



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

October 15, 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](http://stephen.org/live-stream))

### Private Prayer

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

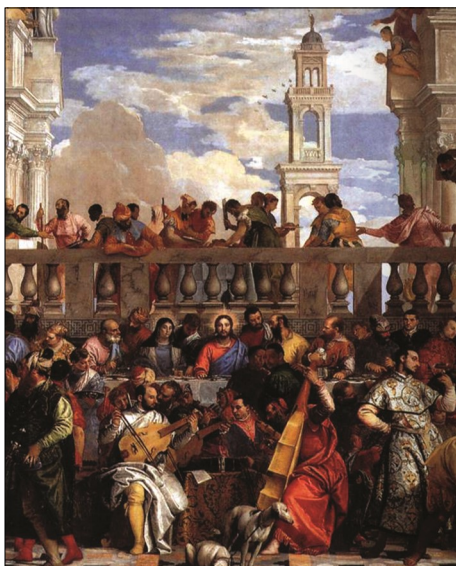
**Pastor:** Fr. David Belt

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Zach Tucker

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

**Bulletin Deadline:** Monday, 5 PM

Submit requests to Leslie at [l.schulte@stephen.org](mailto:l.schulte@stephen.org).



## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast."  
- Mt 22:4bc

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## Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

**"I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance... I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need."**

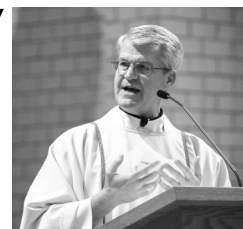
In writing his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul is teaching us a valuable lesson even today. Wealth is something that you can hold in your hand or put in your wallet or wrap around your shoulders when you are cold. The wealth of this world presents the illusion of well-being and security—but what happens when the stock market crashes or the kids drop out of school, your spouse leaves, or illness comes into your home? It's not a matter of "if" we will have troubles in life that money and possessions can't cure, it's a matter of "when." Then it becomes very clear that relying on abundance as a way of survival is one sure way to destruction.

So, what do we count on if it isn't wealth? Poverty isn't any better way to live, as those who are poor will tell you. So, what is the secret? According to Saint Paul, the secret is the wisdom to rely on the strength of God. Saint Paul learned this lesson the hard way, as he had to endure persecution, rejection, torture, and imprisonment. He had many blessed moments in his ministry, but there were other times when surviving a beating was the only blessing that he could count. Paul's absolute faith in the blessings that only God could provide gave him peace and serenity in those times of rejection and loss.

Paul's secret is our secret. We cannot rely on anything that the world considers as wealth. We can only place our trust in the wealth of God's love and grace. Everything else in life can be taken away from us at a moment's notice. The only thing that is everlasting is God's love. The secret, then, of living in abundance and in poverty is having the wisdom to rely on God for everything that we need.

**"I can do all things in Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13**

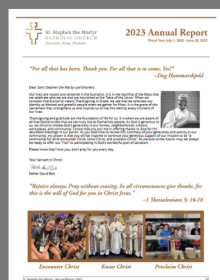
God bless you,  
Father Dave



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## 2023 Annual Report

for the Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



**Our 2023  
Annual Report  
is inside!**

Learn about the impact  
our missional community  
in Jesus Christ has made  
throughout the year.

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**Congratulations  
Newly Baptized!**

**Myles Carter Simon**  
son of Zachary and Kayla



**Congratulations!**  
**Spenser Masching &  
Erin Woolman**

*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: [stephen.org/sacraments](http://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 Fr. Zach Tucker at (402) 896-9675 ext. 2

### Homebound Eucharist

Contact the parish office to make arrangements.  
Parish office phone number: (402) 896-9675

## Financial Stewardship

### Offertory & Online Giving 10/3-10/9/23:

Actual:	\$43,759
Budget:	\$44,077
FYTD Actual:	\$659,369
FYTD Budget:	\$658,696

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](http://stephen.org/give). Offertory envelopes may also be mailed to our office: 16701 S Street, Omaha, NE 68135.



