

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 25, 2026

A Word from Father Jim:

Over the past several months, a number of people have expressed interest in becoming Catholic. Many people wonder what that process looks like: What does it take to become Catholic?

For many years, this process was known as RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Its purpose is to introduce people to the Catholic faith through instruction and spiritual formation. The Code of Canon Law (the laws that guide how Catholics live and practice their faith together) identifies three essential aspects of Catholic identity:

1. Profession of the faith (shared beliefs)
2. Participation in the sacraments (shared worship)
3. Recognition of the authority of the bishops (shared laws)

RCIA was designed to help those seeking to become Catholic understand what the Church believes about God, Jesus Christ, and the Church; to prepare them to participate fully in the Mass and the sacraments; to live according to the Church's moral teachings; and to gain a basic understanding of the laws that govern Catholic life. Along the way, various rituals mark important stages of this journey, hence the name "RCIA."

More recently, the name was changed to OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). The word "order" (as opposed to "rite") highlights that becoming Catholic doesn't happen all at once, but is a structured process that includes instruction, formation, and various ritual moments over time. OCIA is not a one-size-fits-all process. The path varies depending on a person's background, experience with Christianity, and familiarity with Catholic teaching. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or know someone who is, please contact Fr. Rod or me to schedule a conversation so we can help discern the best path forward.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 24	4:00pm	For the People
Sunday, January 25	10:30am	Roberta Dempsey +
Monday, January 26	8:00am	Carrie Daddona +
Wednesday, January 28	4:00pm	For the People
Thursday, January 29	8:00am	Kay Kelling-Owen +
Saturday, January 31	4:00pm	Timothy Gallagher +
Sunday, February 1	10:30am	For the People

Meals & More Bakers:

Bonnie Krueger, Sue Ulrich,
Marlene Zeigler & Kathy Landrum



Readings for the Week of January 25, 2026

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	
Monday	Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30	
Tuesday	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20	
Thursday	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41	
Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a	

The Week Ahead

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	
Monday, January 26	
8:00am	Mass
6:00pm	Men's Prayer Group
Tuesday, January 27	
Wednesday, January 28	
1:00-8:00pm	Adoration
4:00pm	Mass
5:30pm	Meals & More
Thursday, January 29	
8:00am	Mass
Friday, January 30	
Saturday, January 31	
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
	Soup Sale Pickup
7:00pm	AA
Sunday, February 1	
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:15am	PSR
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
	Soup Sale Pickup
Offertory Counter Team 5	

St. Stephen Strategic Plan 2026-2030



The Parish Pastoral Council is planning for the future and creating a Strategic Plan for 2026-2030. We request your help in identifying where the parish is today and how we want to grow in the next few years.

A strategic plan is a comprehensive, long-term road map that will guide our parish toward its vision and goals by defining its mission, vision and core values as well as outlining the strategies and actions needed to achieve them. It provides clear direction and serves as a framework for decision-making, resource allocation, and performance evaluation.

Specifically, we are focusing on four areas of our parish:

- Faith development (education opportunities)
- Liturgy (Mass, Adoration, and other prayer activities)
- Service/Outreach
- Physical plant (our buildings and grounds)

On the weekend of January 31-February 1, we will be releasing a survey that seeks your input on our strengths, weaknesses and potential opportunities in the above areas. We encourage you to stay after Mass for some donuts and fellowship as well as to complete the survey. There will also be copies available for people to fill out at their convenience. A QR code will also be provided if you would like to complete the survey online. The deadline for completing the survey is February 22.

Thank you for your participation and your desire to build our future. The Parish Pastoral Council will review all responses and create a strategic plan that will be shared with the parish in the near future.



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 18, 2026

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$1,732.00	\$2,020.00	-\$288.00
Parish Use Only	\$830.00	\$960.00	-\$130.00
Total:	\$2,562.00	\$2,980.00	-\$418.00
Catholic Univ. of America	\$237.00		

Happy Birthday!!!

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

- Lori Stefancin (January 26),
- Diane Walko (January 26),
- Noah Whitmer (January 28),
- Maria Brandt (January 30), Bill Burky (January 31),
- Eileen Trzcinski (January 31)



This Week’s Special Collection:

This weekend, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please 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 next weekend 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.

Orders are due by this Sunday, January 25. Thank you for your support!

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm

"We pay the Blessed Sacrament the supreme homage of divine adoration and worship, because He who is there, present, is the God of heaven and earth, the all-holy Word-made-flesh, our first beginning and our last end."

-Fr. Richard Foley, S.J.



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.

News from The Rock Catholic Radio:

New Year, New Location, New Website, but the Same Rock! The Rock has moved. On January 2nd, we officially moved our offices next door to **155 Ken Mar Industrial Parkway, Broadview Heights**. We ask for your prayers as we continue this transition, and we hope you will come visit us—on the radio and in person!

Our website has also moved! With the acquisition of AM 930 and FM 100.2, simulcasting to Medina and Lorain Counties, we updated our website to **rockcatholicradio.com**.



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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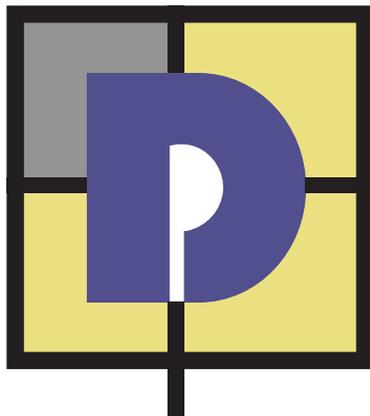
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