



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

June 7, 2020

Pray & Worship

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday-Friday at 8:15 AM* & 5:30 PM;
Saturday at 8:15 AM

Weekend**: Saturday at 5:00 PM*; Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM* & 11:30 AM

*These Masses will be Live-Streamed.

- *Live-Stream is found on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StStephensCatholicChurchOmaha/>)*
- *Recorded Mass will also be posted on our website ~60 minutes after at stephen.org/recorded-mass.*
- *For questions about accessing our Facebook page or website, contact Alecia Hartwig at a.hartwig@stephen.org or (402) 861-4515.*

**Reservations for Weekend Mass required.

- *Go to stephen.org/welcome-back to sign up and for more information.*

Private Prayer

Daily Mass Chapel and Worship Space are open from 9 AM to 9 PM Monday-Friday and from 10:00 AM to 6 PM on Saturday-Sunday. The Adoration Chapel is open 24/7; door access code: 9675*

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, (402) 506-2239
Dcn. Chuck Botdorf, (402) 681-4701
Dcn. Denny Dethlefs, (402) 861-4538
Dcn. Jerry Kozney, (402) 659-9219
Dcn. Marty Warwick, (402) 926-1253

Staff Contact Info: stephen.org/staff

Bulletin Deadline:

Submit requests to a.hartwig@stephen.org.

Not yet a Parishioner?

Register as a Parishioner on our website stephen.org. Click on "Become a Parishioner" in the footer or call the Parish office for more information. We're here to accompany you on your faith journey! We offer many opportunities to help you and your family to learn, grow and form your faith. Contact Cathy Ashton: c.ashton@stephen.org or (402) 861-4507.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

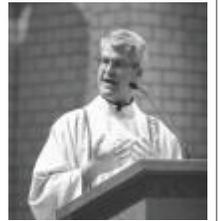
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:17



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"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

These words, spoken to us on the Feast of the Holy Trinity, remind us that the relationship that God has with his people is deeply rooted in love. Even though human history is filled with sin and evil, God still chose to save us, forgive us, and lead us to eternal life. This is the commitment, the covenant that God has had with his people since the beginning of time, and it is fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ.



On this Feast of the Holy Trinity, let us pray that we may recognize the presence of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in our lives and in our universe. Even though God is a Mystery, we come to know Him through the Sacraments, through prayer, and through the gift of human love. Let us continue to pray for ourselves and for our family of faith, that we may be messengers of God's love. Filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit, given to the Church on Pentecost, let us help others know the joy of being loved by our awesome God!

"It is not easy to find a term which appropriately defines such great excellence, unless it is better to say that this Trinity is one God from whom, through whom, and in whom all things exist."—Saint Augustine

God bless you,
Father Dave

Welcome New Parishioners!

Stan & Jenna Jones
Christine & Gary Kluka
Jake & Devynn Mueller

Robert & Beatriz Rodriquez
Kevin & Teresa Schumacher
Dalena Tran

Congratulations to the men and women who were baptized and those received into the Catholic Church on the Vigil of Pentecost. Welcome to our parish family!

Bryce Blycker
Scott Ferrero
Allison Grimwade
Cory Madden
Tim Schaareman

Patrick Chapin
Nicole Cooper
Tim Goodlett
Joann Gries
Calen Griffin

Sierra Kalber
Sophia Pitcher
Ashley Roxburgh
Matthew Russell
Dan Self

Rosary Devotion to Mary—Saturday, June 6th

St. Stephen the Martyr Knights of Columbus invite you to join in a Devotion to Mary with a Rosary Prayer Service prior to the Saturday morning Mass on June 6th. The Rosary Service will begin at 7:45 a.m. in the Church Worship Space and will also be Live-Streamed on Facebook.

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St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church is a community for all people to encounter Christ, know Christ, and proclaim Christ.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Tuesday: 5:30-6:30 PM & Saturday: 3:30-4:45 PM
Confessions will be heard in the Parish Library.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays. No more than 10 may gather. Parents are required to attend a preparation class — now online! Contact the parish office for information or visit: stephen.org/baptism-class.

Matrimony

Preparation for Marriage begins at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Contact parish office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick

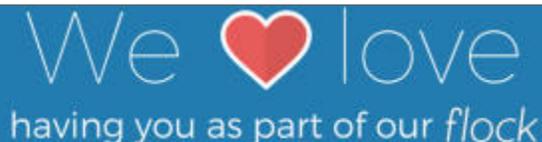
Contact Deacon Denny at (402) 861-4538 or d.dethlefs@stephen.org.

Homebound Eucharist

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Homebound Eucharist is not offered at this time.

Stay in the Communication with us!

Our primary communication tool is email using Flocknote. If you are not receiving our emails please follow the steps at stephen.org/flocknote or call the parish office to give us your email.



Financial Stewardship

5/26/2020—6/1/2020

Offertory & Online Giving:	\$51,195
Fiscal* Year-to-Date (FYTD) Actual:	\$2,416,481
FYTD Budget:	\$2,459,858
FY Total Budget:	\$2,651,723
FYTD to Total Budget Percentage:	92%

*SSM Parish operates on a Fiscal Year from July 1 - June 30.

Thank you for continuing to support us through your Sunday Offerings and Financial Stewardship. Conveniently give through OSV Online Giving or envelopes may be mailed to our office: 16701 S Street, Omaha NE 68135.

Give online at stephen.org/give

Stewardship as a Way of Life

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." JOHN 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

School News

From Mrs. Perrault, Principal: I hope that summer is off to a good start. I wanted to provide an update to parishioners on planning and preparation for the 2020-2021 school year.

Many are seeing information on social media about what school would look like according to the CDC. It is important to recognize that CDC provides considerations, not mandates. We have been advised to warn parents of the misrepresentations often found on social media platforms. According to the CDC, "schools can determine, in collaboration with state and local officials to the extent possible, whether and how to implement the considerations while adjusting to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community. Implementation should be guided by what is feasible, practical, acceptable, and tailored to the needs of each community."

We created a "Reopening of School Committee" to establish guidelines and create plans that include safety protocols, technology initiatives, and continuity of learning plans. This committee consists of administration, parish leadership, facilities and maintenance staff, technology coordinators, physicians and health experts, parents, and teachers. I continue to meet with principals from our surrounding schools, district leaders, and the Nebraska Department of Education.

This will be a busy summer of planning and preparation, but I am confident that with the input and collaboration of our committee, the support of our community, and the power of prayer we will be fully prepared to continue educating our children academically, spiritually, emotionally, and physically throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Have a good day and may God continue to bless all of you!

Religious Education News

Join us in Religious Ed. for the 2020-21 school year! Please fill out a registration form and mail it to us or scan a copy and email it to e.smith@stephen.org. Payment can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office. \$25 late fee now applies. Find forms at: stephen.org/re-registration.

Confirmation and first Communion Masses have been scheduled for June and July! Contact c.weil@stephen.org or e.smith@stephen.org with questions.

Youth Ministry News

We are hosting different online events/sessions to continue to connect with, minister to, and share the faith with the youth of our parish. We must have parental permission for a youth to participate in online discussions! Please complete permission at www.smartwaiver.com/v/ssmyonline.

- ⇒ **Global Life Night Experience**-“Downside Up” Series: The Global Life Night Experience is a live, online session for teens which lasts about 30 minutes. Each Global Life Night Experience will feature empowering speakers and worship leaders. Watch at LFTN.CO/LIFENIGHT, 4 PM on Sundays. This Sunday will launch a new series, “Downside Up!”
- ⇒ **Edge & Life Teen Ministry:** Our weekly Zoom sessions are now on hiatus for the summer, but please stay tuned! We will be planning special one-night events and other opportunities throughout the summer to continue to engage with the youth. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to tune-in to the Global Life Night experiences as a family, and watch for details on on-line conferences as they are available.
- ⇒ **Steubenville Update:** It saddens our hearts to share with you that this summer’s Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester, MN has been canceled. The good news is that plans are in the making to offer a virtual Steubenville Conference this summer, free of charge! This event is still in the planning stages, and details will be shared as they are available. Refunds have been issued to those who had previously registered to attend the Steubenville Conference. Please contact Laura at l.bogue@stephen.org with questions or concerns.

If you are not receiving emails from Youth Ministry, please contact Laura Bogue at l.bogue@stephen.org or join through Flocknote.

Show your St. Stephen's Spirit!

We invite all parishioners to show their St. Stephen's spirit by printing and posting one or more SSM Spirit Signs in a street facing window or location of your house. Some of the images allow for coloring and creativity if that is fun for you and your family. If not, no pressure, one of the images is all ready to go for you — just print and post!

We ask that you complete this task by Friday, June 12th. In the weeks following June 12th, we invite you to take a walk or a drive around your neighborhood to find these signs of St. Stephen's Spirit in the windows of your neighbors. We are providing you with a tally sheet to keep track of how many you find. It will be fun to find out which of your neighbors are fellow parishioners!

