

April 23, 2023

# 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 page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>StStephensCatholicChurchOmaha</u>) and our website (<u>stephen.org/live-stream</u>)

#### **Private Prayer**

Daily Mass Chapel and Worship Space are open from 9 AM to 9 PM Monday-Friday and from 10 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 Worship Space

# **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 <u>l.schulte@stephen.org</u>.



## **Congratulations Newly Baptized!**

**Tessa Rose Bredin** daughter of Daniel and Crista

Maya Christine Garcia daughter of Edwin and Rachel

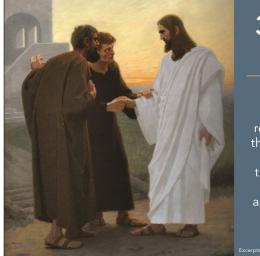
Declyn Shay Munsterman daughter of Cody and Kaitlyn

**Luca John Semprini** son of Kyle and Julia

Walter Emmett Smith son of Sam and Crystal

Noah K. Tchegninougbo son of Brice and Esther

**Callie Rose Winkler** daughter of Mason & Lauren



# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

### Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

"And He said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?"



Two disciples meet a stranger on the road in our Gospel today and they begin to talk about their confusion and disappointment. They had been followers of the man that claimed to be the Son of God, the Messiah, but He was taken from them and put to death. The stranger, who reveals Himself at the end of the journey as the Risen Christ, tells His disciples that they are foolish and "slow of heart in believing all that the prophets spoke!" Jesus then interprets the Scriptures that refer to Him and He helps them to understand that redemption would come through suffering and death. At the end of the journey, when they enter the town of Emmaus, the two disciples invite Jesus to stay with them and share a meal. When the bread was broken and blessed by Jesus, the disciples' eyes were opened and they recognized the stranger as Jesus Christ. As soon as they recognized Him, He vanished. They then ran back to Jerusalem to tell the others that they had seen the Risen Christ!

It is in our journey of life that Jesus joins us and teaches us about His life, death and resurrection. Many times we don't recognize Jesus because He comes to us through the friends, family members, and strangers that enter our lives. We come to know the power of the resurrection when we gather for the Eucharist, when the Bread of Life is blessed, broken and shared. May our eyes be opened, so that we too may recognize how Jesus accompanies us and feeds us on this great journey that we call "life." When we feel hungry or empty, may we have the faith to know that only Jesus can fill us and satisfy us with the gift of His life.

"Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and be my friend." –Albert Camus

> God Bless you, Father Dave



**Congratulations!** 

Anna Milone and Garrett Josten

Our faith community wishes you many blessings!

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# 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 4/11-4/17, 2023:

Actual:	\$51,882
Budget:	\$51,557
FYTD Actual:	\$2,005,961
FYTD Budget:	\$2,113,835
Easter YTD Actual:	\$26,877
Easter YTD Budget:	\$30,000
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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.

# Special Second Collection for Home & Foreign Missions this weekend

A special second collection will be taken up for the Home & Foreign Missions on behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops this weekend at all Masses. Funds go to support missionary efforts in the Unites States and Latin America, Academic Scholarships for Catholic University of America, and upkeep of religious sites in the Holy Land. Scan the QR code to contribute. Thank you for supporting these missionary efforts.



### "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" Luke 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today. #stewardshipreflection

A Note from Deacon Denny Dethlefs

#### Dear Parishioners,

After almost 57 years of full-time work including 12 years as the parish Pastoral & Spiritual Care Associate, I am announcing my retirement effective June 30, 2023. I will remain a deacon within our parish, but I am retiring from my staff role.

It has been my absolute privilege to be a part of your lives for these past 12 years. It has been a true gift from God that He offered me this opportunity to work and serve so many people in our wider community and those in our "faith family" at St. Stephen the Martyr.



I am confident that in leaving God will provide and prepare a path for our future. My plans going forward are a bit open-ended at this point, but if the next chapter of my life is half as rewarding as my time spent serving within the parish and my career, I will be one fortunate person. I heard the following quote: "You spend 90% of your adult life hoping for a long rest and the last 10% trying to convince the Lord that you're actually not that tired." Please accept my thanks and my appreciation for serving others. I wish you all the best.

