St. Stephen the Martyr CATHOLIC CHURCH Encounter, Know, Proclaim November 3, 2019

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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16701 "S" Street, Omaha, NE 68135 | (402) 896-9675 | stephen.org 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 7:30 am, 9:00 am 10:30 am, 12:00 pm, 6:00 pm

6:30 am, 8:15 am

Daily Mass

Sunday:

Mon-Fri: Saturday:

Confession

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

8:00 am

Morning Prayer

Mon-Sat: 6:10 am

Rosary

Mon-Fri: 7:50 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

Staff Contact Info: stephen.org/staff

Facility Reservations:

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

Calendar of Events

For a full calendar of weekly happenings, visit our website at: stephen.org/google-calendar

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!

Contact Cathy Ashton at 402-891-4507, c.ashton@stephen.org and learn how we can support your faith journey.

Pastor's Message

"My brothers and sisters, we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death. Confident that God always remembers the good we have done and forgives our sins, let us pray..."

This invitation to prayer is found in the "Vigil for the Deceased," which is the liturgy that is prayed on the evening before the funeral liturgy is celebrated. It proclaims our faith that death does not separate us from those who are no longer sharing this earthly journey with us. It gives us great



consolation to know that all those who have gone before us in death are still a part of our community of faith and that they continue to guide and support us with their love and prayers. Personally, this belief that we are still connected to our loved ones, even though we are separated by death, gives me great comfort and hope as I continue to remember family members, friends, and former parishioners who have gone before us in death.

This belief that we are bound to the Communion of Saints is what we celebrate every time we gather together for the Eucharist. We believe that the human community, gathered with the Communion of Saints, is the Body of Christ. Those who believe in the power of the cross and resurrection are bound together by that faith and not even death will separate us.

In a very special way, we set aside the month of November to pray for and remember those who have died and who are preparing a place in eternity for us. It is a time for us to give thanks for the love and friendship that they shared with us as we walked this journey of life together. It is also a time for us to look to the example of the Saints of our tradition and ask them to strengthen us with their prayers.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

God bless you! Fr. Dave

Welcome Newly Baptized

Amelia Joyce Abboud, daughter of William and Danielle Abboud Jackson Matthew Cooper, son of Charles and Nicole Cooper

First Saturday Devotion to Mary-Rosary

Come join the Knights of Columbus in the 1st Saturday Devotion to Mary prior to the 8:00 a.m. Mass on November 2. The Rosary Service will begin 30 minutes prior to Mass in the Daily Chapel.

Holy Hour – First Monday of the Month

Come for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday**, **November 4 at 7 p.m.** in the Church. The hour will include the Rosary, meditating on the Joyful mysteries for Vocations.

2020 Stewardship of Treasure Appeal

Our Stewardship of Treasure Appeal is underway. Thank you to all who have returned an updated pledge card. Your prompt response allows us to plan for the coming year and continue the important work God calls us to do at St. Stephen the Martyr. Please return your pledge card to the secure offertory collection box in the gathering space, the offertory basket or the parish office. For assistance, contact Nicole at 402-861-4540 or n.neesen@stephen.org.

Knights of Columbus—American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, November 16 from 7 a.m. to noon in the Dining Room Call or Text: 402-850-7369 or email omahajason@gmail.com to schedule appointment

Becoming Catholic! RCIA

Are considering becoming Catholic? Curious about our faith? Have you missed a sacrament or two along the way? The Becoming Catholic! program will help you deepen your relationship with Jesus by increasing your knowledge of the Catholic Church and Holy Scripture. This program will prepare you for full communion into His Church. Contact: Scott and Julie Tylski at 402-861-2209 or tylskisj@cox.net or Cathy at 402-861-4507 or c.ashton@stephen.org.

National Vocations Awareness Week—November 3-9



St. Stephen the Martyr Vocations Ministry invites you to join HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS NOVEMBER 7, 2019 ~ THURSDAY 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. DAILY MASS CHAPEL

CALLED BY NAME CARDS Will be in the pews on Nov 2-3

As a Catholic community, we are called to be vigilant in our participatory role in prayerfully discerning our vocation and that of other individuals who might need affirmation in his/her own discernment process. All these are very important elements that gives vibrancy to the life of the church. Please write down the name of a person whom you strongly feel exhibits the qualities of being called to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life.



All are welcome!

Questions? Contact Cathy Ashton | (402) 861-4507 | c.ashton@stephen.org

Divine Liturgy Celebration

Did you know there are 24 different Catholic Churches, all in full communion with the pope, and that the Roman Catholic Church is just one of them? The Ruthenian Catholic community in Omaha will be celebrating Mass, called the Divine Liturgy, with their bishop on November 17th at 11:00 a.m. This liturgy looks very different from the Roman Catholic Mass that you are used to, but is still a valid Catholic Mass - the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Any Catholic can attend and receive Communion and it will count as your Sunday Mass Obligation. Liturgy will be at St. Gerald's Lakeview Chapel, 7857 Lakeview St., Ralston, NE. Go and learn a little more about our Eastern Catholic brothers and sisters!

