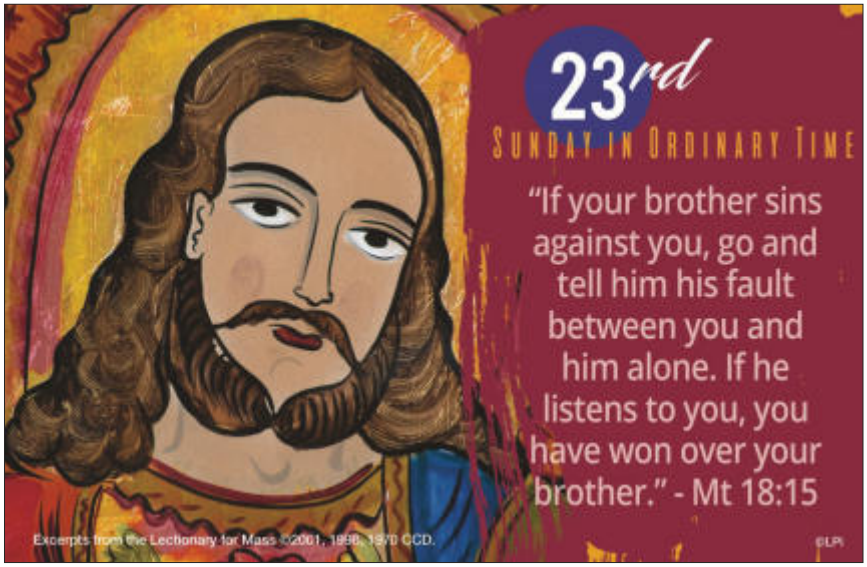
# St. Stephen the Martyr CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Encounter, Know, Proclaim*

**September 6, 2020**




## Pray & Worship

**Mass Schedule**

Daily: Monday-Friday at 6:30 AM & 8:15 AM*; 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 on our Facebook page and website.

- *Our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/StStephensCatholicChurchOmaha/*
- *Our website page: stephen.org/live-stream*
- *For questions about accessing our Facebook page or website, contact Alecia Hartwig at a.hartwig@stephen.org or (402) 861-4515.*

**Join us for Mass on Labor Day—Monday, September 7th at 8:15 AM. The 6:30 AM Mass will not be offered.**

**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*

**Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour**

⇒ Sundays with Solemn Vespers from 4 to 5 PM
⇒ First Friday of the Month from 9 AM to Noon

No sign up required. Come as you are to spend time with Jesus. In the Worship Space or Facebook Live.

## 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
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**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.

***"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone."***

Today Saint Matthew outlines a 3-step process of addressing a situation where a person has said or done something sinful against you. Perhaps what distinguishes this line of reasoning is the first step of the process, which says that you talk to the individual alone first and point out his fault. This is not the standard procedure of too many parishes, offices, or groups that I have been involved with! The first response we typically have to the faults and sins of another is to go tell someone else about it. Almost everywhere we go people prefer gossip and complaining to honest and private conversation.

The kind of mature Christian relationships that are called for by the Gospels seem to be in short supply today. The primary motivation must always be love for one another, and sometimes that kind of love of neighbor calls for a difficult conversation where we talk about how we have been hurt by what has been said or done by the other person.

As we continue this uncertain journey through the Covid outbreak, and as we begin the hectic pace that comes with the beginning of school and the programs and activities of the parish, I believe that this is a good message for us to hear. Any time that people get involved in relationships there are going to be times when we do not exactly see eye to eye. In those moments we must remember the teachings of Jesus. That means that we let go of the hurts and broken relationships of the past and move on to a very promising future. Now is the time for us to do the difficult work of forgiving and allow the healing power of the Holy Spirit to flow through our family of faith. As Jesus promises, "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."

