



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

June 13th, 2021

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,
9:00 AM*, 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM

*These Masses will be live-streamed on our Facebook
Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/
StStephensCatholicChurchOmaha](https://www.facebook.com/StStephensCatholicChurchOmaha)) and our website
(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

Staff Contact Info: stephen.org/staff

Bulletin Deadline:

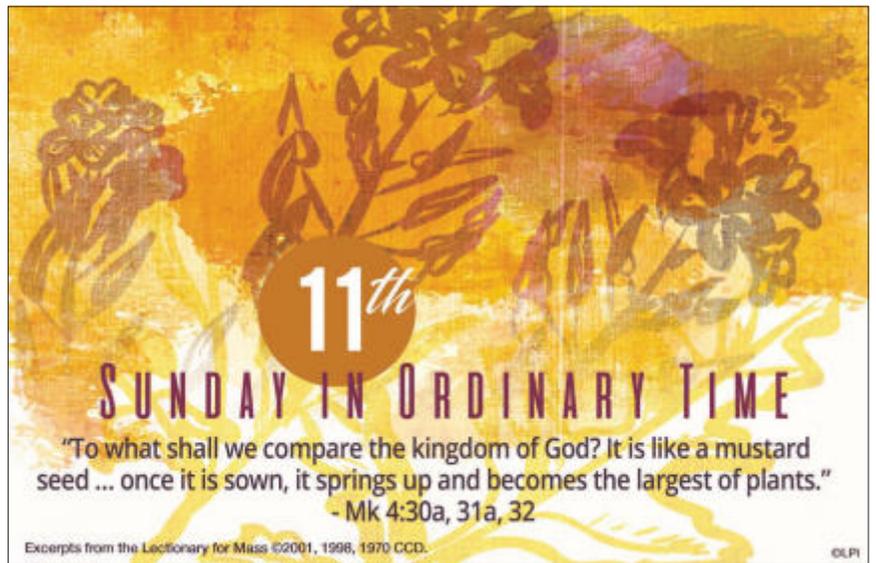
Submit requests to a.hartwig@stephen.org.

Masks and Social-Distancing

The City of Omaha Mask Ordinance has expired and so we are no longer requiring masks to be worn while inside our buildings. We encourage everyone to continue wearing a mask as you feel comfortable when here at Saint Stephen the Martyr for Mass, prayer and activities. For attending Mass, a section of pews on the South side of the Worship Space will remain socially-distanced with every-other pew seating. All other sections will be open for seating. We encourage you to sit where you are comfortable. The 7:30 AM and 6 PM Masses are great alternatives for those interested in more space.

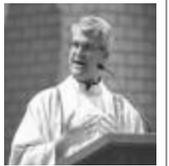
We'd also like to remind everyone that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days do not bind those who are ill; if you are sick or think you may be sick, please stay home.

The leadership of our parish is very grateful for your continued patience and prayers for our community, as we work together to make sure that everyone continues to feel safe and comfortable in coming back to the activities of our parish family.



Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how."



"As exciting as watching corn grow..." Have you ever heard that expression? It would be a waste of time for us to sit down at the edge of a field to watch corn or any other crop grow from the moment the seeds were placed in the ground until the time that the grain was harvested. We may not be able to see the crops grow, but we know that they certainly do.

Jesus uses this image to describe how God's Kingdom is unfolding and growing in our midst. We may not be able to perceive the growth, but we have to trust that God is present and active in our lives. Sometimes we get discouraged and impatient with God. We believe that He should work faster, or that we should be able to see significant changes in our world. Quite often, it is very difficult for us to recognize that He has called each of us to do something important and unique with our gifts and abilities. We may feel like our small and simple lives couldn't make a difference, but with God's help, we can change the world.

I once heard a story about a pastor in a small parish, who received a phone call from a parishioner, who wanted to talk to him about her dissatisfaction with a ministry that was sponsored by their parish. He invited her to come to his office and talk the problem over with him. She accepted the invitation and brought to his attention some of the things that were needed and could be done.

He gratefully acknowledged the wisdom of her ideas. He then said, "This is wonderful that you are so concerned and interested in this. You are the very person this Church needs to head up this ministry. Will you take the job?" Her reply was just as immediate. "Oh, no, I don't want to get involved. With my work in other clubs and organizations, and the hours that I put on some other things, I just don't have the time. But I will be glad to advise you any time." The pastor's answer was classic and well put: "Good, gracious, lady, that's the problem now. I already have 400 advisers. I need someone who will work."

