

Cookie dough forms due this week!

# The Family Connection



St. Stephen the Martyr Religious Education

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## September 23, 2018

- Sept. 30: First Reconciliation Parent Mtg., DR; 7:15 p.m.
- Oct. 12/13: Grade 8 Retreats
- Oct. 16/17: No R.E., MPS Conferences
- Oct. 21: No Sunday School
- Oct. 28: Sunday School Festival of Saints
- Oct. 30/31: No R.E. classes

**If your child/children will be absent, please contact the Religious Education Office at 402-896-5683 or email us at [RE.attendance@stephen.org](mailto:RE.attendance@stephen.org).**

## Cookie Dough Fundraiser

### Let's Raise Some "Dough"!

Our first turn in went great! Over 200 tubs were ordered! Thank you all for all your support. **Didn't get your forms in? Not to worry—Next Wednesday, September 26, is the last day to return the forms to order cookie dough.** They will be delivered on October 2/3 after class.



- Stock up for all the Fall & Holiday baking.
- Dough can be thawed and refrozen (*for when you just want a few cookies*).
- Parishioner run business!
- **A Prize for the two top sellers! Our top seller so far has a total of 23 tubs!**



## Catechists Still Needed

Check out page 5!

Even though classes are up and running, we still have a need for additional catechists. If you can't do it . . . Ask around! Grandparents, college students and older high school students. Due to job changes, schedules, etc., we lost some volunteers. All lesson plans and materials are provided for you and tuition is waived (or refunded) for all your enrolled children. We also have child care available for the younger children. Please stop by the Religious Education Office or call us at 402-896-5683 to see what opportunities are available.

### Office Hours:

Monday: 9 AM –3 PM  
 Tuesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM  
 Wednesday: 10 AM - 8 PM  
 Thursday: 9 AM - 1 PM  
 Sunday: 9 AM - Noon

You can also call us at 402-896-5683  
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Want to add something to the newsletter? Contact Eileen at: 402-861-4513, [e.smith@stephen.org](mailto:e.smith@stephen.org)

## Sunday School Lesson

### Sept. 25/26 Kindergarten Classes

Lesson 6-God Protect Us  
 Prayer-Guardian Angel

### September 30 Sunday School

**Intro:** Lesson 6-Welcome to the Church

**PreK:** Lesson 6-Jesus is God's Son

**Kind.:** Lesson 6-God Protect Us  
 Prayer-Guardian Angel



## Archdiocesan Blue Mass

On Wednesday **October 10th at 10:00 a.m.** the Archdiocese will be holding the annual Blue Mass here at **St. Stephen the Martyr**. The Mass is a tribute to Omaha's police officers and firefighters as well as honoring St. Michael the Archangel, Patron Saint of those in the field of public safety and St. Florian, Patron Saint of firefighters.



Archbishop George Lucas will be presiding at the Mass and after the Liturgy will bless first and public safety equipment. All are welcome to attend. There will be no 8:15 a.m. Mass on that morning.

## Youth Group

Laura Bogue at 402-861-4509 or at [l.bogue@stephen.org](mailto:l.bogue@stephen.org)



**Edge:** Game on, Middle School Kiddos! It's the last Tuesday of the month, and you know what that means...GYM NIGHT! We'll begin in the dining room at 6:30 PM this Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. After prayer and pizza, we'll head to the gym for large group games, team-building exercises, and free time. Edge will end in the dining room at 8 PM.

**Life Teen:** It's GYM NIGHT, High School Teens! Join us this Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 PM in the Gonderinger Parish Center. After prayer and dinner, we will head to the gymnasium for some large group games that may or may not include hippos and laundry baskets. And friends. We'll need friends, too.

**Save the Date-Life Teen Retreat:** Hey, High School Teens! Don't miss our overnight weekend Fall Retreat, In Reverse, held at Camp Carol Joy Holling. You will gain a whole new perspective of the Lord's Prayer, and are guaranteed to strengthen your relationship with Jesus in the process. So drop your nets and come join us for 3 days full of friendship, faith-sharing, Nerf-gun battles, pancakes, time with the Blessed Sacrament, and more. Registration is open. Cost is \$85 per participant and includes lodging, meals, a t-shirt, and a special retreat keepsake. Contact Laura at [l.bogue@stephen.org](mailto:l.bogue@stephen.org) with questions.