Regnum Christi Retreat-Nov. 2

Regnum Christi is hosting a retreat the first Saturday of each month which includes participation in the 8 a.m. Mass followed by adoration and a talk. The retreat will conclude by 10 a.m. and is open to all men and women from the parish. Please join us! This month's theme: **Why Confession?** Questions? Contact: Cathy Ashton

Vocations Corner

St. Paul's beautiful words today launch us perfectly into a prayer for our celebration of National Vocations Awareness Week. *May we faithfully pray for young, middle-aged and old, that God may make them worthy of his calling, powerfully bringing into fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in all and all in him, in accord with the grace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen! Let us not underestimate the influence we have on those around us. Please visit www.vocationawarenessweek.com for resources to inform, inspire and invite yourself and others to their holy calling. Let us never underestimate God's imperishable spirit in each of us.*

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 class 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 the parish office by 4:30 p.m. on Fridays for more information and to make arrangements.

Adult Studies

Learn more about our faith through Scripture and Adult Study. Studies offered every day of the week. Find one that meets your needs. For details and how to sign up visit our website at stephen.org/adult-studies. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

— Matthew 19:14

School Grades Preschool-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 Preschool-8

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

Website: stephen.org/religious-education

Phone: 402-861-4512 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

School News

Did you know?... We teach Christian values through a Catholic lens while also providing sacramental preparation for students who are members of the Church.

Calendar

November 8: No School, Teacher In-Service November 11: Veteran's Day Assembly November 20: Home & School PEPtalk—Love & Logic

Religious Education News

As the potential for inclement weather nears, St. Stephen the Martyr RE is reviewing its Weather Cancellation policies. Parents and catechists, updated information on the decision making process and cancellation communication will be emailed out shortly.

Calendar

November 10: Knights of Columbus Breakfast Proceeds for Religious Education Nov. 19/20: RE Masses, families invited Nov. 26/27: No RE Classes - Thanksgiving Break Dec. 1: No SS Classes - Thanksgiving Break Dec. 2/3: First Reconciliation

On Wednesday, November 6th, join other Catechists from across the Archdiocese in a night of formation and fellowship, sponsored by RELCO with Joe Paprocki as the keynote speaker. When: Wednesday, November 6th 6-8:30 p.m. Where: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish (11802 Pacific St, Omaha, NE 68154) Who: DRE's, Catechists, Directors of Youth Ministry, 5 Day teachers, and anyone else who has an interest in Catechesis **Registration:** E-mail Colleen Ciciulla at <u>colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org</u> **Cost:** \$5 per person Wednesday Religious Education catechists will need to find their own sub for that evening.

Youth Ministry News

This weekend, 24 of our parish teens plus our core team will be on retreat at Camp Carol Joy, in hopes of rediscovering and strengthening their love for God and in doing so answering some of life's big questions. Please keep them in prayer!

Life Teen (High School) — Nov. 3: 7-9 PM, GPC — We hope that you made a real breakthrough while with us on retreat, Teens! Now it's time to relax and enjoy dinner and a movie night.

Edge (Middle School) — Nov. 5: 6:30-8 PM, Dining Room — This week we continue to learn about creation, and it's not just good, it's very good! That's right, we're talking about how God made us.

What About Wednesdays (Grades 8-12) — Nov. 6: 7-8:30 PM, School Library — Are large groups not your thing? Do you still want to participate with parish youth activities, but Sundays won't work for you? Well, What About Wednesdays? 8th-12th grade teens are invited to join us for our Discipleship group where there will be a variety of teen-led discussion, game nights, one night Bible or book studies, and more. It's come when you can, and we promise not to assign homework.

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 and passed out candy to the boys and girls. It was a close vote this year to choose the winners of the contest. Congratulations, winners!

- ⇒ Anthony and Elace Pontiero and Family won the award for the "Most Spooky" with their Jurassic Park-themed vehicle, which even included an inflatable t-rex skeleton and games.
- ⇒ Nik and Karla Carlson and Family killed the competition with their "Dia de los Muertos" themed vehicle, which won the "Most Creative" award.
- ⇒ Eric and Halle Hoge and Family stole the "Crowd Favorite" award (and our hearts!) with their "Puppy Petting Zoo" vehicle featuring all of the puppies!

