and Teagan Webb
Latin Schola Director:
Nathan Marinick
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 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.

New Parishioners—Please contact the Parish Office to register.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 30, 2020
**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, see Fr. Caroli’s letter on page 4.

**Saturday, August 29, 2020, Church**

**Vigil of The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM †† Violet and Albert Resovsky

**Sunday, August 30, Church**

**The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Suzi Darlin

9:00 AM Pray the Holy Rosary; Confession (see above)

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (13th Sunday after Pentecost) — Intentions of the Thomas O’Donnell Family

11:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Bewley Family

5:00 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — The President and Our Leaders

**Monday, August 31, 2020, Rectory Chapel**

**Weekday**

6:30 PM The Intentions of the Marinchick Family

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

**Weekday**

6:45 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Feria) (Church) — † Mark Rothacker

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † Mary Ellen Stilwell

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020, Church**

**St. Stephen of Hungary**

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — † Mary Theresa Jankowski

7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration and Benediction)

**Thursday, September 3, Church**

**St. Pius X**

6:30 PM † Emily Sted

**Friday, September 4, 2020, Church**

**Feria**

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass (1st Friday) † Mary Wetzel

**Saturday, September 5, 2020, Church**

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (1st Saturday) (St. Lawrence Justinian) — Living & Deceased Members of the Dorothy Hanzlick Family

**Vigil of The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM † Gerda Juhasz

**Sunday, September 6, Church**

**The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Nephew of Ryan Fitzgerald—Healing

9:00 AM Pray the Holy Rosary; Confession (see above)

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (14th Sunday after Pentecost) — Lloyd Hemphill

11:00 AM German Mass — † Thomas C. Hayne

5:00 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — Parishioners

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

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**CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

**Saturday 5PM** 

**Sunday 8AM** 

**Sunday 11AM**

**August 29 & 30**

Fr. Benjamin  Fr. Franz  Fr. Caroli

**September 5 & 6**

Fr. Caroli  Fr. Franz  Fr. Benjamin

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

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**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES — August 22 & 23**

**Saturday 5PM**

**Sunday 8AM**

**Sunday 11AM**

Lector Steve McElroy  Evelyn Trucks  Glenn Sneed

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**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES — September 5 & 6**

**Saturday 5PM**

**Sunday 8AM**

**Sunday 11AM**

Lector Glenn Sneed  Evelyn Trucks  Friederike Wintersteller

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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**SAINTS & OBSERVANCES — WEEK OF AUGUST 30**

**Sunday:** Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday:** World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

**Thursday:** St. Gregory the Great

**Friday:** First Friday

**Saturday:** First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Walter Allen  Mike Gallo  Cielo McClain

Luann Ashby  Jack Grimm, Sr.  Robin McClain, Jr.

