



St. Stephen the Martyr
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Encounter, Know, Proclaim

July 21, 2019



16th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church is a community for all people to encounter Christ, know Christ, and proclaim Christ.

ENCOUNTER

Pray & Worship

Join us! All are welcome!

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
10:30 AM, 12:00 PM,
6:00 PM

Daily Mass

Mon-Fri: 6:30 AM, 12:05 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM

Confession

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm
Tuesday: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Morning Prayer

Mon-Sat: 6:10 AM

Rosary

Mon-Fri: 11:40 AM
Saturday: 7:50 AM

Adoration

Perpetual in the Reservation Chapel

Contact Us:

Parish Office:

Phone: 402-896-9675
Emergency: 402-896-9675 ext 2
Office Hours: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, M-F

Pastor: Fr. David Belt

Associate Pastor: Fr. Padraic Stack

Deacons:

Dcn. Ernie Abbott
Dcn. Chuck Botdorf
Dcn. Denny Dethlefs
Dcn. Jerry Kozney
Dcn. Marty Warwick

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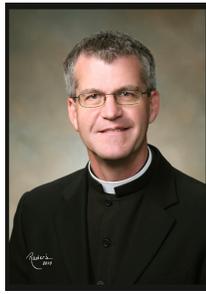
Contact Angie at 402-861-4502 or
a.carnazzo@stephen.org

Bulletin Deadline:

Submit requests to
a.hartwig@stephen.org by
3 pm on the Thursday one week (10
days) prior to the bulletin publication.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please stop by the Welcome Table in
the Gathering Space after Mass to
introduce yourself and learn how we
can support your faith journey.
Questions? Contact Cathy Ashton at
402-896-4507, c.ashton@stephen.org.



Pastor's Message

"Sir," Abraham said, "If I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree... let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves."

In the reading from the book of Genesis, we hear of the welcome and hospitality that was shown to the three travelers by Abraham and Sarah. Since traveling was very difficult, hospitality was required of those who had the means to offer it.

When the three men, who are a manifestation of the Holy Trinity, appear to Abraham, he stirs into action, running, bowing, begging, and offering. He runs to Sarah, then to the herds, then to the servants, then back to the strangers. The sudden urgency in this elderly man shows not only his desire to serve the travelers, but also his desire to serve God. Because of Abraham's hospitality, he and Sarah are richly rewarded. After washing the feet of their guests and serving a lavish meal, the three strangers break their silence to prophesy the birth of a son. This elderly couple will be blessed by the gift of new life because of their love for God and for strangers.

Like the three strangers in this reading, God reveals Himself through human beings. It is up to us to recognize His presence in others and to treat them—especially strangers—with **excessive** hospitality. This is the model of love and service that we must take in our parish. We have many people who feel lost, abandoned, and hurt in our community. What are we doing to reach out to these people and bring them into our family of faith? There are many individuals who are registered members of Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish but aren't practicing their faith. What can we do to help bring them back? We can very easily focus our attention on having our own personal spiritual needs met, but what are we doing to reach out to others in their need for guidance and peace? It is my hope that we can build our evangelization efforts in the parish to include outreach to those who are alienated or who have become inactive in living their Catholic faith. We are an incomplete community if there are members who are hurt or separated. Please pray for one another and for our parish community, that we might show the hospitality of Abraham and Sarah to all of God's people. Like Abraham and Sarah, we must accept the Lord as a personal guest, and serve the stranger as we would the Lord.

"Friendship—one soul in two bodies." –Pythagoras

God Bless You!
Fr. Dave Belt

Welcome Newly Baptized

Emmie Rae Titze, Daughter of Desiree Hericks & Jason Titze
Ivy Rose Rushing, Daughter of Caeli & Lathe Rushing
Oliver James Finn, Son of Erin & Thomas Finn

After Mass Fellowship

Join us after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses for Coffee and Donuts in the Dining Room. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know! Get to know your fellow parishioners. Stick around for conversation!

Ablaze Worship

Every month about 300 or more people come together to worship God at Ablaze -- Catholics, non-Catholics, teens, young adults, parents, and grandparents. This is a great place for your whole family, young and old, to experience more of the Holy Spirit. Please JOIN US for any or all:

⇒ St. Patrick's Elkhorn NE; 205th W. Maple Rd.; Friday July 27th; 7 p.m.