Signs and tally sheet can be picked up from the Welcome Table in the Gathering Space or printed from our website at stephen.org/spirit-search

Eucharistic Adoration

"A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament so pleases the Heart of Jesus, that every man, woman and child on earth receives a new effect of God's graces." – St. Faustina

We invite you to take a moment out of your busy lives and spend an hour with the Most Blessed Sacrament.

We are hosting Eucharistic Adoration twice a week for those who can attend. Father Padraic and our seminarians will begin Solemn Vespers on **Sundays** with a Eucharistic Holy Hour **from 4 to 5 PM**. You are invited to join us via Facebook or in the Worship Space. We are also hosting Eucharistic Adoration, with Benediction **from 3 to 4 PM** on **Wednesdays** in the Worship Space. If you cannot attend in person, please consider praying a holy hour with us at home. Adorers are not required to sign up.

Knights of Columbus—American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, June 13th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. Schedule appointment: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StStephen> Questions? Call/text/email Jason at 402-850-7369 or omahajason@gmail.com.

Congratulations Scholarship Winners!

Deacon Wes Kreun Memorial Scholarships are awarded each year by St. Stephen the Martyr Knights of Columbus council to assist parish students defray costs of attending post-high school education opportunities or Catholic high schools. Winners are chosen based upon Parish activities, service activities, and other activities in the student's school and community. Numerous applications were received this year and based upon the faith and commitment of the applicants to the Church, Parish, and community, students of our parish will be ready to take leadership roles in years to come. Winners who will be attending a Catholic High School receive a \$250 non-renewable scholarship, while winners attending educational opportunities beyond high school will receive a \$500 non-renewable scholarship. Thank you to all who applied, the decision was not easy. This year's winners are:

High School

- Andrew Davidson
- Aleah Lazure
- Benjamin Robinette
- Grant Venner

Post High School

- Owen Berreth
- Ellie Korensky
- Kane Koubsky
- Derrek Venner

Vocations Corner

"God so loved the world, He gave His only Son." How can you give yourself to God the Father in a response to that love? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact the Vocation Office at (402) 558-3100 or email: vocations@archomaha.org.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 6

8:15 am † Tim O'Leary
5:00 pm † Bob Mannino

Sunday, June 7

7:30 am SI Our Parishioners
9:30 am † Carlos Stimson
11:30 am † John Maddock

Monday, June 8

8:15 am † Ray Brunteau
5:30 pm † Richard Shaw

Tuesday, June 9

8:15 am † Holy Souls
5:30 pm † Charles Harpenau

Wednesday, June 10

8:15 am † Lewis Storm
5:30 pm † Elva Craig

Thursday, June 11

8:15 am SI Judy Klein
5:30 pm † Steve Little

Friday, June 12

8:15 am † Carolyn Schrader
5:30 pm SI Erika Longe and Parents

Saturday, June 13

8:15 am † Cathy Krupa
5:00 pm † Dom Grota

Sunday, June 14

7:30 am † Anne Donnelly
9:30 am † Our Parishioners
11:30am SI Matthew & Sammy Kreber

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul



Parishioners who are sick:

Martha Atkinson, wife of Shawn

Anthony Barela

Ricky Epperson, brother-in-law of Bob and Lisa Goldsmith

Janeen Harbert, sister of David

Mary Mannino, daughter of Lou

Ashlee Nielsen & newborn baby **Clementine**

Warren Wills, brother of Wendy Synowicki

Deceased souls of our parish family:

Alice Brown, step-mother of Nicholas Schinker

Laura Fusselman, mother of Jeff Fusselman

Anne Oeth, wife of John and mother of Grace, Olivia, and John

Anna Wilcox, mother of Ruth Ryberg

TAGG—An Easy Way to Support SSM!

Thank you all who support the TAGG (Together a Greater Good) program. So far, Tagging has raised almost \$12,000 for our Parish, School and Religious Education Program! Not sure what TAGG is or does? TAGG offers a mobile app to enable parishioners, parents, and other members of the community to financially support our parish without spending an extra dime. Over 350 businesses in the Omaha area (such as HyVee, Runza, Eagle Mortgage, and more) make a donation every time you support their business. You simply take a picture of your receipt, choose St. Stephen the Martyr, and they will donate to us! Download the app today and start tagging! For more information please contact Nicole Neesen, Director of Stewardship and Development, at 402-896-9675 or n.neesen@stephen.org.



HOW TO TAGG

- 1 Download the TAGG mobile app.
- 2 Choose us and upload a photo of your receipt.
- 3 The business will make a donation to us at no extra cost to you!