***"In every pardon there is love."*** –Welsh proverb

God bless you! Father Dave

## Congratulations Newly Baptized!

Addison Rae Larsen, daughter of Ryan and Katie Larsen

## Welcome New Parishioners!

Chris, Natalie, Jackson, Georgia & Ruby Bartling
Tom & Trish DeCook
Tommy & Ellen Geisler
Hernando Jose & Maristella Kiff Jose
Bob & Lisa Lausten
Michael & Alysa McKenny
Ben & Amy Powers
Josh & Lynn Prokopec
Quincy & Melanie Pryor
Adam Ybarra

## 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. Parents are required to attend a preparation class — now online! Contact the parish office for information or visit: stephen.org/baptism-class.

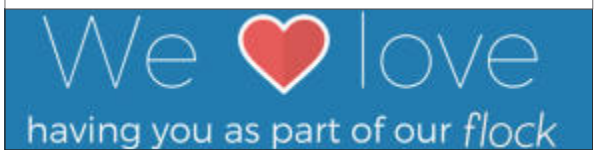
**Matrimony**
Preparation for Marriage begins at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Contact parish office for more information.

**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

8/25/2020—8/31/2020

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| Offertory & Online Giving: | $61,480 |
| Fiscal* Year-to-Date (FYTD) Actual: | $388,102 |
| Budget: | $373,334 |
| FY Total Budget: | $2,240,000 |
| FYTD to Total Budget Percentage: | 17.33% |

**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

***"You, son of man, i have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." (***Ezekiel 33:7)

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

## School News

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

Welcome all our new families and students! If you are still making plans for school this Fall, we have limited openings. Call us at (402) 896-0754 to schedule a tour or email Dr. Greco, assistant principal.

**Ways to Support**

⇒ New this Year! Teacher Wish Lists. Check them out. https://www.teacherlists.com/schools/80302-st-stephen-the-martyr-school
⇒ Save the Date: Martyr Marathon is October 1st
⇒ Thank you for you continued prayers and support!

## Religious Education News

⇒ Religious Education began September 1st and Sunday School begins September 13th. More information about our Fall Restart can be found at: stephen.org/religious-education
⇒ Catechists are still needed! Please, please consider helping! See page 4 of the bulleting for more info or call the RE office at (402) 896-5683.
⇒ If you have not registered for the 2020-2021 school-year, you may still do so. **In-person classes and homeschooling options available.** Forms at: stephen.org/re-registration.

## Youth Ministry News

**Life Teen & Edge Kick-Off Parties:** Let's put the "social" in Social Distancing with a party to launch a new year of youth ministry! We can't mask our excitement about being with everyone again. Join us for a night of food, community building games and activities that may or may not involve pool noodles and lima beans, and even a face mask decorating competition. The night will end with a special reflective prayer and challenge for our youth as we move forward!

St. Stephen the Martyr Youth Ministry

⇒ Life Teen (Grades 9-12) will meet in the GPC for their launch party on Sunday, September 13 from 6-8 PM.
⇒ Edge (Grades 6-8) will meet in the Dining Room to kick-off the year on Tuesday, September 15th from 6:30-8 PM.

**There is no cost to attend our weekly gatherings. Come when and as often as you can. Annual parent waiver is required. Complete today at: www.smartwaiver.com/v/ssmym2020.**

For more information contact Laura Bogue, Youth Ministry Director, at l.bogue@stephen or (402) 861-4509.

## *Are you between the ages of 21-35?*

Join our **Young Adults Ministry** and attend 'And With Your Spirits' with Father Padraic and other young adults for a fun evening of fellowship every Wednesday from 7-9 PM. Email Katie Keller at kmkeller15@gmail.com for more information. Join our Facebook Group and/or Flocknote Group.

⇒ https://www.facebook.com/groups/502047863956547
⇒ https://stephen.flocknote.com/YoungAdults

## Martyr Moms Fellowship Night

Come join other moms from St. Stephen the Martyr in the parking lot by the GPC on Sunday**, September 13th at 7pm** for a night of fellowship. Bring your own lawn chair.

Martyr Moms

## Missing Something?

Were you baptized but missing other sacraments like First Holy Communion and Confirmation? Do you desire to deepen your relationship with Jesus? Do you feel that something is missing in your life?

Becoming Catholic! Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) might be just what you need, right now. Sessions begin in September.

