

# ST. STEPHEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 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.

## Social Media

Please find us on Facebook or on our website: [ststephen.ws](http://ststephen.ws)

## Our Family of Ministry

### St. Edward

#### Ashland

[stedwardashland.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://ashlandcatholic.org)  
[nccm@ashland.edu](mailto: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

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2025

### A Word from Fr. Jim:

Every now and then, I come across a video online claiming that “Catholics worship Mary.” Critics often point to prayers like the *Hail Mary*, to statues or processions in her honor, or even to titles such as *Co-Redemptrix* or *Co-Mediatrix* as supposed proof of this claim. Perhaps you’ve encountered these debates yourself!

A few weeks ago, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith—a Vatican office that assists the Pope in safeguarding and explaining Catholic teaching—published a document that may help bring clarity to this issue. In particular, it addresses the proper way to speak about Mary. The document explains that titles like *Co-Redemptrix* or *Co-Mediatrix* should be avoided, since they might give the mistaken impression that Catholics see Mary as equal to Christ, the one Redeemer and source of all grace. Instead, it encourages us to use titles that highlight Mary’s maternal care for all people and her example as the first and most faithful disciple of Jesus.

It’s important to remember that devotion to Mary has been part of the Church’s life from the very beginning. It was through her “yes” that Jesus entered the world (Lk 1:38); at her request, He worked His first miracle (Jn 2:1-10); and at the cross, Jesus gave her to us as our Mother (Jn 19:27). For two millennia, Christians have turned to Mary for protection, intercession, and inspiration. Her life shows us that every believer shares a role in God’s saving work.

At the same time, the Church has always been clear that Mary is not worshiped—worship belongs to God alone. Rather, she points us unfailingly to her Son, reminding us that all her greatness comes from the grace of Jesus Christ. This new Vatican document helps to bring clarity to how we speak about Mary, so that our love for her may lead us ever more deeply into the worship of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday, November 15</b>	4:00pm	For the People
<b>Sunday, November 16</b>	10:30am	Active-Duty Military and Veterans
<b>Monday, November 17</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Wednesday, November 19</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Thursday, November 20</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 22</b>	4:00pm	For the People
<b>Sunday, November 23</b>	10:30am	Ray & Angie Kusa +

### **Mass Schedule Change:**

Fr. Jim is on vacation this week so there will be no Masses on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday. There will still be Adoration from 1:00-8:00pm and Meals & More at 5:30pm on Wednesday. We send our prayers for Fr. Jim to have a safe and relaxing vacation!

### Readings for the Week of November 16, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</b> 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29: 10bcd, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-58
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</b> 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

### The Week Ahead

<b>Saturday, November 15</b>	
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA
<b>Sunday, November 16</b>	
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
9:15am	PSR
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
<b>Offertory Counter Team 2</b>	
<b>Monday, November 17</b>	
7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday, November 18</b>	
<b>Wednesday, November 19</b>	
1:00-8:00pm	Adoration
5:30pm	Meals & More
<b>Thursday, November 20</b>	
<b>Friday, November 21</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 22</b>	
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
	Donut Weekend
7:00pm	AA
<b>Sunday, November 23</b>	
<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>	
9:15am	PSR
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
	Donut Weekend
<b>Offertory Counter Team 3</b>	

**Enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**When: 12/10/2025**

**Place: St Stephen Church**

**Time: 7:00 PM**



**Promises of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: “I the Mother of Grace, shall descend on the Saturday after their death and whomsoever I shall find in purgatory I shall free so that I may lead them to the holy mountain of everlasting life”**

**Information Session to be held after Mass on 11/23/2025 at 11:30 AM**

**Refreshments will be served!**

**Please join us and learn about this Marian Devotion- sign -up sheet to come**

**Any questions : Crissy King 216-308-1434 or JoAnn Arnold**

## **THE BROWN SCAPULAR – A SIGN OF DEVOTION TO MARY**

The Brown Scapular is a Roman Catholic devotion to Mary under her title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12<sup>th</sup> and early to mid-13<sup>th</sup> centuries. The Brown Scapular is worn as a sign of love and devotion for the Mother of God. The Carmelite Order, to which the Scapular belongs, originated on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land and the Scapular is itself a reflection in miniature of the habit (scapular: a sleeveless outer garment falling from the shoulders) which the monks wear as a sign of their vocation and devotion. Over the years the scapular, at least for lay people, became much reduced in size to but small pieces of wool cloth suspended front and back.

