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

September 18, 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) 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

Mondays from 7-8 PM in the Daily Mass Chapel
First Friday of the Month 8:30 AM—Noon

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. Zach Tucker

Staff Contact Info: stephen.org/staff

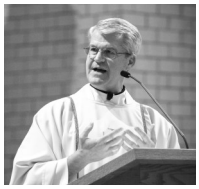
Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 5 PM
Submit requests to Leslie at l.schulte@stephen.org.

Join Us October 1st for *Pastoral Conference '22* Register Today!

All St. Stephen the Martyr parishioners are invited to attend Pastoral Conference '22 on Saturday, Oct. 1st in the Dining Room. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 AM and we will join the conference remotely at 9 AM. The conference is free to attend, but registration is requested to help us plan food quantities for breakfast.

Learn more about Pastoral Conference '22 and register at stephen.org/pc22.

Pastor's Message—From Father Dave



"If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

This weekend's Gospel reading is one of the best-known in the New Testament. It has come to us with the title of "The Parable of the Unjust Steward." So often, this story has been interpreted in the light of the proper use of money. But is that the point that Jesus is making? Is He teaching us about money and earthly possessions and how to use them?

This Gospel isn't really about money. It is more about the attitude that we have regarding the stewardship that has been entrusted to us by God. It is really about the way that we are called as stewards to care for what has been given to us—which includes money!

A significant portion of St. Luke's Gospel is about proper attitudes toward this world—the poor, material goods, the marginalized, the powerless. The parable teaches us to make wise use of what we have—money, time, brains, creativity, power—for the sake of others. The way we use our God-given gifts and talents expresses our love for God and His people. Possessions are not sinful. Money is not sinful. Sometimes our attitudes toward both can be, if we make earthly goods our god.

Jewish law was very clear about protecting the poor and standing up to those who were exploiting them. The Jews had two rules of thumb: "Give to the poor on earth so that your goodness will stand as a credit in heaven; the rich help the poor in this world, but the poor help the rich in the world to come."

What are some of the signs in a person's life that he or she is serving God? What are some of the signs that a person is serving mammon?

"The accumulation of vast wealth while so many are languishing in misery is a grave transgression of God's law, with the consequence that the greedy, avaricious man is never at ease in his mind; he is in fact a most unhappy creature." *– Pope Saint John XXIII*

Fr. Dave in Ireland September 20th—October 1st

On Tuesday, September 20th, I will begin a 10-day Pilgrimage through Ireland. Please pray for our group of 33 pilgrims, so that our journey might be filled with faith, good weather, great food, and friendship. We promise to pray for you as well, especially at our daily Masses. Our Sunday Mass on September 25th will be celebrated in the Apparition Chapel at the Shrine of Knock. I will offer that Mass for the people of Saint Stephen the Martyr. I will have daily messages with photos of our travels on my Facebook page.

"Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

May God bless you!
Father Dave

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/sacraments.

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

Financial Stewardship

Offertory & Online Giving 8/30 — 9/6/2022:

Actual:	$42,130
Budget:	$44,192
FYTD Actual:	$456,906
FYTD Budget:	$530,300

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 simply scan the QR code or go to stephen.org/give.

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

Congratulations Newly Baptized!

Violet Ann Taylor,
daughter of Jonathan and Sara

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

(Luke 16:13)

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charities is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

#stewardshipreflection

School News

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

⇒ **Martyr Marathon: Party Like It's 1992!** — Our school's largest fundraiser is set for September 23rd and fundraising is underway! Students earn money for the school by walking the marathon route. Students are encouraged to collect pledges from family, friends, neighbors, or businesses to support their effort. Donors then pledge a flat donation in support of our school. Ask your favorite St. Stephen student how you can give today. For more information visit school.stephen.org/martyr-marathon.

⇒ **Upcoming Home & School Social Events:**

- ⇒ **Fall Family Frolic**: Oct. 10th—Join us at Vala's from 11 AM to 4 PM. S'mores will be provided by Home & School from 1-3 PM. Don't miss this fun school family tradition! More details can be found in the Martyr Messenger.
- ⇒ **Adult Social**: Oct. 21st—Mark your calendars for a night out at Thunderhead Brewery. This adult-only event will be a great way to get to know other school parents and guardians in a fun, relaxed evening! More details will be shared soon!