God has something important planned for you. Believe that, and it will change your attitude. It will change your life.

"Be the change you want to see in the world." –Mahatma Gandhi

May God bless you!
Father Dave

Congratulations Newly Baptized!

Avery Lila Wollum
daughter of Matthew and Megan



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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

6/1-6/7/2021: No report due to vacation schedules—stay tuned next bulletin

*St. Stephen the Martyr operates on a Fiscal Year from July 1—June 30

Thank you for continuing to support us through your Sunday Offerings and Financial Giving. 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

School News

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

- ⇒ **Call for 2021 Corporate Sponsors!** Want to support St. Stephen the Martyr School all while generating marketing exposure for your business? Our Home & School Association will soon be sending out information for local businesses to become Corporate Sponsors for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. Funds raised help expand our school's resource offerings regarding technology, instructional materials and facility upgrades - all while providing generous sponsors with marketing exposure to more than 3,200 families in our SSM community! Online sponsorship registration is available at school.stephen.org/corporate-sponsors. Deadline for all sponsorships is July 31, 2021. For more information or to request sponsor materials, please contact Lori Havens, lorihavens80@gmail.com.
- ⇒ School Supply Packs are available again this year! Order by June 25th. Learn more at school.stephen.org/school-supplies.

Religious Education News

- ⇒ Vacation Bible School is next week! THANK YOU to all our volunteers who are helping us make the week a success and fun faith experience for the youth of our parish!
- ⇒ We are excited to offer Totus Tuus this summer. A few spots remain—register today! Volunteers, meals and host families needed as well. See next page for more or go to stephen.org/totus-tuus/

Youth Ministry News

- ⇒ **Life Teen (High School) and Edge (Middle School)** — Our Life Teen and Edge nights may be over for the school year but stay tuned! We are planning all sorts of fun opportunities to stay engaged in our faith and connected to our community throughout the summer, including our time-honored tradition of Faith Factor (messy game night and water fight), Movie Night, one day retreats, service opportunities, Totus Tuus, and more.
- ⇒ **Hearts Open Wide: Youth Service Ministry** — A great way to live out our faith is to serve God by serving others! We will continue to seek volunteers to provide sandwiches for our ongoing sack lunch program for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul throughout the summer. Sign-ups for these opportunities will be coming soon and will be posted at stephen.org/youth-service. Are you an adult that has a great idea for a service opportunity for our youth, and would like to help coordinate an event? Contact Laura Bogue, Youth Ministry Director, at l.bogue@stephen or (402) 861-4509.



It's Not Goodbye, But Farewell

Father Padraic's time here at St. Stephen the Martyr is ending soon as he begins his new assignment as Associate Pastor at St. Patrick's in Elkhorn on July 1. We are planning two opportunities to wish him farewell.

- 1) Attend the Tailgate on Saturday, June 26th after Mass from 6 to 8 PM
- 2) Stop in the Dining Room after morning Mass on Sunday, June 27th

Please feel free to drop off a card for him and place in the box on the table in Gathering Space.

St. Stephen Legacy Circle

Have you remembered St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church in your estate plans? When you include St. Stephen in your charitable estate plans, you leave a legacy of love and faith that provides financial support after your lifetime. If you have already included St. Stephen in your estate plans, please let the parish know so we can recognize your stewardship as you see appropriate. To learn more about wills, trusts, IRA's, life insurance, stocks or gifts of personal property, please contact Dan Koenig, Director of Operations at 402.861.4543 or d.koenig@stephen.org. Your planned gift today can make a big difference for our parish tomorrow!

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Awards

After reviewing all of the applications that we received, the Knights of Columbus here at St Stephens would like to congratulate the following students who were awarded this years Dcn Wes Kreun Memorial Scholarships.

- ⇒ High School: Grant Venner, Jack Carda, Benjamin Robinette, Joseph Kolega
 - ⇒ College: Hope Stratman, Madison Han, Joshua Royal, Rebeca Langel
- All of these students, as well as the other individuals that received applications from, not only are showing themselves to qualify in the classroom, but also have done an excellent job of giving back to their communities, their schools, and continuing to grow in their Catholic faith. If you know these young men and women, please be sure to congratulate them! Thank you very much to all of our applicants.