Seeking Director of Evangelization and Catechesis

St. Stephen the Martyr Church is seeking a full-time Director of Parish Evangelization and Adult Catechesis. Applicants must faithfully uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church and promote the vision to evangelize and catechize active parishioners, inactive Catholics, and all searchers and seekers of Jesus Christ. This position will lead Saint Stephen the Martyr's community efforts to encounter, know, and proclaim Christ through program creation and implementation and faith formation experiences within the Church's vision of the New Evangelization. The successful candidate will also be responsible for forming both staff and volunteers as missionary disciples so that all parish programs and activities will embody the New Evangelization and be opportunities to encounter Christ.

Qualifications:

- Practicing Catholic with an understanding of the major principles of Evangelization and Catechesis as expressed in the Joy of the Gospel, the 1997 General Directory for Catechesis, and the 2005 National Directory for Catechesis.
- A servant mentality with the ability to engage all parishioners, staff, and those seeking Christ with a spirit of faith, hope, and charity.
- Professional and positive team player in all aspects and responsibilities of the position.
- Undergraduate or graduate degree in Theology, Philosophy, Pastoral Ministry, or Religious Education preferred.
- Excellent leadership abilities with a track record of effectively leading a team to implement and achieve a vision.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Send a cover letter stating your interest and qualifications for the position, a current resume, and 2 or 3 references including names and contact information to Father David Belt at d.belt@stephen.org, or to 16701 S Street, Omaha, NE 68135.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Inviting all women of St. Stephen the Martyr. Are you looking for a way to help the priests at our parish? This apostolate involves a team of seven women committing to praying one holy hour per week for one year. Contact Katie Keller at 402.575.9216 or kmkeller15@gmail.com if you're interested in joining a team. More information about the apostolate can be found at: sevensistersapostolate.org



"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church... Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the Church." — Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

Invitation to Young Adults

Are you between the ages of 21-35? You are invited to "And With your Spirits" on Wednesdays nights. Join with other Young Adults on Zoom, with your drink of choice, for casual conversation with Fr. Padraic and an opportunity to ask questions about our faith. Learn more and RSVP for the Zoom link at stephen.org/and-with-your-spirits

Baptism Preparation Class

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word. (CCC1213)

Baptism for infants and children (ages 0-6) is celebrated every Sunday. Parents are required to attend one of our monthly preparation classes prior to their child's Baptism. Currently, all classes are online through Zoom.

Register at stephen.org/baptism-class or call the Parish office for more information.



DONATION DRIVE

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

In light of recent events, area pantries and non-profits are experiencing a huge increase in demand. Catholic Charities is now serving over four times as many individuals as usual on a daily basis!

We are asking parishioners to bring in extra items they may have at home or are able to pick up on their next shopping trip.

FILL THE PANTRIES; SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Pasta, Dry Beans, Dry Rice
- Canned goods: fruits, vegetables, soups, chicken, and tuna
- Toiletries and feminine products

GRAB-N-GO SNACKS FOR RAINBOW HOUSE

- Easy Mac-N-Cheese
- Instant individual soups or pasta bowls
- Single-Serving cereal boxes
- Mixed fruit cups and applesauce cups
- Bulk packs of individually wrapped crackers or chips

SUPPORT ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES:

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Baby wipes

Please deliver donated items to the cart in the lobby of the Gonderinger Parish Center (GPC) Monday-Friday, between 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, or drop off donated items with the Knights of Columbus in front of the GPC on Saturdays from 10 AM to 12 PM.

QUESTIONST CONTACT

Deacon Denny Dethlefs, Pastoral Associate
d.dethlefs@stephen.org

Laura Bogue, Youth Ministry Director
l.bogue@stephen.org

Knights will continue to be available from 10:00 until noon on Saturdays to accept food pantry donations at the GPC. Donors can simply drive up to the GPC and the Knights will be available to retrieve donations from the vehicle. We will be accepting food pantry items, cash/gift cards/checks, or baby items.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2020

- SUN 6/7** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/
Jn 3:16-18
- MON 6/8** 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/Mt 5:1-12
- TUE 6/9** 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7a]/Mt 5:13-16
- WED 6/10** 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 [1b]/Mt 5:17-19
- THR 6/11** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 [2a]/Mt 5:20-26
- FRI 6/12** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [8b]/Mt 5:27-32
- SAT 6/13** 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/Mt 5:33-37
- SUN 6/14** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/
1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

