

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 in Ordinary Time January 18, 2026

A Word from Father Jim:

Since I was ordained in 2021, I have had the great honor and privilege of participating in the annual priest versus seminarian basketball game. This year's game will be held on Sunday, January 25, at Holy Name High School. Tip-off is at 6:00 pm. If you are looking for something to do that evening, you may want to consider coming out to support the priests and seminarians. The event, hosted by the Diocese of Cleveland's Vocation Office, has proven to be a fun way to promote vocations to the priesthood as the priests and seminarians demonstrate their fraternity and some good-natured, healthy competition. Last year, the seminarians won a closely fought contest, taking the all-time series for their first time (4-3). The priests will be looking for a little redemption and to even out the contest this year.

As of 2009, there are 189 Catholic seminaries across the United States. We are very blessed in the Diocese of Cleveland to have our own major and minor seminaries. In many other parts of the country, seminarians will have to travel far from home to study for the priesthood. Our minor seminary, St. Charles Borromeo, is where undergraduate philosophy studies are completed in partnership with John Carroll University, while St. Mary Seminary is where graduate-level theology is studied. Beyond priestly formation, our seminaries also form permanent deacons as well as men and women preparing for lay ecclesial ministry. Both seminaries share a campus in Wickliffe, Ohio, about 20 minutes east of downtown Cleveland.

In the Diocese of Cleveland, we currently have 189 Diocesan Priests in Active Ministry who are serving 184 parishes across the Diocese. While the number of priests is still greater than the number of parishes, many of the parishes in the Cleveland area – especially larger ones – require more than one priest. Here in Ashland and Wayne counties, it is not uncommon for there to be one or two priests serving at three to four parishes, as is our current situation.

If you've ever felt the call to the priesthood, or to become a minister in the Catholic Church, consider scheduling a time to talk with either Fr. Rod or myself. We need good priests and workers in the Church! The priest-seminarian basketball game offers us an opportunity to "ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Mt 9:38), and to continue to build up the body of Christ in Northeast Ohio. Please pray that we all stay healthy and that there are no injuries!

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 17	4:00pm	For the People
Sunday, January 18	10:30am	Carrie Daddona +
Monday, January 19	8:00am	Kay Kelling-Owen +
Wednesday, January 21	4:00pm	Leona Mole +
Thursday, January 22	8:00am	Charles & Mary Gallagher +
Saturday, January 24	4:00pm	For the People
Sunday, January 25	10:30am	Roberta Dempsey +

Readings for the Week of January 18, 2026

Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34	
Monday	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6	
Thursday	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12	
Friday	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-37; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-31	
Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17	

The Week Ahead

Saturday, January 17	
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA
Sunday, January 18	
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:15am	PSR
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
Offertory Counter Team 3	
Monday, January 19	
8:00am	Mass
7:00pm	PPC Meeting
Tuesday, January 20	
Wednesday, January 21	
1:00-8:00pm	Adoration
4:00pm	Mass
5:30pm	Meals & More
Thursday, January 22	
8:00am	Mass
Friday, January 23	
Saturday, January 24	
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA
Sunday, January 25	
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:15am	PSR
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
Offertory Counter Team 4	

Meals & More Bakers:
Black River Ruritan Club





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, Richard 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, Laurel King, June Kost, Lois Norton, Jaimie Packard, Mia Preston, Betty Ross, Heather Smith, and those on our prayer board.

Collection Report

January 11, 2026

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$1,654.00	\$2,020.00	-\$366.00
Parish Use Only	\$610.00	\$960.00	-\$350.00
Total:	\$2,264.00	\$2,980.00	-\$716.00

Happy Birthday!!!

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

- Juanita Adamson (January 20),
- Gregory Croft (January 21),
- Xavier Hnanicek (January 21),
- Mary Thome (January 22), Ingrid Hankinson (January 25),
- Randall Smith (January 25)



Next Week’s Special Collection:

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Ladies Guild:

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 2 at 6:30pm in Hackman Hall—Door #3.

Soup Sales: Ladies Guild is offering homemade soups in pint or quart sizes. January’s offerings are Ham & Bean, Chicken Noodle, or Stuffed Pepper. Soup will be available for pick-up after Masses on January 31 and February 1. Pre-order forms are in the Gathering Room, along with envelopes to prepay for your order. Proceeds from the sale will go to repair the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue at the church entrance.

Please turn in order forms by January 25.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm

“The Eucharist is that love which surpasses all loves in Heaven and on earth.”

- St. Bernard



First Saturday Devotion: The next First Saturday Devotion will be at 3:00pm on Saturday, February 7th. 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.

Year-End Contribution Statements:

If you would like a statement of your contributions to St. Stephen’s in 2025, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Room or call the office at 419-853-4946. For those of you who already asked for a statement, it can be found in an envelope with your name on it in the Gathering Room.

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 minister, or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.



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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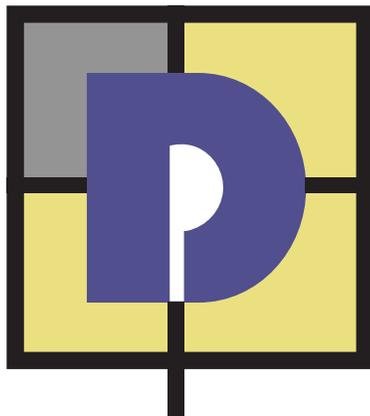
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