



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

April 9, 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 (<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 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 l.schulte@stephen.org.



EASTER SUNDAY

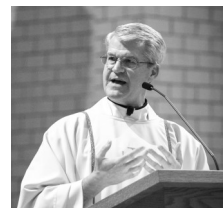
"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."
- Mt 28:5b-6

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Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

"You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom."



This exhortation may sound familiar to you. As a newly Baptized person in the Catholic Church receives their Baptismal candle, which is lit from the Easter Candle, these are the words that are spoken. This prayer is appropriate for our reflection as we begin this Easter Season. These great days of celebrating our Resurrection faith are centered in the gift of Baptism. We believe that Baptism frees us from original sin and gives us the opportunity to enjoy everlasting life in heaven. But the only way that we can enter this new life of heaven is if we live our faith in the Risen Christ every day. That means that we refuse to let the darkness of sin and evil overshadow our lives. This is a challenge in our society today, because there are so many temptations and messages that are contrary to the message of Jesus Christ and His cross.

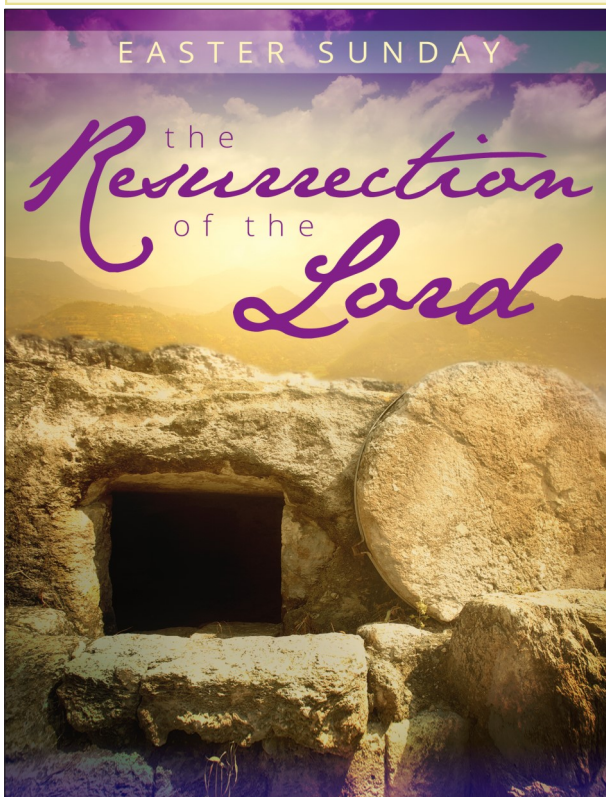
As you continue your walk with the Lord, always remember that "you have been enlightened by Christ." You carry with you a fire of love and grace that can never be extinguished. Do not forget that we will never be separated from Jesus—no matter how far we wander from Him in our sinfulness. After a life of faithful service, may we all go out to meet Jesus with the saints in heaven.

"We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we don't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining—they just shine." -Dwight L. Moody

God Bless you,
Father Dave

Blessed Easter to All!

Father Zach and I want to wish you and your family a very joyful Easter. May the peace and hope of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and families with great joy!



You're Invited to our Easter Celebration on Sunday, April 16th!

Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday in the Dining Room after 10:30 AM Mass for donuts, coffee from "Sleepless from Seattle" and crafts.

The egg hunt starts promptly at 12:15 PM on the school field for children 10 and under.

Event includes live bunnies to pet and hold!

RSVP and sign up to volunteer or donate items at stephen.org/egg-hunt.

This event is co-sponsored by SSM RE & SSM Home & School Association.



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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/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 3/28-4/3/2023:

Actual:	\$33,147
Budget:	\$50,607
FYTD Actual:	\$1,893,574
FYTD Budget:	\$2,010,721

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.



"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." - Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment - I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

#stewardshipreflection



Congratulations Newly Baptized!

Cullen Carter Yancey
son of Brett and Chelsea

Roman James Rossi
son of Anthony and Lisa

Sophia Meredith Labadie
daughter of Michael and Hannah

Charles Joseph Jansen
son of Joshua and Kaitlyn

Zoe Rose Mogensen
daughter of Brandon and Lynn

JOIN US FOR THE

23-24 SCHOOL YEAR!

ENROLLMENT IS
NOW OPEN!



Reasons to Love St. Stephen the Martyr!

- Academic Excellence
- Individualized & Holistic Approach
- United in Christ, Faith Formation
- Care for Our Community
- Welcoming, Thriving Community
- Openings in Preschool - 8th Grade

APPLY TODAY!



