

ST. STEPHEN

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Catholic Church

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

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PARISH COUNCIL — Christina King, Danielle Stiegelmeier,
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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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025

A Word from Deacon Pete,

Hello Everyone,

I hope that all of our mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day. The weather was certainly beautiful. We even had a nice crowd at the 11:00am Mass with a few more children running around. I loved it!

I'm sorry that last Sunday's article was so long. I just got carried away.

Here is a little reminder for everyone who volunteered to purchase some of the articles for the Father's Day Basket raffle. Please bring in your donations as soon as possible. If you have been delayed and still intend to donate, please call the office (419-853-4946) and let us know when you can bring in your donation. This will prevent the Ladies Guild from purchasing those items that you intend to donate.

Don't forget that we are planning to celebrate Fr. Kondik's 25th anniversary after the 4:00pm Mass on May 24th. I would like everyone to bring in a congratulatory/thank-you card for him. The Men's Prayer Group will be supplying donuts and refreshments after both weekend Masses.

One of the questions that I was asked to answer about the Mass is, "What does the priest say while preparing to receive Communion? *The Priest, facing the altar, says quietly:* "May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life." *And he reverently consumes the Body of Christ. Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:* "May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life." *And he reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.*

So, he is saying a short prayer for himself asking that he may be worthy to receive Christ and that he will remain safely in the good graces of the Lord. It is similar to what we mean when we say "Amen" when we are offered the Body and Blood of the Lord in Holy Communion. We are saying that we really believe that what we are receiving is actually "WHO" we are receiving, Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions about our wonderful Catholic Faith, please get your inquiries to me and I'd be happy to share the answer with everyone so that we can understand the meaning behind our beliefs and actions as a Church.

Blessings, Deacon Pete

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 17 4:00pm For the People
Sunday, May 18 11:00am Active Duty Military and Veterans
Wed., May 21 4:00pm Anne Rogers+
Saturday, May 24 4:00pm For the People
Sunday, May 25 11:00am Mary Stieglmeyer

Readings for the Week of May 18, 2025

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 18, 2025

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

Monday Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

The Week Ahead

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

Monday, May 19

Tuesday, May 20

Wednesday, May 21

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

Thursday, May 22

6:00pm Men's Prayer Group

Friday, May 23

Saturday, May 24

3:00pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Mass – Memorial Day Bake Sale
7:00pm AA

Sunday, May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:15am Rosary
11:00am Mass – Memorial Day Bake Sale

Offertory Counter Team 5

Meals & More Bakers this week:

Wednesday, May 21, 2025:
Black River Ruritan Club

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, Bruce Corrigan, Kay Kelling-Owen, Allison Husk, Julianne Gaspar, Gabriela, Julie Long, Bella Mitchell and those on our prayer board.

Collection Report

May 11, 2025

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$1,677.00	\$2,020.00	-\$343.00
Parish Use Only	\$515.00	\$960.00	-\$445.00
Total:	\$2,192.00	\$2,980.00	-\$788.00



Happy Birthday!!!

Be sure to wish a "Happy Birthday" to the following members of our parish!!
Richard Peterson (May 20),
Matthew Marangoni (May 23),
Amelia Beitel (May 24), Erin Boehm (May 26)

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 as soon as possible (by May 23rd). The Ladies Guild will have to purchase any items that are not donated so baskets can be assembled for display on May 31st.



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm

"The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace."

-St. Pope John Paul II



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!



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.

Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage!

The Diocese of Cleveland invites all couples married in 1975 to attend the annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, June 29, 2025, at 2:00 PM. Families are welcome. No registration is required. Doors open at 1:30 PM. A photo opportunity with the Bishop will be available after Mass. All are welcome to share this joyful celebration!



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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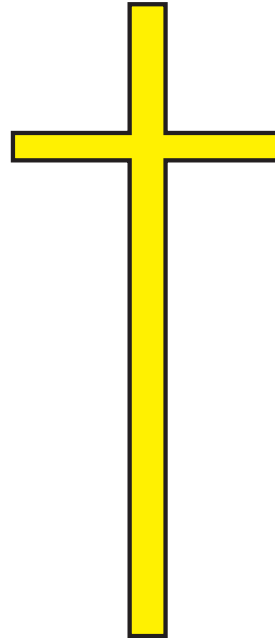
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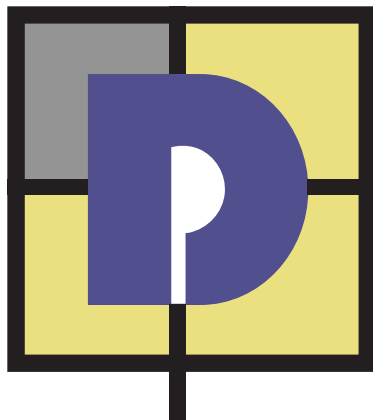


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