



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

December 13, 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

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 Hours

⇒ 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.

COVID-19

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended. Masks are required to be worn at all times during daily and weekend Masses, and when inside our buildings. Thank you.

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.

For more information about how we can support you in your faith journey, contact Adam Ybarra, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis at 402-861-4507 or a.ybarra@stephen.org.



"I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for He has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice... As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord God make justice and praise spring up before all the nations."



The prophet Isaiah narrated the history of the Israelites during the time when they turned their backs on God and failed to be faithful to the Covenant that God made with them. Because of their sinfulness and selfishness, they lost everything, the holy city Jerusalem and their beloved Temple was destroyed, and they ended up in captivity and exile in Babylon. Eventually they repented and God sent King Cyrus of Persia to rescue them and to lead them safely home to Jerusalem, so they could rebuild their city, their Temple, and their lives. What did they ever do to deserve a second chance?

The answer? Nothing. The rescue from captivity and the ability to reestablish the Temple and their nation was simply a gift from God. As slaves in a foreign land, separated from the place where they worshiped, they had nothing—except hope. The prophet Isaiah was sent to the people to give them a taste of hope, helping them to know that God will continue to be faithful to His Covenant of love even when His people sinned and turned their backs to Him. For this reason, they rejoice and give thanks.

It is for the same reason that we give thanks and praise every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. We do not deserve the abundant love and forgiveness that God showers down upon us. We have done nothing to "earn" God's grace. It is a free gift that comes to all of His people—good and evil alike. It is up to us to open ourselves to God's goodness and to respond by giving thanks and by living lives in keeping with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Advent is indeed a season of hope, when we recognize that we have not been faithful to the covenant that God has made with us, but that God continues to love us anyway. Let us be people of hope and joy, always aware that God will forgive us and give us every gift that we need to be His faithful, loving servants.

"Joy is prayer—Joy is strength—Joy is love—Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls." – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

God bless you! - Father Dave Belt

Christmas Mass Schedule

Things will look and feel different this year as we work to maintain a safe and welcoming liturgy experience for all our parishioners and guests. We thank you for your patience and prayers.

Seating reservations will be required. The reservation link will be shared by email on Monday, December 14 at 12 PM and will be on our website at stephen.org.

Christmas Eve—Thursday, Dec. 24

3:00 PM in the Worship Space*
3:15 PM in the Gym
5:00 PM in the Worship Space*
5:15 PM in the Gym
10:00 PM in the Worship Space

Christmas Day—Friday, Dec. 25

7:30 AM in the Worship Space
9:30 AM in the Worship Space*

*These Masses will be Live-Streamed on our Facebook page and website.

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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

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays. Parents are required to attend a preparation class. 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.

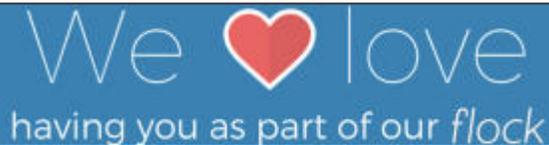
Homebound Eucharist

Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Parish office phone number: (402) 896-9675

Stay in 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

12/1/2020—12/7/2020

Offering & Online Giving:	\$49,872
Fiscal* Year-to-Date (FYTD) Actual:	\$1,017,315
Budget:	\$975,486
FY Total Budget:	\$2,240,000
FYTD to Total Budget Percentage:	45.42%

*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 is a Way of Life

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" – 1 thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship.

"Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day.

"Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

School News

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

- ⇒ Students completed their 2nd round of STARS testing this week. Scores will be compared with their Fall results to determine growth.
- ⇒ We have a few openings for 2nd semester! Come tour today. Give us a call at 402-896-0754 or email Dr. Joe Greco at j.greco@stephen.org.
- ⇒ Christmas break begins with noon dismissal on December 16th

Religious Education News

- ⇒ This week will be our last session of RE before we're off for two weeks for Christmas. Let's finish strong! We'll come back on January 5/6.
- ⇒ Parents with children receiving their first Reconciliation in January can expect an email before the end of the month laying out procedures and logistics for our 2nd grade Reconciliation services. Keep an eye on your inbox!
- ⇒ Thank you for helping us to stay in session by proactively quarantining when necessary, making sure your children are wearing their masks, and generally doing such a great job supporting our efforts in this pandemic! We know it's not easy, so we're deeply grateful to each one of our RE families and volunteers.

Youth Ministry News

- ⇒ **Life Teen (High School)** — Dec. 13: 6-8 PM, GPC- Don ye now your ugly sweaters! Join us for our last Life Night before Christmas, where all through the Parish Center, not a teen can figure out our puzzles and will seek help from their mentor. (Yes, we are doing an Escape Room. Nativity style!)
- ⇒ **Edge (Middle School)** — Dec. 15: 6:30-8 PM, Dining Room— Let's put "Advent" in adventure, Kiddos! Join us for a night that will be Mary and bright, as we celebrate the reason for the season. "Ugly" or festive sweaters are of course welcome and encouraged!