Religious Education News

⇒ **Help Raise Some Dough!** — St. Stephen the Martyr Religious Education's annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser runs Sept. 20th—Oct. 7th. This fundraiser directly funds Religious Education. Cookie Dough is $16/tub. Please support our program by purchasing a tub or two from a RE student or call our office to place an order!

⇒ **Catechists Needed**—RE classes are underway! We still need volunteers in the following roles:

- ⇒ Catechist: Grade 2-Wednesday at 5:30 PM & 7 PM (2 people)
- ⇒ Child Care Tuesday at 5:30 PM

All the lessons are planned, and materials are provided. RE tuition is waived for the immediate children of adult volunteers. If you are interested, please call the RE office at 402-896-5683.

Youth Ministry News

⇒ **Youth Ministry Participation Waiver for 2022-23**—Parents, please be sure to fill out our annual participation waiver: smartwaiver.com/v/ssmyouthministry. Do you receive our Life Teen and Edge emails? Our newsletters are a great way to stay up to date on opportunities for our youth to be involved! Connect by going to: stephen.flocknote.com/Edge and/or stephen.flocknote.com/LifeTeen.

⇒ **Life Teen (High School): Sun. Sept. 18, 7-9 PM in Parish Center**—It's time to get to know our new associate pastor, Fr. Zach Tucker, and show him our a-priest-iation! Join us for a night of fun community building games, followed by some time to Stump the Priest.

⇒ **Edge (Middle School): Tue. Sept. 20, 6:30-8 PM in Dining Room**—Join us for another night of community and faith building fun, Tweens and Teens! Have a chance to get to know our core team better, and to learn more about what's to come at future Edge nights.

⇒ **Adults Needed for Youth Ministry!** We are currently looking for more adults (19 and older) to join our EDGE and Life Teen core teams. 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 or at 402-861-4509 for more information on becoming involved with youth ministry, or visit the Core Team page of our website.

Safe Environment Certification: Monday, Sept. 19th, 6:30—9PM in St. Stephen the Martyr Dining Room

Will you be volunteering with the youth of our parish in some way? Whether you are a sacristan, EMHC, staff member, coach, catechist, or a parent hoping to help in the classroom or with school events, our Diocese requires that you be Safe Environment Certified! **Training is free of charge, but registration is required.** Register at omaha.cmgconnect.org. Questions? Contact Melissa Kane at m.kane@stephen.org or 402-896-9675.

Eucharistic Adoration

The miracle of the Eucharist is one we can all experience! Please join us. You are welcome to come and go as needed.

⇒ **Eucharistic Adoration:** Weekly Adoration is on Mondays from 7-8 PM in the Daily Mass Chapel.

⇒ **First Friday Adoration:** Oct. 7th, 9 AM – Noon

You Are Invited!

Welcome. is a way for you to personally encounter God, the Catholic faith, and our church community.

Men's Weekend:
Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9, 2022

Women's Weekend:
Saturday, October 22 and Sunday October 23, 2022

Register and more information at stephen.org/welcome-weekend

Welcome. CRHP 2.0

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"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." - Rev 3:20

Jesus Christ invites each of us into a more perfect union with Him. All we must do is allow His grace to transform us.

- Are you seeking full communion with the Catholic Church?
- Are you a baptized Catholic needing First Communion or Confirmation?
- Do you have loved ones falling into any of these descriptions?

The Becoming Catholic! Program at St. Stephen the Martyr will help you deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ through a more intimate knowledge of His Church and Holy Scripture.

For more information, please contact Scott and Julie Tylski at tylskisj@cox.net, (402) 861-2209; or Adam Ybarra at a.ybarra@stephen.org, (402) 861-4507. ***Are you ready to open the door?***

Adult Faith Formation
Bible & Book Studies

The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love—Book Study, Friday Mornings in the GPC, 9:30-11AM: Join us for fellowship and discussion of Edward Sri's book, "The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love". Dr. Sri shows us that the virtues (prudence, fortitude, temperance, and justice) are the basic life skills we need to give the best of ourselves to God and to the people in our lives. Classes are underway but it isn't too late to join us! For more info, email Christine Hinton at czhinton@mac.com.

