

February 11, 2024

# 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 are live-streamed on our Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>StStephensCatholicChurchOmaha</u>) and our website.

#### **Private Prayer**

Daily Mass Chapel and Worship Space are open 6 AM-9 PM Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM-6:30 PM Saturday & 6:30 AM-7:30 PM Sunday. Church doors are locked during school Mass from 8:20-9:15 AM on Tues/Wed/Fri. The Adoration Chapel is available 24/7 via door access code: 9675\*

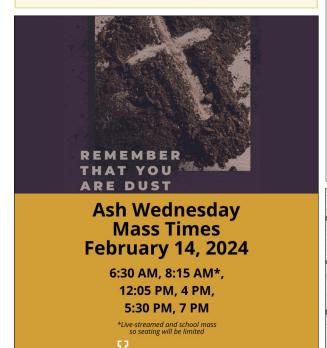
#### **Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hours**

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: <u>stephen.org/staff</u> Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 5 PM Submit requests to Leslie at <u>l.schulte@stephen.org</u>.





# 6<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

# Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.""

Leprosy was a highly-contagious disease that basically caused the skin to rot and fall off. Because it was so contagious, those who had the illness were ostracized. They were pushed out of their homes and their communities. They were not allowed to

worship in the synagogues. Instead, they were forced to live in the caves where people buried their dead. When this man comes to Jesus for healing, he is asking for more that the healing of his body. He is also asking that his family, his community, and his worshipping community may be made whole again by his presence.

The leper had faith in Jesus. He approached the Lord, knowing that He had the power to restore wholeness to his life and the life of those who were his friends and family members. Today we must have the same faith and ask Jesus to make us whole again. As individuals, we have places where we need God's healing power, but our society also needs our Lord's presence to heal the divisions that we cause. There are persons and groups of people in our society who are marginalized or ostracized because of their health, lifestyle, or beliefs. Now more than ever, we need the presence of Jesus Christ, who heals the broken-hearted.

"What other people think of me is becoming less and less important; what they think of Jesus because of me is critical." -Cliff Richard

God Bless, Father Dave



# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Pray with us every Friday during Lent 6 PM

worship Space

\*KOC Fish Fry Fast Pass Available for Stations Attendee

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary. Please join us!

16701 "S" Street, Omaha, NE 68135 | (402) 896-9675 | stephen.org 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 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 1/30-2/5, 2024:

Actual:	\$38,358
Budget:	\$49,125
FYTD Actual:	\$1,557,659
FYTD Budget:	\$1,554,595

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.



# IRA Charitable Rollover

If you are 70 ½ or older and own an IRA, you can transfer funds directly to St. Stephen the Martyr Church as a qualified non-profit to potentially fulfill your required minimum

distribution this year and avoid paying excess income taxes. This is a great way to continue the mission of St. Stephen the Martyr!

For assistance, please contact Catiana Urrutia, Development Associate, at 402-861-4541 or <u>c.urrutia@stephen.org</u>.

## Gratitude for our Parish Advent Service Project



#### Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging Office for Aging

There are not enough ways to say thank you to your parish for your support of ENOA's holiday program. Your generosity and kindness through the adoption of 100 seniors, loads of paper products, hygiene items, clothing, socks, gloves, stamps, gift cards, and cash was absolutely overwhelming. You made the holidays brighter for so many older adults. Bless you all!

– Trish Bergman, ENOA Executive Director



## Congratulations, Newly Baptized!

Leo Everett Clay, son of Turner and Angela Levi Kenneth Paesl, son of Lance and Mia Jonathan Jay Kerr, son of Ethan and Sydney

# **School News**

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

⇒ Enrollment for 2024/2025 School Year: We are now accepting new student applications for the 24/25 school year and re-enrollment is open for our current families. Acceptance letters and enrollment packets for new families will be sent out at the end of February. To apply, visit school.stephen.org/admissions.

## **Religious Education**

- ⇒ Altar Server Training Day Change: Due to a funeral on the 10th, the training has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 17 from 9-11 AM. Please reach out to Sam Jizba if you would like to attend at <u>s.jizba@stephen.org</u> or 402-861-4512.
- ⇒ No Religious Education classes this week on February 13/14: Please attend Ash Wednesday Mass with your family instead of class on Wednesday. Mass times are listed in the bulletin and website.
- ⇒ Thank you to the Religious Formation Advisory Board for helping serve and celebrate our catechists and volunteers this past week with cookies and hot chocolate. We appreciate you all!

# Youth Ministry

- ⇒ Totus Tuus Save the Date: This summer's Totus Tuus program will be hosted at St. Stephen the Martyr in partnership with St. Wenceslaus. The 1st-6th grade program will run from 9 AM-2:30 PM on Monday, July 8th-Thursday, July 11th and from 9 AM-Noon on Friday, July 12th. The 7th-12th grade program will be from 7-9 PM on Sunday, July 7th-Thursday, July 11th. Registration will open in March!
- ⇒ Witness Wednesdays: High Schoolers are invited to join us for Witness Wednesdays every week from 8–9:30 PM. Join us Feb. 14th in the Parish Center and then the following week on Feb. 21st at St. Wenceslaus. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know friends and grow in your friendship with Jesus! Find all information and future dates at stephen.org/witness-wednesdays.
- ