

May 28, 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

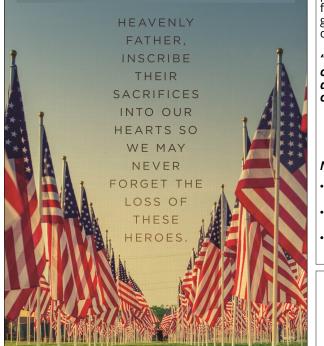
Emergency: (402) 896-9675 ext 2 Office Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F

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>.

MEMORIAL DAY





PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

"As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..."

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, when Jesus sends His gift of the Holy Spirit to dwell with His people forever. The Spirit was given in different gifts: peacemaking, forgiving,



speaking in tongues, healing, leading, dancing, singing, playing, and praising the Lord. Just as there are many, diverse people, there are many, diverse gifts that have been given to us for the building up of the Church.

There are many times when our diversity becomes a stumbling block instead of a reason to be thankful. Sometimes we look at people who are different than we are or who have different values or ideas and we criticize, judge, and reject. How boring it would be if everyone were the same! Instead, Jesus gives us His Spirit, which protects us, directs us, and binds us all together in peace. The Spirit calls us out of the locked rooms of prejudice, hatred, narrow mindedness, violence, exclusivity, and lack of forgiveness, so that we can live in unity. Through the gifts that have been given to us through the outpouring of the Spirit, may we build up the body of Christ, which is the Church.

"The gift of the Holy Spirit closes the last gap between the life of God and ours. When we allow the love of God to move in us, we can no longer distinguish ours and His; He becomes us, He lives in us. It is the first fruits of the Spirit, the beginning of our being made." – Austin Farrer

> God Bless you, Father Dave

Notes from the Parish Office:

- Fr. Dave Belt will be away on vacation this week, May 29th-June 2nd. Please pray for safe travels and a renewing time away.
- In observance of Memorial Day, there will be no 6:30 AM Mass and the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th.
- On Thursday, June 1st and Friday, June 2nd there will be Communion Services instead of regularly scheduled 6:30 AM Masses.



Congratulations!

Adam Longacre & Paige Phipps

Our faith community wishes you many blessings!

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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: <u>stephen.org/sacraments</u>.

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 5/16-5/22:

Actual:	\$39,338
Budget:	\$49,894
FYTD Actual:	\$2,222,573
FYTD Budget:	\$2,366,392
Catholic Communications Collection	\$1,997.75

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 <u>stephen.org/give</u>. Offertory envelopes may also be mailed to our office: 16701 S Street, Omaha, NE 68135.



School News

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

⇒ Home & School Night At the Ball Park: Join us Wednesday, May 31st at Werner Park to cheer on the Storm Chasers! We encourage families to purchase tickets on the Berm so we can all sit together & kids can see their friends. Tickets are \$10 each and the game starts at 7:05 PM. Reserve your tickets at: <u>milb.com/omaha</u>.

⇒ Summer Play Dates: We know starting a new school year can be an exciting, yet apprehensive transition for our kids. The goal of our summer play dates is to give them a chance to meet future classmates before the big day! We hope a familiar face in the classroom helps ease the transition at the beginning of the school year. All incoming PreK, TK & Kindergarten students are invited. Please RSVP so we can plan treats accordingly.



Open to incoming SSM PreK, TK, & Kindergarten students!

- ⇒ **Used Uniform Sale:** We are hosting our Used Uniform Sale a little earlier this year on June 25th. We received feedback that an earlier sale would allow families more time to shop/order additional items (that they aren't able to find at our sale) from uniform stores/retailers. More details coming soon!
- ⇒ Summer Office Hours: Our summer office hours in June & July are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM-Noon. Emails or voice messages received outside of those hours will be returned as quickly as possible!
- ⇒ Enrollment for 2023/2024 School Year: We still have space in most classes for the 23-24 school year, including our incoming Kindergarten class! Request a tour or apply at <u>school.stephen.org/admissions</u>.

Religious Education News

⇒ VBS Donations Signup: We are in need of items to make our Vacation Bible School the best experience possible for our children. Scan the QR to sign up to bring items!



- ⇒ Religious Education 2023-2024 Registration: Don't wait to register for next year! Please register early to help us in our planning for next year. Visit our website at <u>stephen.org/re-registration</u> to register or call our office if you have any questions at 402-896-5683.
- ⇒ VBS Registrants: Please watch for an email from our office this week with details about camp. We are so excited to have some "Stellar Fun"! Middle school and High school youth are still encouraged to volunteer. Contact Eileen at 402-896-5683 or <u>e.smith@stephen.org</u>.
- ⇒ Religious Education Department Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday; 9 AM to 1 PM or by appointment; 402-896-5683

Youth Ministry News

⇒ Steubenville Meeting: In preparation for our trip to the Steubenville Conference, all attendees, adult volunteers, and at least one parent need to attend an info meeting on Thursday, June 1st at St. Wenceslaus from 6:30-8 PM at the church narthex. We can't wait to see you there!



