

# ST. STEPHEN

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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.

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### 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.

# Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

## June 15, 2025

### A Word from Deacon Pete,

Hello and Happy Father's Day,

I hope and pray that all of our fathers, young and old, have a wonderful day being celebrated by their families. I hope to see my son Pete Jr. and his family sometime in the near future.

Fr. Jim stayed overnight in the rectory for the first time last Sunday. The house is not completely up to snuff, but we will continue to work on it. Pippy Garman has been hired to clean the house every other week. At this time, she is doing a lot of cleaning and I'm waiting to see how good she is even at painting.

Gavin Ensign received his First Communion last Sunday. Gavin looked great. He wore a white three-piece suit. Besides his parents, Alee and Brian and his little brother Graham, they had about twenty family members and friends attend the Mass. More folks showed up for the reception afterward.

Here is this week's question about our Catholic traditions: Why do priests and deacons wear robes for Mass instead of just wearing regular clothes? They wear long robes during Mass and some other liturgies to signify their authority, humility and relationship with God. There are different colored vestments for different seasons of the Church year.

The tradition of wearing vestments dates back to the Old Testament when priests wore specific garments for religious events. The Church's vestments evolved over time, drawing inspiration from the dress of the Roman-Greco world. The vestments are symbols that communicate important theological and spiritual realities. In a way, the robes are meant to effectively obliterate the priest's or deacon's personality.

I recall that during one of my formation liturgy classes, I was asked what I thought about the role of the deacon during Mass and how he should present himself. My answer was that it would be best if he were invisible because he should not distract the worshippers from the worship of God. I hope that I live up to that ideal.

Let us worship the Lord and Him alone shall we serve.  
Blessings, Deacon Pete

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday, June 14** 4:00pm For the People  
**Sunday, June 15** 10:30am Randy Arnold+  
**Monday, June 16** 8:00am  
**Wed., June 18** 4:00pm Arnold Family's Spiritual & Temporal Needs

**Thursday, June 19** 8:00am  
**Saturday, June 21** 4:00pm For the People  
**Sunday, June 22** 10:30am Pete & Vera Duly+

### Readings for the Week of June 15, 2025

#### **Scripture Readings**

#### **For the Week of June 15, 2025**

##### **Sunday Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

Prov 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

**Monday** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday** 2 Cor 9:6-11, Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23

##### **Saturday Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**

2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 6:24-34

##### **Sunday The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Gen 14:18-20; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

### The Week Ahead

#### **Saturday, June 14**

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

#### **Sunday, June 15**

##### **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

9:45am Rosary  
10:30am Mass – Father's Day Brunch after Mass

#### **Offertory Counter Team 4**

#### **Monday, June 16**

8:00am Mass

#### **Tuesday, June 17**

#### **Wednesday, June 18**

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

#### **Thursday, June 19**

8:00am Mass

#### **Friday, June 20**

#### **Saturday, June 21**

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

#### **Sunday, June 22**

##### **The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

9:45am Rosary  
10:30am Mass

#### **Offertory Counter Team 5**

### **Meals & More Bakers this week:**

Wednesday, June 18, 2025:  
Black River Ruritan Club

*Meals & More*

## **A Message From Fr. Jim**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! It is with great joy that I write to you, the parishioners of St. Edward, St. Stephen, and St. Peter.

When St. John Vianney was first assigned to Ars in 1818, he had a difficult time finding the town. As he wandered through the countryside, he met a young shepherd boy who guided him to the church. Upon arriving, the saint told the boy: *“You have shown me the way to Ars. I will show you the way to Heaven.”*

As I begin this new assignment, I hold those words of the Curé of Ars close to my heart. While GPS has made it unlikely that I’ll get lost, I pray that, with God’s grace, I may be a priest who helps lead you to Heaven.

