



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

February 20th, 2022

## 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](http://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 2:30 PM  
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. Ben Boyd

**Staff Contact Info:** [stephen.org/staff](http://stephen.org/staff)

### Bulletin Deadline:

Submit requests to [a.hartwig@stephen.org](mailto:a.hartwig@stephen.org).

## 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](http://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](mailto:d.dethlefs@stephen.org).

### Homebound Eucharist

Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Parish office phone number: (402) 896-9675

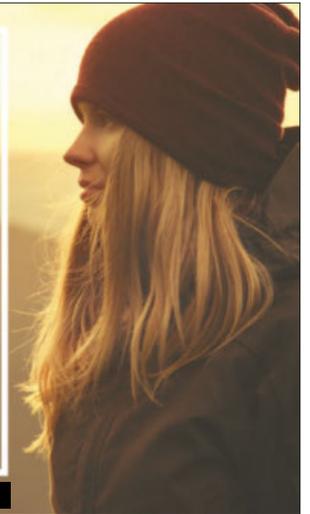
7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MERCIFUL

"Be merciful, just  
as your Father  
is merciful."

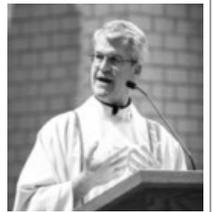
- Lk 6:36

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## Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

**"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."**



Jesus continues to teach His disciples and the crowd that has gathered what it means to be a follower of His. Last Sunday, we heard the "Sermon on the Plain," and today we hear Jesus command us to love our enemies and do good to those who hurt us. As we reflect on this challenging message, we acknowledge that so much of our time and energy is spent on judging, condemning, and holding on to grudges. How often do we come up with excuses why we can't be generous in giving to others what God has given to us in the first place? The final sentence in this passage can be encouraging for us, or it can be a warning. If we are measuring out anger, judgment, impatience, and lack of forgiveness toward others, what does that say about the measure that God will measure out to us?

If we truly want to experience the fullness of God's grace, we must be ready to abandon ourselves totally into the remarkable love that God has for us. That means that we must first have a change of heart, let go of the sins that prevent us from being close to God and His people, and put on the mind and heart of Jesus Christ. Let us pray that God will give us the strength to forgive those who have hurt us or mistreated us.

**"Forgiveness is above all a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against the natural instinct to pay back evil with evil. The measure of such a decision is the love of God who draws us to himself in spite of our sin."**

—Saint John Paul II

May God bless you!  
Father Dave



REMEMBER  
THAT YOU  
ARE DUST

## Ash Wednesday Mass Times March 2nd, 2022

6:30 AM, 8:15 AM\*,  
12:05 PM, 4 PM,  
5:30 PM, 7 PM

\*Live-streamed and school mass  
so seating will be limited



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

## Financial Stewardship

### Offertory & Online Giving 2/8—2/14/2022:

Actual:	\$50,752
Budget:	\$50,028
FYTD Actual:	\$1,663,339
FYTD Budget:	\$1,649,831

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

### Thank you for your generous giving!

Your financial support is vital to the well-being of our church and school. To make a gift or complete a pledge for 2022, simply scan the QR code or go to [stephen.org/give](http://stephen.org/give).



Offertory envelopes may also be mailed to our office: 16701 S Street, Omaha NE 68135.



Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

#stewardshipreflection

## One Rose, One Life Campaign

This weekend is the Knights of Columbus *One Rose, One Life Campaign*. Please consider a financial gift in support of the Culture of Life Foundation. Donations may be placed in the 2nd Collection Basket or mailed to the parish office addressed to the Knights of Columbus (16701 S Street, Omaha NE 68135). Please pick up a prayer card as well found on the table in the Gathering Space.

Learn more: the Nebraska Knights of Columbus *One Rose, One Life Campaign* is Nebraska's premier source of income for the Culture of Life Foundation. All funds collected will be used to support Pro-Life organizations and activities throughout Nebraska. A major objective of the Culture of Life Foundation is to place Ultrasounds in qualified pregnancy care centers throughout Nebraska. In addition to the Ultrasound Initiative, many organizations, in all three Nebraska dioceses, benefit from this source of income. They include, but are not limited to, the Nebraska Catholic Conference, local Right-To-Life and Birthright chapters, and crisis pregnancy-help centers throughout Nebraska.

Thank you for your support!