There is no cost to attend our weekly gatherings. Dinner is included. Come when and as often as you can! Annual parent waiver is required.

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

THANK YOU! *We were once again pleasantly surprised and overwhelmed by our parish's extreme generosity during our Angel Tree Project! Several TONS of much-needed donated items, including baby supplies, children's toys, clothing, and personal and household care items, were delivered to the Open Door Mission, Essential Pregnancy Services, the St. Augustine Indian Mission, and to our own Parish Pantry. We are very thankful to the dozens of volunteers who gave their time and came in weekly to help us sort and pack all of the items, and to the many families who made numerous trips to the various organizations to deliver donations. And of course, a very special thank you to all who made the Angel Tree Project the success that it was by so graciously donating enough items to overflow our Gathering Space 5 times over, plus fill an entire Camper. We have been so blessed!*

Safe Environment Training—December 14th

Will you be or are you considering volunteering with the youth of our parish in some way? Whether you are a sacristan, staff member, coach, catechist, or parent hoping to help in the classroom or with school events, our Diocese requires that you be Safe Environment certified! Come learn and be empowered to be an ambassador of our Church and an advocate for our families and youth. Class size will be limited in order to maintain social distancing. The next Safe Environment training will be held here at St. Stephen the Martyr on Monday, December 14th from 6:30-9 PM, and led by youth minister Laura Bogue. Participants must register online prior to attending a training, and there is no cost to attend.

⇒ Register at <https://omaha.cmgconnect.org>.

Contact Melissa at m.kane@stephen.org with questions.

Financial Stewardship & Year-end Giving

2021 Financial Giving Commitment

Thank you for your pledges to our Annual Financial Stewardship Appeal! There is still time to turn in your annual pledge. Your pledge helps staff budget for the upcoming year and greatly assists in meeting operational needs. Return forms to the box in the Gathering Space, place in the offertory basket, mail to our office, or complete online. More info at stephen.org/give

Year-end Giving

With December upon us and as you review your calendar year-end charitable donations, we would like to share that there are several beneficial ways to complete your gifts to St. Stephen the Martyr.

Does your employer match gifts?

Many area employers will match charitable contributions made by their employees and retirees. We encourage you to check with your employer to see if St. Stephen the Martyr Parish or School is eligible.

Gifts of appreciated stock

There are many advantages to donating stocks and mutual funds as a method gifting to St. Stephen the Martyr. As the donor you receive an income tax deduction for the current fair market value of the stock regardless of what you originally paid for it. In addition, you avoid paying capital gains tax on the gift. To complete the transfer of a gift of stock please contact the parish office at 402.861.4543 in advance.

Giving Through Your IRA

By transferring a donation directly from your IRA you can avoid being taxed on your required withdrawal. Qualified charitable contributions must be made by December 31 and proceeds should be transferred and made payable directly to St. Stephen the Martyr in order to qualify. If you withdraw the money from your IRA and later donate it, it won't qualify as a tax-free qualified charitable distribution.

St. Stephen the Martyr encourages all parishioners to consult with their tax advisor when considering their 2019 year-end giving options. For more information please contact Dan Koenig, Director of Operations at d.koenig@stephen.org or 402.861.4543.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 12

8:15 am SI Maria LaSala (DB)
5:00 pm † Ben Mannino (PS)

Sunday, December 13

7:30 am † Juanita Mutuc (PS)
9:30 am † Elizabeth Grota (DB)
11:30am SI Our parishioners (DB)

Monday, December 14

6:30 am † Sara Long (PS)
8:15 pm SI Prolife & end to all abortions (PS)

Tuesday, December 15

6:30 am SI Samuel Baumert (DB)
8:15 am † Warren Wills (PS)

Wednesday, December 16

6:30 am SI Michael Baumert (DB)
8:15 am † Philip Nider (PS)

Thursday, December 17

6:30 am † Ambrose Schaefer (DB)
8:15 am † Judy Casey (DB)

Friday, December 18

6:30 am SI Joe McAuliffe (DB)
8:15 am † Joe Tiesi (PS)

Saturday, December 19

8:15 am SI Jared Baumert (PS)
5:00 pm † Erin Doll (DB)

Sunday, December 20

7:30 am SI Our parishioners (DB)
9:30 am † Roman & Rosaline Burbach (PS)
11:30am † Pearl Codr (PS)

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

Note: Priest schedule subject to changes

Congratulations Newly Baptized!