My Peace I Give You—Book Study, 2nd Saturday Mornings in the GPC, 8-10 AM: Join other St. Stephen women once per month as we journey together through, "My Peace I Give You", by Kevin Perrotta. Classes are underway but it isn't too late to join us! To register & reserve your book, call Janice Dethlefs at 402-651-0153 or Jan Mitchell 402-895-3215.

Seeking Truth Bible Study—Tuesday Mornings in GPC, 9:15-10:45 AM: Our Seeking Truth Bible study is underway and will cover Ezekiel, Hebrews & Revelation. There are 22 classes, with breaks for Thanksgiving & Christmas. To register, email Diane Burton at burdi561@gmail.com.

The Complete Sayings of Jesus—Wednesday Mornings in GPC, 9:30-10:30 AM: Classes are underway but it isn't too late to join us! We are offering a continuation of "The Complete Sayings of Jesus" by Arthur Hinds. New students are welcome! A PDF of the book is available on our website. To register or for more info, contact Dcn. Marty at (402) 926-1253 or mwarwick3@cox.net.

Lectio Divina—First Thursdays in GPC, 9:15-10:30 AM: Lectio Divina means "Divine Reading". We invite you to learn the practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. Our group meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month after 8:15 AM Mass. We listen to the gospel of the day and put into practice the four movements: Lectio (read), Meditatio (meditate), oratio (pray), contemplatio (contemplate) of the "Divine Reading". Then with the book and DVD, walk with the life of Jesus through the Holy Lands called, "Jesus, the Truth, the Way, and the Life". For more info, please contact wiederholtnancy@hotmail.com.

For more information on all Adult Faith Formation opportunities, visit: stephen.org/adult-faith-formation.

Archdiocese of Omaha

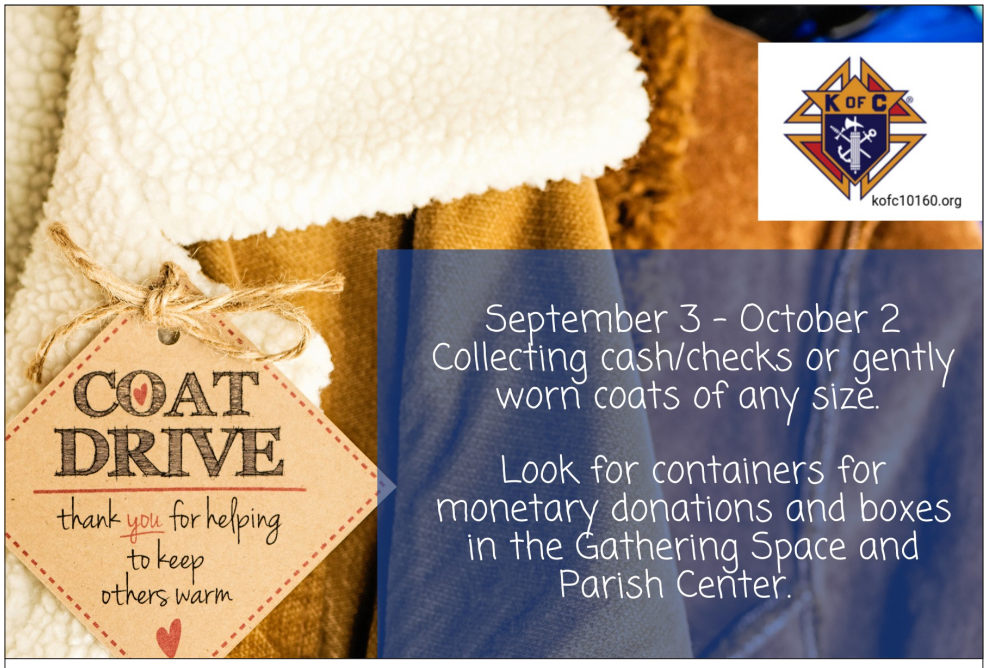
Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is beginning in our parish. You will receive an invitation from Archbishop Lucas to support the work of the Church through a personal commitment. The Annual Appeal supports the parishes, schools, and ministries across the archdiocese. We hope you will join us in making a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Our financial goal for this year's Annual Appeal is $199,761.90 and our participation goal is six percent. As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to trust, to let go of fear, and open our minds and hearts to God's saving work. What is holding you back from sharing your gifts?