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic School is united in Christ to ignite the joy of faith, community, and learning.

ST. STEPHEN BY THE NUMBERS:

1992
30 Years Serving Our Community
715
Enrolled Preschool-8th Grade
24
Average K-8 Class Size
18:1
Student-to-Staff Ratio

School News

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

⇒ **Enrollment for 2023/2024 School Year:** We are accepting new student 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 school.stephen.org/admissions.

⇒ **School Advisory Board End of the Year Nominations:** Each year our School Advisory Board honors individuals for their hard work and dedication to our students. Scan the QR Code to nominate your favorite teachers, support staff members and volunteers!



Religious Education News

⇒ **Religious Education 2023-2024 Registration is open!**

Scan the QR code to sign up your family for Religious Education classes next Fall. This year we made a change and if you have a 2nd or 8th grade student, the sacrament fee has been included in the fee for that grade. If you are going to volunteer to be a catechist, please also fill out the Religious Education volunteer form. Tuition is waived for catechists and volunteers.



⇒ **VBS Registration Closed:** VBS is at capacity but you can still have your name added to the waiting list. Contact Eileen at e.smith@stephen.org to do so. We have saved a few spots for volunteers' children.

⇒ **Do you want to volunteer for Vacation Bible School?** Awesome! That means you love the Lord and children. We need:

⇒ **Adult Station Leaders:** Adult volunteers may waive the tuition of ONE child participating in VBS. There will be a meeting for all station leaders on June 5, at 6 PM in the school library. To sign up, visit stephen.org/vbs2023 or scan the QR code.



⇒ **Student Volunteers:** For students entering 7th Grade in the Fall. To sign up, visit stephen.org/vbs2023 or scan the QR code.

Youth Ministry News

⇒ **Totus Tuus Registration for Grade 7-12 Now Open**

St. Stephen is hosting Totus Tuus in collaboration with St. Wenceslaus this year. The day program is open to children entering 1st-6th grade. For grades 7-12, Totus Tuus will run July 9-13 from 7-9 PM and includes talks from young adult missionaries, experiences of prayer and sacraments and of course fun! Scan the QR code to find out more and register!



Religious Education



REGISTER FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!



Registration for Religious Education Classes for the 2023-2024 school year is open!

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We look forward to an amazing year of growing in friendship with Jesus!



Friday, April 28th 2023

Triathlon

First Event: Darts

Bucky Dexter's
4213 S 84th St,
Omaha, NE 68127
8 AM



Second Event: Golf

Tiburon
10302 S 168th St
Omaha, NE 68136
11:30AM



Third Event: Bowling

Western Bowl
4725 S 131st St
Omaha, NE 68137
TBD



1 Darts

2 Golf

3 Bowling

Team Entry: \$405 3-Man Teams (36 teams total)

Learn more and register at:
<https://mensclubssm.org>

SSM Girl Scouts Present:

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

DADDY DAUGHTER GLOW DANCE

April 22, 2023
7-9 PM
SSM Cafeteria

*\$25 per Dad and
girl(s)*

Scan **QR code** or use the **link below** to register.
<https://forms.gle/KXjGrk2rrctS85VDA>



Questions or concerns? Contact Stevi Kountze at
stevikountze527@gmail.com or 402-306-8313



ST. STEPHEN/ST. WENCESLAUS PARISHES
PAROCHIAL ATHLETIC LEAGUE

PAL FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

FALL 2023
SEASON

Scan the QR code to
register or for more
information visit:
stephen.org/sports-club-football



**OPEN TO ALL
SCHOOL &
PARISH
YOUTH**

**5TH-8TH
GRADE BOYS**

Questions?
Contact:
Coach Jeff Dahms
402-699-3665 or
dahmssports@outlook.com

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Open to all students of the parish—Deadline: April 30th

St. Stephen the Martyr Knights of Columbus are accepting applications for the 2023 Deacon Wesley Kreun Memorial Scholarship. This is not an academic scholarship, but instead the awards will be chosen based upon the applicant's service activities within the parish as well as any other charitable activities. There will be four, \$500, one-year scholarships awarded to individuals attending local Catholic High Schools, as well as four, \$1,000, one-year scholarships awarded to individuals attending an accredited college or university. Applications can be picked up from the kiosk in the gathering space or in the parish office between now and April 30th. When you have completed your application, please submit it to the parish office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Hank Hardy at: hhardy@janome-america.com. Thank you & God Bless!