## School News

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

⇒ **Enrollment Is Open** - We are now accepting applications for the 2022/2023 school year! New students can apply at [school.stephen.org/admissions](http://school.stephen.org/admissions). Returning students can re-enroll via their FACTS Family Portal at [factsmgt.com](http://factsmgt.com).

⇒ **New Date for Party at the Ski Lodge: March 19th**

## Party at the Ski Lodge

**NEW DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH**

- THUNDERHEAD BREWERY PARTY ROOM
- 13304 W. CENTER ROAD
- 6-11 PM
- ADULTS ONLY!
- LIMITED TO 150 PEOPLE
- MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AT [SCHOOL.STEPHEN.ORG/THUNDERHEAD](http://SCHOOL.STEPHEN.ORG/THUNDERHEAD)

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AND  
DESSERTS

## Religious Education News

⇒ **Save the Date of VBS** — Vacation Bible School will be held June 13 - June 17, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon. Stay tuned for more.

⇒ **Disciples of Christ** — Congratulations to the following students who received *The Disciple of Christ Award* from their catechists for going above and beyond in class.

- Eleanor Busse, Kindergarten
- Emerson Gemberling, Grade 1
- Mia Thorson, Grade 2
- Payton Pfeifer, Grade 2
- Evan Stigge, Grade 5

⇒ **Join our EDGE Core Team** - We are in need of more adults (19 and older) to join our EDGE core team of mentors for our middle school youth, as well as high school teens to help assist during Edge nights. If you love sharing your faith and enjoy working with youth, our core team could be the place for you. We would NOT be able to offer youth ministry programs without our amazing core team family! Please contact Laura at [l.bogue@stephen.org](mailto:l.bogue@stephen.org) or at 402-861-4509 for more information.

## Youth Ministry News

⇒ **Life Teen (High School)** — Join us Sunday, February 20th, 7-9 PM in GPC for a lively conversation on recognizing and establishing healthy boundaries.

⇒ **Edge (Middle School)** — We are returning after break with our monthly social Gym Night on Tuesday, February 22nd at 6:30-8 PM.

⇒ **Steubenville: Registration is open, and spots are filling up!** Steubenville is a weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 8th-12th grade youth to become radical, joyful disciples. We will be attending the Conference in Rochester, MN on Friday, July 15 - Sunday, July 17, 2022. Youth will enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more. Cost is \$360 and includes transportation, conference fees, 2 nights in a hotel, a t-shirt, and most meals. Visit [stephen.org/steubenville](http://stephen.org/steubenville) for more information and to register.

# Martyr Mission

Dinner and Auction

## A Night In White

# June 11

# SAVE THE NEW DATE

Mark your calendars, call your friends, plan for a **Night In White** at this year's Martyr Mission celebration, June 11 from 6-11 PM! Join us and our very own emcee, Brandon Souba, in the St. Stephen the Martyr Gym for an indoor/outdoor reception; catered, plated meal; DJ music; cocktails; beer; wine; and a silent and live auction. White attire is encouraged. Tickets, \$100 per person, go on sale April 15. Event proceeds benefit our Parish, School and Religious Education.

Thank you to these sponsors, thus far, for supporting Martyr Mission!

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Add your name or company to this list! Please contact Catiana Urrutia, Development Associate at 402-861-4541 or c.urrutia@stephen.org.



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**  
Catholic Life Explained:

**Question:**  
When Jesus says, "You cannot serve both God and mammon," what does he mean? What is mammon?

**Answer:**  
When you hear Scripture proclaimed each Sunday, remember it wasn't originally written in English. Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek — these ancient tongues were the original language of our Old and New Testaments. Most of the time, all of the words are translated into our native language. Sometimes, a word or two is left in the original language. Such is the case in this Scripture passage.

Mammon is an ancient Aramaic word referring to money, wealth, or profit. Earthly wealth isn't bad in itself, nor does it automatically exclude us from being a disciple of Jesus. But what dominates our life? To serve money — that is, to seek accumulation of wealth for its own sake and to structure our lives around it — is morally problematic. What good is our wealth if it isn't at the service of others? What good is our wealth if its pursuit leads us to selfishness, obsession, greed, envy, and comparison? There are many things that can be opposed to our service of God — power, prestige, popularity. Ultimately, something in our lives will be our master. But there is only one God worth serving.