Dexter Carter Oltman, son of Justin and Courtney Oltman



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Advent Confession Schedule

Experience God's healing love, forgiving mercy and resting peace with the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. In lieu of our annual Advent Reconciliation Service, we are offering additional times for confessions.



Saturday, December 12, 3:30-4:45 PM
Monday, December 14, 7-8 PM
Tuesday, December 15, 5:30-6:30 PM
Wednesday, December 16, 4-5 PM & 7-8 PM
Friday, December 18, 11 AM—12 PM
Saturday, December 19, 3:30-4:45 PM
Tuesday, December 22, 5:30-6:30 PM
Wednesday, December 23, 4-5 PM & 7-8 PM

Confessions will either be in the Daily Mass Chapel, Sacristy, or the Library. Look for the signs in the Gathering Space for location.



Parishioners who are sick/injured/healing:

Sister Clarice Faltus

Rosemarie King

Terry Doukas, brother-in-law of Nancy & Dick Larson

Deceased souls of our parish-family:

John Finken, nephew of Ann King

Madonna Gorackowski

Dave Mandel, father of Deann Grovijohn

Francis Ludwig, father of Kerry DeGeorge

Dorothy Schnieders, mother of Carol Caster

Renee Kreun

How Can We Pray for YOU?

You are not alone! 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.

Christmas Giving Projects

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Giving projects! This is the last weekend to drop off donations for Family CHRISTmas "Closet Door" at Holy Family Ministries. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center or Church Gathering.

From Our Liturgy Team

- ⇒ As we prepare for Mass on Christmas Eve, we are in the need of additional greeters and ushers. Please prayerfully consider serving your parish-community on this very important day and reach out to Karen Hardy.
- ⇒ We are hoping to expand our Liturgy schedule in 2021 but we need 4-5 new Sacristan Team members that would be interested in helping with those liturgies and have the ability to be flexible with Mass times. Please email or call Karen Hardy, worship coordinator at 402-681-4537 or k.hardy@stephen.org Thank you in advance!
- ⇒ Congratulations to our new EMHCs and Lectors who recently completed training. We are grateful of your service!

Seeking Sunday School/Summer Programming Coordinator

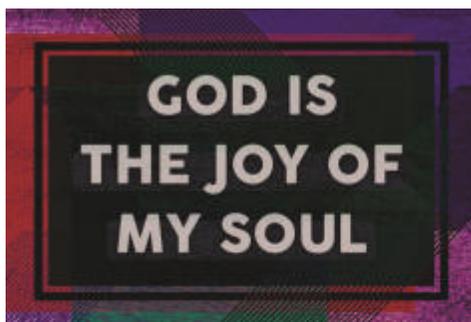
St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church has an immediate part-time opening for a Sunday School/Summer Programming Coordinator. This position provides catechesis for children ages 3 through 6 by directing our Sunday School program and for children ages 3 through 12 by organizing and directing our summer RE programming (Vacation Bible School and Totus Tuus). For a complete job description, including primary responsibilities and how to apply please visit our website: stephen.org. Questions? Contact Ally at a.zimmermas@stephen.org or by calling 402-861-4512.

Have you lost a loved one and wanting some peace, hope and support?

Firmly grounded in the Catholic faith, **Grieving with Great Hope** is a five-week grief workshop/support group for adults who have experienced the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, friend or other loved ones. There are no stages to grief. 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.

- ⇒ PROGRAM: Grieving with Great Hope
- ⇒ LOCATION: St. Cecilia's/Monsignor Graham Building/701 North 40th Street
- ⇒ DATES: January 12th- February 16th / Tuesday Evenings
- ⇒ TIMES: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- ⇒ CONTACT: Deacon Denny / d.dethlefs@stephen.org / Deacon Jim Tardy / 402-551-2313 / JTardy@CatholicCem.com / Deacon Kevin Joyce / DeaconKevin@HolyNameOmaha.org

Never Deny Your Grief: By sharing your thoughts, feelings and memories of the deceased, you will be taking healthy first steps on your path to recovery. Losing a loved one is one of the most devastating things a person can experience. It doesn't matter whether the death was expected or sudden—the feelings of grief are still just as profound. It's normal to feel anxious about your new future. The memory of someone lives on, but you're not sure what to do with yourself in the present. Rationally, you recognize it's possible to pick up and resume living again. How do you take that first step towards recovering from grief? **Grieving with Great Hope** provides support, prayer, practical ideas, sharing of stories and a positive environment as you move forward.



Become Catholic!

Do you desire to deepen your relationship with Jesus? Consider our *Becoming Catholic! Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults* (RCIA) program. Open to non-Catholics and Catholics looking to grow in faith.

More information at: stephen.org/becoming-catholic or contact Adam Ybarra at 402.861.4507 or a.ybarra@stephen.org.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

Answer:

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the *Code of Canon Law*. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no. 2042):

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (*Dies Domini*, no. 7).