Hearts Open Wide: Youth Service Squad

- * Nov. 9: Angel Tree Set-Up, 3:30-4:30 PM
- Nov. 10: Prepare Dinner for the Rainbow House, 2:30-5:30 PM

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







Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Our gifts to the 2019-2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal bear witness to God's love at work in our lives. Thank you to all those in our parish who have responded so generously to Archbishop Lucas' invitation to join him in the work of equipping disciples and living mercy. To date, our parish has raised \$114,463.00 towards our goal of \$168,510.73. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal.



November 10 after the 7:30 a.m. Mass until Noon Proceeds this Sunday benefit our Religous Education

New - THREE menu options! Option #1: Traditional Pancake Breakfast with eggs, sausage & fruit cup Option #2: Eggs, Sausage & Hashbrowns, with biscuit & fruit cup Option #3: Biscuits & Sausage Gravy with eggs & fruit cup

Cost: \$7.00/adult, \$5.00/child, or \$25 max for family | The 2nd Sunday of each month - October 13 through February 9

Fair Trade Sale—November 10 During Breakfast

Thanks to all who purchased items from our Fair Trade Sale on October 13. The proceeds from your purchases totaling \$790 will assist small farmers & artisans in countries throughout the world including India & VietNam. In addition, purchases of soup mixes benefit at-risk women served by the Women's Bean Project in Denver. The coffees & cocoas from EQUAL EXCHANGE help to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically & environmentally sound to foster mutually beneficial relationships between small farmers & consumers. The coffees, spices & artisan products from SERVV help to create employments, pay fair wages, encourage sustainable practices, support community development & preserve traditional crafting techniques in over 25 countries world-wide. Our next Fair Trade sale is Sunday, November 10. This is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping & support Fair Trade practices throughout the world. Chocolate will be available!

Prime Timers Upcoming Events



Mass at 8:15 a.m. — Saturday, November 12, followed with coffee & donuts in the GPC

Christmas Party — Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the GPC. Main entre provided. Bring a side dish to share. \$6 per person Jan, Pat or Moe; or drop off with Cathy Ashton. BYOB. Wear your PLAID matching or mismatched outfits (optional). All are welcome!

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).

CCW Safe Homes Presentation

Our Council of Catholic Women invite you to hear from Notre Dame Sisters: Sr. Mary Kay and Sr. Celeste about Safe Homes and Human Trafficking. **Tuesday, November 5 at 7 p.m. in the GPC.**

Prayer Shawl-Meeting Nov. 13

Gather, pray and make Prayer Shawls/Blankets to be given to persons experiencing a crisis in their life. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month from 9:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the Gonderinger Parish Center.

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? How are you sharing your unique gifts?

Visit: stephen.org/community

Weekly Offertory

kefc10160.org

<i>10/15 - 10/21/2019</i> Online/Checks/Cash: Children's Giving:	\$44,107.00 \$303.00
<i>10/22 - 10/28/2019</i> Online/Checks/Cash:	\$47,559.50
Children's Giving:	\$253.00

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." LUKE 19:8

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

Give online at stephen.org/give

Tired of writing checks? Donate easily online through the Parish website www.stephen.org. Scroll down to the grey area and click Give Online. In a few easy steps you can set up an automatic recurring contribution or make a one time donation. You can also update your current giving amount to help SSM do the work that God calls us to do. For more information please contact Nicole Neesen in the Stewardship and Development Office, 402-861-4540 or email <u>n.neesen@stephen.org</u>.

TAGG

YTD raised:

\$6,847.51

EXCITING NEWS! HyVee is now on TAGG and will donate 1% of all purchases back to our Religious Education and School! That's 1% off gas, groceries, everything!

Learn more:

www.togetheragreatergood.com/ssm

An Introduction to Mental Prayer

Tuesday November 5th, from 7-8pm at Christ the King Parish come learn more about prayer and how to pray from nationally known author and speaker Mrs. Connie Rossini. The author of several books on prayer, Mrs. Rossini is a wife and mother of four boys. She brings depth and practical reality to her insights. If you've been seeking help on how to pray, this is the presentation for you. This is part of the First Tuesday's series: www.eicatholic.org/first-tuesdays

Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

The Apostolate for Family Consecration is hosting a 33 Day Preparation reflection for Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary at Christ The King Catholic Church located at 654 So. 86th St. each Sunday from November 3rd through the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Sunday evening gatherings are intended to provide a weekly orientation for attendees to complete the daily preparation for consecration from November 5th through December 7th and then make their formal consecration in the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle and by the witness of a Priest on Sunday, December 8th between 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. A Priest will also be available each Sunday evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consecration is a way of life that will protect you and your family in these perilous times. With sincere appreciation and please contact us if you have any questions, John and Deborah Kukula and David Zebolsky of the Apostolate for Family Consecration Phone: 402-498-9871 Email: jdkukula@cox.net or dzebolsky@cox.net

Young Catholic Professionals

Young Catholic Professionals serves young adults in their 20s and 30s in connecting with one another to grow in faith. Follow us on Facebook @ YCP Omaha, or contact Justin at justin.korth@ycpomaha.org. Our next event is an Executive Speaker Series at St. Cecilia Cathedral on Tues., Nov. 19th. Mass is at 6:15pm, social and free food starts at 7pm, and speaker begins at 7:45pm. Fr. Jeffery Lorig, Director of Pastoral Services for the Archdiocese, will be our featured speaker with a title of "Disengaged? Connecting the WE and ME in Your Organization."

