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Catholic Church

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OFFICE HOURS Monday & Tuesday 8:30am-12:00 noon
Thursday 9:00am-4pm
Please call the parish office to register.

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH COUNCIL — Christina King, Danielle Stiegelmeier,
Robert Williams, Marlene Zeigler, Christy & Jimmy Johnson, Tom Kilner

FINANCE COUNCIL — Sharon Gebura, Jim Linn,
Todd McKee, Joyce Smith, Joe Dempsey

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism of Children Please contact the parish office before the birth of your first child to prepare for this sacrament.

Baptism of Adults (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA)

The process for becoming a Roman Catholic for adults and older children who have not been baptized or have been baptized in a different tradition.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office.

First Communion Celebrated every year after the children have completed sacramental preparation.

Confirmation Celebrated every other year for those in the eighth and ninth grades.

SACRAMENTS OF LOVING SERVICE

Marriages Please consult with the Priest or Deacon at least 6 months before the desired date is set.

Holy Orders Contact the parish office for information about the priesthood or the diaconate. We will also provide information about vowed religious life for men & women.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Reconciliation Saturday, 3:00-3:45pm

Anointing of the Sick As needed, and as requested.



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Saturday Vigil..... 4:00pm
Sunday 11:00am

Weekdays Monday, Tuesday — No Mass
Wednesday 4:00pm
Thursday, Friday — No Mass

Holy Days — Consult bulletin for times

Eucharistic Adoration — Every Wednesday from 1:00pm - 8:00pm

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Through Him...

We celebrate the sanctity of life.

With Him...

We worship God as we prayerfully tend to the needs of body and spirit.

In Him...

We remain faithfully Catholic as a small rural parish community.

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025

A Word from Deacon Pete,

Hello,

There are a lot of changes going on around here recently. The big news that I announced at Mass last weekend is that we now know the name of the priest who will be living in our parish house. He is Fr. Jim Winings. I believe that he has been ordained for four years. I'll know more about him next week. He is supposed to visit here on Monday, May 12.

With Fr. Jim being assigned here, Fr. Kondik will probably be reassigned, but I have not heard anything from the Diocese yet. Fr. Kondik is on retreat this weekend and next weekend, but he should be here on May 24th and 31st. May 20th marks the 25th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood. I am planning to have donuts and refreshments on May 24th and 25th. I also think that it would be nice for us to give Fr. Kondik a Card Party! I'd like everyone to bring a card for Fr. Kondik. You can drop it in the collection basket next weekend or mail it to the office at 44 Britton St., West Salem 44287. The more cards we are able to give to him, the better it will be. Also, I would like everyone to take the time to thank Fr. Kondik for the years that he has brought Christ to us in the Blessed Sacrament and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A few weeks ago, a member of the parish came up with a number of questions that she thought would be interesting for me to answer in my bulletin article. Since I have a little bit of room in this article, I think I'll answer an easy one. She asked, "Why do we ask people to pay for the candles in the four racks around the church?" That's an easy one. We ask people to pay for the candles because we have to pay for them. Unfortunately, the truth is that not everyone pays for the candles that they light, so the little that we make on each candle that is paid for goes to paying for those unpaid candles as well.

I still have room, so here is another question. "Which is the correct posture to receive Holy Communion?" I don't believe that there is really a "correct" posture. The preferred posture in our diocese is standing and receiving in the hand. I have seen Bishop Malesic distribute Communion to people standing and kneeling. I have also seen him place the Body of Christ on the person's hand or on their tongue. So, it really seems to be a matter of personal preference until Bishop Malesic tells us differently.

You may have noticed that we have removed the first two pews on each side of the main aisle. We did this to help the traffic flow. Now the people who receive while kneeling don't have to get up and go around the front of the kneeler. If you kneel at the right-hand kneeler, just get up and walk to the right. If you are at the left-hand kneeler, just stand up and move to the left. I hope that this will make everyone comfortable with the personal preference of our fellow communicants.

Blessings, Deacon Pete

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 10	4:00pm For the People
Sunday, May 11	11:00am Carolyn Sage+
Wed., May 12	4:00pm Roberta Krempel+
Saturday, May 17	4:00pm For the People
Sunday, May 18	11:00am Active Duty Military and Veterans

Readings for the Week of May 11, 2025

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 11, 2025

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3,4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday Feast of Saint Matthias

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

Thursday Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

The Week Ahead

Saturday, May 10

3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA

Sunday, May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:15am	Rosary
11:00am	Mass
12:00pm	Mother's Day Brunch

Offertory Counter Team 3

Monday, May 12

Tuesday, May 13

Wednesday, May 14

1:00-8:00pm	Adoration
4:00pm	Mass
5:30pm	Meals & More

Thursday, May 15

Friday, May 16

Saturday, May 17

3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA

Sunday, May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:15am	Rosary
11:00am	Mass

Offertory Counter Team 4

Meals & More Bakers this week:

Wednesday, May 14, 2025: Juanita Adamson,
Carol Haburay, Janet Jack, Wendi Mole, Pat Knight,
& Kathy Landrum

