



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/

January 13, 2019

Welcome Weekend

Disciples of Christ

- Jan. 13: Catechist & Volunteer Potluck 1 p.m.; GPC
- Jan. 21: Safe Environment Training; DR, 6:30-8 pm
- Jan. 25/26: 7th Grade Retreats (see Page 3) **UPDATED TIMES**
- Jan. 27: No Sunday School
- Jan. 29/30: Rel. Ed. Masses
- Feb. 2/3: First Communion Blessing; Sat. Eve & Sunday Masses
- Feb. 12/13: No Rel. Ed.; MPS Conferences

SSM Mom's and Dad's! Do you ever feel just a little "lost" in our parish and RE community? Does it sometimes seem like a sea of faces and you don't know which parents belong with which kids? Or perhaps you simply could use a weekend away to renew yourself and your faith life? What if one weekend could make you a better husband, father, wife, mother, co-worker, or friend, while at the same time making our community feel smaller and more like home? We invite you to take a break from your busy schedule and attend a Welcome Weekend at St. Stephen's! You will witness God's work in other people and notice His own work in your life. You will have a chance to relax, have fun and connect personally with other parishioners!

Women's weekend: February 23-24, 2019

Men's weekend: March 2-3, 2019

To learn more and sign up, visit www.ssmwelcomeweekend.org or email ssm.welcome.weekend@gmail.com for any questions. Unable to attend? Please pray for the success of the Welcome weekends and visit the website to provide food donations for the weekend.



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

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

Ethan Nice	Grade 1
Kolar Neal	Grade 2
Rocco Guido	Grade 2
Charlie Sather	Grade 2
Ainsley Zanker	Grade 2
Van Ellis	Grade 2
Jakob Roskey	Grade 3
Gwenivere Smith	Grade 5
Adam Thies	Grade 7



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: Contact R.E. Office at 402-896-5683
- 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

Our Safety Patrol Volunteers have asked us to remind all the parents to park their vehicles in a spot and to USE THE CROSSWALK areas when entering and leaving for classes. Safety First!!

Trivia Night Volunteers Needed-February 2, 2019

Your volunteer time helps our parish achieve our mission of Encountering Christ, Knowing Christ, and Proclaiming Christ.



Please look over the sign-up genius and see if you can volunteer your time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094ba5a822a64-trivia>

Catechists & Volunteer Needed

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

◆ We have an immediate need for a catechist in a Second Grade; Wed. at 5:30.

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.

All volunteers must be Safe Environment Trained
Next training date will be January 21 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Dining Room at St. Stephen the Martyr

Youth Group

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



Life Teen-We're called for so much more, High School Teens, and it's a beautiful thing! Don't buy into everything that mainstream media may tell you about sex or even our sexuality. Bring us your questions...let's talk! We'll meet in the Parish Center from 7-9 PM this Sunday, January 13th. Parents, are you curious about our theme (Morality/Sexuality) for January and February? Check our website for our Letter to the Parents, or contact Laura with questions!

Edge-We can "confirm" that this will be a great Edge night, Middle Schoolers! Join us for the faith-filled fun in the dining room this Tuesday, January 15th from 6:30-8 PM.

T3 Bible Study: It's never too late to join in on this engaging way to dive into Scripture while building friendships with peers. We meet each Wednesday from 7-8:30 PM in our School Library. All 8th-12th grade youth are welcome.

Hearts Open Wide: Youth Service Squad-If you're looking for a way to put into action the reason for the season, visit our Forms & Events page to find opportunities where you can share Jesus's love with others! 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 helping us prepare and serve dinner to the clients of 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.

Steubenville Registration is OPEN, and ON-LINE! Register NOW for Early Bird Special! We're returning to the much loved Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester, MN this summer! Mark your calendars for Friday, July 12-14, 2019. This awe-inspiring, faith-awakening event is open to all current 8th-12th grade youth. With world renowned chastity speaker Jason Evert speaking this year, and other fantastic speakers like Katie Hartfiel, Paul George and Nic Frank in the mix, it's sure to be a memorable weekend! Register by Sunday, January 13th for the early-bird pricing of \$325. Cost includes entrance to the conference, meals, 2 nights in a hotel, transportation, and a t-shirt. Price will increase to \$340 after Sunday, January 13th and spots are expected to fill quickly, so be sure to register on our Forms & Events page ASAP! Contact Laura at l.bogue@stephen.org with questions.

Weather Cancellations



Should icy or snowy weather occur, the Religious Education program observes the school closing policies of the Millard School District. If Millard Public Schools cancel classes or evening activities due to inclement weather, we will not hold Religious Education classes that evening.