It's June, it's summer, and we are thrilled to WELCOME EVERYONE BACK to campus! Let's get together! Join us for our first Summer Tailgate Party in front of the Parish Center on Saturday, June 26th, beginning at 6 PM after Mass.

Enjoy a summer evening with friends, family, and fellow parishioners. Bring your lawn chairs, or blanket, a game for the kids – or adults – to play, and bring your favorite beverages. Let the Knights of Columbus do the cooking, and delight in your choice of a Hamburger, Cheeseburger, or Brat, with Baked Beans, Chips, and a bottle of water for \$6.00 (Families of 5 or more - \$25.00). Then enjoy dessert from a selection at the Council of Catholic Women's famous dessert table! Kids will especially love the ParadICE Hawaiian Shaved Ice truck on hand to enjoy a refreshing cold treat after dinner.

This will be Father Padraic's last hurrah, so plan on attending and wishing him well before he moves to his next assignment.

EMHC/Lector Training

Are you interested in serving our parish at our liturgies by assisting as an EMHC or Lector? The Archdiocese's Fall formation process will take a hybrid online and in-person approach. Please contact Karen Hardy at k.hardy@stephen.org to receive the signup link for the initial liturgical formation session, offered on two occasions via zoom:

⇒ Sunday, August 8th, 2021 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

⇒ Wednesday, August 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Once your on-line training has been completed, all individuals will meet with Karen 1:1 in-person to go through our St. Stephen the Martyr processes and procedures.

Message from the PrimeTimers Group:

WE HAVE MISSED EACH OTHER!

Are you ready to get together again?

Join for Cards and Games!

⇒ Thursday, June 24th at 1:00 pm in the GPC

⇒ Thursday, July 8th at 1:00 pm in the GPC

RSVP or for more information, email stephens.primetimers@gmail.com

Or call Jan (402-592-1298), Moe (402-670-5723) or Pat (402-201-7945)



Upcoming Patriotic Days

June 14: Flag Day

The day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777.

This year the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will collect worn American flags at the end of masses on June 12th and 13th. The flags will be taken to American Legion Post 374 for a retirement ceremony.

June 14: also US Army Day

In 1775, in the middle of the American Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress decided that to better organize the fight against the British, the colonies should all be unified under one force. Thus, the American Continental Army was founded.

We thank our Knights of Columbus for providing this information. The 4th Degree of Knights of Columbus is a Patriotic Degree. If you're interested in joining the Knights you can contact Recruitment Chair, Paul Kamphaus at (531) 484-6852.



Seven Sisters Apostolate

Inviting all women of St. Stephen the Martyr. Are you looking for a way to help the priests at our parish? We are currently looking for women to join a seven sisters team for our two parish priests. These seven women are committed to making a weekly holy hour for one of our priests. Contact Katie Keller at 402.575.9216 if you are interested. More information about this 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.

Wedding Congratulations!

Brenna Reimers & Noah Journey
married on June 5, 2021

**Our parish wishes you a life-time
of many blessings!**



The Parish 2 Parish Relay: August 14, 2021

Each team is comprised of 6 members (a minimum of 3 females per team), with each member running one leg of the 19 mile course (each member ends up running about 3 miles).

Register at: <https://www.active.com/omaha-ne/running/distance-running-races/parish-2-parish-2021?int=19N-PB304-S6-T1-PL7-L1120>



Visit Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/parish2parish/

Stewardship Reflection:

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.” - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

