

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026

A Word from Father Jim:

As mentioned last week, Lent is quickly approaching. During the Lenten Season, parishes often offer opportunities for parishioners to grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith. After some conversation between St. Peter, St. Edward, and St. Stephen parishes, we felt this would be a wonderful opportunity to come together for a shared Lenten program focused on the Mass. In this series, Fr. Rod and I will walk through the Mass from the Introductory Rites to the Dismissal. The goal is to help deepen our understanding of why the Mass is structured as it is and how we can participate more fully in the Church's prayer. We highly recommend attending to grow in your knowledge of the most powerful prayer on earth! Each evening, one parish will host an in-person session and broadcast it to the other two parishes. Participants may attend in-person at the parish that is hosting OR they may gather at their local home parish. For example, when St. Edward and St. Peter are hosting the program, you can still come to the church at St. Stephen and we will have someone here to broadcast the talk, relay any questions to the in-person event, and facilitate additional conversation.

Schedule:

- Tuesday, February 24 at 6:30 PM – St. Edward
- Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 PM – St. Peter (*soup supper available at 5:45 PM*)
- Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 PM – St. Stephen

This is the first time we have attempted a collaborative program like this, and we are excited for the opportunity to bring our parishes together and to extend hospitality to one another during the Lenten Season.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 7	4:00pm	Carrie Daddona +
Sunday, February 8	10:30am	For the People
Monday, February 9	8:00am	NO MASS
Wednesday, February 11	4:00pm	Peggy Kimball +
Thursday, February 12	8:00am	Mary Ann Dacek +
Saturday, February 14	4:00pm	For the People
Sunday, February 15	10:30am	Donald Roder +



Meals & More Bakers:

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

Readings for the Week of February 8, 2026

Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16	
Monday	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13	
Wednesday	1 Kings 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	1 Kings 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop
1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10	
Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37	

The Week Ahead

Saturday, February 7	
3:00pm	First Saturday Devotion
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA
Sunday, February 8	
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:15am	PSR
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
Easter Candy Pre-Orders Due	
Offertory Counter Team 2	
Monday, February 9	
8:00am	NO MASS
6:00pm	Men's Prayer Group
Tuesday, February 10	
Wednesday, February 11	
1:00-8:00pm	Adoration
4:00pm	Mass
5:30pm	Meals & More
Thursday, February 12	
8:00am	Mass
Friday, February 13	
Saturday, February 14	
3:00pm	Reconciliation
4:00pm	Mass
7:00pm	AA
Sunday, February 15	
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:15am	NO PSR
9:45am	Rosary
10:30am	Mass
Offertory Counter Team 3	



FISH FRY

St. Stephen Church

**44 Britton St., West Salem, Hackman Hall,
Door #3**

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY 20, 27; MARCH 6, 13, 20 AND 27

Dine-in or carry-out Cash or check only

2 pieces of Deep-fried Beer-Battered Cod, Lg. French Fries, Coleslaw	\$15.00
1 piece of Deep-fried Beer-Battered Cod, Sm. French Fries, Coleslaw	\$10.00
5 pieces of Breaded Deep-fried, Butterflied Shrimp, Lg. French Fries, Coleslaw	\$15.00
3 pieces of Breaded Deep-fried Butterflied Shrimp, Sm. French Fries, Coleslaw	\$10.00
6oz. Grilled Salmon Filet, Sweet Potato Fries, Coleslaw	\$15.00
5 Potato/cheese or Sauerkraut handmade Pierogi sautéed in butter and onions	\$ 7.00
3 Potato/cheese or Sauerkraut handmade Pierogi, sautéed in butter and onions	\$ 5.00
Fish sandwich 1-piece Deep-fried Cod w/cheese on a bun, with French fries	\$ 9.00
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, with French fries	\$ 5.00
Soft drinks \$1.00	Dessert, Coffee and water included



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, Damian Bourdess, Ed Brazis, Pat Brown, Kerry Cullin, Jim Emmert, Deacon Pete Foradori, 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

February 1, 2026

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$2,455.00	\$2,020.00	\$435.00
Parish Use Only	\$505.00	\$960.00	-\$455.00
Total:	\$2,960.00	\$2,980.00	-\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00		

Happy Birthday!!!

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

Alice Emmert (February 11), Sue Krynak (February 13), Gavin Ensign (February 14), Dawn Marty (February 14), Tom Sass (February 15)



Parish Survey:

Please be sure to fill out an important parish survey developed by the Parish Pastoral Council. The survey will guide us in setting the mission and vision of St. Stephen’s for the future. **The deadline for filling out the survey is February 22.** There are more paper surveys in the Gathering Room or the survey can be completed online by scanning this QR Code:

SCAN ME



Ladies Guild:

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

Easter Candy Pre-Orders are due this weekend. Please order at the table in the Gathering Area.

Easter candy making will take place on February 21 and 28.

Mary’s Plea:

The Doctrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was formally declared a Dogma in 1854 by Pope Pius IX.

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, March 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.



Our annual Fish Frys begin on Friday, February 20 from 5:00-7:00 in Hackman Hall. Check out the insert this week to see the delicious menu. Please sign up in the Gathering Room to volunteer your time and talents. The money raised goes to support our parish.

Catholic Charities Appeal Next Week:

The 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. The goal for St. Stephen’s this year is \$9,257. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Malesic or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it. There is no need to fill out an additional envelope this year, stating you have already given.

We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2026Appeal.



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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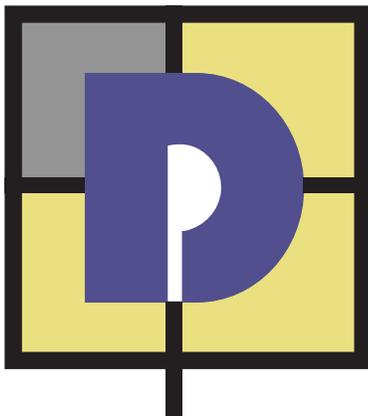
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