SOCIAL JUSTICE BAKE SALE RESULTS

THANK YOU!

Dear St. Stephen the Martyr parishioners,
WOW! We raised $1,380 at the bake sale for Youth Emergency Services (YES).
We would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to all who shopped for goodies & especially to all the wonderful bakers that made this fundraiser possible.
The proceeds have jump-started our Christmas project that will support YES as they provide services and support to homeless and near homeless youth in our community.
With Gratitude,
Social Justice Ministry



COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 2ND!
The Knights of Columbus is hosting the annual *Coats for Kids* drive. We are accepting cash (or check) donations for the purchase of new children's coats and gently worn coats of any size. There are containers for monetary donations (checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus 10160) and boxes for gently worn coats in the Gathering Space and Parish Center. Donations will be accepted through October 2nd. If you are unable to donate, please offer your prayers for those in need.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:

Question:
Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?
Answer:
The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

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PrimeTimers fellowship

"Home on the Range" Event—Thursday, Oct. 6

6 PM in GPC
Chuck Wagon Dinner and Entertainment

Dig out the denim. Polish those boots. Search for your Stetson. It's a western evening full of BBQ sandwiches, baked beans and fun. There will be prizes for costumes and games, so don't miss out! Cost is $20 in advance for your reservation. Pay Pat Miller, Moe Muhlbauer, or Jan Savoie by 9/30. For more details, call Pat Miller at 402-201-7945

PrimeTimers Cards & Games

Every second and fourth Thursday at 1 PM in the Parish Center

Everyone is welcome! Bring your favorite board game or join a group for pitch, pinochle, bridge, dominos, or tripoli. Bring a snack to share and an item for the St. Stephen food pantry. Bring a friend or partner!

If you know of anyone 55+ who would like to receive PrimeTimers notifications of upcoming events, please send contact info to stephens.primetimers@gmail.com or sign up at: stephen.flocknote.com/PrimeTimers.

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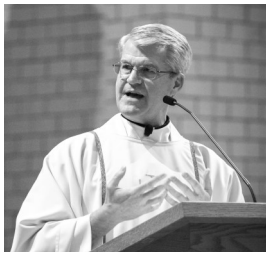
Annual Report 2022

Fiscal Year
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Dear Saint Stephen the Martyr parishioners,



Over the last few months, I've shared with you Archbishop Lucas' *Big Goal*: By the fall of 2026, each parish in the Archdiocese of Omaha will be a missional community. Archbishop Lucas has set this goal with the knowledge and recognition that the way we've been "doing church" isn't effective. We see this as more and more people walk away from the faith, and we know we have empty places in our church. Because of this, Archbishop is calling us to discern a new way of "being church". A new way of drawing people into our family of faith, while equipping us with what is needed to live our faith out loud, wherever we go. He often shares a quote from Evangelii Gaudium, a document written by Pope Francis.

"I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation. […] As John Paul II once said: "All renewal in the Church must have mission as its goal if it is not to fall prey to a kind of ecclesial introversion".

—Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

Parishes have become these ecclesial introverts that Pope John Paul II warned us of. We are turned in on ourselves. We come to church to receive the sacraments, study the bible and share faith and then we go out into the world, and we keep that to ourselves. But this is not the vocation of our baptism. We are created, baptized, and sent out into the world to live our faith in a bold and public way. We are called to proclaim His good news so that the people around us can see how our lives are affected by Jesus Christ and they too can be drawn into relationship with Him.

This is our work as Christians, and it really is difficult work. It would be much easier for us to continue to treat St. Stephen the Martyr as an exclusive club, a place only for those who belong. That isn't the church Jesus established though, and that is not the intention of God. When God created us, His will was for each and every one of us to be saved. Salvation isn't only for a chosen few, salvation is possible for everyone and anyone. Whether there are many souls saved or only a few, in part, depends on us. Our mission as baptized Christians isn't just to get ourselves or our spouses or our children into heaven. Our mission is to help *all* get into heaven. We do this as a family of faith. We do this as the Body of Christ. We do this work together. Christ is counting on each one of us to be His messengers in the world today. To go out into the world and share His good news. This begins in our homes; it continues into our neighborhoods and then into our community.