For more information: stephen.org/becoming-catholic

## Adult Bible Studies

*Fall Adult Faith Formation and Bible Studies are forming! Here are a few to consider! If you are hosting a study or have an interest, please reach out to our parish office at 402-896-9675.*

### Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Come join other women in fellowship as we turn to Mary in our Friday study this fall. *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*, by Edward Sri, will help to deepen your devotion as you discover our Blessed Mother in a uniquely personal way. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, the videos place us in the midst of her life and will help us explore the Biblical roots of our beliefs about her.

⇒ Friday mornings 9:30-11 AM for 8 weeks beginning September 18th

⇒ Virtual (Zoom) & In-Person options available

⇒ Everyone is welcome to come and join at any time. Email Christie Hinton at czhinton@mac.com to sign up.

### Gospel of Luke Bible Study

A new Bible Study is starting at St. Stephen the Martyr on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke. As a physician, Luke wrote his Gospel to bring the medicine needed for our wounded souls. The Gospel of Luke has many unique stories not found in the other Gospels. Only in Luke are found the stories of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.

⇒ Tuesdays from 9:15 to 10:45 AM for 22 weeks beginning September 8

⇒ To register contact Diane Burton at burdi561@gmail.com or Ralph and Bonni Pulte at rbpulte@yahoo.com

### Women's Bible Study

Join in studying The Gospel According to St. Therese by Joseph F. Schmidt

⇒ 2nd Saturday of the month from 8-10 AM for the school-year beginning September 12th

⇒ Call Janice Dethlefs at 402-895-9039 or Jan Mitchell at 402-895-3215 to register or for any questions you may have.

## Are You Looking for Spiritual Direction?

Members of Regnum Christi bring in a Legionaries of Christ priest to give guidance, confession, mornings of reflection and spiritual direction to its members both in Lincoln and Omaha. Fr. Peter Krezalek is available for spiritual direction in the GPC on September 23 and 24th, 2020.

To schedule please go to https://calendly.com/rcheartland

## Iron Sharpens Iron

St. Stephen the Martyr Men's Group, ***Iron Sharpens Iron*** (formerly known as That Man is You), is back and kicking off with the first meeting on Friday, September 18th! All men are invited! Join as we watch and discuss Into the Breach. This group will meet Friday mornings from 6-7 AM. Both in-person and virtual options are available.

Iron Sharpens Iron is about men coming together with other men to share wisdom and experience related to everyday life and growing in faith – regardless of where you're at in your faith journey. Through small group discussions, we'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach.

⇒ The Fall semester runs every Friday morning from 6-7 am (arrive by 5:50) in the GPC

⇒ You do not have to attend every session – come to as many as you can!

⇒ Meetings consist of 10-15 minutes of engaging video content and then small group discussion about the content and how we can apply it to our daily lives/family

⇒ Zoom option for those who don't want to attend in person. The sessions will be held at the same time and day but run completely separately from the 'in person' meeting

⇒ BYOCD (Bring your own Coffee & Donuts)

⇒ BYOM (Bring you own Mask) – masks required for all attending

**Please sign up** (so we have your current contact info and know if you are attending in-person or online) at **stephen.org/iron-sharpens-iron**

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, September 5**
8:15 am † Shannon Welch (PS)
5:00 pm † Erin Doll (DB)

**Sunday, September 6**
7:30 am SI Parishioners (DB)
9:30 am † Russ Mitchell (PS)
11:30am † Roman & Rosaline Burbach (PS)

**Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)**
8:15 pm † Rita Kobza (PS)

**Tuesday, September 8**
6:30 am SI Tammy Kaplan (DB)
8:15 am † Gabriele Scalise (PS)

**Wednesday, September 9**
6:30 am † Laverne Mertz (DB)
8:15 am SI Ann Tiesi (PS)

**Thursday, September 10**
6:30 am † James & JoAnn Stachura (DB)
8:15 am † Albert & Marian Beming (DB)

**Friday, September 11**
6:30 am † Jeanette Woolley (DB)
8:15 am † Ron Kuzelka (PS)

**Saturday, September 12**
8:15 am † Carol Wernsman (DB)
5:00 pm SI The Jurgenson Family (PS)

**Sunday, September 13**
7:30 am † Patricia Smith (PS)
9:30 am † Anna Donnelly (DB)
11:30am SI Parishioners (DB)

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul
DB = Fr. Dave Belt; PS = Fr. Padraic Stack;