Victoria Bailey  Susan Hatta  Patricia McGonegal

Burley Blankenship  Larry Haynes  Elizabeth Niehaus

Lawrence Blasius  Barb Helon  Mark Reynolds

Patricia Burfield  Tim Hennessey  Randy Rollins

Jack Busdiecker  Catherine Henry  Ken Schneider

Ann Caldwell  Cecilia Hoefer  Terry Shannon

Fr. Joseph Callahan  Agnes Hogan  Glenn Sneed

Fran Corbin  Milan Kovatch  Sharon Sneed

Christine Courtright  Fred Krisch  Ann Stropm

Fred Courtright  Roger Lipfird  Maryanne Sutherland

Deacon Moisés Cruz  Inis Lustri  Isabel Guadiz Tobey

Rebecca D’Andrea  Ann Malone  Terry Shannon

William Fry  Tracy Martin  Karin Whyde

Wanda Eland  Jennifer Martinc  Verona Family

Alberta Gall  Maureen Masterson  John Young

Abbé Nicholas Johanni—pursuit of his priestly vocation

Rose Johanni—Discerning Religious Life  Curtis McQuaide 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.
REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Matthew offers a very different picture to the one we had last Sunday. Last Sunday, Jesus gave Peter the “keys of the kingdom.” The same Peter who acknowledged “You are the Christ the Son of the living God” last Sunday, is today rebuked as “Satan.” It appears Peter has not fully understood Christ’s ways. This encounter between Jesus and Peter teaches us much about our spiritual life: what we think we know, possibly, we don’t; what we would rather not know, we ought to know. Christ simply rebuked Peter for being an obstacle to his mission. This shows that though, Peter professed that Christ is the Messiah (as God revealed it to him), yet, he has not fully understood the nature of Christ’s mission. He still perceives it only from the human perspective of power and glory. Of course, he was eager to participate in these. This also teaches us that, we are all exposed to making mistakes and falling, no matter how spiritual we are. So, this calls for taking seriously, the admonition of Paul: “Let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he falls” (1Cor 10:12). Ultimately, we should also understand that God’s call is not only about, and participating in his glory, it is also participating first in his suffering.

~ Fr. Carośli Shao

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 30, 2020

Go behind me, Satan, thou art a scandal unto me: because thou savourest not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men. ~ Matthew 16:23

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 16th – AUGUST 30TH, 2020
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
Contributions/donations received from the mail, and Offertory Collections will be reflected in the September 6th bulletin.
Thank you all for your generosity!
Number of Weekly Collection Envelopes Issued: 239

Pro-Life Corner

Pope Francis: Church Cannot Abandon Human Life

"Reason alone is sufficient to recognize the inviolable value of each single human life, but if we also look at the issue from the standpoint of faith, “every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the creator of the individual” (John Paul II, Christifideles Laici, 37). Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or modernizations."


Traditional Latin Mass Propers

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

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 OR Matthew Tirabassi at mttirabassi@gmail.com
From the Pastor’s Desk

Welcome Back to St. Stephen Church!

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
Please Visit St. Stephen’s Prayer Garden

The development of the St. Stephen Gardens continues to grow. It is more than just nice landscaping, colorful flowers and an entertaining fish pond. Containing a statue of the Blessed Mother, a statue of St. Joseph, a benched area with a floral cross and a memorial figurine to the unborn there are four areas that should be stimulation for prayer, meditation, repairation and inspiration. Building on this, calling it “St. Stephen’s Garden” may not be enough. There is room for growth. This is a garden area for a church. It is an outdoor space separated only by walls from interior space containing the True Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. By extension, doesn’t that make the garden areas a sacred space? Calling the garden areas “ST. STEPHEN’S PRAYER GARDEN” is a reminder of this. It is a call to visit to enjoy the beauty of God as reflected in nature. It is a stimulation to pray outdoors. It is an invitation to take a few moments before or after Mass to prepare for or extend the special thoughts and heartfelt emotions we may experience during liturgical worship as a buffer and transition between our in-church selves and out-of-church selves. Each prayer area has benches for you to take a moment to sit and reflect if you like. Please visit and let us join in prayer!

The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary located in the Mary Garden accessible through the archway off the courtyard between the church and the rectory is currently being meticulously repainted. Applying paint layer by layer, color by color, the work is being done slowly and surely with a masterly hand by a talented artist. It is truly developing into a beautiful job! Stop by to say a “Hail Mary” and take a look at it now. We will also let you know when it is completely finished.

The Cross Meditation Area is located in the Joseph Garden on the south side of the rectory beyond the greenhouse near the St. Joseph Fish Pond.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee; because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Around the Diocese

CHRIST THE DIVINE TEACHER CATHOLIC HOME EDUCATORS group (CDTCHE) is welcoming new members for the 2020-2021 school year. Our Catholic homeschool group offers social engagements, group learning opportunities, gym classes, swim lessons, field trips, and parent/educator support. Contact New Member Coordinator, Diane Tirabassi, at: diane_s_t@yahoo.com or at 440-729-2282.

Eucharistic Procession

Legion of Mary Cleveland West Comitium invites you to a traditional Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at Noon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. The Cathedral is located at 1007 Superior Avenue, Cleveland 44114. The (less than 1 mile in distance) procession will be through the sidewalks of downtown Cleveland, as we walk, pray, and sing in honor of our Eucharistic Lord Jesus and Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The event includes opening prayers and remarks by Fr. Kevin Estabrook, our Legion of Mary Comitium Spiritual Director, a procession with hymns, and a return to the Cathedral for the recitation of the Rosary and closing prayers. RSVP is not required. For further information, email: contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org or https://www.facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio/

All are welcome to attend!