NFP Wine and Cheese

Please join us for NFP Wine & Cheese, an event for engaged and married couples. Presenting couples will share their stories and explain what the Church teaches with regard to family planning. Creighton Model, Marquette and Couple to Couple League teachers will explain methods of natural family planning. The event will be Saturday, November 16th, 7pm at St. Robert's. There is no cost to attend. To learn more or to RSVP, email nfpwine@gmail.com.

Mothers Supporting Mothers

seeking mentors to be a supportive,

friendly role model for pregnant and

to listen, encourage, and model

information on how to make a

mentoringmoms@ccomaha.org

829-9283 or

If you are looking to make a difference in the life of a child, Catholic Charities is

parenting mothers - a 1-on-1 opportunity

parenting skills. Interested or want more

difference? Contact Sierra Barrios (402)

Turkey Dinner

Holy Ghost Catholic Church 5219 South 53rd Street, Omaha, Ne. Sunday - November 10, 2019 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. TURKEY, MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY DRESSING, VEGETABLE, CRANBERRIES, ROLL/BUTTER, BEVERAGE and ... DESSERT Adults \$ 10.00 Seniors \$ 9.00 (62+) Children \$ 5.00 (12 & under) TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE MEAT WHEEL & RAFFLE BASKETS

Chicken Dinner

Staley's Chicken Dinner being served at St. Pius X Parish 69th and Blondo in the Parish Center on Friday, November 15th from 5-7:30 PM. The meal also includes mashed potatoes and gravy, salads, coleslaw, vegetable, rolls and butter and beverage. Desserts, bakery and craft items will also be for sale. The cost is adults \$12 and children 10 and under \$6.

Regina Caeli Academy's Annual Fundraiser

You're Invited to Regina Caeli Academy's annual fundraiser, the Priest Talent Show, on November 15th! Join us for a fancy evening of dinner and auctions, as well as surprise performances from talented local priests! Purchase your tickets at www.rcahybrid.org The event will be held at the Mainelli Center at St. Robert Bellarmine Church at 120th & Pacific in Omaha from 5:30-9:30pm on Nov. 15, 2019. Come support RCA and learn more about our growing community! We are a university-style homeschool hybrid in the Catholic and classical traditions, providing the best of both homeschooling and traditional classroom-based education to children from Pre-K through high school.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 2

8:00 am	†	All Souls (PK)
3:30 pm		Confessions (PK)
5:00 pm	t	All Souls (PK)

Sunday, November 3

7:30 am	†	All Souls (PK)
9:00 am	†	Deacon Wes Kreun (PS)
10:30 am	†	Juanita Mutuc (PS)
12:00 pm	SI	Our Parishioners (DB)
		Jeanette Hauptman (DB)
Monday,	No	vember 4
9:00 am	SI	Joshy Antony (PS)
8:15 am	†	Amelia Garlot (PS)

Tuesday, November 5

6:30 am † Tom Koenig (PS) 8:15 am † Jacob Ferguson (DB 5:30 pm Confessions (PS)	6.20 am	+	Tom Koopig (DC)
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	8:15 am	†	Jacob Ferguson (DB)
	5:30 pm		Confessions (PS)

Wednesday, November 6 6:30 am † Tom Anderson (PS) 8:15 am † Otto Sutej (PS)

Thursday, November 7

Communin Service 6:30 am 8:15 am † Cathy Krupa (OSB)

Friday, November 8

6:30 am	SI	Ester Gninefou
		& Family (PS)
8:15 am	†	Ann Keller (PS)

Saturday November 9

Sacaraay		
8:00 am	†	Robert L Jones (PS)
3:30 pm		Confessions (DS)
5:00 pm	†	George I. Gervase (DS)

Sunday, November 10

7:30 am	†	Jim Brazda (PS)
		Our Parishioners (PS)
10:30 am	†	Juanita Mutuc (GM)
12:00 pm	SI	Knights of Columbus (GM)
6:00 pm	SI	Jeff & Cindy Souba (CS)

The Priest Schedules are subject to Change DB=Fr. Dave Belt, PS=Fr. Padriac Stack, PK-Fr. Peter Krezalek, OSB=Order of St. Benedict, CS=Fr. Chris Saenz, GM=Fr. Gerald Melchoir

SI = Special Intention **†** = Repose of the Soul



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.





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