

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

A Word from Deacon Pete:

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well. I've been getting better every day. I really have very little pain any longer. I seem to be tired all of the time, but that is "normal" at this time in my recovery. I hope that the cardiologist allows me to return to Mass. I may have to wait for my Saturday morning appointment to know for sure.

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. It is a day of fasting and abstinence, so if you can, you should only eat one full meal and two small ones that would make approximately one other meal. No meat is to be eaten on Ash Wednesday or any of the Fridays of Lent.

Since I mentioned the Fridays of Lent that reminds me that we will be hosting Lenten Fish Frys each Friday of Lent except Good Friday. I hope that the doctor says that I can have the fried fish. I really, really, really enjoy the flavor of the fried fish.

Lent is a time for extra prayer, fasting and alms giving. I pray that each of us will embrace this special time, so that we may each have the best Lenten season of our lives. Our Church invites us to do these penances with an open heart, so that we may invite the Holy Spirit to live in us and guide us in this life on the way to everlasting life.

If you have not picked up a copy of the *Magnificat Lenten Companion*, I hope that you will do so this weekend. There are also more copies of the survey for our Parish Strategic Plan. These should be returned by next weekend.

My valentine, for the last 50 years, reminded me that Saturday Feb. 14, is Valentine's Day. Hint-Hint. It is very fitting that the most obvious symbol of the day is a heart. I'll be seeing the doctor who did my heart surgery that morning.

Blessings, Deacon Pete

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 14	4:00pm	For the People
Sunday, February 15	10:30am	Donald Roder +
Monday, February 16	9:00am	For the People
Wednesday, February 18	4:00pm	For the People
Thursday, February 19	8:00am	Patrick Boyle +
Saturday, February 21	4:00pm	For the People
Sunday, February 22	10:30am	Stanley and Elizabeth Pojuda +

Please note the change in Mass time on Monday, Feb. 16 due to Presidents' Day. Mass will begin at 9:00am instead of 8:00am.

Ladies Guild:

The Ladies Guild will be meeting in the Hall kitchen at 10:00am on Saturdays, February 21 and 28 and March 7 to make Easter candy items. If you are able, please join us.

Readings for the Week of February 15, 2026

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

Monday Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; 67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17; 2 Cor:5-20--6.2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, & 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Memorial of St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;

Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

The Week Ahead

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

Monday, February 16

9:00am Mass

7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 17

Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

1:00-8:00pm Adoration

4:00pm Mass

5:30pm Meals & More

Thursday, February 19

8:00am Mass

Friday, February 20

5:00-7:00pm Fish Fry

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 21

3:00pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass

7:00pm AA

Sunday, February 22

1st Sunday of Lent

9:15am PSR

9:45am Rosary

10:30am Mass

Offertory Counter Team 4



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 8, 2026

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory:	\$2,122.00	\$2,020.00	\$102.00
Parish Use Only	\$465.00	\$960.00	-\$495.00
Total:	\$2,587.00	\$2,980.00	-\$393.00

Happy Birthday!!!

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

Kevin Gavel (February 18),
Matthias Wood (February 20), Walt Morrison (February 21)



Our Annual Fish Frys begin this Friday, February 20 from 5:00-7:00 in Hackman Hall. Please sign up in the Gathering Room to volunteer your time and talents. The money raised goes to support our parish. Also, all are welcome to join us at 7:00pm in the church for Stations of the Cross.



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:



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, March 7th. Everyone is invited to attend. Chrissy King is organizing the endeavor. She has pamphlets available with more information. She also can be reached at 216-308-1434.

Meals & More Bakers:

Black River Ruritan Club



Catholic Charities Appeal This Weekend:

The 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection. Rather, the Catholic Charities Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malesic requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it.

Bringing America Back to Life Convention:

The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier Diocesan-wide pro-life event: Two jam-packed days filled with the nation's top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, view the impressive lineup of speakers, and register for "in-person" or "livestream" options, visit <https://bringingamericabacktolife.org/> or call 216-246-9127. Join us on March 13-14 as we Bring America Back to Life!

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 _____