**T3 Bible Study**-Let the adventure begin! Open to all 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade teens, T3 (The Teen Timeline) Bible Study follows in the footsteps of The Great Adventure Bible Study System. So what does that mean? It means it's a great way for teens to not only read the Bible, but to understand it, appreciate it, and enjoy it. Mark "The Bible Geek" Hart is featured in the series of engaging, dynamic videos, and participants are not required to do any homework in between sessions. Beginning Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, T3 will meet on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 PM in the School Library. A suggested donation of \$15 covers the cost of materials, including a student workbook/study kit. Contact Laura Bogue for more information or to sign-up.

**Hearts Open Wide: Youth Service Squad**-If you enjoy opportunities to give back to the community both inside and outside of our parish, visit our Forms & Events page to find out what's to come! We have several upcoming opportunities to get involved (and earn a stewardship hour or two), from our monthly Sundaes Sunday events at the Country House Residence, to serving dinner at the Rainbow House and at the Stephen Center. Family participation is always welcome and encouraged! On-line volunteer registration is required to participate in each of these events. Please contact Laura at [l.bogue@stephen.org](mailto:l.bogue@stephen.org) with questions.

## 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! Please contact Laura at [l.bogue@stephen.org](mailto:l.bogue@stephen.org) or at 402-861-4509 for more information on becoming involved with youth ministry, or visit the Core Team page of our website.



St Stephen the Martyr  
Religious Education

## First Reconciliation Meeting-Grade 2

**First Reconciliation Parent Meeting**  
**September 30, 2018**  
**7:15 p.m.**  
**Dining Room**



**Parents of 2nd graders and other children who will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time** in December will meet in the Dining Room on Sun., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm. Please come to hear more about Reconciliation and receive Parent/Child packets. Please contact Mary Maguire, Director of Religious Education, at [m.maguire@stephen.org](mailto:m.maguire@stephen.org) with questions or visit the Sacrament Preparation page of our website at <https://stephen.org/education/sacrament-preparation-for-church/>.

## Server Appreciation Event

Our annual Server Appreciation Event on Sunday afternoon, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Dining Room. Hotdogs and Lemonade will be served for all who attend this event. We will also go over various Server Responsibilities during the Liturgy as well as have our Master and Senior Server's Commissioned for their new roles. Please RSVP at the Link below. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Hardy at [k.hardy@stephen.org](mailto:k.hardy@stephen.org) See the link below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Xb5pw7BESN5rK67V2>

## Eucharistic Holy Hour with Archbishop Lucas



All are invited to a Eucharistic Holy Hour with Archbishop Lucas to pray for vocations to the priesthood, consecrated and religious life. Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Saint Stephen the Martyr Church.

Pray to the Master of the Harvest and ask Him to send more laborers into His field.

Your presence and prayers are important. A light reception to follow in the dining room.

Sponsored by Saint Stephen the Martyr Church, Saint Stephen's Vocations Committee, and the Serra Club of West Omaha.

# Confirmation

### Dates to Remember:

- 8th Gr. Retreats October 12/13
- Stewardship Due Dates 7th & 8th 5 Hours December 1st
- 5 Hours May 1st
- 7th Gr. Retreats January 25/26
- **8th Gr. Parish Commitment Masses** March 2/3 all Masses
- **Confirmation Reflections** April 23/24

*Please contact Betsy Carroll with any questions (402) 896-5683 or [b.carroll@stephen.org](mailto:b.carroll@stephen.org)*

Confirmation Prep is an exciting time for parents, candidates and their sponsors! Confirmation guidelines, events and important dates were discussed at the meeting. If a parent/guardian did not make the meeting, please contact Betsy Carroll at [b.carroll@stephen.org](mailto:b.carroll@stephen.org) to set up a personal meeting. **No Parent Packets will be sent home with students.**



# Disciples of Christ

This is an award given to a student when they are caught showing an example of following Jesus's teachings.

The following students earned the Disciple of Christ Award from their Catechist:

### **Grade 1:**

Keira Bates  
Emmett Stingley  
Olive Velasco

### **Grade 2:**

Sarah Simonson  
Ethan Fehrman

### **Grade 7:**

Whitney Belles  
Shayna Miller



## 2018 8th Grade Retreat Assignments:

October 12, 6-9 p.m.