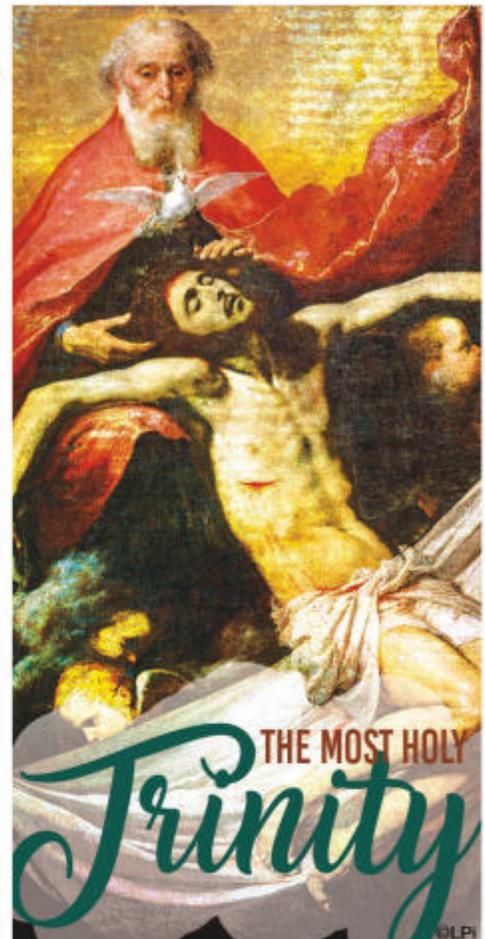
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2020

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity
- Tuesday:** St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Barnabas, Apostle
- Saturday:** St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Today we celebrate the Divine dance, a perfectly choreographed interplay of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Together they dance and move as one though three unique Persons with distinctive, yet harmonious, patterns and steps. They provide a mirror into our soul. Within each one of us, the Divine dance continues, and the music of God's love continues to inspire, sustain, and recreate us with every step and melody. Can you hear the music that the Triune God is playing? Where is the dance leading you? Our minds can never truly understand or know God. But our hearts can seek and find Him. From beginning to end, God is one and, at the same time, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. God's holy Trinitarian dance is calling you to holiness. Join in and dance!



Glory &
Praise
Forever!

-DANIEL 3

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

We Are Never Alone

Where is that guy with the rainbow wig holding a “John 3:16” sign in the end zone at NFL football games? Younger readers may not have any idea what I am talking about! You used to see this guy on TV all the time wearing “Jesus Saves” shirts and holding his sign. Most thought he was a harmless guy, but now he is serving multiple life sentences for taking hostages at a hotel near LAX in 1992. His name is Rollen Stewart and he believed — and continues to believe while in prison — that Jesus’ second coming is imminent. His extreme actions were meant to make people take notice and listen to him. Now he sits behind bars, and most in the world see his name as nothing more than an answer to a trivia question.

It is a sad story when people hurt others or use extreme methods in the name of God. Mr. Stewart’s belief that simply getting people to listen to his message is the most important step in their salvation is misguided. His poor stewardship should stand in stark contrast to our good stewardship. Our actions, seasoned at times with our words, should be the evidence people need to see the transformative power of Jesus Christ. We do believe that he is indeed coming again. But once you have committed yourself to him and live in his life on earth, when he returns is not our main concern. We are ready whenever that time comes, and hopefully, we can help others be ready as well by our example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

What Is the Purpose of the Pope?

Question:

Why do Catholics have a pope?

Answer:

To answer the question of why Catholics have a pope, we have to pull the lens back and think about the very nature of the Church herself. According to the Nicene Creed (which is the statement of beliefs that we recite each Sunday at Mass), we profess that the Church is “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.” These adjectives are called the marks of the Church, and they help us see that the Church is bigger than just our individual parish communities or even the Christians living in a particular region or country.

To help ensure that the community of disciples would remain united in a communion of love, Jesus entrusted the Apostles with special authority to teach, heal, and forgive sins in his name. And from among this group, Jesus chose Simon Peter to play a special role, designating him as the “rock” on which the Church was to be built (see Matthew 16:18-19; John 21:15-17). Peter “the Rock” became the visible sign of union within and among the Apostles. In time, as Peter and the other Apostles passed away, other men were chosen to take their place. The successors of St. Peter — who we honor as the first Bishop of Rome — and the successors of the other Apostles (the bishops) continued the work entrusted by Jesus to that first generation of Church leaders.

According to long-standing tradition, the successor of Peter was Linus, who was followed by Cletus, who was followed by Clement I, etc. This line of succession continues to Pope Francis in our own time.

Over the centuries, these Bishops of Rome — who came to be known as the “pope” (from papa, which means “father” in Latin) — still continue to act as the “rock” of the Church and as the visible sign of unity for all the Catholic Christians. The pope, more than any other bishop, stands as the Church’s primary teacher and as pastor of the Church throughout the world, helping to ensure that the Church remains what Jesus intended her to be: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 857-862 and 880-882).

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