



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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Celebrating 150 Years of Tradition*

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 11, 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 Kolecki and Matthew Tirabassi

Cantors:

Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb

Latin Schola Director:

Nathan Marinchick

St. Vincent de Paul:

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Metro Catholic Parish School

1910 West 54th Street

Mary Lou Toler, Director

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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.

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 schedule a private Confession. In addition, please see Fr. Caroli's letter on page 4.

Saturday, October 10, 2020, Church

Vigil of The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM †† Russell & Dawn Sutherland, † Bart Dekom

Sunday, October 11, Church

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Cosmas Odoemene
 9:00 AM Pray the Holy Rosary; Confession (see above)
 9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (19th Sunday after Pentecost)—
 † Kristal Denise Lucas
 11:00 AM Alumni— Living and Deceased Members of the
 St. Stephen Alumni Association
 5:00 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - † Michael Shmelter

Monday, October 12, 2020, Rectory Chapel

Weekday

6:30 PM † Thomas Telisman

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Weekday

6:45 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (St. Edward the Confessor)
 (Church) — Beatrice Stele & Children
 6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † Glenna Pendelton

Wednesday, October 14, 2020, Church

St. Callistas I

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — Curtis McQuaide Family
 7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration and Benediction)

Thursday, October 15, 2020, Church

St. Teresa of Avila

6:30 PM Intentions of Richard Mileti

Friday, October 16, 2020, Rectory Chapel

Weekday

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — † Anthony Chresos

Saturday, October 17, 2020, Church

Vigil of The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM John Hemphill

Sunday, October 18, Church

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Stefani Hayne
 9:00 AM Pray the Holy Rosary; Confession (see above)
 9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (20th Sunday after Pentecost)—
 Intentions of Allison Lipinski
 11:00 AM † Chrisann Blankenship, Deceased Members of the
 Smith Family, Living and Deceased Members of the
 Bewley Family
 5:00 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - Clarice & Andres DeJesus, Jr.

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
October 10 & 11	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Franz	Fr. Caroli
October 17 & 18	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – October 10 & 11

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Russ Nieling	Evelyn Trucks	Madeline Schwab

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – October 17 & 18

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Russ Nieling	Glenn Sneed	Jerry Nowesnick

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
 Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES – WEEK OF OCTOBER 11

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday: St. Callistus I
 Thursday: St. Teresa of Jesus
 Friday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
 Saturday: St. Ignatius of Antioch

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Walter Allen	Susan Hatta	Ben McDonald
Luann Ashby	Larry Haynes	Patricia McGonegal
Victoria Bailey	Barb Helon	Elizabeth Niehaus
Burley Blankenship	Tim Hennessey	Mark Reynolds
Lawrence Blasius	Catherine Henry	Herb Rielinger
Patricia Burfield	Cecilia Hoefer	Randy Rollins
Ann Caldwell	Agnes Hogan	Alberta Scroll
Fr. Joseph Callahan	Michael James	Bruce Schirhart
Fran Corbin	Milan Kovatch	Ken Schneider
Christine Courtright	Fred Krisch	Glenn Sneed
Fred Courtright	Roger Lipfird	Sharon Sneed
Deacon Moisés Cruz	Inis Lustru	Ann Stromp
Rebecca D'Andrea	Ann Malone	Isabel Guadiz Tobey
William Fry	Tracy Martin	Evelyn Trucks
Wanda Eland	Jennifer Martinc	Karin Whyde
Alberta Gall	Maureen Masterson	Verona Family
Mike Gallo	Cielo McClain	John Young
Jack Grimm, Sr.	Robin McClain, Jr.	Jim Zinkan

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.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION

The Parable of the Wedding Feast we hear in today's Gospel, explicitly shows God's openhandedness to all people though not everyone responds positively. Those who refuse to say "yes" to God's open invitation could be some of us who are too busy with our businesses — we are often preoccupied by our business deals and transactions and have very little or no time for church or community activities. We are the people who have misplaced our scale of priority by placing our material needs far over and above our spiritual needs. Today, we have The Holy Eucharist as the banquet where all of us are invited to the table of the Lord to partake. Our happiness will only depend on our positive response to this free, open and generous invitation. Life is a celebration and it is about celebrating the goodness and providence of God. He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him/her and dine with him/her, and he/she with Me" (Revelation 3:20). Let us join always in this banquet, but never forget to put on the right garment!

~ 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.

OCTOBER 4 OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

General Collection: \$2,383.00 Children: \$5.00
Ecclesia Nostra: \$1,774.12 | Food Pantry: \$1.00
Building Fund: \$78.00 | SVDP: \$1.00
General Donation: \$110.00
General Penny for St. Stephen: \$12.00
Thank you all for your generosity!