Go with God's blessings and my forever friendship, Deacon Denny

# School News

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

- ⇒ **Kindergarten Experience Days July 25th & 26th:** Save the date new kinders! Our Kindergarten Experience Days replace the traditional "Kindergarten Round-Up" events and give our incoming Kindergarten class the opportunity to meet the Kinder teachers, their future classmates and get a taste of what Kindergarten will be like when they begin in August! Enrolled families will receive a registration email for the Experience Days in June.
- Enrollment for 2023/2024 School Year: We are accepting new student  $\Rightarrow$ applications for the 23/24 school year. Acceptance letters and enrollment packets for new families will be sent out once your child's application has been approved. Apply at <u>school.stephen.org/</u> admissions.

# **Religious Education News**

- ⇒ Last Classes & Closing Celebrations: What a fantastic year we have had! Please join us during the last night of class on May 2nd & 3rd for Adoration and closing celebrations. Thank you for all your support this year and remember us during Joy of Giving on April 26th!
- $\Rightarrow$  Religious Education 2023-2024 Registration is open! Scan the QR code to sign up your family for Religious Education classes next Fall. If you are going to volunteer to be a catechist, please also fill out the RE volunteer form. Tuition is waived for catechists and volunteers.



#### Vacation Bible School:

- $\Rightarrow$  VBS is at capacity but still OPEN for Station Leaders & their children. Please go to our website to see where help is needed! If you would like to have your name added to the waiting list, contact Eileen at <u>e.smith@stephen.org</u> with your children's names and ages.
- $\Rightarrow$  Volunteer at VBS: We need adult station leaders and youth volunteers. If you love the Lord and children, sign up at stephen.org/vbs2023.

# Youth Ministry News

⇒ Totus Tuus Registration for Grades 1st—12th St. Stephen is hosting Totus Tuus in collaboration with St. Wenceslaus this year. The day program is July 10-14 (for 1st-6th graders) and the evening program (for grades 7-12) is July 9-13. Scan the QR code to find out more and register!





# GIVE JOY. GET JOY.

# Join us in raising \$30,000 for our Parish Youth!



APRIL 26, 2023



Scan to Learn More & Give





# GROUNDS CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 9 AM IN FRONT OF PARISH CENTER

# JOIN US!

BRING YOUR GLOVES, BROOMS, RAKES, AND GOOD SPIRITS TO HELP CLEAN UP THE CAMPUS GROUNDS FOR MOTHER'S DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY. MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



The Pastoral Council is seeking one engaged parishioner to join their team. Please pray about this impactful way to contribute to your parish community.

- ⇒ In support of Fr. Dave, this Council strives to be consultative in nature, a medium for communication, and a model of cooperation and collaboration. Commitment level is a monthly meeting and subcommittee work.
- ⇒ Applications are due soon—apply today!
- $\Rightarrow$  For more info or to apply, scan the above QR code or visit <u>stephen.org/pastoral-council-faq</u>.



Congratulations to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation! Our parish community will pray that you boldly live your faith in Jesus Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Ben Alessandro Jack Anderson Eli Armstrong Olivia Bader Jacquelyn Baker Alexander Basilico Samuel Bazis Henry Beckman Lauren Bergman Morgan Blecha Graham Bodner Eleanore Boldt Konnor Borngrebe Ella Bowers Aidan Brearley Adelle Bruce Hadley Bryan Noah Burklund Lucas Calabrese Emme Castillo Gavin Chadwick Charlotte Chapin Adrianna Clancy Liam Clark Rvan Clatterbuck Catherine Comerford Jayden Conner Charles Cooper Dylan Humberto Corral Flores Giovanni Costanzo Riley Critser Grayson Davis Carson Dicken Jameson Doht **Piper Dougherty** Robert Drexler Colin Driscoll Jason Dubas Lauren Eck Daniel Engelmeyer Emily Eytalis Leo Fagan Genevieve Finken Madailyn Finken Nora Fitzpatrick Cecilia Froelicher Lavender Gioum Evan Goldberg Evelyn Goltl Scott Goodlett Beau Grandgenett Pierce Greckel Maddisyn Guenther Sophia Guthmann-Leany Alexa Hansen Brody Hansen Joseph Hansen