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

- SUN 12/13** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
- MON 12/14** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
- TUE 12/15** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
- WED 12/16** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
- THR 12/17** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- FRI 12/18** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- SAT 12/19** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
- SUN 12/20** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.



The desire
for God
is written
in the
human
heart.

News from the Greater Community:

THE MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO IS COMING TO OMAHA!

Come to a pro-life event in Omaha on January 10, 2021, sponsored by the March for Life Chicago, and co-hosted by the Archdiocese of Omaha. This is an incredible opportunity to make a stand for life in our region! Mark your calendars plan to join us solo or with your family or in a group. Together we can advocate for the right to life for the unborn, especially as we approach the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. To register and to receive more details, visit marchforlifechicago.org/tour or contact wabradley@archomaha.org.

News from Council of Catholic Women

High School Senior Scholarship Opportunity

The Omaha Urban Deanery is again offering a \$250 scholarship to a Senior Catholic girl. The winner of the deanery scholarship will be eligible to compete for the \$500 scholarship offered by the OACCW. Application forms have been sent to the guidance counselors of the high schools and the president of the Catholic women organization within the OU Deanery. High school senior girls who are catholic are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. This includes all the deaneries in the Archdiocese. The applications for the Omaha Urban Deanery Scholarship are due January 15, 2020 and need to be sent to:
Cathy Vak, 3255 S. 77th Street, Omaha NE 68124
Questions, call Cathy Vak at 402-391-0484

Are you feeling stress, anxiety or depressed?

As we continue this journey in uncertain times, we feel a great deal of stress, anxiety and even some depression. From time to time, we all need to call upon clergy and health professionals to listen, pray and talk through our feeling and emotions. Always know that Fr. Dave, Fr. Padraic and myself are here when you need us. To "even more" support our parish family, we want to share with you, Kylie Keisling, a mental health professional who would assist you and your family as needed. We asked Kylie to provide us with some coping ideas and suggestions to reduce our stress. Know that your parish clergy and staff pray for our faith family. God is ALWAYS there when you need HIM. Blessings!
Deacon Denny, d.dethlefs@stephen.org, 402-861-4538

Emotions: Living Like Jesus

The holidays are full of emotions: happiness, sadness, anger, peacefulness, frustration. It is common to ride the wave of emotions and only stop to think about our reactions after the fact. Often, we think of our emotions as negative things we should ignore, repress, or numb. In reality, emotions can be the key to helping us become more like Jesus. Jesus experienced anger, sadness, joy, and grief. Throughout the bible He models how to express our emotions in a healthy way.

Think of our emotions as signals. For instance, anger signals to us that a wrong has been committed and gives us the energy to react. Anger only becomes unhelpful when our response is escalated and out of touch with the reality of the situation. Understanding the purpose of our emotions, what situations trigger intense emotions, and what to do with that emotion is key to living a balanced life.

Here are some questions and examples to prompt your own emotional reflection.

Emotional Reflection: Lean into strong emotions. Ask God to be with you in this moment. Reflect on what sparked the emotion? Did you feel lonely, unheard, disrespected, judged? Was your reaction unhelpful? Did you respond with anger, yell, or isolate yourself? Do something helpful with the emotion. Should you apologize, take a walk, talk to a friend, or confront the person who hurt you?

Tapping into our emotions can be scary, but ultimately it will help us live more like Jesus. Understanding and acknowledging your emotional responses is no easy task, and it can be helpful to walk through with a trained professional counselor. Please feel free to reach out to me at kyliek@kingofkings.org for more information or to set up an appointment today.

If you would like to learn more or have other mental health concerns please feel free to reach out to me at kyliek@kingofkings.org.

Kylie Keisling is a licensed Mental Health Counselor and works at The Core in Omaha.



Did you know?

We offer a low-gluten option for Holy Communion. There is always low-gluten hosts available from the Priest presiding at the Mass.

Simply go through the Priest's Eucharist distribution line and state "low-gluten" and the Priest will provide that option.

Note from The Creation Care Team

Need to dispose of used Christmas lights as you put them up or take them down? Again this holiday season, the St. Stephen Creation Care Team will be collecting used Christmas lights for recycling. There will be a container for this collection in the gathering space starting Sunday, November 29th through Sunday, January 3rd. Christmas lights can also be taken to Scrap Central, 2728 N. 85th Street. Thank you for caring for our Common Home

Adult Volleyball

All parishioners & friends (18 and older) are invited to play Volleyball, Saturday's from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM in the gym. This time is for community fun and a chance to meet new people. Skill levels vary from brand new to many years of experience. Come anytime.

Contact Adam at a.ybarra@stephen.org or 402.861.4507 with questions or for more info.



Stay up-to-date with Martyr Moms on our Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/161991407828766>



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