Family Picnic Saturday, June 3rd 6 PM after Mass In front of the Parish Center

Kick off the summer with fun & fellowship!

- Bring your own lawn chairs/blankets, games & favorite beverages.
- Let the Knights of Columbus do the cooking! All meals will include chips, baked beans, water, and a choice of:
 - Hamburger, cheeseburger or brat for \$8
 - Hot dog for \$5

REGISTRATION

& TRYOUTS

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR ST. STEPHEN GIRLS IN GRADES 3-8

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 29TH TRYOUTS ARE ON JUNE 3RD

For registration and more info, scan the QR Code or visit: stephen.org/sports-club-volleybal

- Families of 5 or more \$30 max
- Kona Ice Truck!



Drop off anytime at the Food Pantry Cart located in the foyer of the Parish Center

Items Needed:

Cereal, Canned Fruit, White and Brown Rice, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Mustard, Ketchup, Paper Towel, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Laundry Soap, Bar Soap, Dish Soap, Shampoo, Soups, Knorr Packets, Spaghetti Sauce, Jell-O, pudding cups, and Saltine Crackers.





The Vocations Office for the Archdiocese of Omaha is organizing a week of Adoration for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated, and religious life. Parishes throughout Omaha will offer extended Adoration hours and you are welcome to attend at any location.

St. Stephen the Martyr will have Adoration on Friday, June 2nd from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Worship Space. Please join us in praying to the Master of the Harvest. Your presence and your prayers are important. Come, adore Jesus!

Learn more at: omahavocations.org



MAY 28 - JUNE 3RD

Adoration for

Priests &

Vocations

Week of Eucharistic

High School Graduates are invited to receive a Baccalaureate Blessing at all Masses on June 3rd & 4th.

*Please sign in at the Gathering Space table before Mass and collect your small graduation gift from the basket.

PrimeTimers Upcoming Events



PAR, PIZZA, PALMER 19th Hole Golf Party Thursday, June 29th in fellowship the Parish Center. Slip on those golf pants,

skirts and shorts, dazzle us with your socks and shirts - you might even need a visor and some bling! Pizza and salad will be served and you know we'll have some games and fun! Cost is \$15 and reservations are needed by June 18th.

Watch for more information about our upcoming plans to see "Spamalot" at **Ralston Theater in July!**

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.

Now Hiring

Pastoral Care Coordinator

Saint Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church is seeking a Pastoral Care Coordinator. The successful candidate will be a compassionate and caring individual who will oversee all apostolates that are dedicated to the physical and spiritual care of our parish community.

The responsibilities of this position are shaped by the Works of Mercy of the Catholic Church and work

in collaboration with the Pastor and Director of Mission. For more information or to apply, scan the QR code.



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St. Stephen the Martyr

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

Question: My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer: There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you! ©LPi



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration for Priests & Vocations Friday, June 2, 9 AM—3 PM in the Worship Space

> Mondays from 7-8 PM in the Worship Space



First Saturday Devotions

Join the Knights of Columbus on June 3rd for First Saturday Devotions to Mother Mary. We will pray the Rosary prior to the 8:15 AM Mass in the Worship Space.

Join us at St. Stephen

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (2 Cor 12:13)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them.

"Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn 20:21-22)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples at Pentecost were given the grace to speak in the tongues of many nations. When we engage with those who do not believe, who disagree with us, are we speaking the right language? We have to use the words they are able to understand — not just the words we want to say.

Observances for the week of May 28, 2023

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the
	Church; Memorial Day
Tuesday:	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Wednesday:	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Justin, Martyr
Friday:	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions,
	Martyrs
Next Sunday:	The Most Holy Trinity

Join our Parish Family!

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

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 27

8:15 am	†	Jeffrey Kane, Jr. (ZT)	
5:00 pm	†	Rodger Fawcett (DB)	
Sunday, May 28			
		Rosemarie Prystai (DB)	
9:00 am	SI	St. Stephen parishioners (DB)	
10:30 am	†	Justin Chamberlain (ZT)	
6:00 pm	SI	Karlyn Knieriem (ZT)	
Monday, May 29—Memorial Day			

N 8:15 am † Bob Jaeck (ZT)

Tuesday, May 30 6:30 am † Joe Bellus (ZT) 8:15 am † Hector Agusto Rojas Gutierrez (ZT)

Wednesday, May 31 6:30 am † Jeffrey Kane, Jr. (ZT) 8:15 am † Mike Hupka (ZT)

Thursday, June 1 **Communion Service** 6:30 am

8:15 am † Patricia Whipple (CS)

Friday, June 2

6:30 am Communion Service 8:15 am † Claude & Sharon Welch (ZT)

Saturday, June 3 8:15 am † Michael Wais (ZT) 5:00 pm † Erin Doll (DB)