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All parishioner boys in grades TK-5th are invited to attend with their mom. Feel free to substitute a grandma, aunt, or older sister.

\$25 per couple / per family  
Live DJ, photo booth, snacks & drinks  
Hosted by SSM Cub Scouts

Space is limited—reserve your tickets today. Venmo: @murphamyjo  
Cash/check at the door. Please include name of son(s) in the memo.

For more info, contact Theresa Ourada at 402-658-3424 or tmourada@gmail.com



Join the SSM Girl Scouts for Ties & Tiaras: Daddy-Daughter Dance Saturday, March 26th, from 7-9:30 PM in the SSM Dining Room

\$25 per couple – Bring Dad, Uncle or Grandpa! It will be an evening filled with memories: DJ, photo opportunity and a dessert bar hosted by the 2nd & 3rd Grade SSM Girl Scouts.

Reserve your tickets today!  
Venmo: @Anna-Lad-1  
Please include name of daughter(s) in the memo.

For more information or to order tickets contact, Anna Lad at 702-927-2265 or annalacylad@gmail.com.



## Bearing Another's Burdens

At some point, all of us struggle under the weight of a difficult situation. It might be a sin we cannot overcome, a trial that just doesn't let up, or a need that remains unmet. However, there's no need to struggle through it alone because we have the support of our faith family at St. Stephen.

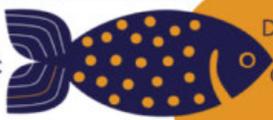
There is an example of this in the book of Acts. Christians of the early church pooled their resources to help meet the material and financial need of their people who were in poverty (4:32-35). Paul also displays this concern for others' welfare in his various letters to growing churches. He knew it was his responsibility undergoing his own hardships and afflictions.

We can't wait until life is free from problems before reaching out to others; that day may never come. Though every one of us has his or her own needs, it's important to remember we can do all things through Christ's strength. And that includes sharing someone else's burdens. When we're willing to wade into a fellow parishioner's troubles to help, that person is blessed, and we're fulfilling the Lord's command to love our neighbor as ourselves.

St. Stephen staff, priests, deacons, and fellow parishioners are here when you are needing support. We feed the hungry, cloth the naked, counsel those hurting, provide grief support and lend a helping hand to anyone who knocks on our door. Make that initial contact! Call Deacon Denny in Pastoral and Spiritual Care at 402-861-4538. All conversations are confidential. If your spiritual concerns are a heavy burden, contact Fr. Dave or Fr. Boyd at 402-896-9675 for an appointment. We have many possible resources internally and within the wider community of Omaha.

## Fish Fry Fridays

BEGIN MARCH 4TH



Dine In & Carry Out

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Our Knights of Columbus men's group is excited to offer Fish Fry Fridays for all parishioners and community guests! Come enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship on these Fridays from 5-8 PM: March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, March 25th, April 1st, April 8th.

MENU: Baked Salmon (\$13), Shrimp (\$13), Shrimp and Fish Combo (\$13), Fried Fish (\$12), Mac & Cheese (\$8)

KIDS AGED 5-10: Fried Fish (\$7), Mac & Cheese (\$6), Cheese Pizza (\$6)

KIDS AGED 4 AND UNDER: Free!

- Desserts provided by the Council of Catholic Women
- Beer (provided by Upstream) and wine offered for a free-will donation
- Takeout available
- Credit cards accepted
- Includes French fries, coleslaw, and roll
- Coffee, iced tea, or lemonade are available



**It's time to make your reservation for the PrimeTimer's MARDI GRAS PARTY: Thursday, February 24th at 6 PM in the Parish Center (GPC)**

- ⇒ Pull out your beads and dig out your mask (NOT Covid - YOUR PARTY mask)! You won't want to miss the fun, fellowship and food from Acadian Grill including Jambalaya and Tasso ham on Cavatappi. Cost is \$20 and BYOB.
- ⇒ It will be a great night, so email [stephens.primetimers@gmail.com](mailto:stephens.primetimers@gmail.com) to make your reservation by Monday, Feb. 21st; or contact Jan Savoie, Moe Muhlbauer or Pat Miller.

**Join every 2nd & 4th Thursday at 1 PM for Cards & Games in the GPC**

- ⇒ Bring a friend our partner as we play Pitch, Pinochle or Bridge. Don't play cards? How about Mexican Train Dominoes, Tripoley, or bring a favorite game of your own to share with others. Bring a snack to share and an item for the food pantry.