## Now Hiring



## Seeking Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

St. Stephen the Martyr is seeking candidates for a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Are you or someone you know interested? Visit [stephen.org/careers](http://stephen.org/careers) for the job description. Contact Adam Ybarra, Director of Mission, at 402-861-4507 or [a.ybarra@stephen.org](mailto:a.ybarra@stephen.org) for more information or to apply.

## Thank you from the SSM Food Pantry!

Thank you for all the First Saturday Food Pantry donations and to our Knights of Columbus and Pantry Volunteers! Your generosity makes feeding the hungry a possibility. "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." Phi 1:3.

To donate to the SSM Food Pantry, drop donations on the cart in the entryway of the Parish Center or watch for our monthly Saturday curbside drop-off opportunities. Our school also participates in several food pantry drives throughout the year.



*Come for a SPOOKTACULAR night at St. Stephens!*  
*Enjoy trunk-or-treating, food trucks, free hot chocolate, DJ and dancing!*

Our Trunk-or-Treat event is BACK and we've added some fun!

- Trunk-or-Treating for the kids!
- \$100 Best Trunk Prize
- The Modern Waffle Food Truck
- DJ and Dancing

Scan the QR Code to sign up to volunteer or to host a trunk at this evening of spooky fun!

Please RSVP so we're able to plan for all of the kids attending and the food truck can plan for the crowd. We're excited to see you there!

This event is hosted by St. Stephen the Martyr Religious Education & St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic School's Home & School Association.

## School News

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

⇒ **Conferences:** Fall conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 1st. There was an email sent out last week with a SignUp Genius link to schedule your time with your child's teacher(s). If you did not receive it, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. We look forward to meeting with you!

## Religious Education News

⇒ **First Reconciliation Parent Meeting:** Parents of 2nd graders who will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in December will meet in the Worship Space on Sunday, October 15th at 4:00 PM. Please come to hear more about Reconciliation, receive your Parent/Child packet and other information. Please contact Sandy Kimmey, Director of Religious Education, at [s.kimmey@stephen.org](mailto:s.kimmey@stephen.org) with questions or visit the Sacrament Preparation page of our website at [stephen.org/sacraments](http://stephen.org/sacraments).

⇒ **Cookie Dough Results:** Thank you everyone who bought and sold cookie dough for our fundraiser! We sold over 440 tubs, bringing in \$2,700 that will be used for catechist training & appreciation, curriculum costs, and reception expenses. We appreciate your support!

⇒ **No classes on October 31/November 1:** Due to SSM school conferences, we will not have classes on October 31st/November 1st.

## Youth Ministry News

⇒ **Better Together Tuesdays for Middle Schoolers:** Join us Tuesday, Oct. 17th from 7-8 PM in the St. Stephen Gym.

⇒ **Witness Wednesdays for High Schoolers:** Join us on Oct. 18th for "Be Real" Night at St. Wenceslaus.



# A Community *for All*

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish will continue to bring life to our community. If you were unable to complete your Commitment Card at Mass, please mail the card to us or scan the QR code to complete an electronic Commitment Card.



Thank you for your  
generosity and support of  
St. Stephen the Martyr  
Catholic Church!



“YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING ALLOWS US TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY TO ENCOUNTER, KNOW, AND PROCLAIM CHRIST.”



## Upcoming Events

### MASS FOR PRIMETIMERS Thursday, Nov. 2nd at 8:15 AM

Join us at Mass for all PrimeTimers - past and present - and stay after for community, coffee, refreshments and a speaker in the Parish Center.

### CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD Thursday, Nov. 30th 6PM

Choose a country: plan representative attire and side dish traditional to that country. Don't know what to bring? Choose any side dish and give it a festive name to match that cultural tradition. Don't miss the fun! Main dish and dessert provided.

**\$6** (make checks out to Pat Miller). Please RSVP EARLY to a committee member (Pat Miller, Moe Muhlbauer, Jan Savoie, Rosemary Napierala). We will gather in the Parish Center.

### CARDS & GAMES

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday at 1 PM in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome! Sign up for our emails at [stephen.org/primetimers](http://stephen.org/primetimers).

## Ladies Bunco Night



Women of St. Stephen the Martyr are invited to Bunco Night on Oct. 19th from 7-9 PM in the Parish Center. Bunco is hosted by the Council of Catholic Women every third **Thursday** of the month. Must be 21+; \$10/person. Questions? Contact Brenda Kreber at 402-203-5196.