As we reflect now on the past fiscal year, we do so through this new perspective. Financial well-being is essential to our continued success, but the work to save more souls, our primary mission, will only be achieved if we turn our gaze outward. We must focus less on self-preservation and more on sharing His love and promise of salvation.

May God Bless You,

Father David Belt

St. Stephen Numbers At A Glance

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

3,712 Households

12,574 Parisihioners

675 RE Students

704 School Students

128 Baptisms

158 First Reconciliations

158 First Holy Communions

172 Confirmations

258 RE, School & RCIA Volunteers

5 Adults Joined Through RCIA

30 Marriages

32 Funerals

2021-2022 Development Year in Review

Gross proceeds raised through the following activities:

Fall Festival: $44,662
Martyr Marathon: $113,861
Trivia Night: $14,353
Martyr Mission: $118,781
Joy of Giving: $18,225
Offertory Giving: $2,583,743

2022-2023 Development Goals

Below are dates and fundraising goals for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year:

Martyr Marathon (Sept. 23): $116,000
Trivia Night (Jan. 28): $17,000
Martyr Mission (Mar. 25): $225,000
Joy of Giving (May 2023): $40,000
Offertory Giving (Annual Appeal launches October 2023):
Increase offertory giving 10% annually, per parishioner/parish family

Becoming A Missional Community

A missional community is made up of individuals that not only encounter and know His love but actively proclaim His love to the greater community. We must look beyond ourselves and discover how we can bring mercy, strength, and forgiveness to all of God's people. Missional communities share three characteristics: *Collaborative Leadership,* a *Clear Path of Discipleship* and a *Culture of Generosity*. Below are examples from the past fiscal year highlighting our work in each of these areas.

Collaborative Leadership

Collaborative Leadership is a way of exercising authority in which the pastor invites and equips certain of the faithful to use their gifts in the service of leadership.

Pastoral Council: The Pastoral Council continued its work with Fr. Dave to analyze and refine the remaining two years of the five-year Pastoral Plan through the lens of the "Three Characteristics of a Missional Community", ensuring efforts and activities at St. Stephen align with the Archbishop's *Big Goal*.

Leadership Cenacles: In 2022, parish leadership began semi-annual gatherings for evenings of prayer and discussion focused on aligning ourselves with the *Big Goal*.

Witness to Love: Our new marriage formation program relies on parishioners to be the hands, feet, and voice of marriage. Over the past year, we've gathered a group of mentor couples who will accompany engaged couples towards their wedding day. This shift in sacrament preparation engages parishioners to be leaders in the parish while also providing the mentors the opportunity to invest their lives into the couples they are preparing. While Fr. Dave & Fr. Tucker will continue to be part of marriage formation, the addition of mentor couples enhances the formation experience and takes a great deal of the formation off the plates of the pastors.

Clear Path of Discipleship

A *Clear Path of Discipleship* is "a simple, step-by-step strategy for a parish to make disciples and lead people toward full maturity in Christ." This path must meet people exactly where they are in their walk with Jesus, and lead them to a fuller encounter, knowledge, and relationship with Him.

Witness to Love: At the same time *Witness to Love* is empowering the faithful lay people to be leaders within the parish, it is also evangelizing, or re-evangelizing, the mentor couples. As they guide new couples, they not only strengthen their relationship with Christ, but they help the engaged couple to identify where they are together in their path to becoming disciples of Christ.

Living Lent Together: In our second year of *Living Lent Together*, an Archdiocesan-wide Lenten initiative, we doubled our previous year's engagement, reaching a total of 47 small groups.

RE, Youth Ministry, School & RCIA: Through youth and adult faith formation we guided 458 students through preparation and receipt of the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Faith formation often begins with sacraments, but that isn't the only path to discipleship. Through their studies, service and fellowship, all 1,391 students grew in relationship with Christ. In leading our youth and RCIA participants, over 258 volunteers deepened their own faith.

Culture of Generosity

Culture of Generosity is a way of Christian living where we come to know that all we have is a gift from God and we are invited to return those gifts with love to our Lord, our parish, and our community.