*Note: Priest schedule subject to changes*

### Parishioners who are sick:

**Clementine Nielson**

**Kim Weeks,** wife of James

**Eric Sauser,** nephew of Mary Kay Thieman

## How Can We Pray for YOU?

You are not alone! Did you know St. Stephen the Martyr has prayer warriors who are ready to pray for YOUR intention? God has given us this incredible gift to intercede on behalf of others through prayer and thanksgiving! Submit your prayer request to be shared with our Prayer Line Ministry and/or with our Parish Family at: stephen.org/prayer-line or call Beth Wetgen at (402) 669-4793.

## September is Hunger Awareness Month

Help us feed our parishioners and neighbors!

We continue to support many families in our parish and in collaboration with Catholic Charities (see below).

- Donations can be placed on the cart in the GPC lobby.
- Take advantage of NO CONTACT DROP OFF with the Knights of Columbus on September 6th (and every first Saturday of every month) from 10-noon. The Knights will be in front of the GPC to get donations right out of the trunk for no contact pick up.
- Items in most need right now include: Crackers, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Shampoo, Paper Towels, Canned Chicken, Cookies (for the kids), Canned Fruit, Syrup, Soups, Spaghetti, Cereal

Questions? Contact Deacon Denny at 402-861-4538 or d.dethlefs@stephen.org

## Knights of Columbus Collecting Gently Worn Coats & Donations to Purchase New Coats

With the loss of revenue from the Fish Fry season, the Knights of Columbus are looking for ways to still serve those in need. In the past, our Council purchased cases of children's coats for the Coats for Kids Program and given to our Sister Parish (Assumption/Guadalupe) for distribution and also organized a collection among Council Members of gently worn coats taken to Holy Family Catholic Church at 17th & Izard. This year, the Council would like to invite all parishioners to participate in the donation-drive. There are two ways you can help:

1. Give a monetary donation (cash or check) for the purchase of new coats for the Coats for Kids Program. Checks can be made out to the Knights of Columbus with "Coats for Kids" in the memo line.
2. Donate "gently worn" clean men's and women's winter coats, hats, gloves/mittens and scarves for distribution to the homeless in collaboration with Holy Family Catholic Church. They are also in need of new, unworn long underwear, heavy winter socks and gloves.

Donated items can be dropped in a collection box inside the Gonderinger Parish Center Lobby or Church Gathering Space; or brought on the first Saturday of the month during our on site "no contact" Food Pantry drop-off beginning September 5th from 10 AM to 12 PM; or monetary donations can be mailed to the Knights of Columbus, 16701 S Street, Omaha, NE 68135.

Questions? Contact Jim Spurgin: jimspurgin@hotmail.com or 402-651-3166 or; Scott Napierala: 402-490-9547 or napierala@cox.net; or Deacon Denny: 402-861-4538 or d.dethlefs@stephen.org.

## Facilities Update

Last week, workers from Scott Enterprises installed a new membrane on part of the school roof. These repairs are one of several deferred maintenance issues examined and recommended by a volunteer facility committee and approved by the Parish Finance Council. Later this fall we will go through an RFP process to replace a 30-year-old chiller that supplies cooling to the worship space, parish offices, and most of the school classrooms. Other near-term repairs are scheduled for sidewalks, parking lot, parish rectory and several windows throughout our buildings. Thank you for continuing to support us through your Sunday Offerings and Financial Stewardship, which allows us to keep up with these important maintenance items.

## Community

*Get involved. Belong. Serve. Share.*

Are you looking for ways to help our Parish? Consider our immediate volunteer opportunities:

**Greeters & Ushers**
As more of our Parish Family comes back to church, we are in need of more individuals to assist with ushering and greeting at our liturgies. These individuals are so crucial to ensuring that our parishioners are seated socially-distant so that that we can seat the safe number of individuals in our Parish Worship Space. If you are already filling these roles and are in the MSP Software, please volunteer to sign up on the software application. If you would like to be added to this ministry, please reach out to Karen Hardy at k.hardy@stephen.org to obtain the software user name and information.