Occasionally, because of deteriorating weather conditions during the day, we will need to cancel R.E. classes late in the afternoon or early evening, even when Millard has held classes. Cancellations and plans for re-scheduling activities will be published on the parish web-site at www.stephen.org. Parents should use their discretion as to whether it is safe for their children to attend class. The safety of our children is always our primary concern.

Knights Free Throw Contest



Please join the Knights for a free throw contest! The contest is open to boys and girls ages 9-14. On Friday, January 18th at 7:00pm in the gym. Questions? Contact Matt Kreber at kreber4@yahoo.com

Martyr Jump Start Events

May the Lord bless you and your family this Christmas!

As we begin both a new church year and a new calendar year, we want to help you *Encounter, Know and Proclaim Jesus Christ*. We are aware that everyone is at a different place in his or her spiritual journey and we want to help you take *YOUR* next step.

Please click below to complete a short survey to help us better support you in your faith journey. [Click here to complete the survey](#)

ALL are invited to attend our monthly Martyr Jump Starter events:

January 13th-11:30am: Understanding the Mass

February 9th-6:00pm: Behind the Scenes Tour of St. Stephen the Martyr

March 10th-10:00am: Lenten Practices

April 7th-7:30pm: Guest Presenter: Danny Leger – Hope of the Poor

May 19th-10:00am: Mary our Mother

Our parish has a subscription to Formed, a wonderful web-based resource. Please click here <https://formed.org/> to visit this site.

Our parish access code is e8af4. After you enter it, you may create your own account and begin utilizing all of the many resources available. If you have any other questions, thoughts or suggestions, I would love to hear from you!

Cathy Ashton
Director of Evangelization
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Soccer Sign-Ups

Soccer sign-ups are live!

Spring CYSL and MICRO soccer sign-ups are NOW! Preschool through 8th grade! Hey OLDER kids...want to play some recreational soccer with your school friends?? Sign-up to represent your school...who cares if you haven't played since 1st grade! Or maybe you are a club player that can play secondary for your school! Avoid late fees that start after February 18th!

Registration information can be found at <https://www.pachunka.com/ssm/soccer/reg/>



7th GRADE RETREAT ASSIGNMENTS 2019

Updated Times!!

January 25th, 2018 6:30-9:00 PM

7A Mrs. Mabeus
7AT4 Patricia Kolega
7AW4 Julie Riedel
7BW5 Amy Pink & Peggy Millerbernd

January 26th, 2018 8:30-11:00 AM

7B Mr. Hentzen
7BT4 Tina & Taylor Peterson
7AW5 Matthew & Jennifer Hustedt
7AW7 Susan Ward & Brandy Bunjer
MAT5 Heather Wright
MBW7 Kate Anderson

January 26th, 2017 1:00-3:30 PM

7C Mrs. Potach
7AT5 Lisa & Alex Schrier
7BW4 Stacia Jarzobski & Tonya Lampe
7CW4 Shellie DuBay & Julie Johnson
7BW7 Terri Maier

Sacramental Preparation Information available at

<https://stephen.org/education/sacrament-preparation-for-church/>

*If you have a conflict on your assigned retreat date, contact the Religious Education Office **ASAP**
402-896-5683*

(There are a limited number of candidates on each retreat)

Confirmation Retreat Day

- Candidates should meet in the Dining Room at St. Stephen's.
- Snack will be provided.
- Students should not bring cell phones or any other electronic devices.

**PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH RETREATS
CONTACT the Religious Education Office; 402-896-5683**

Please consider this opportunity to volunteer to make the retreat the best it can be for all of our candidates.

Martyr Jump Starter

Enrich your faith journey



*Have you ever wished you felt more engaged at Mass?
Would you like a deeper understanding of the Mass?*

Please join us for *Understanding the Mass*

Featured speaker: Fr. Dave Belt

Sunday, January 13, 11:30 a.m., Dining Room

Come, learn the fullness of the Catholic Mass

All Are Welcome to Attend

Support the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast & Catholic Relief Services' Free Trade Sale



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Questions? Contact Gailie Aldrin, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis at (619)961-4507



**We Saved
YOU a
Seat!**

St. Stephen the Martyr School is having an open house for prospective families. We are so excited to share what makes our school amazing! Please stop in and check us out!

January 27

10:00-2:00

16701 "S" St.

For more information call 402-896-0754

*United in Christ to ignite the joy of faith, community,
and learning.*

MARTYR MISSION



Faith In Action

Save the Date!

Saturday, March 16, 2019
6 p.m. Tiburon Golf Club

Please plan to join us for Fellowship, Fundraising and FUN!

Martyr Mission: *Faith In Action* (formerly, Martyr Madness)

Proceeds support St. Stephen the Martyr

Parish, School and Religious Education

Online registration available beginning February 2nd

Choose a tag from the Donation Request Trees in the Gathering Space next weekend and support the Silent Auction today!