Facility & Landscape Updates: Perhaps the most evident symbols of generosity at St. Stephen are the beautiful new statues that adorn our entrances. These statues, along with facility upgrades to windows, roofing, flooring, and HVAC units are possible because of parishioner stewardship. Nearly all our landscaping and ground improvements are done by a group of dedicated volunteers. This group spends countless hours maintaining our 11 acres and their gift of service to our parish is invaluable.

Latino Scholarship Fund: This past fiscal year, we contributed our annual $40,000 donation to the Latino Scholarship Fund (LSF), a program that alleviates financial barriers for Latino families seeking Catholic Education. St. Stephen the Martyr has a 20-year tradition of supporting LSF. This past fiscal year, ten St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic School students were recipients of LSF tuition assistance.

Serving Our Community: Over the last fiscal year, 144 families were served through our Parish Food Pantry. Additionally, parishioners donated 8,831 pounds of food to Catholic Charities and organized over 20 social justice service activities.

Statement of Revenue / Expenses

	Jul '21 - Jun '22	Jul '20 - Jun '21
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE		
Income		
Activity & Entertainment (1)	525,763	432,643
General Contributions (2)	3,022,768	2,837,289
Governmental Sources (3)	397,018	978,395
Other Operating Income (4)	24,759	25,059
Other Operating Revenue (5)	58,634	160,232
School Income (6)	702,529	707,061
School Tuition & Fees (7)	2,365,891	1,992,972
Total Income	7,097,362	7,133,651
Gross Profit	7,097,362	7,133,651
Expense		
Activity & Entertainment	200,583	234,749
Admin. Services & Supplies (8)	1,914,141	1,539,762
Lay Personnel Costs	3,805,369	3,631,493
Other Operation Expenses (9)	393,723	328,505
Religious Personnel Costs	115,663	106,106
School Expenses	31,300	6,854
Total Expense	6,460,779	5,847,469
Net Ordinary Income	636,583	1,286,182
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Unrealized Gains/Losses on Endowment	(166,650)	253,326
Total Other Income	(166,650)	253,326
Net Other Income	(166,650)	253,326
	469,933	**1,539,508**
Less 60 days of operating reserve per Archdiocese	950,000.00	950,000.00
	(480,067)	**589,508.00**

Footnotes:
1) Includes Martyr Mission, Trivia Night, tailgates/festival, School and RE fundraisers
2) Includes anonymous $200,000 donation for maintenance per BCDM report
3) Government payments to school lunch program; Kidzone and Home/School grants
4) Cell tower rental income
5) Matching gifts; D&L interest income of $32,500
6) Includes School, Kitchen, and Kidzone
7) Includes School, Kitchen, Kidzone, and RE
8) Includes $239,661 in cafeteria food (see government reimbursement above)
9) Capital Outlay: concrete repair, restroom partitions, windows (gathering area, dining room, atrium, school), carpet (gathering area), tile in dining room and school, HVAC control upgrades

Balance Sheet

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
ASSETS		
Operating Income	1,442,242	1,355,262
Non-Operating Income	157,904	100,340
Total Cash in Bank - Checking	1,597,054	1,455,602
Total CASH	1,600,146	1,455,602
Total Checking/Savings	1,600,146	1,455,602
Total Current Assets	1,600,146	1,455,602
Fixed Assets		
Plant and equipment	19,126,297	19,126,297
Total Fixed Assets	19,126,297	19,126,297
Other Assets		
Investments		
Life Insurance Policy	11,827	0
Stock Transfer Account	1,522	1,672
Archdiocese Deposit and Loan	1,671,926	1,139,426
Endowments	1,176,960	1,396,967
Total Investments	2,862,235	2,538,065
Total Other Assets	2,862,235	2,538,065
TOTAL ASSETS	**23,588,678**	**23,119,964**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Special Collections	72,596	47,700
Chancery Payments	(70,203)	(43,925)
Payroll	52,515	53,549
Total Other Current Liabilities	54,908	57,324
Total Current Liabilities	54,908	57,324
Total Current Liabilities	54,908	57,324
Equity	23,533,770	23,062,641
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**23,588,678**	**23,119,965**

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER18, 2022

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Friday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Migration Week

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Inspiration for the week

Human beings are often very clever when managing money and making a profit. Sometimes, we place so much of our sense of security in money that we lower ourselves to deceit and fraud. Our need to produce a profit can easily lead to economic injustice and exploitation. Money is necessary to conduct the business of our lives. However, it cannot become the god we serve. Being smart, savvy, and creative with financial wealth can be good. Being smart, savvy, and creative with living out our relationship with God is even better. Our hearts have to find a home somewhere. Jesus reminds us of a choice we must make: God or mammon. We need to be cautious about "selling our souls" to what cannot fully satisfy us and falling into the traps of lust, gluttony, pride, and greed. Instead, we can better direct our efforts and our talents to the management of God's kingdom, which in the end is the only thing that matters. Any ideas on how we can use the talents and skills God gave us to make for a better world?

Not Yet a Parishioner?

Register at **stephen.org**.
Click on "Become a Parishioner" in the footer.
Contact Adam Ybarra at (402) 861-4507 or a.ybarra@stephen.org with any questions and to chat about ways we can help you grow closer to Christ!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 17
8:15 am † Mick Beacom (DB)
5:00 pm † Rodger Fawcett (ZT)

Sunday, September 18
7:30 am † Judy Bosiljavec (ZT)
9:00 am † Joe Tiesi (DB)
10:30 am SI St. Stephen parishioners (DB)
6:00 pm † Donna Growth (DH)

Monday, September 19
6:30 am † Donna Groth (ZT)
8:15 am † Valeria Schaefer (ZT)

Tuesday, September 20
6:30 am † Arminda Guerrero (ZT)
8:15 am † Charles & Isabel Feld (ZT)

Wednesday, September 21
6:30 am SI James Harr (ZT)
8:15 am † Warren Wills (ZT)

Thursday, September 22
6:30 am † Mike Hupka (CK)
8:15 am † Erin Doll (OSB)

Friday, September 23
6:30 am SI The Jeff Kane Family (ZT)
8:15 am † Bruce Allacher (ZT)

Saturday, September 24
8:15 am † Sharon Welch (ZT)
5:00 pm † Rodger Fawcett (ZT)

Sunday, September 25
7:30 am † Byron Barber (ZT)
9:00 am † Maxine Thome (MS)
10:30 am † Dennis Swanstrom (ZT)
6:00 pm † Gene Jessen (MS)

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul
DB=Fr. Dave Belt; ZT=Fr. Zach Tucker; DH=Fr. Dennis Hanneman; CS=Fr. Chas Kestermeier; OSB=Order of St. Benedict; MS=Fr. Matt Spotts

Pease 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:
Daniel DiGiacomo, brother of Rebecca Berry
Bill Rahm
Kathy Hahn
Jerry & Florence Moseke
Virginia Barnes, sister of Tom Johnson
Ryan Huebner, son of Marty and Cheryl

Deceased souls of our parish family:
Joe Roh, brother of Jenifer Milone

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 or call Beth Wetgen at (402) 669-4793.

News from the Community

MAGNIFICAT FALL BRUNCH: SEPT. 24, 9:30 AM—1 PM; RESERVATIONS OPEN
Magnificat-Omaha invites all women to our FALL Brunch with inspirational speaker Debra Herbeck. Debbie Herbeck has shared with many her personal journey of faith from Judaism to Christianity and subsequent entrance into the Catholic Church. Come and hear MORE. Reservations are required. The cost is $20. Register and pay online at MagnificatOmaha.org. For more information, email: MagnificatOmaha@gmail.com.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS: SEPT. 29 AT 7 PM
The Christ Child Society of Omaha brings Christ's love to children and families by providing practical resources like layettes, car seats, and scholarships. Auxiliary volunteers support this mission through fundraising and service activities. The women enjoy the fellowship of working together to do good for the less fortunate in our community. We call them "friends with purpose." Christ Child Omaha is looking to re-energize its existing auxiliaries and possibly start a new one or two. A Social will be held Thursday, September 29th at 7 PM at the Christ Child Center, 2920 S. 110th Ct in Rockbrook Village. This event is for anyone who is interested in learning more. Drinks and Light Snacks provided. RSVP at https://www.christchildomaha.com/how-to-get-involved/overview.html. Questions? Call Shannon at 402-739-2059.

