

ST. STEPHEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

44 Britton Street, West Salem, Ohio 44287



Parish Contact Information

Address: 44 Britton Street
Phone: 419-853-4946
Email: info@ststephen.ws

Presbyteral Moderator:

Fr. Rod Kreidler
pastor@stedwardashland.org

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Jim Winings
jwinings@stedwardashland.org

Parish Life Coordinator

Deacon Pete Foradori
deaconpete@ststephen.ws

Parish Secretary

Denise Behary
secretary@ststephen.ws

PSR Director

Stephanie Arnold

Organists

Patricia Foradori
Laura Fryman

Maintenance

Ron Boehm
Logan Garman

Parish Council

Christina King
Danielle Stiegelmeyer
Robert Williams

Marlene Zeigler
Christy Johnson
Tom Kilner

Finance Council

Sharon Gebura
Jim Linn
Todd McKee

Joyce Smith
Joe Dempsey

Baptism of Children:

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

Baptism of Adults

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults or OCIA)
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.

Marriages

Please consult with the Priest or Deacon at least six 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 and women.

Anointing of the Sick

As needed, and as requested.

Confession

Always available upon request, contact either Fr. Jim or Fr. Rod.

Our Family of Ministry

St. Edward Ashland

stedwardashland.org
419-289-7224

Weekday Mass:

Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri
8:00am (7:35am Rosary)
Wednesday 1:15pm

Weekend Mass:

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am

1st Saturday: 8:00am
(7:35am Rosary)

Confession:

Saturday 3-4:00pm

St. Stephen West Salem

ststephen.ws
419-853-4946

Weekday Mass:

Mon & Thu 8:00am
Wednesday 4:00pm

Weekend Mass:

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 10:30am

Confession:

Saturday 3-3:45pm

Adoration:

Wednesday 1-8:00pm

St. Peter Loudonville

loudonvillecatholic.org
419-994-4396

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday 8:00am
Friday 12:00noon

Weekend Mass:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am

Confession:

Saturday 4-4:30pm

Adoration:

2nd Monday of Month
7-8:00pm

Ashland University Newman Center

ashlandcatholic.org
nccm@ashland.edu
419-289-5481

** Located in the Lower Chapel on campus,
only when college is in session.

Weekend Mass:

Sunday 4:30pm
(except 9/21, 10/19 & 11/30)

Confession:

Sunday 4-4:30pm

Newman Nights:

Wednesday 7-8:30pm

Adoration:

Wed 8:45-9:45pm

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2025

A Word from Deacon Pete:

Hello Again,

I understand that we really need rain, but it is so nice to have this beautiful weather. It looks like we may not get any rain for another week or so. I must admit that I am reluctantly praying for rain.

Mike Haburay may be completing the work on Mary's Shrine in front of the rectory this week. Fred DelGuidice has been working on the outdoor Sacred Heart Statue. The hands that were in such poor shape look very good. The transfiguration of the hands is nothing less than amazing.

Don't forget to sign up for the Parish Fall Picnic on September 28 after the 10:30 Mass. This is a rain or shine event since we have our nice Parish Hall. Regardless of the weather, the Hall provides everyone a place to sit down at a table while enjoying a good meal and companionship. I would like to thank the Ladies Guild in advance for hosting this event.

One of the questions that I was asked about our Catholic faith is: What is that little container into which we put consecrated hosts? It is used to take Jesus to our parishioners who cannot join us at Mass. It is called a pyx. It is normally a small container which just holds a few hosts. There are also larger sizes available that are used to take Communion to a number of people in nursing homes and the like. One of my diaconate classmates had a very active ministry to jails and prisons. His pyx was much larger than those of the rest of the class.

You may be interested to know that three other Christian churches use the pyx. The Old Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican Churches use them as well. We are highly blessed to have the true Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ available to us. I know from personal experience that the reception of the Blessed Sacrament can be a great comfort to those who are not able to join us at Mass. The pyx is normally carried in a small pouch on a cord, which is worn around the neck.

Blessings, Deacon Pete

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 20	4:00pm	For the Intentions of the Moffett Family
Sunday, September 21	10:30am	For the People
Monday, September 22	8:00am	For the Intentions of Laura Fryman
Wednesday, September 24	4:00pm	Marjorie Guenther +
Thursday, September 25	8:00am	For the Intentions of the Burky Family
Saturday, September 27	4:00pm	For the People
Sunday, September 28	10:30am	For the intentions of Montana and Christine Stieglmeyer and Baby (Military)

Readings for the Week of September 21, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
Monday	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

The Week Ahead

	Saturday, September 20
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA
	Sunday, September 21
	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15am	PSR
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
	Offertory Counter Team 2
	Monday, September 22
8:00am	Mass
6:00pm	Men's Prayer Group
	Tuesday, September 23
	Wednesday, September 24
1:00-8:00pm	Adoration
4:00pm	Mass
5:30pm	Meals & More
	Thursday, September 25
8:00am	Mass
	Friday, September 26
	Saturday, September 27
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA
	Sunday, September 28
	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15am	PSR
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
11:30am	Parish Picnic
	Offertory Counter Team 3

Men's Prayer Group: The next Men's Prayer Group will be on Monday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. Fr. Jim will continue to lead the group in a book study Show Us the Father.



Meals & More Bakers this week:
Bonnie Krueger, Sue Ulrich, Marlene Zeigler, and 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.

Christopher Adamson, Nikita Arnold, Ron Boehm, Ed Brazis, Pat Brown, Kerry Cullin, Charly Dunn, Jim Emmert, Sandra Green, Richard Guenther, Ingrid Hankinson, Joan Johnson, Carol Jones, Margie Keep, Kay Kelling-Owen, Laurel King, June Kost, Lois Norton, Jaimie Packard, Mia Preston, Betty Ross, Heather Smith, and those on our prayer board.

Collection Report

September 14, 2025

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$2,801.00	\$2,020.00	\$781.00
Parish Use Only	\$745.00	\$960.00	-\$215.00
Total:	\$3,546.00	\$2,980.00	\$566.00

Happy Birthday!!!

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

Therese Hnanicek (September 26),
Cody Leighton (September 28)



Hello Fall—Parish Picnic & Potluck:



The Ladies' Guild will be hosting our annual Fall Picnic and Potluck on Sunday, September 28 after the 10:30 am Mass. We will be providing the entrée and drinks. We request that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Room so we have a count for planning purposes.

Walk for Life & 5K Fun Run:

The Ashland Pregnancy Care Center is sponsoring a Walk for Life & 5K Fun Run on Saturday, September 27, starting at the Downtown Ashland Corner Park. To register online, go to www.AshlandCareCenter.org/Walk.

Protecting God's Children:

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm

"When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, instead of looking about us, let us shut our eyes and open our hearts; and the good God will open His. We will go to Him, and He will come to us, the one to give, and the other to receive. It will be like a breath passing from one to the other. What delight we find in forgetting ourselves that we may seek God!"

- St. John Vianney



First Saturday Devotion: The next First Saturday Devotion will be at 3:00pm on Saturday, October 4. Everyone is invited to attend. Crissy King is organizing the endeavor. She has pamphlets available with more information. She also can be reached at 216-308-1434.

Rummage Sale:

The St. Edward Catholic Daughters of the Americas is sponsoring a rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 3 from 9:00am-5:00pm and Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9:00am-12:00pm. The rummage sale will take place at the St. Edward Church Activity Center, 501 Cottage Street, Ashland.

Rosary Coast to Coast:

The Rosary Coast to Coast is a Rosary Rally in which participants from across the United States will join together to pray the Rosary simultaneously on Sunday, October 5 at 4:00pm EST. The purpose of the Rosary Rally is to join with fellow prayer warriors to pray for the specific intention of, "May our Nation Enshrine the Sanctity of Life at Conception" and for the sanctity of marriage and family. The Rosary Coast to Coast will be anchored by the National Rosary Rally in front of the US Capitol in Washington, DC. We will pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary together at St. Stephen Church at 4:00pm. Please plan to arrive by 3:45pm. There will be handouts with the Rosary prayers. Let us pray to our Blessed Mother and beg her intercession to protect our country, Church, and families.

Calligrapher Needed:

If God has given you the gift of calligraphy or other special handwriting, we need you! If you'd be willing to fill out a couple of certificates, please call the parish office at 419-853-4946.



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 _____

Welcome to
St. Stephen Parish



From:
Deacon Pete and
Patricia Foradori

farmersstate-oh.com



Farmers State Bank
Your Bank, Your Way.



Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, Inc.

Call 330-624-0331 anytime
800-552-PLUM (7586) 24/7

www.circleGplumbingandheating.com

Ohio Heating Cert. #47017
Ohio Plumbing Cert. #16445

MILLER'S

Grocery • Meats • Produce • Deli • Bakery

Cakes for all
occasions



**IN-HOUSE
SMOKED
MEATS!**

(330)948-1440



**Matteson
Funeral Home**

Serving the Tri-County Area
Since 1953

Michelle L. Matteson
Victoria Devore
Directors

40 Congress Street
West Salem

853-4000

www.mattesonfh.com

**FIND IN YOUR LOCAL MEIJER
OR ACE HARDWARE!**



Since 1926
www.frostop.com



PARKER FUNERAL HOMES

~ Since 1922 ~

Pre-Need Arranging • Monument Sales • Traditional & Cremation Services



210 Medina Street, Lodi 330-948-1122
202 E. Main St., Spencer 330-648-2180
www.parkerfuneralhomes.com



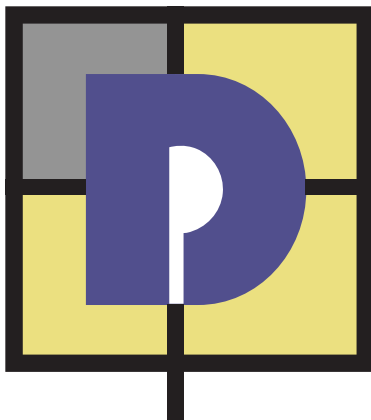
**DRAINAGE EXPERTS • EXCAVATING
LAND CLEARING • STUMP GRINDING**

(330) 388-6227

**Our bulletin is printed at
no cost to the parish.**

Our advertisers cover all expenses.

**We thank them and encourage you
to support their businesses.**



**TO ADVERTISE HERE,
CALL DEE PRINTING
AT (614) 777-8700**

Please patronize our advertisers... To place an ad, call 1-800-292-9020