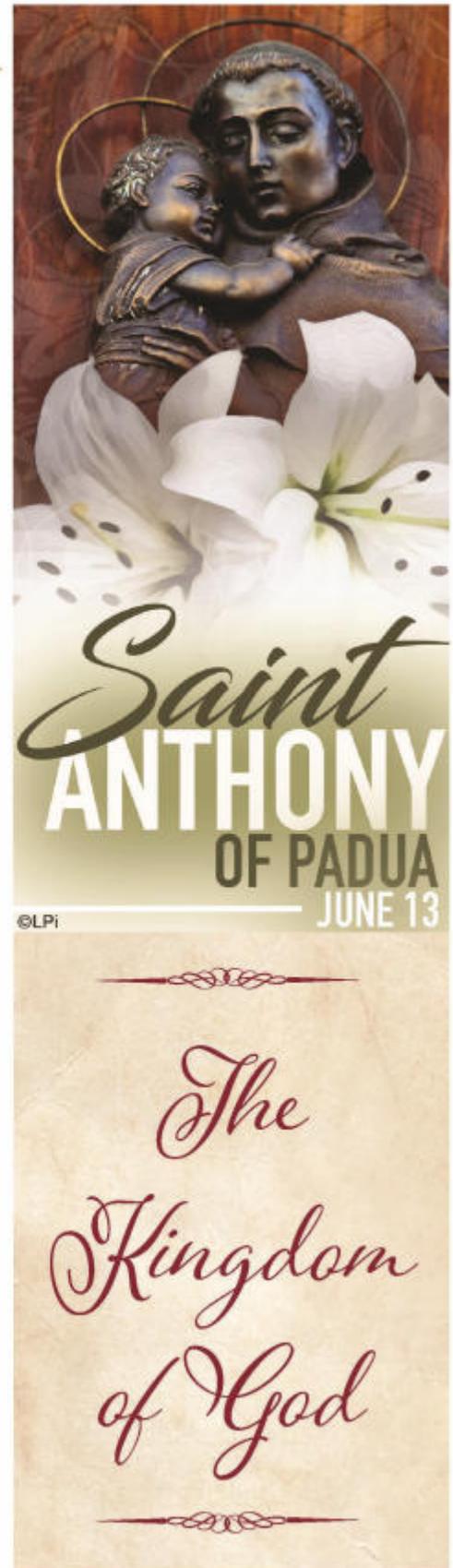
SUN 6/13	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
MON 6/14	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
TUES 6/15	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
WED 6/16	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THR 6/17	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
FRI 6/18	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
SAT 6/19	2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
SUN 6/20	Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

Sunday:	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Flag Day
Saturday:	St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM
Next Sunday:	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day; Father's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.



ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR &
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF OMAHA PRESENTS

TOTUS TUUS

TOTALLY YOURS

JULY 2021

Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) is a fun and energetic parish based summer catechetical program, for both grade school age children and junior and senior high school youth. The Archdiocese has gathered together college students and seminarians onto teams of four in order to train them and send them out on the road to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Omaha. Their youthfulness, energy, and ability to witness to the Faith make our teachers particularly effective with children and young people. Throughout the years Totus Tuus has succeeded in reaching out to children and youth in order to help them know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. We are very excited to be bringing Totus Tuus to St. Stephen this July and we need volunteers, meals and host families. Can you help? Thank you for considering it! More and sign up links at stephen.org/totus-tuus/

Be an Adult Volunteer

Adult volunteers are needed to help support the Totus Tuus missionary team as classroom assistants, snack helpers, and as additional supervision to ensure a safe environment for our children. Leaders must be 19 years of age, be Safe Environment Trained by the Archdiocese of Omaha, and be available all 5 days/evenings of their selected Totus Tuus session. Volunteers may waive the tuition of ONE child participating in Totus Tuus. There will be 2 different sessions of Totus Tuus: Grades 1-6; July 12-16 (Mon-Fri); 9 AM-2:30 pm; Grades 7-12; July 11-15 (Sun-Thurs); 7-9 PM

Feed Our Missionaries!

Volunteers are needed to help provide meals for our three Totus Tuus missionaries over the week that they will be serving at our parish (Sat., July 10th-Fri., July 16th). Volunteers can prepare and drop-off the lunchtime meal, or have it delivered, while our dinnertime volunteers are encouraged to invite our 3 missionaries to their home for dinner or out to eat.

Be a Host Family

We are in need of two families to host our Totus Tuus missionaries from their arrival on Saturday, July 10th through their departure the morning of Saturday, July 18th. Host Families are responsible for providing acceptable sleeping arrangements for the missionaries, family lunch on Sunday, and continental breakfasts throughout the week (quick and easy items such as cereal, fruit, and toast are fine!). The Totus Tuus team consists of 3 college-age individuals (2 men and a woman) with a deep love for our faith and a passion of sharing Jesus with children. They have all been Safe Environment Certified through the Archdiocese of Omaha, which includes a background check. For more information, or to let us know of your interest in being a Host Family, please contact Laura at 402-861-4509 or l.bogue@stephen.org.