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: SEPT. 24, 11 AM
Please join with us in prayer with the St. Padre Pio Prayer Group on Sept 24th at 11AM at the Immaculate Conception Church/Dowd Chapel, 13943 Dowd Drive, Boys Town, NE. Father Walter Nolte, Spiritual Director. For more information, please contact Cindy Baziz at cbazis@cox.net.

INVESTING IN THE JOURNEY: A RETREAT FOR DIVORCED OR WIDOWED PEOPLE
Oct. 1-2, retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Sister Marie Micheletto, RSM, MA, LPC, LMHP. The changes around and within oneself when one is divorced or widowed are multiple. This workshop will be about naming and claiming losses internal and external; identifying ways of dealing with the losses, the fears, and the moving on; claiming the positive memories; and utilizing your spiritual life as support for the journey. Learn more & register at StBenedictCenter.com or call 402-352-8819.

A Retreat for Grieving Parents

He Wept

Saturday, October 8, 2022
from 8am - 6pm
St. Patrick's Parish, Elkhorn

Join us for a spiritual retreat focused on the fact that life for your child has changed, not ended.

All grieving parents, whose children of any age have died by any cause, including miscarriage, no matter how long ago are invited to attend. An optional 6-week follow up group will take place Monday evenings beginning Oct. 10th led by Deacon Jim Tardy.

Please register by Sept 24th:
https://tinyurl.com/HeWept

Please contact Mandy Busch with questions: mbusch@stpatselkhorn.org

This retreat is being offered in association with Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

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News from the Community

Join Skutt Catholic High School for a night of great music, dancing and singing! Performances are Thursday, Sept, 22, Saturday, Sept. 24, Sunday, Sept. 25, Friday, Sept. 30, Sat., Oct. 1 & Sunday, Oct 2. Sunday shows are at 2 PM. All other shows are at 7:30 PM. Tickets are available at the door (cash or check) or online at skuttcatholic.com under 'Upcoming Events'. Adults: $10 & Students K-12: $8.

EVANGELIUM INSTITUTE—CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH COURSE
Interested in learning more about the beautiful truths of our faith as found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church? Join Dr. Keith Jiron of the Evangelium Institute for a six-week course beginning Sept. 13 on Tuesday evenings at St. Leo Catholic Church from 7 – 8:30 PM. For more information or to register, visit eicatholic.org. Questions? Email eiteam@eicatholic.org.

OMAHA ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION
Monday, Sept. 19 in Fremont at St. Patrick Church; Registration for the 98th OACCW Convention forms are available online OACCW.org. Return registration form with $25 payable to OUCCW, by September 12. Mail to: Ann Hobson, 12529 Eagle Run Dr., Omaha, NE 68164 or ahobson1@cox.net. Registration begins at 7:30 AM, with coffee & rolls, Rosary at 8 AM and the morning session, Mass at 11AM with Archbishop Lucas. Guest Speaker: Stacy Thomlison, shares her journey to the Catholic faith and the joy that Christ brings to her life

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS WITH ARCHBISHOP LUCAS
SEPT. 26 AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Join the Serra Club of West Omaha for a special *Holy Hour for Vocations with Archbishop George Lucas* at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 5801 Oak Hills Drive in Omaha. Together we will pray a rosary for vocations before the Blessed Sacrament, recite the Litany for Vocations and spend time in silent adoration as we pray for an increase in vocations throughout the Archdiocese of Omaha. A welcome reception and refreshments start at 6 PM. Our speaker at the reception will be Rev. Eliot Schwer, Associate Pastor of St. Cecilia Cathedral, will share the story of his call to the priesthood and the inspiration to start a citywide holy hour for young adults, Veni, at the Cathedral. At 7 PM we will gather in the sanctuary for the Holy Hour for Vocations. Please invite your family, friends, and guests to join us! All are welcome! RSVP here to help us plan for success signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAAA72BA6FECF8-holy.

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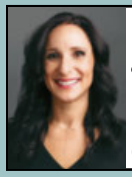
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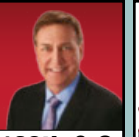
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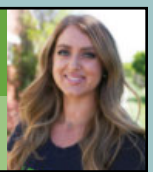

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