

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

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

A Word from Deacon Pete:

Hello Again,

As I was leaving the office yesterday, Thursday, Nov. 20, Denise told me that we had to submit the bulletin for Nov. 30 by (today), Friday, Nov. 21. So, when you read this, the Thanksgiving holiday will be over, and I truly hope that all of us had a blessed and peaceful celebration.

After I get done with this article, Logan and I will be changing the decorations in the church. It's time to take down the green and to start changing things over to the more somber setting for Advent, which begins this weekend. I think that I'll call Kay Kelling-Owen to get some ideas from her.

Advent is a time of anticipation, leading us to the great feast of The Nativity of the Lord. The following is taken from an article written by Frank Pavone, who is the leader of Priests for Life.

“O Come, O Come, Emanuel, and ransom captive Israel...’ It is perhaps the most well-known Advent hymn, yet it raises a question. Matthew’s Gospel tells us that ‘Emanuel’ means ‘God is with us.’ (Mt.1:23) So, in the song we pray, ‘O Come, O Come, God who is already with us.’ If He is with us, why are we asking Him to come?

The reason is that we always need to grow. God indeed loves us as we are, but He loves us too much to let us remain the way we are. He wants to come to every corner of our world and transform every aspect of our lives. Though we have received Him before, there are dark corners to which we have not yet invited Him.”

Here is an Advent Prayer for Life. “God of Life, we rejoice in the promise of Your coming. You have sent Your Son, born in Bethlehem. He is the Prince of Peace, and the one in whose name all oppression shall cease. May we welcome His coming each day and prepare for His coming at the end of time. May we build a culture that welcomes Him by welcoming every child, born and unborn. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

May we all have a very fruitful Advent awaiting Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Deacon Pete

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 29	4:00pm	Intentions of Jim Emmert
Sunday, November 30	10:30am	For the People
Monday, December 1	8:00am	For the People
Wednesday, December 3	4:00pm	Carrie Daddona +
Thursday, December 4	8:00am	For the People
Saturday, December 6	4:00pm	Mary A. Small +
Sunday, December 7	10:30am	For the People



Meals & More Bakers this week:

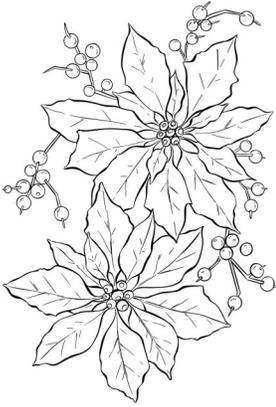
Terry DeRodes, Cheryl Cricks, Shannon Gavel,
Cecilia Hartman, & Monika Paulo

Readings for the Week of November 30, 2025

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44	
Monday	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37	
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12	

The Week Ahead

	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
	Monday, December 1
8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Ladies Guild Meeting
	Tuesday, December 2
	Wednesday, December 3
1:00-8:00pm	Adoration
4:00pm	Mass
5:30pm	Meals & More
	Thursday, December 4
8:00am	Mass
	Friday, December 5
	Saturday, December 6
	First Saturday Devotion
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA
	Sunday, December 7
	Second Sunday of Advent
9:15am	PSR
9:30am	Adult Advent Study
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
	Offertory Counter Team 5



ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

SPONSORING CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Sponsoring Christmas Flowers for St. Stephen Parish is a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Flowers can be sponsored in Memory, in Honor or in Celebration of loved ones. The cost for sponsoring Christmas flowers is \$10.00.

The list of dedications will be posted in the Gathering Area. The dedication listing will include the name of the person being honored, how they are being honored and the person sponsoring the flowers (unless otherwise indicated).

How to become a Flower Sponsor?

Simply complete the form below indicating who you intend to honor with the flowers and in what way you want to honor them (in Honor, in Memory or in Celebration.) Detach the form and return it to the parish office along with the \$10.00 donation fee.

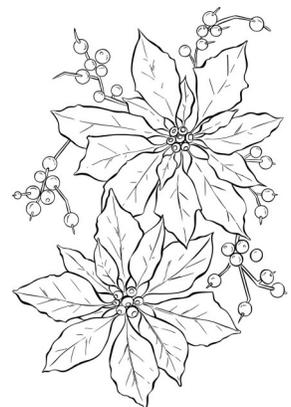
All forms should be returned to the office by Sunday, December 21st.

St. Stephen Christmas Flower Sponsor Form

Flowers are sponsored by _____

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All forms due by Sunday, December 21st.





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 23

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday necessitating an early submission of the bulletin, the collection report for November 23 will appear in the December 7 bulletin.

Happy Birthday!!!

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

- Meredith Croft (December 3),
- Vicky Poon (December 3),
- John Sommerfelt (December 3),
- Cecilia Hartman (December 4), David Yates (December 4),
- John DuRell (December 5), Kathy Landrum (December 5),
- Trish Grube (December 6)



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.

Theology on the Rocks West:

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us on Monday, December 8 from 7:00-8:30pm at the Westside Irish American Club, 8559 Jennings Rd., Olmsted Township. **Your Brain on Drugs Prayer** with Dr. Jacqueline Philips-Sabol, PhD.; Neuropsychologist & Faith Leader, Director of The Center for Spiritual Healing (Diocese of Erie) will present scientific data, videos, and examples that will explain the effects of prayer and faith on our health, brain function, and our lives.

Join us for a theologically enriching evening. Cost is \$15 per person. Light appetizers included. A cash bar is available. **Advance tickets are recommended. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com.**

Doors open at 6:30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm

“My Jesus! What a lovable contrivance this holy Sacrament was - that You would hide under the appearance of bread to make Yourself loved and to be available for a visit by anyone who desires You!”

- St. Alphonsus Ligouri



First Saturday Devotion: The next First Saturday Devotion will be at 3:00pm on Saturday, January 4th. 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.



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 they ask 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:

This is the last weekend to drop off the items you selected from the Giving Tree for the Wooster Pregnancy Center, as they will be delivered this week. Both the Center and the Ladies Guild appreciate your support!



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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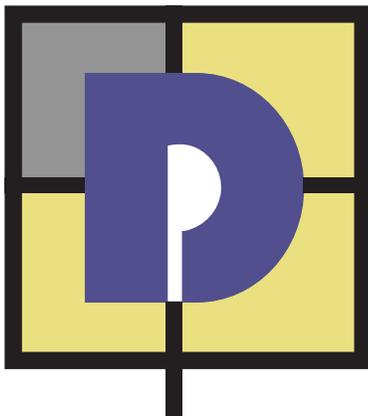
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