## **OUR LADY APPEARS TO ST. SIMON STOCK**

The Scapular was presented by Our Lady to St. Simon Stock, the Father General of the Carmelite Order, on July 16, 1251. St. Simon's story is very interesting. He was an English hermit and lived in the hollow of a tree. He received the name "stock" because he lived in the hollowed trunk or stock of a tree. In time he became a Carmelite and later the Father General of the order. He led the order during a time of struggle. The Carmelites originally were hermits on Mount Carmel, near Nazareth in the Holy Land. When they migrated to Europe, in this case England, some saw great wisdom in no longer being hermits and instead becoming friars who would work among the people. St. Simon guided them through this state of transition. In the year 1251 a most momentous vision took place. St. Simon Stock, newly transplanted to England, prayed earnestly to Our Lady for help. Then to him appeared the Blessed Virgin with a multitude of angels, holding the Scapular of the order in her blessed hands.

## **MARY'S PROMISE TO THOSE WHO WEAR THE SCAPULAR**

Our Lady gave St. Simon a scapular for the Carmelites with the following promise, saying, "Receive, My beloved son, this habit of thy order; this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire...It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace." Another important aspect of wearing the Scapular is the Sabbatine Privilege. This concerns a promise made by Our Lady to Pope John XXII. In a papal letter he issued, he recounted a vision that he had had. He stated that the Blessed Virgin had said to him in this vision, concerning those who wear the Brown Scapular, "I, the Mother of Grace, shall descend on the Saturday after their death and whomsoever I shall find in Purgatory, I shall free, so that I may lead them to the holy mountain of life everlasting."

## **VALUE AND MEANING OF THE SCAPULAR**

Many popes and saints have strongly recommended wearing the Brown Scapular to the Catholic Faithful, including St. Robert Bellarmine, Pope John XXII, Pope Pius XI, and Pope Benedict XV. For example, St. Alphonsus said, "Just as men take pride in having others wear their livery, so the Most Holy Mary is pleased when Her servants wear Her Scapular as a mark that they have dedicated themselves to Her service and are members of the Family of the Mother of God." Pope Pius XII went so far as to say, "The Scapular is a practice of piety which by its very simplicity is suited to everyone and has spread widely among the faithful of Christ to their spiritual profit." In our own times, Pope Paul VI said, "Let the faithful hold in high esteem the practices and devotions to the Blessed Virgin...the Rosary and the Scapular of Carmel" and in another place referred to the Scapular as, "so highly recommended by our illustrious predecessors."



**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, 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**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$1,650.00	\$2,020.00	-\$370.00
Parish Use Only	\$2,120.00	\$960.00	\$1,160.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,770.00</b>	<b>\$2,980.00</b>	<b>\$790.00</b>
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$157.00		

**Happy Birthday!!!**

**Be sure to wish a “Happy Birthday” to the following members of our parish!!**

Chayton Bullis (November 17),  
Chloe McKee (November 19),  
Sara Ambrose (November 20)



**Second Collection This Weekend:**

Please be generous in this week’s special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**Solidarity:**

Pope St. John Paul II, in *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, states “Solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and every individual, because we are all really responsible for all.” (Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 38).

**Meals & More Bakers this week:**

Black River Ruritan Club



**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm**

*“Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.”*



-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

**Ladies Guild Meeting and Gift Exchange:**

All ladies of the parish are welcome to the next Ladies Guild meeting on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in Hackman Hall—Door #3. There will be a \$10 gift exchange. There is no meeting scheduled for January.

**St. Nicholas Party—Mark Your Calendars:**

Join us for our annual St. Nicholas Party on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am Mass. Everyone enjoys the food, music, and fellowship of our parish at this most special time of year. Ladies Guild will provide gifts to children up to and including age 13. Please be sure to sign up and provide ages for children attending to ensure they receive a gift. Hope to see you there!

**Giving Tree:**

The Giving Tree is now up in the Gathering Room. Every year, we collect items needed for the Wooster Pregnancy Center. Please take a tag (or two) and bring back unwrapped items by December 1. The Center has always been very appreciative of the support they receive from our parish, especially during this time of year.

**Graveside Prayer Service for Deceased Priests:**

In conjunction with AM 1260 “The Rock” Cleveland Catholic Radio, The Catholic Cemeteries Association is hosting a Graveside Prayer Service for Deceased Priests on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park, 14609 Brookpark Road. The service will be held in the St. John Paul II Mausoleum, Section 5 across from the Priests’ Section 10. All are welcome. For more information or questions, please call Renee at 216-930-4866.

**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: _____
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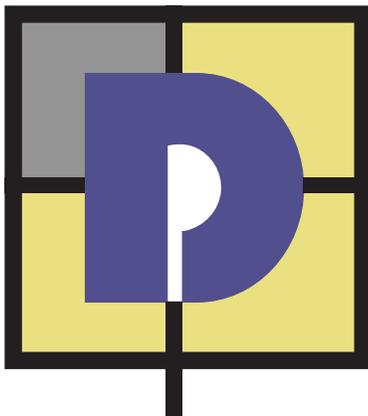
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