Learn more: www.ablazeworship.org

Treasures of the Church

Spirit Catholic Radio, as a part of their 20th anniversary "Together on a Journey to Sainthood," is bringing Treasures of the Church—a teaching and exposition of more than 150 sacred relics. Several locations will be hosting the Relics, including two here in Omaha.

⇒ Wed., July 24 – St. Patrick Catholic Church in Gretna at 7 p.m.

⇒ Thurs., July 25 – St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Omaha at 7 p.m.



Becoming Catholic! RCIA Program

Are considering becoming Catholic? Curious about our faith? Have you missed a sacrament or two along the way? Are you interested in helping others become Catholic? Do you just want to understand the process better?

Please join us after all Masses on July 27th or 28th in the Dining Room for information, inspiration and refreshments! Contact Scott & Julie Tylski at 402-861-2209 or tylskisj@cox.net or Cathy Ashton for more information.



Christian Leadership Opportunity

You have influence and the ability to positively impact your community and world. No matter your sphere of influence—in your family, school, work or church—when you commit to grow your leadership, everyone around you wins!

Join 405,000+ people around the world for two days of world-class leadership training at the Global Leadership Conference on **Thursday, August 8 and Friday, August 9**. Join leaders from the Archdiocese of Omaha as we connect with the GLS via livestream at the Harper Center at Creighton University.

Learn more and register here: stephen.org/global-leadership-conference-2019.

Seeking Truth 10 Year Anniversary Conference

Featuring Fr. John Riccardio, Peter Herbeck, and Sharon Doran



Saturday September 7th 2019 from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
La Vista Conference Center
12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, NE, 68128



Seeking
TRUTH

Register at: seekingtruth.net/10-year-anniversary-conference

Discover Your Inheritance as a Child of God

You are invited to participate in our Study of Ephesians starting Monday, September 23. Ephesians was one of the most widely circulated of St. Paul's writings because of its powerful, practical instructions for disciples of Christ. This 8-week study will meet in the Parish Center on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Wendy Synowicki at (402) 896-2218 or wendysyno@gmail.com with questions and how to register.

KNOW

Formation

Learn. Grow. Form your faith.

Adult Faith Formation

Are you seeking opportunities to learn and grow in the Catholic faith? We're here to support you!

Explore opportunities:
stephen.org/adult-faith-formation

Contact: Cathy Ashton at 402-861-4507 or c.ashston@stephen.org

Sacraments

Getting married? Having a baby? Needing an anointing?

Baptisms:

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 pm. Parents are required to attend a preparation classes prior to their child's Baptism. Contact parish office to schedule and to register for a class.

Weddings:

Preparation for Marriage begins at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Contact parish office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick

By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. Contact Dcn Denny at 402-861-4538 or d.dethlefs@stephen.org.

Homebound Eucharist

Are you homebound and need Holy Communion brought to you? Contact parish office for more information and to arrange.

Little Way Day of Retreat—St. Therese of Lisieux, in a moment of at last understanding her calling, cried out, "Oh Jesus, my Love, my vocation, at last I have found it... my vocation is LOVE!"

Join the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Norfolk, the School Sisters of Christ the King in Lincoln, the Apostolic Oblates from Elkhorn, and a few of our own priests to talk and pray about LOVE in consecrated life and what it means to the charism of each of these groups. All High School, College and Young Adult Women are invited! **Saturday, August 10, 2019, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at ProSanctity Retreat Center.** To register, contact Paula Bastian, 402-515-0767, paulabastian@cox.net.

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Vocations Corner

In today's Gospel, we are invited into Martha and Mary's home to embrace the Word of God, Jesus, with generous and trusting hearts. Such open hearts are often found in our youth. With those youth in our parish returning from Steubenville and those heading off to Virtus et Veritas Camp, let's ask Our Lord to help us be effective instruments to encourage and support our young people as they listen to the Lord. Don't forget to thank and pray for adults in our parish who work to bring the light of Christ to our youth!



KNOW

Formation

Learn. Grow. Form your faith.

School

Grades PreK-8

Considering a Catholic Education for your children? St. Stephen the Martyr School is united in Christ to ignite the joy of faith, community, and learning.

Website:
school.stephen.org

Phone: 402-896-0754
Email: school@stephen.org
Principal: Julie Perrault
Assistant Principal: Dr. Joe Greco

Religious Education

Grades PreK-8

Do you want to build a strong Catholic faith foundation in your children? We can help! St. Stephen's offers religious education for children 3 years old through 8th grade.

