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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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

A Word from Deacon Pete,

Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone is doing well.

Here is another question that was posed to me about our wonderful Catholic Church. Why do I have to go to Confession, that is, tell my sins to a human?

First, we must know what sin is. "Sin is, before all else, an offense against God. At the same time, it damages communion with the Church. For this reason, conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church." (CCC1440)

Forgiveness is expressed and reconciliation is accomplished liturgically by the Sacrament of Penance.

"Only God forgives sin. Further, by virtue of His divine authority He gives His power to men to exercise in His name." (CCC1441) "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" (John 20:21-22) "In imparting to His apostles His own power to forgive sins, the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners to the Church." (CCC1444)

This is obviously where the Church gets the authority to forgive our sins. I believe that the Lord was very wise in having us confess our sins to His representative because this requires us to have a certain amount of humility, which goes against everything our society teaches us about our relationship with one another. Jesus humbled Himself to become one of us so that He could teach us about the life He wants us to live in humility and truth. I hope this short explanation clears up some of your questions. If you would like a full explanation, please read paragraphs 1425-1460 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Happy Memorial Day celebration. We will have donuts, cake and refreshments after each Mass. If you are reading this before the 4:00pm Mass, please remember to thank Fr. Kondik for his 25 years of priesthood including his four years of service to our parish.

Blessings,
Deacon Pete

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 24 4:00pm For the People
Sunday, May 25 11:00am Mary Stieglmeyer
Wed., May 28 4:00pm Deceased Members of
Harwedel & Kramer Families
Saturday, May 31 4:00pm For the People
Sunday, June 1 11:00am Joseph Petric+

Readings for the Week of May 25, 2025

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 25, 2025

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

Monday Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26 - 16:4a

Tuesday Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23;
Lk 24:46-53

Friday Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zeph 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

In those places where the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Mass and readings of the Ascension are used.

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23;
Lk 24:46-53

The Week Ahead

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

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Monday, May 26

HOLIDAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 27

Wednesday, May 28

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

Thursday, May 29

6:00pm Men's Prayer Group

Friday, May 30

Saturday, May 31

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

Sunday, June 1

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:15am Rosary
11:00am Mass

Offertory Counter Team 2



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 18, 2025

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$1,973.00	\$2,020.00	-\$47.00
Parish Use Only	\$855.00	\$960.00	-\$105.00
Total:	\$2,828.00	\$2,980.00	-\$152.00



Happy Birthday!!!

Be sure to wish a "Happy Birthday"

to the following members of our parish!!

Amelia Beitel (May 24), Erin Boehm (May 26)

Geraldine Marangoni (May 27),

Susan Ulrich (May 27), Dan Bohner (May 29),

Ross Cook (May 30), Roy Leighton (May 30)

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, June 12th. They will meet at 6:00pm near the altar in the church.



Congratulations to this year's Graduates:

Phillip Boehm and Angel Latka . May you be blessed with the knowledge that you are never alone in life and that God will always be there to watch over you and guide you. The St. Stephen family prays that you will continue to discover and develop the talents and abilities that God has blessed you with. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Meals & More Bakers this week:

Wednesday, May 28, 2025:

Bonnie Krueger, Sue Ulrich, Marlene Ziegler & Kathy Landrum



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm

"O King of glory, though You hide Your beauty, yet the eye of my soul rends the veil. I see the angelic choirs giving You honor without cease."

- St. Faustina Kowalska



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.

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH –

The Ladies Guild will be hosting the annual Father's Day Brunch on Sunday, June 15th after the 11am Mass. This year's theme is Music Man: Country to Rock. So, dig out your favorite Western shirt or group/solo t-shirt (old concert shirt if you still have them). Everyone is welcome to celebrate and honor all the fathers in our parish family. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Room so we can get an approximate count for planning purposes. **Please bring a pastry or dessert to share. Items can be dropped off at Hackman Hall prior to Mass.**

CHECK 'EM OUT!! Father's Day Raffle

Baskets are on display in the Gathering Room.

Tickets are on Sale for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Come take a look at all the wonderful things that YOU COULD WIN!!



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!



Registration Information

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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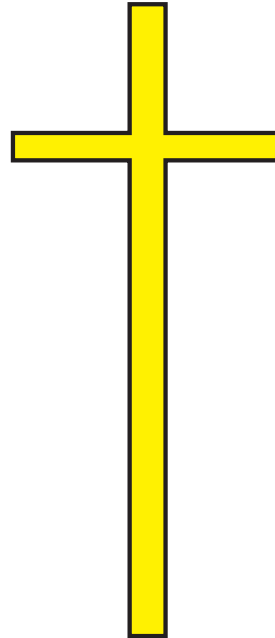
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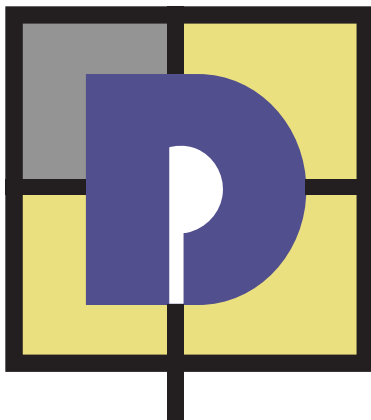


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