Attention 2021 Senior Class and Parents:

SSM Parish Senior Class of 2021 Mass & Reception on August 1st: 6-8 PM, Dining Room — Parish High School graduates and their families are invited to share in the Mass at 6:00 PM, which will include a special blessing. A reception in the Dining Room will follow. To help add to the celebration, we are collecting senior pictures. Pictures (sized 3x5-5x8, please) labeled with graduate's name and high school can be dropped off or mailed to the Religious Ed./Youth Ministry Office. Pictures must be turned in by Sunday, July 11th to be included in the display.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 12

8:15 am † Richard Ahlberg (PS)
5:00 pm † Bob Mannino (DB)

Sunday, June 13

7:30 am † Lewis Storm (DB)
9:00 am SI SSM parishioners (DB)
10:30 am † John Synowicki (PS)
6:00 pm SI Mary Ellen Johnson Family (PS)

Monday, June 14

6:30 am SI Fr. Dave Belt (PS)
8:15 am † Ole & Clair Kundsén (PS)

Tuesday, June 15

6:30 am SI Debra Barone (PS)
8:15 am † Marie Sempek (DB)

Wednesday, June 16

6:30 am † Curtis Young (PS)
8:15 am † Marg Reiling (DB)

Thursday, June 17

6:30 am SI Jacob Legleiter (DB)
8:15 am † Mary Lynn Stringer (DB)

Friday, June 18

6:30 am † Joe Tiesi (PS)
8:15 am † Jerry Daly (DB)

Saturday, June 19

8:15 am † Lorraine Patterson (DB)
5:00 pm † James & JoAnn Stachura (PS)

Sunday, June 20

7:30 am † Warren Wills (PS)
9:00 am SI SSM parishioners (DB)
10:30 am † Tom Sautter (DB)
6:00 pm † Dennis Palik (DH)

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul
DB=Fr. Dave Belt; PS=Fr. Padraic Stack; DH=Fr. Dennis Hanneman;
Note: Priest schedule subject to changes



Parishioners who are sick/injured/healing:

Pete & Judy Bartman, parents of Trinette Shamburg

Mary Ellen Johnson

Howard Ball

Father Craig Loecker

Jacob Legleiter, son of Mike and Sara

Deceased members of our parish-family:

Nancy McMahon

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.



Become Catholic!

Do you desire to deepen your relationship with Jesus? Is your spouse Catholic and you want to learn more?

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.

News from the Greater Community:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ESSENTIAL FESTIVAL

Join Catholic Charities of Omaha for a day of MUSIC, FUN, FOOD, and FAMILY FESTIVITIES during the Second Annual Essential Festival, Friday, July 2, 2021, at SumTur Amphitheater in Papillion. The event is benefitting Catholic Charities and celebrating the organization's essential programs and services that help feed the hungry, raise people out of poverty, strengthen communities, and protect human dignity. Music performances by The Emmett Bower Band, Finest Hour, Oye Como Va, The String Beans, and Omaha Street Percussion are scheduled. Other activities include Cirque Du Soleil clowns, food, face painting, cheerleaders, and fire trucks. Gates open at 3:00 pm, and the event finishes with a fireworks show, by Bellino Fireworks, at 10:15 pm. More details and individual (\$25) and couple/family (\$50) tickets are available at www.essentialfest.org. Facility COVID requirements will be followed.

EWTN'S DR. RAY IS COMING TO OMAHA!

Now is your chance to see Dr. Ray live! Clinical psychologist and EWTN radio show host, Dr. Ray Guarendi, is coming to Omaha June 29th and 30th to record four episodes of his EWTN TV show, Living Right with Dr. Ray. Taping will take place at the JPII Newman Center on the University of Nebraska at Omaha's campus located at 1221 S. 71st St. Omaha, NE 68106. Free tickets are available to attend the recordings! Visit spiritcatholicradio.com to reserve your seat. Questions? Contact 402-571-0200 or email kvss@kvss.com. Volunteers are needed! Email jackie@kvss.com for details about volunteering for this event.