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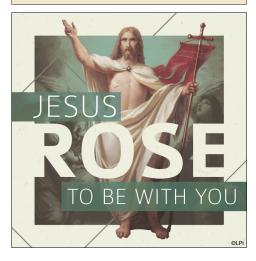
#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

**Question:** What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

**Answer:** Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law. To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship. ©LPi



# Weekly Prayer

# **Sunday's Readings**

#### First Reading:

- "This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God.
- you killed, using lawless men to crucify him.
- But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death
  - because it was impossible for him to be held by it." (Acts 2:23-24)

#### Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16) Or Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

- Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning,
- realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct,

handed on by your ancestors,

not with perishable things like silver or gold

but with the precious blood of Christ

as of a spotless unblemished lamb. (1 Pt 1:17-19)

#### Gospel:

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing,

broke it, and gave it to them.

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. (Lk 24:30-31)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

It wasn't until Christ spoke the words of blessing over the bread that the eyes of the disciples were opened, and they saw him for who he was - God in flesh and blood before them. The Eucharist makes real what we otherwise would fail to see.

# Observances for the week of April 23, 2023

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Mark, Evangelist
Wednesday:	Administrative Professionals' Day
Friday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest; Arbor Day
Saturday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter

# Join our Parish Family!

Welcome visitors and newcomers! If you would like to register as a parishioner, please visit stephen.org. Click on "Become a Parishioner" in the footer of our website.

Contact Adam Ybarra at (402) 861-4507 or <u>a.ybarra@stephen.org</u> with any questions and to chat about ways we can help you grow closer to Christ!

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, April 22 8:15 am † Joe Tupper (ZT) 5:00 pm † Mike Hupka (DB) Sunday, April 23 7:30 am † Lewis Storm (ZT) 9:00 am † Russ Mitchell (ZT) 10:30 am SI St. Stephen parishioners (DB)

6:00 pm † Lyle Samuelson (DB)

#### Monday, April 24

- 6:30 am † David Lange (ZT) 8:15 am † Marguerite Hassenstab (ZT)

**Tuesday, April 25** 

- 6:30 am † Jeffrey Kane, Jr (DB) 8:15 am † Dorothy Hakenholz (ZT)

### Wednesday, April 26

- 6:30 am † Judy Klein (DB) 8:15 am † Bob Mathine (ZT)

Thursday, April 27 6:30 am † Boden Reischl (DB) 8:15 am † Joe Sautter (DB)

#### Friday, April 28

6:30 am † David Lange (DB) 8:15 am † Bruce Allacher (ZT)

#### Saturday, April 29

8:15 am † Judy Klein (ZT) 5:00 pm SI St. Stephen parishioners (DB)

#### Sunday April 30

Sunday, A		
		William Nellis (DB)
9:00 am	†	Tom Burkhard (DB)
10:30 am	†	Bob Schaffer (ZT)
6:00 pm	†	Ken Hayden (ZT)

SI = Special Intention **†** = Repose of the Soul

DB = Fr. Dave Belt: ZT = Fr. Zach Tucker

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.



# Parishioners who are sick/injured/healing:

Mary Azara, mother of Sally Bishop Barb Armstrong, wife of Mike Anna Ropp Nancy Major Jaeck Ryan Huebner, son of Marty and Cheryl

## Deceased souls of our parish family:

Eugene Mitchell, son of Janet JoAnn Spurgin, wife of Jim John F. Johnson, brother of Tom Carol Hoban, mother of Scott Ferrero

# How can we pray for YOU?



You are not alone! St. Stephen 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 at stephen.org/ prayer-line or call Beth at (402) 669-4793.