## Respect Life Diaper Drive



**Please join us in collecting diapers and  
wipes for local women and families in need.**

### Most Needed Items:

Wipes & diapers (sizes: Newborn, 4, 5 and 6)

### Drop-off Locations:

- Cribs in Gathering Space or School Commons throughout October
- Stuff the Bus in front of the Parish Center on:
  - Sundays after Mass: October 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
  - Fridays from 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM: October 13th & 20th
  - Tues/Wed from 4-7 PM: October 24th & 25th

**Benefitting EPS, Mater Filius, Bethlehem House,  
Catholic Charities and Christ Child Institute.**



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Give Online



Deepen your faith and connection to your community!  
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](mailto:a.ybarra@stephen.org).

Beloved:  
A WOMEN'S GROUP

### Beloved Women's Group

1st Wednesdays of the month  
5:45—7 AM

3rd Thursdays of the month  
7:45—9 PM

Join us for Beloved at either of the meeting time, or both! This is a stress-free, no-prep women's group with the goal of building each other up and growing in our relationship with Jesus. Please feel welcome to join us!

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

**Question:** Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

**Answer:** Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing. ©LPi

### CHECK OUT OUR LIST OF

## Book & Bible Studies

Our parish has many small groups who study and grow in their faith together. Please feel welcome at our book & bible studies. Check out a full list of options on our website.

[STEPHEN.ORG/ADULT-FAITH-FORMATION](http://STEPHEN.ORG/ADULT-FAITH-FORMATION)



### Pray during Respect Life Month

#### Saturdays in October

Join the Knights of Columbus every Saturday in October to pray the Rosary together as a community before 8:15 AM Mass in the Worship Space. We will follow the USCCB's meditations on the mysteries offered as a prayer for all life.

#### Respect Life Novena: Oct. 13th-21st

Pray for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention, accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.



### ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



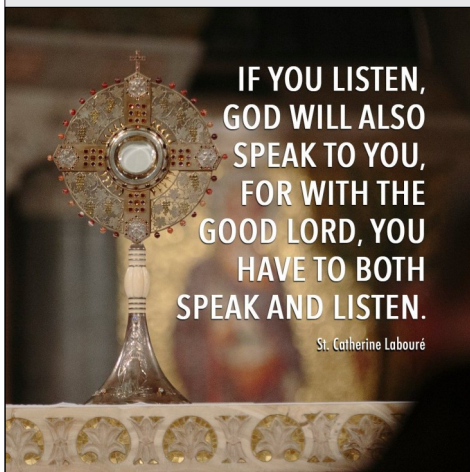
#### Mondays, 7-8 PM, Worship Space

*The Saints Encourage Us  
to Go to Adoration*

"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, 'Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do' . . . And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply."  
— St. Catherine Labouré

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# 2023 Annual Report

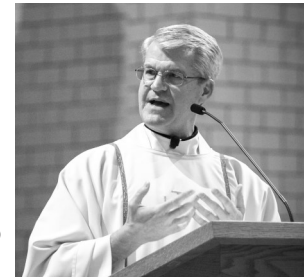
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

*“For all that has been, Thank you. For all that is to come, Yes!”*

*–Dag Hammarskjöld*

Dear Saint Stephen the Martyr parishioners,

Our lives are rooted and centered in the Eucharist. It is in the Sacrifice of the Mass that we celebrate who we are and are nourished at the Table of the Savior. When we consider that Eucharist means Thanksgiving in Greek, we see that we embrace our identity as blessed and grateful people when we gather for Mass. It is the grace of this Sacrament that strengthens us and inspires us to live this identity every moment of our lives.



Thanksgiving and gratitude are the foundation of life for us. It is when we are aware of all that God provides that we can truly live as Eucharistic people. As God is generous to us, we strive to imitate God's generosity in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and community. I know that you join me in offering thanks to God for His abundant blessings in our parish. As you take time to review this summary of your generosity and activity in our community, my prayer is that you will be inspired to continue your generous support of our mission to be “a community for all to encounter Christ, know Christ, and proclaim Christ.” As we look to the future, may we always be ready to offer our “Yes!” to participating in God's wonderful plan of salvation.