PRO-LIFE CORNER – Life is Primary -- A major Vatican document reminds us that the right to life is primary:

"The teachings of Pope John XXIII, the Second Vatican Council, and Pope Paul VI have given abundant indication of the concept of human rights as articulated by the Magisterium. Pope John Paul II has drawn up a list of them in the Encyclical Centesimus Annus...The first right presented in this list is the right to life, from conception to its natural end, which is the condition for the exercise of all other rights and, in particular, implies the illicitness of every form of procured abortion and euthanasia" (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Vatican City, 2004). ~priestsforlife.org

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the fathers of the Second Vatican Council met to discuss the sacrament of penance, they were required to draw up a new rite, including several forms. The hot button for debate was so-called "general absolution," by which a penitent could be absolved of sin without confessing to a priest. This was a difficult debate, compounded by widely varying traditions in both East and West. Some were surprised to learn that the Holy See had already given permission for this form during World Wars 1 & 2. In 1944, the Vatican issued a decree saying this form was valid under *extreme* conditions, which bishops in mission lands and Latin America took as a kind of "blanket permission." Thus, the fathers of the Council were alarmed to find this practice fairly widespread, not only in war, but in peaceful places with huge numbers of faithful and few priests. Although they eventually produced a ritual with three different forms, the forms are not considered equal, and the enriched and revised individual form is preferred. The enrichments include a welcome of the penitent, a sign of the cross with an encouragement to trust in God's compassion, new texts rich in the Word of God, praise for God's mercy, and a dismissal. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Parish Announcements

MISSION APPEAL will take place here at St. Stephen Church on the weekend of October 24 & 25.

Please welcome a visiting Nun from the **Evangelizing Sisters of Mary (ESM)** who will be speaking and sharing their missionary needs at all the Masses. The ESM is an African Religious Missionary congregation of women founded in the Moroto Diocese of Northeast Uganda in 1975 by two comboni missionaries. The ESM Generalate is located in Ongata Rongai, south of Nairobi, Kenya. The main charism of the congregation is to announce the gospel message to non-Christians, to plant the church among people who do not believe in Christ, and to bring the church to its full development where it is already implanted. To read more, visit: <http://www.ourladyofafrica.org/index.php/communities/apostolic-community/evangelizing-sisters-of-mary>.

News from the Pews



CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Godfray united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on October 10, 2020!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

THE ST. STEPHEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1970

celebrating their 50th Reunion at the 11:00 am Alumni Mass, on Sunday, October 11th!



MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 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.

Let us therefore be of a reverent spirit, and fear the long-suffering of God, that it tend not to our condemnation.

~ Ignatius of Antioch

Around the Diocese

A MESSAGE ON THE UPCOMING ELECTION FROM BISHOP EDWARD MALESIC — News of the Diocese

September 30, 2020

Once again, we find ourselves in a very polarized election cycle with candidates that do not reflect the complete breadth of Catholic moral teaching. Yet, it is our solemn duty as citizens of our republic to cast a vote for the candidate who best supports the greatest ideals and moral teachings of our Catholic faith, the faith that we hold and practice as the means of our personal salvation and as a benefit for the common good of the pluralistic society in which we live.

In casting our ballot, whether for those already proposed by a particular party or for those we choose to write in, we must have properly formed consciences. A properly formed conscience comes through prayer, Scripture and studying the teaching of the Church that is promoted and protected by the apostles and their successors, the bishops. This well-formed conscience seeks to understand the truth and allows itself to be guided by the Holy Spirit. A well-formed conscience is devoted to doing God's will more than it is to supporting any particular political party.

As such, I wanted to write this letter to help you in forming your conscience in preparation for the vote that you will soon cast.

Our bishops have said, and I agree with them, that "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family and because of the number of lives destroyed." (See the new introductory letter found in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, which can be found online at www.usccb.org.)

The consistent teaching of the Church regarding the intrinsic evil of abortion seeks to secure all other rights as well. We are not a "single issue" Church; there are other extremely important rights that we must defend, to be sure; but these additional rights flow from and are rooted in the fundamental right to life itself.

St. Pope John Paul II stated, "Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." (*Christifideles laici*, #38)

Our bishops noted in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, "A Catholic voter cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior, if the voter's intent is to support that position. . . . At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity." (#34)

When we cast our vote, we must not remain indifferent to those positions and policies that would negatively impact religious

freedoms, erode the traditional family, or make it difficult for the poor to access adequate education, housing and healthcare. We must carefully consider how to fix our broken immigration system, address the worldwide refugee crisis, preserve our natural resources, protect the environment and strive for humane solutions to global conflict and terrorism.

But, to be clear, although there are many causes our Church stands for and is vocal about, the right to life itself must be given our paramount consideration so that people can have the chance to secure all the other benefits that life can afford.

I humbly ask that you take my thoughts into consideration as you prepare to cast your ballot in the near future. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide your decision, having before all else the desire to secure the common good for our nation and to do God's will in all things. I will pray for you and ask that you pray for me as we make our choice of civil leadership, hopefully with well-formed consciences. And, let us all pray for those who are running for election this cycle. May the Lord inspire them to be the best that they can be for all of us, for our nation and for our world.

May God bless you and those you love,

The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL

Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland

[Read *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, which provides a framework for Catholics in the United States:](http://www.usccb.org/resources/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship-pdf)

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For additional resources on the diocesan website, visit:

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/faithful-citizenship>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY — October 17-18

Every year, something special happens on the next-to-last Sunday of October. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

In his message for World Mission Sunday this year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to our baptismal call to mission by saving, "Here I am, Send me." This is the mission that all Christians have received, and God gives us the grace to live it out wherever we may be. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous for the Propagation of the Faith.