Website:
stephen.org/religious-education

Phone: 402-896-5683
Contact: China Weil
Email: c.weil@stephen.org

Youth Ministry

Grades 6-12

Did you know that 13 year's old is the average age that youth leave the Church? We're here to help! Our Youth Ministry programs are designed to keep youth actively Catholic and to provide real answers to real questions.

Website:
stephen.org/youth-ministry

Phone: 402-861-4509
Contact: Laura Bogue
Email: l.bogue@stephen.org

Children's Liturgy

Ages 4-8

During the school year, children are welcome to gather for an age-appropriate bible lesson during 5 PM, 9 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Children will be dismissed from Mass after the welcome and return prior to the Eucharist.

School News

2019-2020 School Year Tuition

Tuition for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year will begin withdrawing from accounts in July. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or need to update your EFT information.

Accepting New Students

St. Stephen the Martyr School is now accepting new students in our preschool - 8th grade classes! Enrollment forms are available in the school office or at school.stephen.org/registration. Call to set up your tour today!

Ways to Support

TAGG your purchases and a percentage of your bill will be donated to our school!

Used Uniform Sale—July 21 from 8:30 AM—12:00 PM

Don't Miss Out! Stop by to purchase used uniforms at incredible prices and support the SSM Home & School Association! 20% of the sale proceeds go to support the SSM Home & School Association. Want to shop early? Keep an eye out for the Volunteer sign-up genius! Drop Off Window: June 24th – July 17th. Learn more: school.stephen.org/used-uniform-sale-july-21

Calendar:

July 21: Used Uniform Sale
Aug. 15: Back to School Night
Aug. 19: First Day of School

Religious Education News

Are you being called to be a RE Catechist?

The teaching ministry is one of the most important functions of the Church. We still have classes that need a catechist. Catechists teach in teams of two with a class of 15 students. All lesson plans and materials are provided for you and tuition is waived for your children. We even have childcare during classes for your younger children.

Catechists & Coordinator Meeting

Our fall catechist meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. China Weil, our new Director of Religious Education, will be there to meet everyone and help us get this exciting new year started! **All catechists and coordinators are required to attend** to receive useful tools such as class lists, lesson plans, catechist manuals and handbooks.

2019-20 Registration and Catechist Sign-up

Classes resume on August 20/21 and August 18 for Sunday School. Visit our website or stop by the RE office for registration forms and information.

Calendar

Aug. 7: Catechist/Coordinator Mandatory Fall Meeting, Dining Room, 6:30 pm
Aug. 11: Sunday School Open House after 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses
Aug. 18: Sunday School Begins, 9 & 10:30 am
Aug. 20/21: R.E. Begins
Aug. 20/21: R.E. Parent Meetings, GPC, during class times

Adults Needed for Youth Ministry!

We are currently looking for more adults (19 and older) to join our EDGE and Life Teen core teams. If you love sharing your faith and enjoy working with youth, our core team could be the place for you...We would NOT be able to offer youth ministry programs without our amazing core team family! Contact Laura Bogue.

Youth Ministry News

What's coming up?

All summer activities are open to all incoming 6th graders through recent high school graduates, as well as siblings or friends who are close in age.

⇒ Teen Movie Night—July 21 at 7-9:15 pm, GPC

A night of snacking and movie-watching. Dinner provided, but feel free to bring snacks to share!

⇒ Sundae Sunday at the Country House—July 28

Family participation is always welcome and encouraged. Online registration is required. Visit: stephen.org/youth-service-opportunities

⇒ Brush-Up NE — August 10 (Prep Day) & August 17 (Paint Day)

Save the dates! We will once again be showing a home some much-needed TLC in the Brush-Up NE Paint-A-Thon. This is an excellent service opportunity for the whole family!

⇒ Family Beach Retreat/Potluck—August 11 at 2-5 pm

⇒ Teen Trivia Night—August 25 at 7-9 pm, GPC



Early-Bird Pricing
Now Thru 8/12!
 Skip the lines and save money today!
 Visit: bidpal.net/parishfestival2019

Parish Festival | August 17 | Noon - 9 | Rain or Shine

Mass will be celebrated outdoors at 5:00 PM. All food and beverage will close from 4:00 - 6:00 PM and all games and activities will close from 4:30 - 6:00 PM. All are welcome at Mass.