Please know that I love you, and I pray for you every day.

Your Servant in Christ,

*Father David Belt*

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*“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”*

*–1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18*



*Encounter Christ*



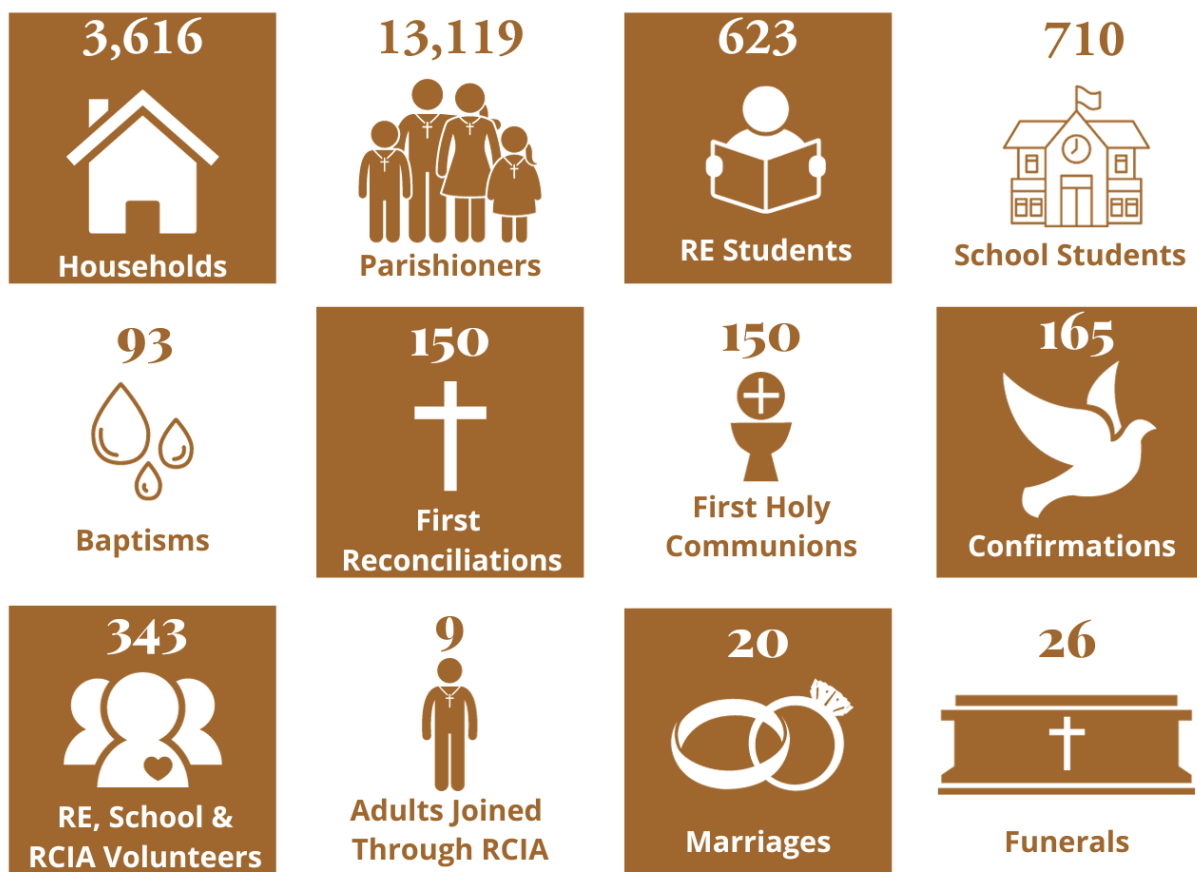
*Know Christ*



*Proclaim Christ*

## St. Stephen Numbers At A Glance

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023



### 2022-2023 Development Year in Review

Gross proceeds raised through the following activities:

**Martyr Marathon:** \$150,307

**Trivia Night:** \$18,113

**Dinner & Auction:** \$280,969

**Joy of Giving:** \$8,650

**Offertory Giving:** \$2,542,734



### 2023-2024 Development Goals

Below are dates and fundraising goals for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year:

**Martyr Marathon (Sept. 15):** \$120,000

**Trivia Night (Jan. 20):** \$15,000

**Dinner & Auction (Apr. 6):** \$225,000

**Joy of Giving (2024 Date TBA):** \$8,000

**Offertory Giving (23-24 Fiscal Year):**

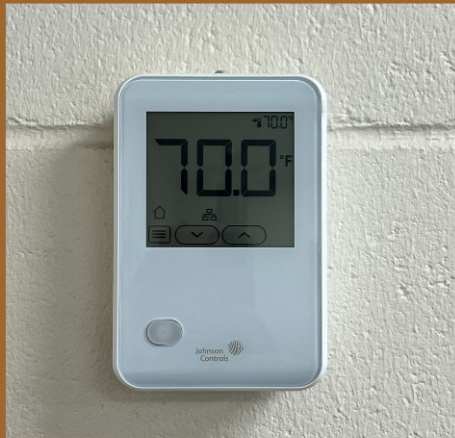
Increase offertory giving 10% annually, per parishioner/parish family



CARING FOR OUR

# PARISH HOME

22-23 FISCAL YEAR FACILITY UPDATES



## YOUR STEWARDSHIP DOLLARS AT WORK

Throughout the past fiscal year, we have continued to update our facilities to better serve our parishioners and school families. Although the below is not an exhaustive list, we have highlighted the initiatives that most impact the people we serve. We are grateful for your continued stewardship which makes these improvements possible.

- New chairs/kneelers in our Daily Mass Chapel
- Handicap Accessible doors at all six entrances on campus including the church, school and parish center
- New flooring in our school's kindergarten classrooms (carpet) and middle school science labs (vinyl tile)
- Continued update of heating and cooling control system which allows for campus-wide temperature control (room-by-room vs. facility-wide)
- New air-conditioning unit servicing the school and parish offices
- New water heater and water softener that serves the entire campus
- Painting throughout the campus including in the kitchen, school entry doors, counselor's office, early childhood bathrooms, and re-stripping of all campus parking lots
- Kitchen updates including a new dishwasher, faucets, ovens, and meal trays (used for school lunches, Fish Frys and Sunday breakfasts)
- Landscape updates including shrubbery screens on the north and south lawns, as well as, new trees on the west lawn

## Statement of Revenue / Expenses

	Jul '22 - Jun '23	Jul '21 - Jun '22
<b>ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Activity & Entertainment (1)	799,071	525,763
General Contributions (2)	2,832,208	3,022,768
Governmental Sources (3)	75,280	397,018
Other Operating Income (4)	25,409	24,759
Other Operating Revenue (5)	137,158	58,634
School Income (6)	872,773	702,529
School Tuition & Fees (7)	1,907,701	2,365,891
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,649,600</b>	<b>7,097,362</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>6,649,600</b>	<b>7,097,362</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Activity & Entertainment	525,108	200,583
Admin. Services & Supplies	1,844,487	1,914,141
Lay Personnel Costs	4,135,317	3,805,369
Other Operation Expenses (8)	768,309	393,723
Religious Personnel Costs	124,641	115,663
School Expenses	45,148	31,300
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,443,010</b>	<b>6,460,779</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(793,410)</b>	<b>636,583</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
Other Income		
Unrealized Gains/Losses on Endowment	149,423	(166,650)
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>149,423</b>	<b>(166,650)</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>149,423</b>	<b>(166,650)</b>
	<b>(643,987)</b>	<b>469,933</b>
<b>Less 60 days of operating reserve per Archdiocese</b>	<b>950,000.00</b>	<b>950,000.00</b>
	<b>(306,013)</b>	<b>(480,067)</b>

### Footnotes:

- 1) Includes Dinner & Auction, Trivia Night, tailgates, School and RE fundraisers
- 2) Includes anonymous \$150,000 donation for maintenance per BCDM report
- 3) Government payments to school lunch program; Kidzone
- 4) Cell tower rental income
- 5) Matching gifts; corporate sponsorships, interest
- 6) Includes School, Kitchen, and Kidzone
- 7) Includes School, Kitchen, Kidzone, and RE
- 8) Capital Outlay