Easter Flower Memorials

<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Donor:</i>
The Buras, Hoffmann, Johnson & Watkins Families	Ron & Jean Buras
Nancy Major Jaeck	Jeff & Mary Risavi
Paul & Carol Richter	Paul & Carol Richter

<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Donor:</i>
Emil & Janette Adam	Mike & Melissa Adam
James Ahl	Mike & Melissa Adam
All the Deceased	Kriss Mullen
Catherine Amberson	Robert Amberson
Robert Amberson	Robert Amberson
Julie Anciaux	Jenny Whitcomb
Fred, Bruce, Chuck & Kelly Appleby	Mike & Linda Verzal
Troy Barnes	Helen & Lloyd Barnes
Vern Barnes	Helen & Lloyd Barnes
Werner Berger	Scott & Diana Rogers
Cyril Berthiaume	Jeffrey & Karen Berthiaume
Elizabeth Berthiaume Chitsey	Jeffrey & Karen Berthiaume
Sylvan & Virginia Bissen	Marty Fawcett
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Terry Boyle	Todd & Gail Daly
Eugene & Doris Christiansen	Julie Christiansen
Bill Clayton	Joyce Murphy
Ann Copeland	Brian Gappa
Bill Cords	Joyce Murphy
Viola Cords	Joyce Murphy
John Cortinas	Carol Cortinas
Del Craig	Reba Grovijohn
Jackie Davis	Nancy & Dick Larson
Les & Dona Leigh Davis	Jo & Tom Davis
Richard E. Delaney	Steve & Cathy Lorenz
August & Thelma Dethlefs	Denny & Janice Dethlefs
Beth Devitt	Al Devitt
Fern Devitt	Al Devitt
Orville Devitt	Al Devitt
Jack Dobrinska	Diane Dobrinska
Roy Doty	Mae Doty
Joseph Dougherty	Pat Dougherty
Mark Drazic	Jone Drazic
Mary Duncan	Mike Vodicka
Alice Earley	Dan & Barbara Petersen
James Earley	Dan & Barbara Petersen



<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Donor:</i>
Jim & Ann Egan	Patrick & Mary Egan
Greg & Mary Elwer	Liz & Brandon Souba
Ann, Alice & Warren Fawcett	Marty Fawcett
Rodger Fawcett	Marty Fawcett
Ryan Fawcett	Marty Fawcett
Charles & Isabel Feld	Mr. & Mrs. Nobert Muhlbauer
Joe & Marie Ferrara	Jeff & Mary Risavi
Conrad Gall	Steven & Deann Grovijohn
Dorothy Gappa	Brian Gappa
Dee & Don Goeden	Barb Roberts
Dale Greimann	Leslie & Adam Schulte
Rudy & Mary Grovijohn	Steven & Deann Grovijohn
Marjean Gulizia	Deb Gulizia
Phillip J. Gulizia	Deb Gulizia
Bob Gyhra	Teresa Pfister
Kim Hacker	Tom Hacker
Kim Hacker	Bob & Rene Hacker
Barney Hallett	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Jeff Hallett	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Leo & Anna Hallett	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Betty Hansen	Jeffrey & Sheri Keane
Richard Hansen	Jeffrey & Sheri Keane
Aline Harrington	Ruth McDermott
Eileen Hartmann	Bruce & Suzanne Sharp
Mary Jane Harvey	Patrick & Mary Egan
Jean Heidbrink	Douglas & Julie Evans
Albie Helgenberger	Marty & Rita Warwick
Harold Helgenberger	Marty & Rita Warwick
Arelene Hupka	Ann Hupka
Mike Hupka	Ann Hupka
Jacob Hurd	Norm Thomas
Ron Ingram	Sharon Ingram
Bob Jaeck	Jeff & Mary Risavi
Bob Jaeck	Katie Major
Jeffrey Kane, Jr	Jeff & Melissa Kane
Karas Family	Ann Tiesi

