**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:**
Virginijus Muiliolis 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 Malone, 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.

**New Parishioners**—Please contact the Parish Office to register.

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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
# 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, 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

### Monday, September 14, 2020, Rectory Chapel

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

10:00 AM † Neil Richter

### Tuesday, September 15, 2020

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

6:45 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary) (Church) — Paul Marinich

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Peace for the Traill Family

### Wednesday, September 16, 2020, Church

**Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — Nathan Marinich

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

### Thursday, September 17, 2020, Church

**Feria**

6:30 PM † Kathleen Schmitt, †† Carol & Raymond Adams

†† Maureen & Joseph Schmitt

### Friday, September 18, 2020, Rectory Chapel

**Weekday**

6:30 PM Peace

### Saturday, September 19, 2020, Church

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

5:00 PM Keck and Long Families

### Sunday, September 20, Church

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

8:00 AM † Ray LaFerriere

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (16th Sunday after Pentecost)—

† Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM † David Sacco

5:00 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — Tim & Mary Ellen Jakubisin

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES — September 12 & 13

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13

**Monday:**

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Tuesday:**

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Wednesday:**

1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:**

1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2,16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:**

1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:**

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:**

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

## SAINTS/OBSERVANCES — WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13

Sunday: 24th Sunday-Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine

Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

## 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 Stropp
- 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 mcquaide family

Our brave First Responders especially Chris Larson, our Sunday Cleveland Police Officer, and Lt. Timothy Maffo-Judd.
REFLECTION

Faith perspective in Jesus reminds us constantly that true faith is seen in the way we love and care for one another. On the flipside, the teaching of Jesus in today’s gospel puts some of us in a conundrum as forgiveness becomes an enormous challenge in our lives. It hurts our pride to have to forgive. We often think we should have been treated better by someone and so we carry around bitterness which only pulls us down. Many times, when we think of forgiveness, we often forget that we have also a duty to forgive others and ourselves at times. When God forgives us, in turn we must forgive others and ourselves. That is the only trajectory to have a sense of happiness and peace with ourselves and with God. Sometimes the pain goes so deep that it takes a long time or even therapy to be set free of the hurt that we all experienced. We should all strive eagerly to get all the necessary help we need. This will enable us to comprehend the words of Jesus “pray for those who persecute you.” The moment we have that grudge, we are the one’s who will feel persecuted. Instead of boiling with anger against our brothers and sisters, let us send a prayer for them. This will help not only the person who hurts us but certainly us as well.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14)

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the “true cross” by Saint Helena, Constantine’s mother, in 326.

According to one legend, Saint Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world. Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself, but in the burden that it bore. —J. S. Paluch Co.

Pro-Life Corner

From Saint Teresa of Calcutta

“But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly, "Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand." We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget—"I will not forget you." And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us.” ~ Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979. ~ PriestsforLife.org

News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Mike and Laura Mackin on the Baptism of their daughter, Emma Marie, who was Baptized on September 5, 2020!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Mr. and Mrs. Tanner and Marriana Heffner united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on September 12, 2020!

CONDOLENCES TO...

the family and friends of Officer James Skernivitz who was killed in the line of duty on September 3, 2020. A wake for friends and family has been set for Thursday, September 10th from 2 pm until 8 pm at the A. Ripepi & Sons Funeral Home in Middleburg Heights. The Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, September 11th at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of St. John on Superior Avenue.

SEPTEMBER 6 & SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Contributions/donations received from the mail, and Offertory Collections will be reflected in the September 20th bulletin.

Thank you all for your generosity!
Number of Weekly Collection Envelopes Issued: 241

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
All Meetings and Activities—Cancelled
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.

“Dost thou wish to receive mercy?
Show mercy to thy neighbor.” — St. John Chrysostom
The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Edward C. Malesic as bishop-designate for the Diocese of Cleveland. He will be installed as the 12th bishop of Cleveland on Monday, September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, in a Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist beginning at 2:00 p.m. All are encouraged to watch a livestream of the Mass online at: dioceseofcleveland.org. This event is ticketed, and seating is severely limited due to the current public health crisis.

The Mass and installation can also be viewed live on EWTN and heard live and online at AM 1260 – The Rock - Cleveland Catholic Radio, and AM 1060 Living Bread Radio.

AM 1260 The Rock will be broadcasting the Installation Mass of the 12th Bishop of Cleveland, Bishop Edward Malesic. Please tune in to AM 1260 The Rock on Monday September 14th, at 2:00 and join us in prayer as we welcome Bishop Malesic and celebrate this wonderful occasion!

On Saturday September 12, 2020, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League co-sponsored the 8th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children with solemn prayer vigils conducted at 54 gravesites of aborted children across the United States as well as at dozens of other sites dedicated to the memory of aborted children.

Did you know that St. Stephen Church has a Memorial Garden for the Unborn? It is located in the corner just to the right of the rear porch entry to the rectory. Go down the sidewalk alongside the rectory rear porch and you will see it. Look for a small pedestal with the image pictured here.

Please take a moment and visit the Memorial. Join your prayers with those of the National Day of Remembrance. Please take a moment and pray for an end to abortion in our nation and throughout the world. Pray for those contemplating abortion and for those who have had an abortion. Pray for those involved in promoting and performing abortions. Pray for the souls of the children whose lives were taken before they ever had a chance to be born. Please pray, especially in this election year, that voters will have the discernment to vote for pro-life leaders.

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 mtttirabassi@gmail.com.

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.