## Balance Sheet

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Operating Income	69,272	1,442,242
Non-Operating Income	911,167	157,904
Total Cash in Bank - Checking	978,219	1,597,054
Total CASH	980,439	1,600,146
Total Checking/Savings	980,439	1,600,146
Total Current Assets	980,439	1,600,146
Fixed Assets		
Plant and equipment	28,367,297	19,126,297
Total Fixed Assets	28,367,297	19,126,297
Other Assets		
Investments		
Life Insurance Policy	38,332	11,827
Stock Transfer Account	1,421,125	1,522
Archdiocese Deposit and Loan	216,775	1,671,926
Endowments	1,241,779	1,176,960
Total Investments	2,918,011	2,862,235
Total Other Assets	2,918,011	2,862,235
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>32,265,747</b>	<b>23,588,678</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Special Collections	120,035	72,596
Chancery Payments	(58,056)	(70,203)
Payroll	71,736	52,515
Total Other Current Liabilities	133,715	54,908
Total Current Liabilities	133,715	54,908
Total Liabilities	133,715	54,908
Equity	32,132,032	23,533,770
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>32,132,032</b>	<b>23,588,678</b>



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away  
the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

### Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days  
of my life. (Ps 23)

### Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of  
going hungry,  
of living in abundance and of being in need.  
I can do all things in him who strengthens me.  
(Phil 4:12-13)

### Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads  
and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The goodness and mercy of God are gifts He  
wants to share with each one of us, but we have  
to be ready to receive them. Let's be prepared for  
whatever the Lord will ask of us this week.

## Observances for the week of October 15, 2023

- Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Luke, Evangelist
- Thursday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Mission Sunday

## Join our Parish Family!

Welcome visitors and newcomers! Scan the QR Code if you  
would like to register as a parishioner.

To learn more about ways you can get involved & grow closer  
to Christ, contact Adam Ybarra at (402) 861-4507 or  
[a.ybarra@stephen.org](mailto:a.ybarra@stephen.org).



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 14

8:15 am † Michael Wais (ZT)  
5:00 pm † Beth Devitt (DH)

### Sunday, October 15

7:30 am † Mary Ann Drelicharz (ZT)  
9:00 am † Mary Miller (ZT)  
10:30 am † Bob Menard (ZT)  
6:00 pm † Gerald Fansler (DH)

### Monday, October 16

6:30 am † John & Gladys Gutmann (ZT)  
8:15 am SI James Gninefou and Esther Adaku  
Gninefou (ZT)

### Tuesday, October 17

6:30 am † Virginia Williford (ZT)  
8:15 am † Thomas Kisicki (ZT)

### Wednesday, October 18

6:30 am † Elizabeth Gulizia (ZT)  
8:15 am † Dave Ryan (ZT)

### Thursday, October 19

6:30 am Communion Service  
8:15 am † Bob Mathine (DH)

### Friday, October 20

6:30 am SI Toby & Jennifer Korensky (ZT)  
8:15 am SI Carley, Keith, Zoe, & Maisie Spargo  
(ZT)

### Saturday, October 21

8:15 am † Jeffrey Kane, Jr. (ZT)  
5:00 pm † Diane Ames (AS)

### Sunday, October 22

7:30 am † Lyle Samuelson (ZT)  
9:00 am † C. B. Moudry (ZT)  
10:30 am † Rose & Paul Moritz (ZT)  
6:00 pm † Josephine Caliendo (MS)

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul

ZT = Fr. Zach Tucker; DH = Fr. Denny Hanneman;  
AS = Fr. Andy Sohm; MS = Fr. Matt Spotts

Please note: Priest schedule subject to change

*If you'd like to reserve a Mass intention, please contact  
Melissa in the parish office at [m.kane@stephen.org](mailto:m.kane@stephen.org) or  
402-896-9675.*



## Pray For...

**Deceased souls of our parish family:**  
**LaVonna Appleby**, mother of Linda Verzal

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

**Molly Koehler**, sister of Melissa Kane  
**Jon Evans**  
**Lawrence Boettcher**, husband of Judith  
**Dan Liles**, husband of Lori, father of Cash and Jerzy  
**Gene Zywiec**, Husband of Dee, father of Sherri  
**Ryan Huebner**, son of Cheryl & Marty  
**Matt Kelly**, son of Billie Watsabaugh  
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## News from the Community