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<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Donor:</i>
Mick Keane	Jeffrey & Sheri Keane
Michelle Klabunde	Marty Fawcett
Harold & Bertha Kleinjan	Mike & Melissa Adam
Alan Koenig	Bud & Rosalie Lynch
Joe Koley	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Joe & Helen Korgie	Helen & Lloyd Barnes
Fr. Clarence Korgie, OFM	Helen & Lloyd Barnes
Joe & Francis Kruse	Len & Alice Kruse
Dan Kuchta	Sandra Kuchta
Mr. & Mrs. William B. Lanning	Scott & Karen Stevens
Deceased Members of the Larson Family	Nancy & Dick Larson
Richard & Marge Lauritzen	John & Barb Secora
James Long & Family	Carole Stickels
Sean Paul Lynch	Bud & Rosalie Lynch
Johnny Vap Major	Katie Major
Dave & Gladys Mandel	Steven & Deann Grovijohn
Ray & Alice McDermott	Ruth McDermott
Kevin McMahon	Robert McMahon
Richard McMahon	Robert McMahon
Joe & Frances Mickells	Nancy & Dick Larson
Ernie & Cora Mitchell	Jan Mitchell
Russell Mitchell	Jan Mitchell
Walter & Elanor Monder	Mike & Melissa Adam
Gary & Michael Mongar	Carol Mongar
Don Moss	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Mick Mott	Dan & Nora Chesire
Charles & Ann Muhlbauer	Mr. & Mrs. Nobert Muhlbauer
Thomas Mullen	Brian Mullen
Roy Murphy	Joyce Murphy
Jack & Gertrude Nee	Bill & Colleen Beckwith
Debra Newmaster	Pat Dougherty
Nider Family	Ann Tiesi
Joseph Ostrowski	Mike & Melissa Adam
Patricia Louise Ourada	Kayla Sempeck
Allen & Hannah Perdue	Bill & Cheri Perdue
Eddie & Elda Pfister	Teresa Pfister
Arnold & Maxine Pivonka	Denny & Janice Dethlefs
Bob Prendergast	Brian Gappa
Dietlinde Priest	Scott & Diana Rogers
June & Gordon Reefer	Mike Vodicka
Lucy Snyder & Gordon Reefer	Mike Vodicka
Deceased Members of the Richter Family	Paul & Carol Richter

<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Donor:</i>
Ione Riesselman	Dennis Riesselman
Ray Riesselman	Dennis Riesselman
Jindra Rinker	Tina Schmidt
Rosemary Rogers	Scott & Diana Rogers
William Rogers	Scott & Diana Rogers
Zachary Rogers	Scott & Diana Rogers
Grandson R. Romero	Gilbert Romero
Mr. & Mrs. C. Romero, Sr.	Gilbert Romero
Morgan Sanderson & Sam Sanderson	Scott & Annie Sanderson
Ed & Ann Schock	Len & Alice Kruse
Deceased Members of the Schumacher Family	Paul & Carol Richter
Tony & Nellie Secora	John & Barb Secora
George Sedlak, Helen Sedlak & Rev. Kenneth Sedlak, CSSR	Jeffrey & Karen Berthiaume
Joseph L. Siracuse	Lucy Siracuse
James & JoAnn Stachura	Bill & Cheri Perdue
Hilda Steffen	Dennis Riesselman
Ike Steffen	Dennis Riesselman
Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Stevens	Scott & Karen Stevens
Don Stickels & Family	Carole Stickels
Matt Stoll	Angela Stoll
Bernie Stopak	Deb Gulizia
Rick Stout	Marty Fawcett
Tiesi Family	Ann Tiesi
Donna Timm	Brian Mullen
Norman Timm	Brian Mullen
Dick Triba	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Helen & Henry Triba	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Sandy Troia	Jeff & Mary Risavi
Joe Tupper & Ali Tupper	Al Devitt
Joe Tupper & Ali Tupper	The Shalhoob Family
Ed & Myrl Verzal	Mike & Linda Verzal
Mary & Jim Visca	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Ray, Alice & Don Vodicka	Mike Vodicka
Ruth & Louis Vodicka	Mike Vodicka
Everett Walker	Joyce Murphy
Charles Warwick	Marty & Rita Warwick
Lorrain Warwick	Marty & Rita Warwick
Don & Sally Whitcomb	Jenny Whitcomb
Lawrence & Leona Wiehn	Jan Mitchell
Garry & Marge Wittwer	Jo & Tom Davis
Patricia Anne Wojtas	Kayla Sempeck
Emil & Irene Zoucha	Helen & Lloyd Barnes



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TOP 5 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

1. JOIN OUR MEN'S OR WOMEN'S GROUPS

There are many studies or small group opportunities to choose from! Visit stephen.org/adult-faith-formation to see what interests you.

2. GET INVOLVED IN MARRIAGE MINISTRY

At St. Stephen the Martyr, couples preparing for marriage are mentored by married couples in the parish to set them up for a life of Christ-like love.

