



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

The Family Connection

St. Stephen the Martyr Religious Education
Mary Maguire, Director

www.stephen.org/faith-formation/religious-education/

October 14, 2018

- 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
- Nov. 13/14: Family Masses

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.

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

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I'm Just a Kid! What Can I Do?

We have a lot to thank God for. We can show our thanks by caring for all the gifts God has given us and by using them in ways that make God happy. That's what stewardship is about. Stewardship is usually divided into three areas: time, talent, and treasure. You don't need any special skills to do these things--you just need to give yourself and some of your time.

Time is a gift from God. The choices we make about how we spend our time can be an act of stewardship. Will you spend the next hour watching TV, or helping your sister learn to tie her shoes?

Everyone has gifts. **Talent** doesn't mean being the best at something. Anything we can do, even if we aren't the best at it, is a talent given to us by God. Whatever you do well, whatever makes you happy when you do it, that's your gift. The best way you can thank God for your gifts is to use them and share them with others. You like to draw? Make cards for soldiers or a sick family member. You like to sing? Join the children's choir.

Treasure is not the "loot" pirates collect, but rather, the resources we have. God is not asking you to give all your money and things away, but God does invite you to be generous with what you have and also to make wise use of what you keep. Give your outgrown clothes to a family in need or the Goodwill. Recycling your newspapers, cans, and plastics help the earth (one of God's greatest gifts to us.) You earned \$5 raking the yard; put 50 cents of that in your envelope for church.

In the next few weeks, we will be sending home children's stewardship envelopes with the kids. Take some time each week to help them fill theirs out and return it at Mass.

Sunday School Lesson

No Classes on October 16/17/21

Millard Public School Conferences

**Sunday School Festival of Saints
October 28th**

Sunday School students will be celebrating their annual Festival of Saints on Oct. 28th with skits, games, music and special activities. Come dressed as your favorite saint!

Volunteers Needed: We are looking for middle and high school students to portray the saints during activities for our children. If you are a teen who has secretly wanted to know what it is like to be St. Francis, St. Peter, St. Cecilia, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Anthony or many other saints, please contact Laura Bogue at l.bogue@stephen.org or Rhonda Richeson at r.richeson@stephen.org to help out. It is a lot of fun and you can get Stewardship hours! Sign up using the following link:

<https://stephen.org/education/youth-ministry/youth-ministry-forms-events/>



What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.

Youth Group

Laura Bogue at 402-861-4509 or at l.bogue@stephen.org



Edge: There will be no Edge this week, Middle School Teens! We'll resume on Tuesday, October 23rd and meet from 6:30-8 PM in the dining room. Bring your questions, because it will be Stump the Core Team Night!

Life Teen: Join us on Sunday, October 21, in the GPS from 7-9 p.m. We will be looking into 'Our Call Towards Love.' Bring a friend and come enjoy some awesome fellowship. All High school teens are welcome.

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 with questions.

T3 Bible Study-Let the adventure begin! Open to all 8th-12th 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 24th, 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 with questions.

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 24th, 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.



St Stephen the Martyr
Religious Education

SSM Basketball Registration and Tryout Information

The 5th-8th grade boys and girls SSM/PAL basketball registration is now open! Registration should be completed online at the SSM Basketball Webpage: <http://www.clubs.stephen.org/basketball/>

Registration is a fully paperless process: complete all forms and submit payment (\$60.00 fee) using the website above. **Registrations MUST be received by 11:59pm Wednesday, October 24th.**

Boys Tryouts will be held on Saturday, October 27th, 2018 at

St. Stephen the Martyr Gym

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	8 th Grade Boys
8:35 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	7 th Grade Boys
9:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	6 th Grade Boys
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	5 th Grade Boys

***Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins allowed unless discussed ahead of time. Please complete all paperwork and submit payment online by Oct. 24th.**

Sign in at table in gym 20 minutes prior to start time for each grade. Please be on time as tryouts will start at the designated times.

Girls Tryouts: In recent years SSM has had low registration turnout for girls basketball, so the tryout date will be finalized once it is determined how many are signed up. You will be notified by e-mail. We would love this trend to change! Please consider registering for the upcoming season if you have any interest in basketball!!!

If you have questions please contact Corey Guenther, SSM Basketball Coordinator, at: coreyguenther34@gmail.com

There is a teacher who would love your help and a class that needs you to share your faith with them!