# News from the Community

#### 'PAY-AS-YOU-GO' SUMMER GOLF LEAGUE

League of St. Stephen friends and parishioners begins at Tiburon Golf Course May 14 - Aug 25. The shotgun tee times begin after 5:30. Cost is \$21 for 9-holes and a cart. Contact Kevin White at 402-650-3969 if are interested or have questions.

#### **3-DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT**

Come away to be with the Lord in the quiet of the forest and the awakening of Spring. 3-Day Directed Retreat offering Mass, Confession, Prayer and daily time with a spiritual director, Thursday, May 4—Sunday, May 7 at the Creighton University Retreat Center, one hour east of Omaha in Griswold, IA. To register call 712-778-2466 or register online at creighton.edu/curc.

NATIONAL SPEAKING TOUR ON WATER & LAND PROTECTION Honduran Water Defender Reynaldo Dominguez will discuss *Why People Have to Flee*, his stories of activism to protect water and land in his native country. The presentation will be held at 7 PM, Tuesday, April 25, in Gross Auditorium at the College of St. Mary. Reynaldo is being hosted by the Sisters of Mercy, the Servants of Mary, the Notre Dame Sisters, Omaha Welcomes the Stranger, Mothers & Others and the College of St. Mary as part of a national tour sponsored by the SHARE foundation. This event is free and open to the public.

#### MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SEEKING INSTRUMENT DONATIONS

Music in Catholic Schools is the 5th through 8th grade band program in the Omaha Archdiocese. We have a band instrument inventory that we use to provide instruments to those students whose families could not afford to rent or buy an instrument of their own. This is such a worthwhile program for all students! Do you have an instrument sitting around that you might be willing to donate to MCS? We are especially in need of Flutes, Clarinets, and Alto Saxophones, but we would also accept Oboes, Trumpets, French Horns, Trombones, Baritones/ Euphoniums, Tubas, and Percussion Kits (snare drum, bells, or combo kit). Please contact Annette Wallace at <u>amwallace@archomaha.org</u> or call 402-827-3724.

#### HEALING MASS OPPORTUNITY

His Global Love Prayer Communities invite you to a Healing Mass on Friday, May 5, 2023, at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church, 3405 S. 118th St. Omaha. Rosary at 6:15 PM, praise and worship to follow. Healing Mass at 7 PM, Fr. Kevin Joyce from His Global Love Ministry will be presiding. All are welcome and bring a friend. Questions, contact Frances Mignon at 402-515-8000.

#### SEEKING GLOBAL CATHOLIC EXCHANGE HOST FAMILIES

Global Outreach is a Catholic exchange program matching excellent students from Eastern Europe with Catholic American families. Host families are still needed for Skutt and Roncalli for the upcoming school year. Please contact Monsignor James Gilg at 402-618-0607, Dee Drozd at 402-440-0817, or Allison Drozd at 402-580-1369.



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Mass Times

Mon - Fri: 6:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.; Sat: 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sun: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

> Confession Tue: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

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#### Mass Times

Mon - Fri: 6:<mark>45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m</mark>.; Sat: 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sun: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11a.m. and 5 p.m.

Confession

Sat: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.; Sun: 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. anytime by appointment

St. Wenceslaus

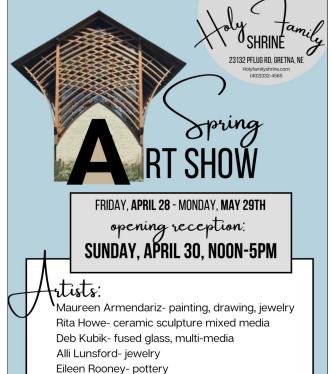
15353 Pacific St. Omaha, NE 68154 | (402) 330-0305

Mass Times

Mon - Thu: 6:45 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Fri: 6:45 a.m., 8:30 a.m. Sat: 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sun: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon and 5:30 p.m.

#### Confession

Mon - Thu: 5 PM until line ends Sat: 9 AM until line ends; 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM anytime by appointment





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