SCRIPTURE SERIES AT ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH—JUNE 16TH AT 6 PM

Join Fr. Scott Hastings for an exciting series on scripture: The Late History of the Old Testament: from Ezra the Priest to St. John the Baptist. From the end of the Babylonian captivity to the birth of St. John the Baptist, the children of Israel were swept up into the broader history of Europe, including the expansions of Alexander the Great and the Roman Republic and Empire. This included the dramatic revolution of the Maccabees and the establishment and growth of Pharisaic Judaism. For most Christians today, this time period is entirely unknown. However, it shaped the world into which Christ was born. Once you hear this, you will never see the teaching of Christ in the same light again. June 16, 3, 30 6:00pm Call 402 397 0407 or email sam@stleo.net to register and bring a friend!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ESSENTIAL FESTIVAL—JULY 2ND

Join Catholic Charities of Omaha for a day of MUSIC, FUN, FOOD, and FAMILY FESTIVITIES during the Second Annual Essential Festival, Friday, July 2, 2021, at SumTur Amphitheater in Papillion. The event is benefitting Catholic Charities and celebrating the organization's essential programs and services that help feed the hungry, raise people out of poverty, strengthen communities, and protect human dignity. Music performances by The Emmett Bower Band, Finest Hour, Oye Como Va, The String Beans, and Omaha Street Percussion are scheduled. Other activities include Cirque Du Soleil clowns, food, face painting, cheerleaders, and fire trucks. Gates open at 3:00 pm, and the event finishes with a fireworks show, by Bellino Fireworks, at 10:15 pm. More details and individual (\$25) and couple/family (\$50) tickets are available at www.essentialfest.org. Facility COVID requirements will be followed.

DR. SCOTT HAHN COMING TO OMAHA ON JULY 24!

The Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology and Spirit Catholic Radio present Dr. Scott Hahn—The Riches of Our Catholic Faith—on Saturday, July 24 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 11802 Pacific, Omaha. Be inspired and study Scripture from the heart of the Church with one of today's most respected scholars. Dr. Scott Hahn is a best-selling author, speaker, theologian, convert from Presbyterianism and professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Please join us on Saturday, July 24, from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to hear Dr. Hahn's talk. Visit spiritcatholicradio.com/Hahn to purchase your \$20 tickets.

CONSIDER BEING A HOST FAMILY

Skutt Catholic High School, in partnership with Educat Group, welcomes international High School students to the school and community this fall 2021. Out students come from all over the world and take classes alongside their American peers, while living with loving host families. Educatius provides families with a monthly stipend. Educatius is currently looking for families to welcome an international student to share your heart and home! Host families come in all shapes and sizes- young couples with small children, single persons, one-parent families, empty nesters, etc. The one characteristic all host families share is a big heart with a lot of love and understanding for a new family member. This fall 2021, we have an amazing student opportunity. Dat a student from Vietnam will be studying in 11th grade. He loves to play soccer, he enjoys watching films and enjoys music. His dream is to study in an American school and to attend college in the U.S. His favorite subject is English and Computers. Would you consider become his American family? For more information about this amazing opportunity, contact Maribeth Arnone at (703)350-2802 or Marnone.Educatius@gmail.com



Praying in a Crisis:

When was the last time you cried out to God about something other than personal issues? Sometimes we're so engrossed in our own life that we fail to see the crisis others face. Whether circumstances involve total strangers or hits close to home, if may feel as if such matters are too big for one person's prayer to make a difference.

Witness Story: One of our parish food pantry families confided in me that due to the kindness and generosity of the St. Stephen's Faith Family they received the food needed for their children which was a tremendous concern, they found employment to continue to pay their bills, and they were greeted after mass and invited for donuts in the cafeteria. We should NEVER doubt the kindness within our hearts and that we are able, with the Lord, to heal, bring peace and change circumstances for others. Our Parish Food Pantry has been a continued source for conversions through food items and a friendly smile. Pray for others often! We never know what our kindness may do for others. We are returning from a crisis in many people's lives with this pandemic. Many families have lost their jobs, lost loved one's, and have gone into a spiral of uncertainty... but, our God continues to bring out of this darkness the spirit of giving, kindness and hope. You can have an impact on the lives of others when you intercede on their behalf. So let news of a tragedy or problems—regardless of whether it affects you—become a catalyst to talk to God. St. Stephen's continues to feed the hungry, continues pray with those experiencing difficult times, and a sacred space to find peace and rest. Our parish food pantry remains open 5 days a week, staffed with volunteers who faithfully prepare sacks of food, transports food to the Juan Diego Center (weekly) as needed, and of course, you our faith family, who donates food to ensure families don't go hungry. We can't do this ministry without you! We have a food cart located inside the doors of the GPC for your donation. THANK YOU for feeding God's children. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Denny 402-4538 or d.dethlefs@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. 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.

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