3. VOLUNTEER TO BE A CATECHIST IN OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEXT FALL

Share your faith directly with the younger generation. There is no greater joy than sharing the Gospel!

4. VOLUNTEER THROUGH OUR HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Our school is filled with the joy of learning! Help us form children in an atmosphere of faith, community and scholarship. Find upcoming opportunities at school.stephen.org/volunteer.

5. HELP AT SUNDAY MASS

There are many roles such as EMHC, Hospitality, Altar Servers, Lectors, Greeters, and Ushers.

For more information or to get connected in our parish, contact:

Adam Ybarra, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis, a.ybarra@stephen.org or 402-861-4507.

Or scan the QR code to complete an interest survey and we will follow up with you directly!



Is God inviting you to know Him more this Easter Season? Join our Men's & Women's Groups!



Friday Men's Group

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group meets Friday mornings from 6-7 AM. Through shared experience and small group discussion, we build a brotherhood strengthening us in our mission as disciples. Join us as we study the catechism and deepen our faith. Contact Adam with questions at a.ybarra@stephen.org.



Join Us April 13th!

Join us as we explore how walking with Christ can teach us to cultivate God's vision for life. This group meets in the Parish Center and is for women of all ages. Never been to Beloved? No worries! You can join at any time.
5:45 AM: Coffee & light snacks provided
6 AM: Watch Video
6:30-7 AM: Small Group Discussion

WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

Answer:

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place. ©LPI

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church
Sponsored By: St. Stephen the Martyr Knights of Columbus

Saturday, April 15, 2023
7:30 AM to 12:30 PM
St. Stephen the Martyr
16701 S Street

To schedule your appointment:

- Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StStephenOMA, or
- Scan the QR code to schedule an appointment.

Schedule Your Appointment



Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass (or scan the QR code) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry: April 12 at 9:15 AM

Gather, pray and make Prayer Shawls/ Blankets to be given to persons experiencing a crisis in their life. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month from 9:15 to 11 AM in the Parish Center. Questions? Contact: Jan Mitchell at (402) 669-7409. If you would like to help but can't knit, tie or crochet—this group is seeking donations of yarn, fleece, or JoAnns or Walmart gift cards. Donations can be dropped off to Deacon Denny in the Parish Center.

BUNCO NIGHT



Ladies Bunco
Night:
April 20th

Join us April 20th! Bunco is hosted by the Council of Catholic Women every third **Thursday** of every month in the Parish Center from 7-9 PM.
21+; \$10/person. Questions?
Contact Brenda Kreber at 402-203-5196.



ROSARY MAKERS

St. Stephen the Martyr has a group of parishioners that makes and provides rosaries for groups or individuals that need them.

If you or someone you know needs a rosary or rosaries, please contact Sara Klein at 402-690-3526 or Deacon Denny Dethlefs at 402-861-4538.

Need help
around your
home?



The *Cinnamon Stix* are a group of retired men, several whom are members of the St. Stephen Knights of Columbus, and all of them are parishioners of St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church. They are available to assist you with (most) any handyman type projects that you might need done around your residence.

It might be a minor plumbing problem, electrical issue, or simply hanging a picture on the wall. We are not trying to replace a licensed contractor that might be needed for a major issue. If you need help call Steve Cinnamon at (402) 669-3441, and one of us will get in touch with you to see if we might be able to help you.

Primelimers fellowship PrimeTimers Upcoming Events

White Elephant Bingo: Thursday, April 27th, 6 PM in the GPC: Join the fun! Bring a wrapped gift (we encourage something comical or "useless"), a hearty appetizer to share and BYOB. It's a fun, social evening where we play Bingo to win a laugh or two!

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday at 1 PM in the GPC: Everyone is welcome! Bring your favorite board game or join a group for pitch, pinochle, bridge, dominos, or tripoli. Bring a snack to share, an item for the St. Stephen food pantry & a friend or partner! Sign up for our emails at stephen.org/primetimers.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

This man God raised on the third day and granted
that he be visible,
not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the
dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and
be glad. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
(Col 3:1)

Gospel:

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20: 9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are witnesses of all that Christ has done —
in our lives, in our souls, in our hearts. We have
seen the empty tomb. We have touched the
abandoned burial cloths. "Go tell my brothers,"
Jesus commands us. "Do not be afraid."