Several of our classes need a co-catechist to teach with a catechist who is already in place, especially on Tuesdays at 4:15 and 5:30 pm and Wed. at 4 pm. We have many grade levels to choose from. Please consider joining us in this very important teaching ministry. All lesson plans and materials are provided for you and tuition is waived for your children. We even have child care for your younger children. Please call or stop by the Religious Education Office for more information. Check page 5 for our needs.

Trunk or Treat - October 26



Trunk-or-Treat-Parishioners of all ages are invited to a spooktacular evening on Friday, October 26th. Join us for a free night full of entertainment, from car decorating contests to trick-or-treating, to popcorn, hot chocolate, and more! Decorate your car or trunk and bring candy for our boys and ghouls. Trunk-Or-Treat will be held in our South parking lot from 6-7 PM, although

vehicles may show-up as early as 4:30 PM to decorate. Contact Laura at l.bogue@stephen.org with questions or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4da4a82eab9-trunks> to let us know you are bringing your trunk.

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR
YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Join us for a night full of entertainment, from car decorating contests and trick-or-treating, to popcorn, hot chocolate and more!

This event is **FREE FUN** for the whole parish! Dress up in your costumes and go trick-or-treating in a safe environment, or decorate your car and help pass out candy to the children.

OCTOBER 26, 2018 | 6 PM-7 PM
SOUTH PARKING LOT OF
ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

THERE'S NO TRUNK OR TREAT WITHOUT TRUNKS!
Let us know you'd like to help add to the fun!

Contact Laura at l.bogue@stephen.org with questions or volunteer your vehicle by scanning the QR Code.



PARISH MISSION OUTREACH



SECOND COLLECTION

OCTOBER 27-28

*For every \$1.00 we send, a pair of shoes
will be given to an adult or child in need.*

Put your faith into action.

Help provide the PERFECT PAIR.

*Thank you for your compassion and love
for our brothers and sisters.*

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	Amanda Callahan	
PreK A	4/5 yrs.	9:00 AM	Lisa Schrier	Alex Schrier
Intro A	3 yrs.	10:30 AM	Melinda Riedl	Lindsey Assman
Kind.	Kinder.	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Souba	
PreK A	4/5 yrs.	10:30 AM	Teresa Miller	Carol Bahr
Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.				

Tuesday		Catechist 1	Catechist 2	
1AT4	Grade 1	4:15 PM	Joe Grothe	
1BT4	Grade 1	4:15 PM	Heidi Klasna	Elli Hovelka
2AT4	Grade 2	4:15 PM	Nicole Shoemaker	Jessica Lozier
2BT4	Grade 2	4:15 PM	Rachel Turner	Bonnie Skartvedt
3AT4	Grade 3	4:15 PM	Scott Green	
4AT4	Grade 4	4:15 PM	Chelsa Klasna	Carol Bahr
4BT4	Grade 4	4:15 PM	Erika Barth	
5AT4	Grade 5	4:15 PM	Michelle Engelbart	Ken Koubsky
6AT4	Grade 6	4:15 PM	Katie Keber	Susie Dotson
6BT4	Grade 6	4:15 PM	Lisa Moffett	
7AT4	Grade 7	4:15 PM	Patty Kolega	
7BT4	Grade 7	4:15 PM	Tina Petersen	Taylor Petersen
8AT4	Grade 8	4:15 PM	Karen Freiburger	
8BT4	Grade 8	4:15 PM	Dennis Gilmore	Nancy Gilmore
KAT4	Kinder.	4:15 PM	Christine Reece	Chelsie Peterson
Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.				
1AT5	Grade 1	5:30 PM	Michele Whitaker	Jen Vogel
2AT5	Grade 2	5:30 PM	Angie Havranek	Cynthia Meraz
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	Ashley Mohar
7AT5	Grade 7	5:30 PM	Alex Schrier	Lisa Schrier
8AT5	Grade 8	5:30 PM	Deb Saraka	
KAT5	Kinder.	5:30 PM	Jacquelyn Baker	Carrie Denniston
MAT5	SpeNed	5:30 PM	Heather Wright	Betsy Carroll

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 Schwartzter
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	10/14
8BW7	Grade 8	7:00 PM	Dawn Stock	Joe Stock