### RESTORING CATHOLIC CULTURE: LEADING OUR FAMILIES, HOMES, COMMUNITIES, AND CHURCHES BACK TO THEIR CATHOLIC ROOTS

Join us for our next speaker! Dr. Chris Krampe will speak on Explorations of Sacred Art. Saturday, October 21, Chesterton Academy of Omaha, 36th and Q Streets. Evening begins with Networking and Social Hour at 6 PM followed by the talk at 7 PM. Event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Chesterton Academy of Omaha.

### PRAY THE ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS IN OCTOBER

The Archdiocese of Omaha is seeking to pray 50,000 rosaries to encourage young Catholics discerning priesthood and consecrated life. They are in a spiritual battle and need your help. How to participate: 1. Pray the Rosary 2. Log your rosary at [Omahavocations.org](http://Omahavocations.org). You can also Email [rosary@archomaha.org](mailto:rosary@archomaha.org) or call 402-827-3749.

### "CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME" FILM EVENT HOSTED AT ST. WENCESLAUS

Please join us for a screening of The Letter, a documentary based on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'. The Letter is a film that challenges our spiritual values to take action regarding the planetary emergency. We are called to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. The St. Wenceslaus Catholic Social Teaching Ministry is hosting the screening on October 22 from 1-3 PM in Cain Hall. We will reflect on the film, discuss, and consider how we can take action regarding climate change. Light refreshments will be provided. Hosted by St. Wenceslaus Catholic Social Teaching Ministry. For more information please contact Cara Hilgert, [hilgertc@stwenceslaus.org](mailto:hilgertc@stwenceslaus.org).

### GRATITUDE RETREAT OCTOBER 21

Take a day away this Fall to steep yourself in gratitude. Receive God's gracious gifts, cultivate grateful hearts, and share generous blessings in the beauty of God's Creation. Saturday October 21, 2023 from 9 AM-3:30 PM. Check-in and fellowship begin at 8:30 AM. Takes place at Creighton University Retreat Center which is one hour east of Omaha in Griswold, IA. Facilitated by Retreat Leaders & Spiritual Directors Brenda Stalbaum and Martin & Kathy Kemler. \$60 includes lunch. To register email [CURC@Creighton.edu](mailto:CURC@Creighton.edu) or scan the QR.



### ROMAN FORUM TOASTMASTER MEETING ON WED, OCT. 18

The Ums and Ahs have it. Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 18th in the Parish Center at 11:30 AM. Please contact Tom Johnson at 402-895-3974 for details.

### COAT GIVEAWAY ON NOVEMBER 4TH



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) will be at the Omaha Home for Boys, 4343 N. 52<sup>nd</sup> St., 8 AM to 1 PM.

One new or gently used coat per person, five per household. Everyone welcome – children and adults.

### WAYS TO HELP:

- Donate coats AND accessories. New or gently used. Drop off at your parish collection box OR one of the Society's SVdP Thrift stores. Please mark the bags, "Coat Giveaway." Stores are at 5500 N. 90<sup>th</sup> St., 2101 Leavenworth St., 807 Tara Plaza, 12301 W. Center Rd.
- Donate financially at [ssvpomaha.org/coat-drive-giveaway](http://ssvpomaha.org/coat-drive-giveaway) to help buy coats, gloves, and more.
- Volunteer. MANY needed to pre-sort coats and to escort people (especially need Spanish speaking) at the Giveaway! Visit our website [ssvpomaha.org/coat-drive-giveaway](http://ssvpomaha.org/coat-drive-giveaway) and click on "HERE" under "Volunteering" or use this QR code to get to our sign-up site.



Check our website, [ssvpomaha.org/coat-drive-giveaway](http://ssvpomaha.org/coat-drive-giveaway) for more information or contact Diane Mead at [diane.mead@rdmead.com](mailto:diane.mead@rdmead.com). We THANK YOU for all your support as we "clothe the needy" in His name.

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