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 Niebling (ext. 12)
Maintenance:
Glenn Rollins
Sacristan:
Melissa Daubert
Organists:
Joe Kolecik and Matthew Tirabassi
Cantors:
Virginij Muliolis and Teagan Webb
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 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—

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

Saturday, September 5, 2020, Church
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

Monday, September 7, 2020, Church
Weekday
10:00 AM Matilda Jankowski

Tuesday, September 8, 2020
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:45 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Church) —Intentions of the Marinich Family
6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Maryanne Sutherland

Wednesday, September 9, 2020, Church
Feria
6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — The Engen Family
7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration and Benediction)

Thursday, September 10, Church
St. Nicholas of Tolentino
6:30 PM Lee Schram—Thanksgiving

Friday, September 11, 2020, Rectory Chapel
Weekday
6:30 PM † Mildred Dougherty-Telisman

Saturday, September 12, 2020, Church
Vigil of The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM †† Russell & Dawn Sutherland, † Bart Dekom

Sunday, September 13, Church
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Intentions of Matt Lewis
9:00 AM Pray the Holy Rosary; Confession (see above)
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (15th Sunday after Pentecost)—† Mary Kay Torkelson
11:00 AM Alumni Mass — Living and Deceased Members of the St. Stephen Alumni Association
5:00 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — † Adolf Mausser

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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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  Ben McDonald
Burley Blankenship  Larry Haynes  Patricia McGonegal
Lawrence Blasius  Barb Helon  Elizabeth Niehaus
Patricia Burfield  Tim Hennessey  Mark Reynolds
Jack Busdiecker  Catherine Henry  Randy Rollins
Ann Caldwell  Cecilia Hoefer  Ken Schneider
Fr. Joseph Callahan  Agnes Hogan  Glenn Sneed
Fran Corbin  Milan Kovatch  Sharon Sneed
Christine Courtright  Fred Krisch  Ann Stropm
Fred Courtright  Roger Lipird  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 McQuaide Family

Our brave First Responders especially Chris Larson, our Sunday Cleveland Police Officer, and Lt. Timothy Maffo-Judd.
REFLECTION
The Lord said to his followers: “If your brother sins against you go and tell him his fault……” To act on the words of the Lord is to show Christian charity to our fellow brothers and sisters in the community. We are reminded of our prophetic role to intervene especially in solving individuals, family and larger community issues. There is no doubt that brothers, sisters wrong one another, friends disagree, parents become bitter with children, workers are not in peace with one another etc. Fraternal correction is needed to heal the wounded persons in the community, and not to be selfish or abandon them to suffer in isolation. To achieve true reconciliation, we require spiritual enlightenment to make decisions which are based on faith, wisdom and love. This tells us that the fraternal corrections are not meant to humiliate or inflict punishment on the sinners or wrong doers, but to repair the damaged relationships between the brethren in the Spirit of the Lord. The Lord says, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in their midst.”

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka

But if thy brother shall offend against thee, go, and rebuke him between thee and him alone. If he shall hear thee, thou shalt gain thy brother. Mt 18:15

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.

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Pro-Life Corner

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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
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 bench area with a floral cross and a memorial figurine to the unborn there are four areas that should be stimulation for prayer, meditation, reparation 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 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.

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.

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

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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.

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