*This Men's and Women's group (age 55+) gathers for fun social events, special projects, and support. More information at [stephen.org/primetimers](http://stephen.org/primetimers). Email questions to [Stephens.PrimeTimers@gmail.com](mailto:Stephens.PrimeTimers@gmail.com)*



## Rosary Devotions

The Knights of Columbus invite you to upcoming opportunities to pray the Rosary together as a community before the 8:15 AM Mass in the Worship Space.

- ⇒ First Wednesday Devotional to St. Joseph — March 2nd
- ⇒ First Saturday Devotion to Mother Mary — March 5th

## Not yet a Parishioner?

Register on our website [stephen.org](http://stephen.org). Click on "Become a Parishioner" in the footer. Or call Adam at 402-861-4507 or email him at [a.ybarra@stephen.org](mailto:a.ybarra@stephen.org) to learn more about how we can help you in your faith journey!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Pray with us every Friday during Lent 6 PM Worship Space

*The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary.*

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022

- Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/  
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
- Monday:** Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50
- Friday:** Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
- Next Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022

- Sunday:** 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Presidents' Day; St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Wednesday:** St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

"Love your enemies and do good to them." We have such a hard time with this teaching! But it doesn't end there. Jesus continues with turning the other cheek when struck, giving to everyone who asks, doing to others as you would have them do to you, being merciful, stopping our judgment of others, forgiving, and giving. We are okay when God does these things but get a little anxious when we realize that God really wants us to do them too! Secular justice and Gospel justice are definitely not the same. We need to remember that we are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian is called to act like Christ even in those situations where a more assertive or defensive response may seem more justifiable. In order to live up to this call we have to leave our resentment and need for retaliation behind, lose our defensiveness and bring into our mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world. We are not here to satisfy or promote our own well-being and agenda. We are here for God's. That's a hard nut to crack especially when it comes to loving and forgiving people who do hurtful and violent things.

## Hospital Ministry

If you or a loved one has been hospitalized, please let us know because we do not always hear from the individual hospitals. Please call the parish office at (402) 896-9675 or Deacon Denny at (402) 861-4538 if you would like a visit. We would love to offer the "medicine of prayer"!

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 19

- 8:15 am † Mick Beacom (DB)  
5:00 pm † Erin Doll (DB)

### Sunday, February 20

- 7:30 am † Lewis Storm (DB)  
9:00 am SI St. Stephen parishioners (DB)  
10:30 am † Matt & Freda Beha (BB)  
6:00 pm † Gladys Mandel (BB)

### Monday, February 21

- 6:30 am † Tim Korus (BB)  
8:15 am SI Marie Sempek (BB)

### Tuesday, February 22

- 6:30 am † Dennis Lott (BB)  
8:15 am SI Russ Mitchell (DB)

### Wednesday, February 23

- 6:30 am † Bonnie Welcner (BB)  
8:15 am † Howard Ball (BB)

### Thursday, February 24

- 6:30 am SI Rodger Fawcett (DB)  
8:15 am † Special Intention of AW (DB)

### Friday, February 25

- 6:30 am † Julie Perrault (BB)  
8:15 am † Byron Barber (DB)

### Saturday, February 26

- 8:15 am † Adaku Esther Gninefou (DB)  
5:00 pm † Gerry Messbarger (BB)

### Sunday, February 27

- 7:30 am † Judy Bosiljevac (DB)  
9:00 am SI St. Stephen parishioners (DB)  
10:30 am † Hector Augusto Rojas Gutierrez (BB)  
6:00 pm † Luciano Trevicano (DH)

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul  
DB=Fr. Dave Belt; BB=Fr. Ben Boyd; DH=Fr. Dennis Hanneman;  
Please note: Priest schedule subject to changes

*\*If you'd like to reserve a Mass Intention, please contact Melissa in the parish office at m.kane@stephen.org or 402-896-9675.*



## Pray For...

### *Parishioners who are sick/injured/healing:*

**Cynthia Hornback**  
**Jeff Hatfield**  
**Juli Peatrowsky**  
**Kenny Hupka**, son of Anne & Mike

### *Deceased souls of our parish-family*

**Don Ziska**, husband of Teresa  
**Linda Dehart**, sister of Rosie McGuire

## 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 at [stephen.org/prayer-line](http://stephen.org/prayer-line) or call Beth Wetgen at (402) 669-4793.