8A Mr. Harvey  
8AT4 Karen Freiburger  
8AW4 Foreman/Shaner  
8BW5 Amy Hynes  
MAT5 Wright/Carrol

October 13, 8-11:00 a.m.

8B Mrs. Pestel  
8BT4 D&N Gilmore  
8AW5 Smith/Beal  
8AW7 Cheryl Vanicek  
8BW4 Gail Boschult

October 13, 1-4:00 p.m.

8C Mrs. Oliver  
8AT5 Jenna Saraka  
8CW4 Lisa Larkin  
8BW7 D&J Stock

**Do you feel called to join the Catholic Church?**

**Were you baptized Catholic but didn't receive First Communion and/or Confirmation?**

**Do you have family or friends who are considering the Church or need the initiation sacraments?**

The Becoming Catholic! program at St. Stephen the Martyr will help you deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ by increasing your knowledge of the Catholic Church and Holy Scripture and prepare you for full communion or initiation in His Church.

**For More Information Contact:**

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## **FAIR TRADE SALE**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018**

**DINING ROOM**

**8:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Your purchase will help to provide  
basic human needs ---  
access to food, shelter, education and health care  
to artisans in over thirty countries.**

**HANDMADE CRAFTS AND COFFEE  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
OR ORDERING FROM THE CATALOG**

**Payment: cash or check.**

**Questions or need more information???**

**Contact Sister Clarice at 402-861-4508 or [c.faltus@stephen.org](mailto:c.faltus@stephen.org)**

# Catechist Needs for 2018-2019

Even though classes are up and running, we still have a need for additional catechists.

## If you can't do it . . . Ask around!

Grandparents, college students and older high school students. The yellow highlighted boxes are the areas where we need catechists to cover the amount of students in the class and are our first need. Due to job changes, schedules, etc., we lost some volunteers. The green boxes are classes we would like to add more students, but can't because the class needs a co-catechist. All lesson plans and materials are provided for you and tuition is waived (or refunded) for all your enrolled children. We also have child care available for the younger children. Please stop by the Religious Education Office or call us at 402-896-5683 to see what opportunities are available.

Sunday School		Catechist 1	Catechist 2
Intro A	3 yrs.	9:00 AM	Lisa Richards
Kind.	Kinder.	9:00 AM	
PreK A	4/5 yrs.	9:00 AM	Lisa Schrier
Intro A	3 yrs.	10:30 AM	Melinda Riedl
Kind.	Kinder.	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Souba
PreK A	4/5 yrs.	10:30 AM	Teresa Miller
Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.			

Tuesday		Catechist 1	Catechist
1AT4	Grade 1	4:15 PM	Joe Grothe
1BT4	Grade 1	4:15 PM	Heidi Klasna
2AT4	Grade 2	4:15 PM	Nicole Shoemaker
2BT4	Grade 2	4:15 PM	Rachel Turner
3AT4	Grade 3	4:15 PM	Scott Green
4AT4	Grade 4	4:15 PM	Chelsa Klasna
4BT4	Grade 4	4:15 PM	Erika Barth
5AT4	Grade 5	4:15 PM	Michelle Engelbart
6AT4	Grade 6	4:15 PM	Katie Keber
6BT4	Grade 6	4:15 PM	Lisa Moffett
7AT4	Grade 7	4:15 PM	Patty Kolega
7BT4	Grade 7	4:15 PM	Tina Petersen
8AT4	Grade 8	4:15 PM	Karen Freiburger
8BT4	Grade 8	4:15 PM	Dennis Gilmore
KAT4	Kinder.	4:15 PM	Christine Reece
Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.			
1AT5	Grade 1	5:30 PM	Michele Whitaker
2AT5	Grade 2	5:30 PM	Angie Havranek
3AT5	Grade 3	5:30 PM	Jacqueline Mazzio
4AT5	Grade 4	5:30 PM	Deena Merten
5AT5	Grade 5	5:30 PM	Shayla O'Brien
6AT5	Grade 6	5:30 PM	Robert Meraz
7AT5	Grade 7	5:30 PM	Alex Schrier
8AT5	Grade 8	5:30 PM	Deb Saraka
KAT5	Kinder.	5:30 PM	Jacquelyn Baker
MAT5	SpeNed	5:30 PM	Heather Wright

## Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday			Catechist 1	Catechist 2
KAW4	Kinder.	4:00 PM	Angela Elgert	Danielle Abboud
1AW4	Grade 1	4:00 PM	Gail Daly	Lori Wilson
1BW4	Grade 1	4:00 PM	Angela Lanoha	Joyce Sumner
2AW4	Grade 2	4:00 PM	Amanda Rachow	
2BW4	Grade 2	4:00 PM	Laura Baker	Katie Hraben
3AW4	Grade 3	4:00 PM	Breya Langer	
3BW4	Grade 3	4:00 PM	Tammy Riedl	J. & A. Riedl
3CW4	Grade 3	4:00 PM	Sarah Hotz	Lori Goedeker
4AW4	Grade 4	4:00 PM	Lisa Neel	Stacy Schoening
4BW4	Grade 4	4:00 PM	Jasmine Howe	Jeanette Schwartz
4CW4	Grade 4	4:00 PM	Angie Roberts	
5AW4	Grade 5	4:00 PM	Christine Hinton	Jodi McShannon
5BW4	Grade 5	4:00 PM	Nilah Jones	Pamela Beninato
5CW4	Grade 5	4:00 PM	Erin Tomaso	
6AW4	Grade 6	4:00 PM	Andrew Guenther	Kitty Burton
6BW4	Grade 6	4:00 PM	Patty Russell	Jennifer Meier
7AW4	Grade 7	4:00 PM	Julie Riedel	
7BW4	Grade 7	4:00 PM	Stacia Jarzowski	Tonya Lampe
7CW4	Grade 7	4:00 PM	Shellie DuBay	Julie Johnson
8AW4	Grade 8	4:00 PM	Kathy Foreman	Julie Shaner
8BW4	Grade 8	4:00 PM	Gail Boschult	
8CW4	Grade 8	4:00 PM	Lisa Larkin	

## Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

KAW5	Kinder.	5:30 PM	Karla Carlson	Jennifer Rohrbach
1AW5	Grade 1	5:30 PM	Jayne McShannon	Alicia Hoffman
1BW5	Grade 1	5:30 PM	Ashley Hoff	Beth Rosario
2AW5	Grade 2	5:30 PM	Deanna Timmerman	
2BW5	Grade 2	5:30 PM	Jason Castor	Sherri Castor
3AW5	Grade 3	5:30 PM	Starr Safranek	
3BW5	Grade 3	5:30 PM	Charlotte Weyler	Kathryn Loftin
4AW5	Grade 4	5:30 PM	Robert Beckerbauer	Martha Atkinson
4BW5	Grade 4	5:30 PM	Lisa Tupper	
5AW5	Grade 5	5:30 PM	Michelle H.	Amy Vrbka
5BW5	Grade 5	5:30 PM	Nick McShannon	
6AW5	Grade 6	5:30 PM	Rebecca McGargill	
6BW5	Grade 6	5:30 PM	Kelli Jaixen	
7AW5	Grade 7	5:30 PM	Jennifer Hustedt	Matt Hustedt
7BW5	Grade 7	5:30 PM	Amy Pink	Peggy Millerbernd
8AW5	Grade 8	5:30 PM	Lynette Smith	Deanna Beal
8BW5	Grade 8	5:30 PM	Amy Hynes	

## Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

KAW7	Kind.	7:00 PM	Valerie Belles	Nicole Kallhoff
1AW7	Grade 1	7:00 PM	Kristi Thompson	Kaylee Thompson
2AW7	Grade 2	7:00 PM	Kristina Cameron	Samantha Parks
2BW7	Grade 2	7:00 PM	Carissa Nath	Tim Nath
3AW7	Grade 3	7:00 PM	Susan Gillum	William Wilbrand
3BW7	Grade 3	7:00 PM	Savanah Turgeon	Roxana Franke
4AW7	Grade 4	7:00 PM	Jamie Manzitto	Paul Manzitto
4BW7	Grade 4	7:00 PM	Marsha Hansen	
5AW7	Grade 5	7:00 PM	Heather DeMaria	Elizabeth DeMaria
6AW7	Grade 6	7:00 PM	Julie Vollmuth	Dale Stiles
7AW7	Grade 7	7:00 PM	Susan Ward	Brandy Bunjer
7BW7	Grade 7	7:00 PM	Terri Maier	
8AW7	Grade 8	7:00 PM	Cheryl Vanicek	9/23
8BW7	Grade 8	7:00 PM	Dawn Stock	Joe Stock