My journey to Ashland began a little over 35 years ago on February 27, 1990. I’m the youngest of three, and my siblings and I grew up on the east side of Cleveland, in Shaker Heights and Beachwood. Our home parish was St. Dominic, where we all attended Catholic school from preschool through eighth grade. My dad worked in the family business selling electrical equipment, and my mom was a pediatric nurse. Some of my fondest memories growing up were summer Sundays at a small lake in Ashtabula County, tubing and water-skiing behind our family’s Ski Nautique.

I attended St. Ignatius High School, where I focused on sports—running track all four years and playing football before switching to cross country as a senior. It was there that the seeds of my vocation were planted, when an elderly Jesuit once told me that I’d make a good “soldier for Christ.”

After graduation, I attended Loyola University Chicago and studied History and Economics. I also competed on the track and cross-country teams. When I returned to Cleveland after college, I worked for three years at McMaster-Carr, an industrial supply company, in customer service and data management—before answering the call to the priesthood.

I was ordained on May 15, 2021, by Bishop Edward Malesic, and have just completed my first assignment at St. Raphael Parish in Bay Village. I can say with confidence that I love being a priest even more today than I did four years ago, and I look forward to sharing so many sacred moments with you in the years to come: celebrating the sacraments, teaching the young, strengthening families, visiting the sick, and serving the poor.

Please pray for me and be assured of my prayers for you. I look forward to getting to know you—please don’t hesitate to introduce yourself after Mass!





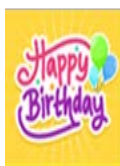
**Please Remember the Sick in Your Prayers:** *Mighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of Your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to You in Your Church.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

## Collection Report

June 8, 2025

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offertory:	\$1,929.00	\$2,020.00	-\$91.00
Parish Use Only	\$1,405.00	\$960.00	\$445.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,334.00</b>	<b>\$2,980.00</b>	<b>\$354.00</b>



## Happy Birthday!!!

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

Tim DeRodes (June 14), Richard Ziebro (June 14), Gregory Kessler (June 15),

Michael Levanoff (June 15), Desianna Bohner (June 16), Harold Gordon (June 17), Pete Foradori (June 18), Gabrielle Sword (June 18), Margaret Wolfe (June 20)

**Men's Prayer Group:** The Men's Prayer Group will now be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. The next meeting for the Men's Prayer Group will be Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. They will meet at 6:00pm near the altar in the church.



## 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 2:00pm. Families are welcome. No registration is required. Doors open at 1:30pm. A photo opportunity with the Bishop will be available after Mass. All are welcome to share this joyful celebration!

**Ladies Guild Bake Sale:** The Ladies Guild will be hosting a Bake Sale on the weekend of July 5<sup>th</sup> & July 6<sup>th</sup>. 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!



## Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm

*"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."*

-Saint Teresa of Calcutta



**First Saturday Devotion:** The next First Saturday Devotion will be at 3:00pm on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Mass Intentions:

If you would like to remember someone in a special way, there are openings on the Mass schedule for Mass intentions especially since two weekday Masses have been added to our schedule. Mass intentions are \$10 per Mass and you can reserve your special date by calling the parish office (419-853-4946)

## Catholic Renewal Ministries' 42nd Annual

**Conference – Saturday, July 26, 2025** at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton 44133. This year's theme is "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength." Visit the CRM website: [www.crmweb.org](http://www.crmweb.org) or call 440-944-9445 for more information. Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, is \$40, and at the door \$50. Come, as we praise and exalt Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and celebrate the Jubilee Year.

**The Fest:** Join us on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.theFEST.us).



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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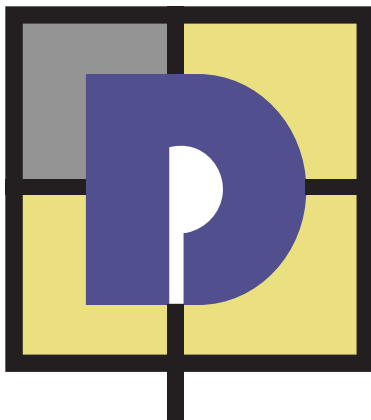
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