Unlimited Activities & Games Wristbands*

*Required, no pay as you go option available.

Ages 2-5: \$10 Early-Bird Price, \$15 after 8/12

Includes *unlimited* access to bounce houses, pony rides, petting zoo & carnival games!

Ages 6+: \$25 Early-Bird Price, \$30 after 8/12

Includes *unlimited* access to oversized inflatables, petting zoo and carnival games!

“Extra” Activities, Food & Drink Tickets

Early-Bird Bonus: buy \$100, get +\$15 FREE or buy \$50, get +\$5 FREE!

Tickets are used for extra activities such as the cake walk, laser tag, mechanical bull, BINGO, casino chips, food, drink and more!**

**For a complete list with prices, visit: bidpal.net/parishfestival2019.

Free Activities & Entertainment Attractions!

Enjoy activities and entertainment throughout the day at *no cost* for all ages: Potato Sack Races, Stick Horse Races, Roping Lessons & Contests, Watermelon Eating Contests and Cowboy Relays! We'll also have live entertainment throughout the day: Heartland Hoedowners Clogging; our very own Derek Venner Music; Jitter Bugs Swing Dancing; Praise & Worship Music; Line Dancing, an up and coming Nashville recording artist, Chad Lee, concert and more!

New YOUNG ADULTS Group at St. Stephen the Martyr!

Join us for Potluck and Board Games

Are you between the ages of 18-35? Come and join us on **Saturday, Aug. 3rd at 12:00 p.m.** in the Dining Room. Young Adult Ministry is kicking off with games, food, and fellowship. Please bring food to share, an empty stomach, and a competitive spirit. If you have any questions please call or text Nicole at (847) 946-4376 or email her at NicoleRugg18@gmail.com or reach out the Cathy Ashton.

Social Justice Ministry Bake Sale

Our annual **Step Out and Serve Bake Sale** will be August 3 and 4 after all Masses. We are raising money for the Holy Family Parish to assist with their Door Ministry. You can help by bringing your favorite baked goods.

Sign up at stephen.org/step-out-and-serve-bake-sale. Drop off in the dining room on Sat., August 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holy Family Parish provides clothing, food and other assistance to the homeless and near-homeless. They provide sack lunches at their door at 18th & Izard Monday through Friday. Their food pantry serves over 250 families per month.

Questions? Contact Linda Hendricks 402-699-1911 or Teresa Ziska 402-960-8618.



Sunday School & Summer Program Coordinator

St. Stephen the Martyr is seeking a part-time Sunday School and Summer Program Coordinator. This person will direct both programs and be an integral part of the Religious Education Team. You will be empowered to make a lasting impact on our parish community by equipping catechists and parents to share the beauty of the Catholic Faith with our children.

If you are interested in learning more about this exciting position, please contact China Weil at c.weil@stephen.org or call the parish office.

PROCLAIM

Community

Get involved. Belong. Serve.

Do you want to get more involved in our parish community? Are you looking for ways to serve others? Are you being called to participate in the Liturgy?

Visit: stephen.org/community

Stewardship

Sunday Stewardship

Weekend of 7/14/2019

Online/Checks/Cash:	\$47,568.50
Children's Giving:	\$344.00

Reflection

“...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.”
 COLOSSIANS 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to continuously grow in our relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to share your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

Give online at stephen.org/give

TAGG

YTD raised: \$4,631.00

Business Spotlight: TRULY U Custom Bra Boutique. Owned by SSM Parishioner, Kelly Rocha, TRULY U is Omaha's only custom bra boutique, providing a custom fit for undergarments, lingerie, bathing suits, and much more! TRULY U proudly donates 5% for all SSM TAGged receipts. Check them out at www.trulyubras.com.

Learn more: togetheragreatergood.com/ssm

Smarter Giving

Do you have an old life insurance policy? Has it done its job of protecting children who are now grown, or a mortgage now paid? Now it can do God's work by changing the beneficiary to St. Stephen the Martyr Church of Omaha. For more information contact Nicole at (402) 861-4540 or n.neesen@stephen.org.

Prime Timers Upcoming Events

August 27 — "Happy Camper Picnic" at 6 PM in the GPC. \$6 per person prepaid to Moe. Meat and desserts are provided. Please bring a veggie, potato dish, or salad to share. BYOB.

