

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

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025

A Word from Deacon Pete:

Hello Again,

As I write this article on Monday, 11/17, Fr. Jim is on his way to Florida. I truly hope that he has a very restful vacation. By the time that most of you are reading this bulletin, Fr. Jim will be back in Ohio ministering to us as he usually does.

Someone asked me the other day, "How are the names for parishes assigned to each parish?" In many cases, it is the local community that is building the parish that comes up with the name for the new parish. This is how our diocese ended up with four Sacred Heart Parishes and four Immaculate Conception parishes. There are also a number of other names and titles that have more than one parish with a particular name.

There are two St. Stephen parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. The one on West 54th Street was established in 1869. I think that it would be safe to assume that a group of immigrants came together, and someone had a particular devotion to St. Stephen and suggested that name. I noticed on their website that once a month, the holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German, so it was probably a group of German immigrants who helped establish the parish.

In the case of St. Stephen Parish in West Salem, I had been told that many years ago, our beloved parish received the name St. Stephen because Fr. Vincent Jones, who founded the St. Stephen Mission in 1952, had a good friend who Fr. Jones wanted to memorialize in the name of our mission. Fr. Jones was the pastor of St. Edward Parish in Ashland. So, we started as a mission of St. Edward 73 years ago. Now we are teamed up with St. Edward in a different way to continue to build up the Body of Christ in this section of the Cleveland Diocese.

We still have a few of the prayer cards with seminarian pictures on them. Take this opportunity to pick up one and pray for your own seminarian. Here is the address for the seminary, if you wish to stay in touch with the seminarian on your prayer card: Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, Ohio 44092. I know that the young men really like to hear that someone they don't even know is praying for them. Patricia and I will be sending Christmas cards to our particular seminarians when we send out our cards to family and friends.

Blessings, Deacon Pete

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 22	4:00pm	For the People
Sunday, November 23	10:30am	Ray & Angie Kusa +
Monday, November 24	8:00am	For the People
Wednesday, November 26	4:00pm	For the People
Thursday, November 27	9:00am	Carrie Daddona +
Saturday, November 29	4:00pm	Intentions of Jim Emmert
Sunday, November 30	10:30am	For the People



Thanksgiving Schedule:

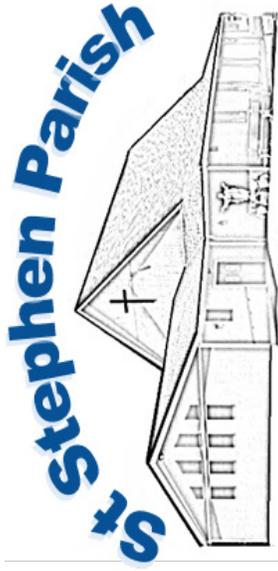
There will be NO Meals & More on Wednesday, Nov. 26. The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28. We will celebrate a Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 27 at 9:00am. Please join us and give thanks to God for our many blessings! There will be NO PSR on Sunday, Nov. 30.

Readings for the Week of November 23, 2025

Sunday	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
Monday	Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

The Week Ahead

	Saturday, November 22
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA
	Sunday, November 23
	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9:15am	PSR
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
	Offertory Counter Team 3
	Monday, November 24
8:00am	Mass
	Tuesday, November 25
	Wednesday, November 26
1:00-8:00pm	Adoration
4:00pm	Mass NO Meals & More
	Thursday, November 27
	Thanksgiving Day
9:00am	Mass Office Closed
	Friday, November 28
	Office Closed
	Saturday, November 29
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA
	Sunday, November 30
	First Sunday of Advent
	NO PSR
9:30am	Adult Advent Study
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
	Offertory Counter Team 4



DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8:00am Mass 6:30pm Ladies Guild 	2	3 1:00—8:00pm Adoration 4:00pm Mass 5:30pm Meals & More	4 8:00am Mass	5	6 First Saturday Devotion 3:00pm Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass 7:00pm AA
7 9:15am PSR 9:30am Adult Advent Study 9:45am Rosary 10:30am Mass Saint Nicholas Party after Mass	8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Mass - 8:00am 	9	10 1:00—8:00pm Adoration 4:00pm Mass 5:30pm Meals & More	11 8:00am Mass	12	13 3:00pm Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass 7:00pm AA
14 9:15am PSR 9:30am Adult Advent Study 9:45am Rosary 10:30am Mass	15 8:00am Mass	16	17 1:00—8:00pm Adoration 4:00pm Mass 5:30pm Meals & More	18 8:00am Mass	19	20 3:00pm Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass 7:00pm AA
21 9:15am PSR 9:30am Adult Advent Study 9:45am Rosary 10:30am Mass	22 8:00am Mass 6:30pm Church Decorating for Christmas	23	24 Holy Day of Obligation 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass NO Meals & More	25 Christmas Holy Day of Obligation 9:00am Mass Parish Office Closed 	26 Parish Office Closed	27 3:00pm Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass 7:00pm AA
28 Feast of the Holy Family 9:45am Rosary 10:30am Mass **NO PSR Classes**	29 8:00am Mass	30	31 Holy Day of Obligation Mary the Mother of God Vigil Mass 4:00pm NO Meals & More	1 New Years Day Holy Day of Obligation Mary, Mother of God Mass 9:00am Parish Office Closed		



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, November 16

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$1,723.00	\$2,020.00	-\$297.00
Parish Use Only	\$825.00	\$960.00	-\$135.00
Total:	\$2,548.00	\$2,980.00	- \$432.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$322.00		

Happy Birthday!!!

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

Carly Nowak (November 27),
Louis Kusa (November 28),
Fr. Rod Kreidler (November 30)



Dignity of the Human Person:

“The dignity of the human person is rooted in his creation in the image and likeness of God.” (CCC, 1700) As such ... “all men have the same nature and the same origin. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ, all are called to participate in the same divine beatitude: all therefore enjoy an equal dignity.” (CCC, 1934)

Ladies Guild Soup Sales:

The Ladies Guild thanks you for your soup purchase. Our next soup fundraiser will be during the weekend of January 31-February 1. Soup offerings will be Ham & Bean, Chicken Noodle, and Stuffed Pepper. We will report after the third soup sale the proceeds that will go to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue repair.

Ladies Guild Meeting and Gift Exchange:

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm

“Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.”



- Alphonsus Liguori



Adult Advent Study:

Larry Smith will be leading an Adult Advent Study on the Sundays of Advent: November 30, December 7, 14, and 21, from 9:30-10:15am in the church. We will utilize the Advent Magnificat book for the study. Please join us to enhance your Advent journey.



St. Nicholas Party—Mark Your Calendars:

Join us for our Annual St. Nicholas Party on Sunday, December 7th after the 10:30am Mass. Ladies Guild will provide the meal, but asks each family to bring a dessert to share. We will also give a gift to each child up to and including age 13. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Room. This year, please provide the name and age of the child, so we ensure they receive a gift.



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.



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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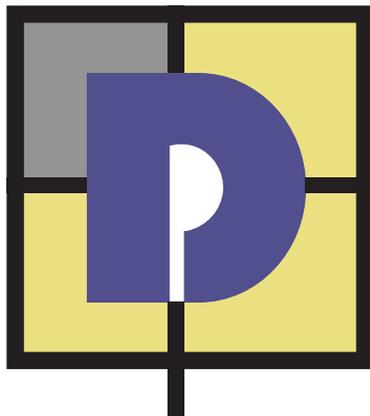
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