Sunday, June 4

- 7:30 am † Rodger Fawcett (ZT) 9:00 am † Tina Szalewski (ZT)
- 10:30 am SI St. Stephen parishioners (DB)
- 6:00 pm † Ron Cooley (DH)

SI = Special Intention t = Repose of the Soul

DB = Fr. Dave Belt: ZT = Fr. Zach Tucker: DH = Fr. Denny Hanneman; CS = Fr. Charles Swanson

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:

Chuck Skomol, husband of Jane Mary Azara, mother of Sally Bishop Barb Armstrong, wife of Mike Nancy Major Jaeck Ryan Huebner, son of Marty and Cheryl

Deceased souls of our parish family:

Bob Hanusek, nephew of Ann Reece and Francie Menard Mary Dunn-Nanfito, mother of Joe, Kristi and Mike Millard Blach, father of Susan Ward; father-in-law of Dillon Sarah Saldi, wife of James; mother of Noah & Asha Angelo Felici, father of Tony

News from the Community

COLLEGE STUDENTS: FIND YOUR NEW CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT JPII NEWMAN Are you a student who will be attending college in Omaha for the 2023-24 school year? If you're looking for a vibrant community to be a part of, consider applying to live in Newman Hall! We still have some rooms open for residents, both male and female! Living here at JPII Newman, you get: built-in community, beautiful apartmentstyle housing, and the opportunity to grow in faith alongside your peers! For more information, go to: www.jpiiomaha.org/housing.

YOUTH PRO-LIFE BOOTCAMP—JUNE 3RD

Hosted by Ablaze and LIFE Runners. Presented by Fr. Michael Voithofer, Bernadette Costello, Dr. Pat Castle. Sat, June 3rd, Ablaze House of Prayer, 11501 Fairview Rd, Springfield, NE. 5th-8th grades (10 AM to 2 PM). 9th-12th grades (4-10 PM). Meal provided. Life-saving education and soul-saving worship, All In Christ for Pro-Life! Register at Ablazeworship.org.

MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SEEKING INSTRUMENT DONATIONS

Music in Catholic Schools is the 5th-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. 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. Please contact Annette Wallace at amwallace@archomaha.org or call 402-827-3724.

MAGNIFICAT-OMAHA SUMMER BRUNCH—JUNE 24TH

All women are invited to the Magnificat-Omaha SUMMER Brunch on June 24th, 9:30 AM, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church with guest speaker, Kelly Wahlquist, founder of WINE: Women In the New Evangelization, Director for the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute, and contributing writer for Catholicmom.com. She's the author of Created to Relate: God's Design for Peace & Joy and Gaze Upon Jesus which encourage women to relate to Jesus in the way in which they were created to—as women. Cost: \$20. For Reservations & Information: MagnificatOmaha.org.

West Omaha Family of Catholic Parishes

Immaculate Conception 13943 Dowd Drive | Boys Town, Nebraska | (531) 355-1030

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> Confession Tue and Thu: 11 - 11:30 a.m.

St. Stephen the Martyr 16701 S St, Omaha, NE 68135 | (402) 896-9675

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

St. Vincent de Paul

14330 Eagle Run Dr, Omaha, NE 68164 | (402) 496-7988

Mass Times

Mon - Fri: 6:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.; 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

> Archdiocese of Omaha

Omaha

Wenceslaus Church



We are currently looking for individuals who show a great commitment to their community by supporting our programs and resources.

We need help with:

- Pantry Assistance
 - Receiving / Unloading / Stocking / Sort & **Prep Donations**
 - Pantry Shoppers
 - Donation Pick-Ups
- Home Delivery
- Distributing Pantry Items Catholic Charities Locations
- St. Juan Diego | St. Martin de Porres | St. Teresa of Calcutta
- Omaha Indian Reservation (Macv / Walthill)
- Assist in Senior Center
- Translation / Computer Skills
- Receptionist / Administrative

QUESTIONS? CONTACT JENNIFER

402-829-9261

BENEFITS

- Providing service to the Greater Omaha community
- Social Networking

SIGN UP!

QR Link to the

Volunteer Page:

Student Volunteers: Service Hours!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOCATIONS

- ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER 2111 Emmet street omaha, ne 68110 ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CAMPUS 9223 BEDEORD AVE 5211 South 31st street
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"Here I am. I stand at the door and knock.

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH IN THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Events in Narthex | 5-10 p.m.

eneration of Relics • Video of Blessed Carlo Acutis Vatican International Exhibition Eucharistic Miracles of the World • Representatives from local Apostolates/Ministries

Liturgical Program in Church | 6:45-9 p.m.

Opening remarks by Archbishop George Lucas Eucharistic Speaker Fr. Malachy Napier, CFR Adoration • Sacred Music • Eucharistic Procession Dynamic Teaching Confession (available 5-10 p.m.)



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