**Religious Education Catechists**
Rediscover your faith and grow closer to Jesus while experiencing Catholicism through the eyes of a child. Catechists are needed on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. To volunteer or for more information, email Eileen Smith (e.smith@stephen.org) or China Weil (c.weil@stephen.org) or call (402) 896-5683.

**Youth Ministry CORE Team Leaders**
If you love sharing your faith and enjoy working with youth, our CORE Team could be the place for you. Volunteers are needed (men especially) to help us in praying, planning, and carrying out our Middle School (Edge) Youth weekly gatherings on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 PM. Contact Laura Bogue at l.bogue@stephen.org or 402 -861-4509 or learn more at stephen.org/ym-core-teams

**Welcome Ministry Volunteers**
Volunteers are needed to make phone calls to new parishioners. Contact Alecia Hartwig at a.hartwig@stephen.org or call (402) 861-4515 to help.

**Live-Stream Helper**
We are looking for someone to occasionally help with setting up the Live-Stream for our Liturgies. Contact Alecia Hartwig at a.hartwig@stephen.org or call (402) 861 -4515 for more information.

**Soccer Coordinators**
Sports Club seeking two Volunteer Soccer Coordinators. Interested candidates should contact John Carda, president of the SSM Sports Club, at johncardaatc@gmail.com or 402-850-7127.

## Special Collection—September 13th

Every year, parishes are asked to take a special collection on Good Friday to support the Christian mission in the Holy Land. Pope Francis postponed the collection because most churches were not holding services during Holy Week. The collection will now be held on September 13th. Thanks to your generous donations and others throughout the word, the Franciscan friars in the Holy Land are able to take care of the Holy Places, support pastoral action, guarantee education to more than 10,000 students, and more.

## Rosary Devotion to Mary—September 5th

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join in a Devotion to Mary with a Rosary Prayer Service prior to the Saturday morning Mass on September 5th. The Rosary Service will begin at 7:45 a.m. in the Church Worship Space.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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| **SUN 9/6** | Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 |
| **MON 9/7** | 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11 |
| **TUE 9/8** | Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 |
| **WED 9/9** | 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26 |
| **THR 9/10** | 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/ Lk 6:27-38 |
| **FRI 9/11** | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4. 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42 |
| **SAT 9/12** | 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49 |
| **SUN 9/13** | Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/ Mt 18:21-35 |

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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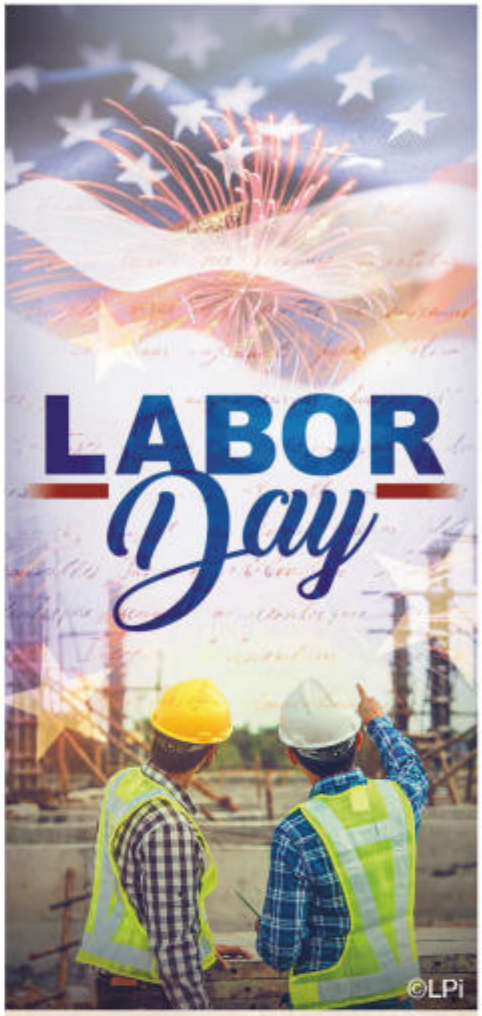
| **Sunday:** | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| **Monday:** | Labor Day |
| **Tuesday:** | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| **Wednesday:** | St. Peter Claver, Priest |
| **Friday:** | Patriot Day |
| **Saturday:** | The Most Holy Name of Mary |
| **Next Sunday:** | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day |

## LIVE THE LITURGY

**Inspiration for the week**

It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. Verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don't always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again.




