

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

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

A Word from the Office:

No, I'm not Fr. Jim or Deacon Pete...just your parish secretary Denise Behary. Deacon Pete asked me to tell you a little bit about the Hallow app. I have subscribed to the Hallow app for several years and really enjoy the content. It utilizes a wide variety of speakers, such as Fr. Mike Schmitz (my personal favorite), Jonathan Roumie, who plays Jesus in *The Chosen*, Sr. Miriam James, Jeff Cavins, Bishop Robert Barron, Mark Wahlberg, Gwen Stefani, Patricia Heaton, Chris Pratt, and so many more.

The Hallow app offers daily Rosaries, daily Gospels, reflections, homilies, Novenas, music playlists and so much more. I play the daily trivia game and "Wordle" type game for fun and to test my knowledge of the Catholic Church. There is space for special prayer requests. I especially enjoy the prayer challenges. If you look at the poster in the Gathering Room, the newest challenge is advertised. It's the Advent challenge, entitled "Be Still." It began on December 1 but there is plenty of time to catch up on the challenge.

Some of the Hallow content is free; however, there is a cost to receive all of the content. My subscription is \$69.99 per year...that's not even \$6.00 per month. It's so easy to reach for my phone when I'm relaxing at home or even driving and find some great Catholic content. If you'd like to know more about Hallow, reach out to Fr. Jim, who also uses it frequently, or myself and we'd be happy to answer any questions. It's easy to download the Hallow App. Just go to the app store on your device and look for this logo:



I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your warm welcome and encouragement these past few months as I've served as your parish secretary. This new chapter in my life has been so fulfilling (much less stressful than my preretirement role as a middle school assistant principal) and I've enjoyed working with many of you in some capacity. I wish you a blessed Advent season as we prepare for the birth of our Savior!

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 6	4:00pm	Mary A. Small +
Sunday, December 7	10:30am	For the People
Monday, December 8	8:00am	Elizabeth Vanderaar +
Wednesday, December 10	4:00pm	Linda Ross +
Thursday, December 11	8:00am	Carrie Daddona +
Saturday, December 13	4:00pm	For the People
Sunday, December 14	10:30am	Roberta Dempsey +



Meals & More Bakers this week:

Carol Haburay, Janet Jack, Wendi Mole, Pat Knight, & Kathy Landrum

Readings for the Week of December 7, 2025

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	
Monday	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47	
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13	
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11	

The Week Ahead

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
11:30am	St. Nicholas Party in Hackman Hall
Offertory Counter Team 5	
Monday, December 8	
8:00am	Immaculate Conception Mass
Tuesday, December 9	
Wednesday, December 10	
1:00-8:00pm	Adoration
4:00pm	Mass
4:30-6:00pm	Reconciliation
5:30pm	Meals & More
7:00pm	Enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thursday, December 11	
8:00am	Mass
Friday, December 12	
Saturday, December 13	
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA
Sunday, December 14	
Third Sunday of Advent	
9:15am	PSR
9:30am	Adult Advent Study
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
Offertory Counter Team 2	

Additional Reconciliation Opportunities:

Fr. Jim will be hearing Confessions on Wednesday, December 10 and Wednesday, December 17 from 4:30-6:00pm. Advent is the perfect time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for the birth of Jesus!

Bambinelli Sunday is a tradition on the Third Sunday of Advent when children bring figurines of the Baby Jesus from their Nativity scenes to be blessed. The name comes from the Italian word for "little baby Jesus." The tradition began in Rome under Pope St. John Paul II and is now celebrated in churches worldwide, often coinciding with Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of Joy.

After the blessing, the figure is taken home and wrapped or kept hidden until Christmas morning, when it is placed into the empty manger of the Nativity scene.

Adults and children: Bring your Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed.

When: During all Masses the weekend of December 13-14.

Blessing:
God, our Father
You so loved humanity
that You sent us Your only Son, Jesus,
born of the Virgin Mary,
to save us and lead us back to You.

We pray that with Your Blessing
these images of Jesus,
who is about to come among us,
may be a sign of Your presence
and love in our homes.

Good Father,
give Your Blessing to us too,
to our parents, to our families
and to our friends.

Open our hearts,
so that we may be able to receive Jesus in joy,
always do what He asks
and see Him in all those
who are in need of our love.

We ask You this in the name of Jesus,
Your beloved Son
who comes to give the world peace.

He lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.





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, Laura Fryman, 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:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$1,827.00	\$2,020.00	-\$193.00
Parish Use Only	\$440.00	\$960.00	-\$520.00
Total:	\$2,267.00	\$2,980.00	-\$713.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$5.00		

November 30:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$2,017.00	\$2,020.00	-\$3.00
Parish Use Only	\$560.00	\$960.00	-\$400.00
Total:	\$2,577.00	\$2,980.00	-\$403.00

Happy Birthday!!!

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

Joshua McKee (December 10),
Cristina Burky (December 13),
Laurel King (December 14)



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:

Monday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Fr. Jim will celebrate Mass at **St. Stephen's at 8:00am**. Other area parishes will be celebrating Mass at the following times:

St. Edward, Ashland:	8:00am & 1:15pm
St. Francis, Medina:	7:30am & 7:00pm
St. Mary, Wooster:	7:00 & 9:30am, & 7:00pm
Our Lady Help of Christians,	
Litchfield	9:00am
Lodi	6:00pm
St. Peter, Loudonville:	6:00pm
Ashland University	
Newman Center:	7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm

"Our Redeemer ever present in the most Blessed Sacrament, extends His hands to everyone. He opens His heart and says, 'Come to Me, all of you.'"

- St. Raphael Kalinowski



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

Enrollment in the Brown Scapular of



Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

Join us on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00pm in church to enroll in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Please contact Crissy King if you need more information.

Adult Advent Study:

Larry Smith will be leading an adult Advent study on the Sundays of Advent: 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.

Second Collection Next Weekend:

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. **A lifetime of service deserves care in return.** "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister. M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.



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.

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Address:	_____
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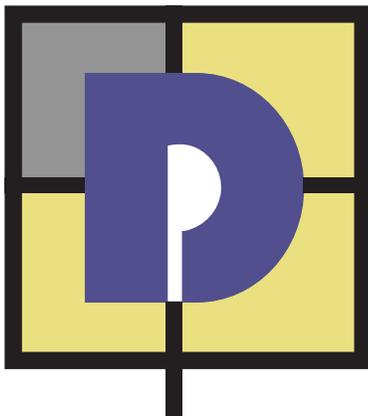
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