Observances for the week of April 9, 2023

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Saturday: Tax Day

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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
a.ybarra@stephen.org with any questions and to chat about ways we can
help you grow closer to Christ!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 8: Holy Saturday

8:30 pm SI St. Stephen parishioners (DB)

Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday

7:30 am † James Brazda (ZT)

9:00 am † Laurie Major (DB)

9:05 am † Mike Hupka (ZT)

10:30 am † Bob Menard (DB)

10:35 am † Arlene Anstett (DH)

6:00 pm † Josephine Caliendo (DH)

Monday, April 10

6:30 am † David Lange (ZT)

8:15 am † Luis Alfredo Guitierrez Puentes (ZT)

Tuesday, April 11

6:30 am † Matthew J Stoll (DB)

8:15 am † Robert Gentrup (ZT)

Wednesday, April 12

6:30 am SI Father Zach Tucker (DB)

8:15 am † Bob Mathine (ZT)

Thursday, April 13

6:30 am † David Lange (DB)

8:15 am SI Scott Warwick (DB)

Friday, April 14

6:30 am SI Terry & Marie Zrust (DB)

8:15 am † Joe Sautter (ZT)

Saturday, April 15

8:15 am † Jeffrey Kane, Jr. (DB)

5:00 pm † Rod Ruppert (ZT)

Sunday, April 16

7:30 am † Linda DeHart (DB)

9:00 am SI St. Stephen parishioners (DB)

10:30 am † Tom Burkhard (ZT)

6:00 pm SI The Belt Families (ZT)

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul

DB = Fr. Dave Belt; ZT = Fr. Zach Tucker;
DH = Fr. Denny Hanneman

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:

Mary Azara, mother of Sally Bishop

Barb Armstrong, wife of Mike

Anna Ropp

Nancy Major Jaeck

Deceased souls of our parish family:

JoAnn Spurgin, wife of Jim

John F. Johnson, brother of Tom

Carol Hoban, mother of Scott Ferrero

How can we pray for YOU?



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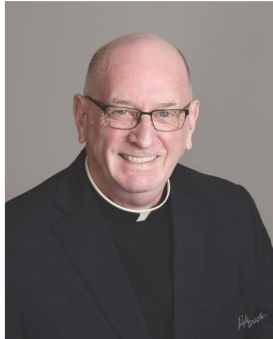
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News from the Community

GLOBAL OUTREACH SEEKING HOST FAMILIES

Global Outreach is a Catholic exchange program matching excellent students (male and female) from Eastern Europe with Catholic American families. These students spend one academic year in an Omaha archdiocesan high school, living with a Catholic family, learning to be servant leaders for their communities in former Communist countries. Host families are still needed for the 2023-2024 academic year. Please contact Monsignor James Gilg at 402-618-0607. Thank you!

Holy Hour for Priests and Vocations



Fr. Denny Hanneman

April 13 at 7 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Pray for priests and vocations before our Eucharistic Lord, receive benediction and hear Fr. Denny's vocation journey.

Fr. Hanneman was ordained on May 27, 1972 and retired on July 1, 2016. During his priestly ministry, he served in Elgin, NE at St. Boniface Church, and taught religion at Pope John XXIII High School. In Omaha, he served at St. Pius X, St. Richard, St. Leo, and Holy Cross Churches and was the Director of the Office of Religious Education for the Archdiocese. He was also the founding pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church. Father was a pastor at St. John's in Valley, NE and St. Mary's in Bellevue, NE. Since 2020, he has served part time with priestly duties in Boys Town, NE, and also enjoys providing spiritual direction. He celebrated 50 years of priestly ordination in May 2022. Congratulations Fr Denny!

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WHEN

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WHERE

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WHO

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HOW TO SIGN UP

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Confession

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Sun: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon and 5:30 p.m.

Confession

Mon - Thu: 5 PM until line ends

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Jesus, I Trust in You!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Day of Grace Program

April 16, 2023

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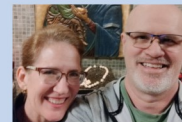
2:00 - 6:00 PM CDT

Live Streaming at ➡ ctkomaha.org/divinemercy

Guest Speakers



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Trusting in
God's Merciful Love



Patrick and Jean Butler
Experiencing God's
Merciful Love Thru
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John Dorman
Finding Divine
Mercy in Suffering

Holy Sacrifice
of the Mass



Fr. Pietramale
Celebrant
at 5:00 PM



Eucharistic Adoration
starting at 2:40 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet
starting at 3:00 PM



Family led
Rosary
at 4:30 PM

Please join us at
Christ the King Church
for the
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April 7th - April 15th @ 3:00 PM

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