Meals & More



Please Remember the Sick in Your Prayers: Mighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of Your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may

render thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Janet Nekl, Jennifer Bishop, June Kost, Luna Riffle, Trudy Schmidt, Reggie Vants, Jaimie Packard, Mike Paulo, Ed Brazis, Heather Smith, Ron Boehm, Terry Ryan, Fred Pachasa, Marlene Sanger, Kelly DuRell, Jerry King, Rea King, Tom King, Betty Ross, Joan Johnson, Randy Kanz, Dianne Pachasa, Sandra Green, Christopher Adamson, Carol Jones, Sandy Gliesner, Kate MacNeil, Tim Hennessey, Eileen Hennessey, Bart Ansbro, Judy Ansbro, John Howard, Pauline Tretok, Kerry Cullin, Barb Helms, Barb Herrick, Margie Keep, Don Kelling, Daniel Theodosion, Joe Marcsik, Rick & Deb Spake, Ray Kusa, Nick Soika, Ken Sage, Hazel Nicks, Bruce Corrigan, Kay Kelling-Owen, Allison Husk, Julianne Gaspar, Gabriela, Julie Long, Bella Mitchell and those on our prayer board.

Collection Report

April 27, 2025

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$2,036.00	\$2,020.00	\$16.00
Parish Use Only	\$450.00	\$960.00	-\$510.00
Total:	\$2,486.00	\$2,980.00	-\$494.00

May 4, 2025

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$1,656.00	\$2,020.00	-\$364.00
Parish Use Only	\$1,525.00	\$960.00	\$565.00
Total:	\$3,181.00	\$2,980.00	\$201.00



Happy Birthday!!!

Be sure to wish a "Happy Birthday" to the following members of our parish!!

Robert Williams (May 17),

Kathryn Kelling-Owen (May 17),

Richard Peterson (May 20)

Men's Prayer Group: The Men's Prayer Group will now be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The next meeting for the Men's Prayer Group will be Thursday, May 22nd. They will meet at 6:00pm near the altar in the church.



Father's Day Basket Raffle Themes

The Ladies Guild is looking for sponsors to donate items for various baskets to raffle off at this year's Father's Day Brunch. Basket themes and suggested items needed are on the table in the Gathering Room. Please sign up for items you are willing to donate. Please turn in items by May 18th so baskets can be assembled for display on May 31st.



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm

"O Jesus! On this day, You have fulfilled all my desires. From now on, near the Eucharist, I shall be able to sacrifice myself in silence, to wait for Heaven in peace. Keeping myself open to the rays of the Divine Host, in this

furnace of love, I shall be consumed, and like a seraphim, Lord, I shall love You."

- from St. Therese of Lisieux's poem,

"Cantic of a Soul Having Found the Place of Its Rest!..."



First Saturday Devotion:

The next First Saturday Devotion will be at 3:00pm on Saturday, June 7th. Everyone is invited to attend. Chrissy King is organizing the endeavor. She has pamphlets available with more information. She also can be reached at 216-308-1434.

Ladies Guild Memorial Day Bake Sale:

The Ladies Guild will be hosting the Memorial Day Bake Sale on the weekend of May 24 and 25. If you like to bake, please do so and donate the treats to the Bake Sale. If you like to eat yummy treats, please support this delicious event!



Thank you!! Soup Sales raised slightly over \$3,000.00 for the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue repair. We received two very generous donations from a parish family. Thank you!!

The Fest: Join us on August 3rd for the 25th Anniversary of the FEST in Wickliffe, Ohio. The FEST is a day of faith, family, and fun and is a FREE event! For more details, go to www.theFEST.us.



New to the Parish?

We welcome all newcomers to our parish and encourage everyone to register and get involved. If you need to register or update your information, clip the form below from the bulletin, complete the information, and drop it in the offertory basket. Someone from the office will reach out to you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am new to St. Stephen: _____ Updating Info _____

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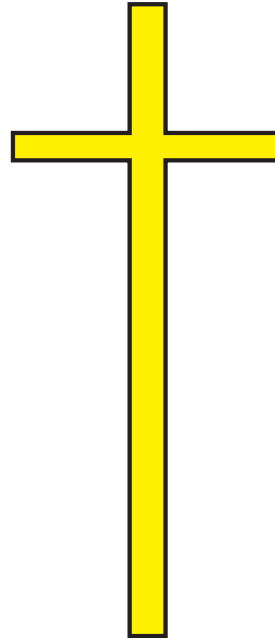
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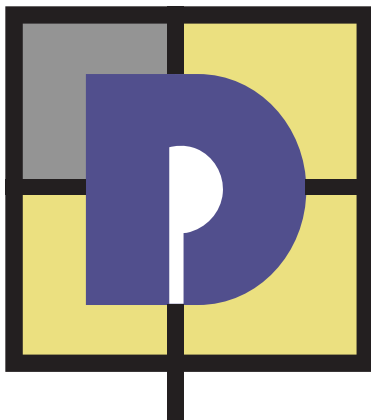


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