## News from the Community:

### RETREAT BY JOYCE RUPP OSM: "RETURN TO THE ROOT" - PRE-LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, February, 26th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Omaha, Nebraska, Servants of Mary Chapel  
No registration required. Free will donation for Afghan refugee resettlement  
Information: Sr. Margaret Stratman, stratman@osms.org

### JESUIT FRIENDS AND ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT

"A Jesuit walks into a Bar . . . Sit-down Comedy with Fr. Jake Martin, SJ" co-hosted by Br. Patrick Douglas, SJ Join Jesuit alumni and friends on Thursday, February 24, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. for this networking event sponsored by the Midwest Province of Jesuits at the newly renovated Benson Theatre. Fr. Martin, SJ, an Assistant Professor of Film Studies at Creighton University, recently completed his PhD at Trinity College, Dublin. An actor and improvisational comedian, he has performed at numerous venues in Chicago and New York. His book What's So Funny About Faith: A Memoir from the Intersection of the Hilarious and Holy was published in 2012. Br. Pat Douglas, SJ, an Omaha native and a competitive weightlifter, is the Provincial Assistant for Vocations for the Midwest Jesuits. For more information, go to <https://ifanusa.org/cities/omaha/>

### REGINA CAELI ACADEMY IS HIRING NURSERY STAFF

No formal experience is necessary but a love for the Catholic faith and young children is required! Hours are Mondays and Thursdays, 8:45a.m.-3:00p.m. Apply here: [rcahybrid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/](http://rcahybrid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/). Regina Caeli is a private, independent, *University-Style Hybrid*® operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week, and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. To learn more, contact Mrs. Mary Lou Gerken at [mgerken.oma@rcahybrid.org](mailto:mgerken.oma@rcahybrid.org). [www.rcahybrid.org](http://www.rcahybrid.org)

### WOMEN'S IGNATIAN RETREAT: PREPARE FOR LENT WITH THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES. RETREAT CONDUCTED BY FATHER ANDY ALEXANDER, SJ; MARCH 4-6,

Join us for a weekend silent retreat, based upon the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It will be a time to grow in Our Lord's love for us and to deepen your personal relationship with him, preparing your heart for the journey through Lent with Christ. Held at the Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, IA, 1 hour east of Omaha and 2 hours west of Des Moines. Begins Friday at 4:30 p.m. and ends Sunday at 2:15 p.m. Retreat cost: \$225. For more information and to register, visit [creighton.edu/curc](http://creighton.edu/curc).

### SPECIAL MASS FOR VOCATIONS AT ST. STEPHEN ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST AT 5:30 P.M.

The Serra Club of West Omaha invites you to join us for a special Mass for Vocations at 5:30 PM on Monday, Feb. 21— **here at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church**, to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life within the Archdiocese of Omaha. Mass will be celebrated by Father Boyd.

After Mass join us for a brief *Meeting & Mixer* where Father Boyd will share his discernment story to the priesthood, his thoughts on how the laity can encourage vocations, support seminarians, and express love and support for our current priests.

Everyone is welcome! Light refreshments and sweets will be provided.

If you are interested in helping to build the Church locally through vocations support, contact John Lingo, Serra VP, 402-290-4670 or [John@LingoLaw.com](mailto:John@LingoLaw.com).

### ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

Join us at the St. John Paul II Newman Center for our Spring 2022 Open House Saturday, March 5th! Just stop by anytime between 11:00am-2:00pm. Students and staff will be available to show you around our Community Spaces, Oratory, and Apartments. Come and see our thriving college community. Find us at 1221 S. 71st St. or check us out online at [JPiOmaha.org](http://JPiOmaha.org).



IVC Omaha invites you to a Virtual Event

## Lenten Morning of Reflection

Saturday, March 5

10:00 - 11:15 AM CT

**Fr. Kevin Schneider, SJ**

will lead us in a morning of prayer and reflection as we begin our Lenten journeys



### Register:

[www.ivcusa.org/Omaha22](http://www.ivcusa.org/Omaha22)

Zoom link provided upon registration

This event is free to attend. Free will donations are accepted.



For questions, contact  
Anne Mollner at  
[amollner@ivcusa.org](mailto:amollner@ivcusa.org)

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Cocktail Hour, 5PM - Program, 6PM  
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keynote speaker  
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