2nd and 4th Thursdays — Monthly Cards, Games and Conversation at 1 PM in the GPC. Please bring an item for the food pantry and a snack to share.

Prime Timers activities are open to anyone who would like to attend. Questions?

Contact Moe (402-896-2577), Jan (402-592-1298), Pat (402-201-7945).



Your Faith Journey

Share your story for consideration to use in our parish's social media and blog posts. Email a.hartwig@stephen.org for more information.

Liturgical Ministry

Altar Server Training for students entering grades 5-8 is in August. More details: stephen.org/news-events Contact: Karen Hardy at k.hardy@stephen.org



Recycling Tip from Create Care Team

GLASS IS RECYCLABLE IF YOU TAKE IT TO A DROP-OFF SITE! There are ten glass recycling locations in Omaha with plans for more. Keep Omaha Beautiful, Ripple Glass of Kansas City and the City of Omaha worked together to start four new sites. Hy-Vee (180th and Pacific), Fresh Thyme (150th and Maple), Baker's at Westwood Plaza (120th and Center) and Super Saver (144th and Millard Ave) now have purple Ripple Glass bins in their parking lots, open 24 hours. All colors of food and beverage glass are accepted. Go to wasteline.org for a complete list of glass recycling locations.

Safe Environment Training Sessions at SSM

The Archdiocese of Omaha is committed to ensuring that all children can learn with smiles and open hearts from caring leaders in all parishes, schools and activities. Adults 19 and older who volunteer with children need to be safe environment certified. St. Stephen the Martyr is hosting three upcoming sessions.

- ⇒ Monday, July 22 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the GPC community room
- ⇒ Saturday, August 3 from 9-11:30 a.m. in the dining room
- ⇒ Monday, September 23 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the dining room

Register at archomaha.org/safe-environment/#training

Questions? Contact Angie at 402-861-4502 or a.carnazzo@stephen.org.

Brats, Beer and Bags Community Festival

Come One, Come All to our St. Patrick Community Festival on July 26th at 5:00 PM in our South parking lot. We themed this celebration *Brats, Beer and Bags*, so naturally we will be serving a variety of brats, sausages, hot dogs, burgers and even brick oven pizzas. The Knights of Columbus will have their beer garden with pop and water as well. The Gretna Optimist Club is conducting their Annual Cornhole ("bags") tournament. And the Mark Vyhldal Orchestra is providing free entertainment by playing polka and old time country music. Be sure to bring your family and friends, and your own lawn chairs. Come and enjoy this community-wide, fun-filled event!

Register for the Cornhole Tournament here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/hkprt5f

Additional details can be found on the Gretna Days website: www.gretnadays.com

Pastoral & Spiritual Care

Do you know of someone, including yourself, who is being admitted to the hospital, nursing home, hospice care or a rehabilitation facility and would appreciate a pastoral visit offering spiritual comfort and prayer?

Contact Dcn Denny at 402-861-4538 or d.dethlefs@stephen.org.

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 22

6:30 am † Ryan Hepburn (PS)
12:05 pm † Clinton Mitchell (PS)

Tuesday, July 23

6:30 am † Mrs. Wilcox (DB)
12:05 pm † Helen Circo (PS)
5:30 pm Confessions (DB)

Wednesday, July 24

6:30 am † Carl Martens (DB)
12:05 pm † Bill Lutz (PS)

Thursday, July 25

6:30 am † Jean Henderson (DB)
9:00 am † Jeanne Hopkins (DB)

Friday, July 26

6:30 am † Carolyn Kula (DB)
12:05 pm † Linda Hopkins (PS)

Saturday, July 27

8:00 am † Allen Sitzman (DB)
3:30 pm Confessions (OSB)
5:00 pm † Dave Pykiet (OSB)

Sunday, July 28

7:30 am † Jim Brazda (OSB)
9:00 am † Robert Rupprecht (DB)
10:30 am **SI** Our Parishioners (DB)
12:00 pm † Beatriz Gutierrez (DB)
6:00 pm **SI** Jeanette Hauptman (GM)

The Priest Schedules are subject to Change
DB-Fr.Dave Belt, PS-Fr.Padriac Stack,
OSB-Order of St. Benedict, GM-Fr.
Gerald Melchior
SI = Special Intention,
† = Repose of the Soul

Prayers

Please pray for these members of our parish family who are sick:

Renee Kreun