*Harden not your hearts.*

– PSALM 95 –

## News from our Greater Community:

**ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER FOR EDUCATION**
Each year, the Archdiocese of Omaha hosts the Archbishop's Dinner for Education recognizes outstanding teachers and administrators throughout the Catholic school system. This annual celebration of Catholic education provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the dedication of individuals within the Catholic school system, to thank those who support Catholic schools, and to raise scholarship funds for low-income students to attend Catholic schools.

COVID-19 has changed the format of the event, but what hasn't changed is the fact that we will have one night dedicated to honoring educators and raising funds for needs-based scholarships. The 43rd Annual Archbishop's Dinner for Education will take place virtually on Thursday, September 24, 2020. Please join us from the comfort of your own home for this live, interactive celebration.

For information on how to get involved and to view the live event visit archomaha.org/dinner2020/ .

**FERTILITY CARE CENTER OF OMAHA SEEKING PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT**
Computer Experience required: Word and Excel
Skills: Organization, Communication, Detail Oriented
Email: fcco@popeapaulvi.com for job description and application

**THE GREATEST FESTIVAL IN TOWN BRINGS YOU…**
The Greatest Ethnic Food Takeout in Town!
Sunday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | 36th and "X" Streets (Stepinac Gym)
Sts. Peter and Paul Parish knows you've been craving the taste of summertime festival favorites from the Greatest Festival in Town!
Now you can extend summer with lamb, sarma, tacos, nachos, sausage, enchiladas, and crab Rangoon. Or buy a dozen enchiladas, sausage, or sarmas and freeze 'em for the holidays or that special event. Pre-order securely by going online (https://rb.gy/9nilmb) or calling 402-512-3725. (Pre-orders preferred so you're not disappointed! On-site orders will be filled per availability.) Package beer, soft drinks, and water will also be available for purchase. Don't let COVID ruin the 103-year-old South Omaha tradition!

**A TIME AWAY FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**
Offered at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, *September 8 – 9,* by *Deborah Sheehan, M.A,* and *Patrick Davis, M.A.* As health care providers and first responders, you are on the front line of care in dealing with the coronavirus. Long work hours, the suffering of patients and families, potential threat to your own life and family, uncertainty and little relief can take a toll on your spirit. Give yourself the gift of rest, relaxation and respite, a time to consider what these last months have meant for you. This retreat will be a space for paying deeper attention to what has happened beyond the surface details. It will be a time to renew and recharge for the days ahead. Spiritual direction will be offered. Social distancing will be observed, please bring your mask. Only $50 total! Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to Wednesday after lunch. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

## Grieving with Great Hope

5 week grief support workshop/support group for adults who have experienced the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, or friend or other loved one. Everyone experiences loss in their own way. It is through prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship that we mourn. And in mourning, we begin to build our bridge to a new and different life. This program is firmly grounded in the Catholic faith.

**DATES:** Tuesday Evenings starting **September 22nd from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** held in the parish center dining room at St. Cecilia Cathedral, 701- North 40th Street, Omaha. To register or for questions contact Deacon Jim Tardy 402-551-2313 or jtardy@catholiccem.com; or Deacon Denny 402-861-4538 or d.dethlefs@stephen.org.

## Vocations Corner

"Where two or three are gathered in My name …" The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at (402) 558-3100 or email: vocations@archomaha.org.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Catholic Life Explained:**
*Choosing Organ Donation*

**Question:**
Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

**Answer:**
Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor" (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical Evangelium Vitae, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when "performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" (no. 86).

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