



St. Stephen the Martyr
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The Family Connection

St. Stephen the Martyr Religious Education
Mary Maguire, Director

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October 28, 2018

Second Grade First Reconciliation

Disciples of Christ

- Oct. 30/31: No R.E. classes
- Nov. 13/14: Family Masses
- Nov. 20/21: No R. E.; Thanksgiving
- Nov. 25: No Sunday School
- Dec. 3/4: First Reconciliation; 7 p.m.
- Dec. 16: Christmas Program; Gym 3:00 pm

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.



All second graders and those receiving First Communion in the Spring will celebrate First Reconciliation during the Reconciliation services in Advent on December 3 & 4. Family and friends are encouraged to celebrate the sacrament together. A reception will follow in the Dining Room. The second grade classes have been assigned to the following evenings:

Monday, December 3: 7 p.m.

- 2AT4 N. Shoemaker/J. Lozier
- 2BT4 R. Turner/B. Skartvedt
- 2AT5 A. Havranek/C. Meraz
- 2AW4 A. Rachow
- 2BW4 L. Baker/K. Hraban
- 2A Mary Gill

Tuesday, December 4: 7 p.m.

- 2AW5 D. Timmerman/C. Busskohl
- 2BW5 Jason & Sherri Castor
- 2AW7 K. Cameron/S. Parks
- 2BW7 Carissa & Tim Nath
- RCIC Mary Maguire
- 2B Marlene Roduner
- 2C Angie Lowry

Reminders:

- If your son/daughter was not baptized at St. Stephen the Martyr, we need a copy of their Catholic Baptism certificate by October 30. Please send, FAX or drop it off in the Religious Education Office. Our FAX number is 402-861-4590.
- Reconciliation Parent/Child packet due December 4, 2018.

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
Felipe Trujillo

Grade 2
Camryn Hayes

Grade 4
Beau Grandgenett
Grace Howe
Taryn Lanoha
Samantha Sumner



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
Fax number: 402-861-4590

- Director: Mary Maguire at 896-5683 m.maguire@stephen.org,
- Admin. Asst.: Eileen Smith at 861-4513 e.smith@stephen.org
- Confirmation: Betsy Carroll at 861-4510 b.carroll@stephen.org
- Sunday School/WBS: Rhonda Richeson at 861-4511 r.richeson@stephen.org
- Youth Ministry: Laura Bogue at 861-4509 l.bogue@stephen.org

Want to add something to the newsletter?
Contact Eileen at: 402-861-4513,
e.smith@stephen.org

Sunday School

Sunday School Festival of Saints
October 28th

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



Angel Tree Help



Are you looking for a fun opportunity to earn a stewardship hour? We are looking for volunteers to join us in the dining

room on Saturday, November 3rd at 3:30 PM to help us prepare for our Advent Angel Tree project! We'll be finishing our donation ornaments, setting-up and decorating our Angel Trees. Families are welcome and encouraged to join us...the more, the merrier! Donated items received through the Angel Tree Project will go to benefit the Essential Pregnancy Services, the Open Door Mission, the St. Augustine Indian Mission, and our very own Parish Pantry.

Youth Group

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



Edge: Happy All Hallow's Eve, Middle School Teens! Dress up as your favorite saint and join us for a Heavenly evening this Tuesday, October 30th from 6:30-8 PM in the dining room. And yes, it will be our monthly gym night!

Life Teen: Are you ready for a boo-tiful night, High School Teens? Don't ye now your saintly apparel and come ready to Minute to Win It this Sunday, October 28th from 7-9 PM in the Parish Center.

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 now open on our Forms & Events page. 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, November 7th, 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 Sundae Sunday events at the Country House Residence, to serving dinner at the Stephen Center and setting-up for our Angel Tree Project. 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.

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

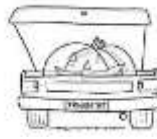
Several of our classes need a co-catechist to teach with a catechist who is already in place, especially on Tuesdays at 4:15 and 5:30 pm and Wed. at 4 pm. We have many grade levels to choose from. Please consider joining us in this very important teaching ministry. All lesson plans and materials are 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.



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Trunk-or-Treat Thanks

What a *spooktacular* evening! We would like to thank all of the parishioners who came out for this year's event, especially to the many, many families who helped to put the "trunk" in Trunk-Or-Treat and participated in our car decorating contest. Stay tuned next week to discover *witch* families won our contest. Also, be sure to visit our Facebook page to see pictures from the event!



Martyr Moms



Martyr Moms is officially up and running! We have several circles that have formed and more on the way. Sign up at www.ssmartyrmoms.com to stay up to date with events and happenings. Don't forget to follow us on facebook!

BIBLE STUDY AM - Friday, 9:00-10:30am

BIBLE STUDY PM -Wednesday, 6:30pm-8:00pm

PLAY DATE CIRCLE - First and Third Fridays, 9:30am-11:30am

BOARD GAME CIRCLE - November 15th, 7pm

**Membership dues will be \$20 and can be paid to your circle leader or brought to the next Martyr Mom meeting. **

Blessing Baskets-R.E. Mass Donations

St. Stephen the Martyr Youth and Hearts Open Wide will be providing Blessing Baskets for local families this Thanksgiving on November 17th. These baskets will be filled with food for the families to prepare delicious Thanksgiving meals.

For our offerings at our masses on November 13/14, please bring an item on the list. You can see the list at the following website;

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e44a4af2ca0f85-blessing>

Please sign up if you would like to contribute Thank you for helping us bring Thanksgiving Blessings to these families.





For Christmas
This year we will be doing a

Second collection
NOVEMBER 10-11

Your donations will be used
For several refugee families
Who were evicted
from their homes in Omaha.

THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY.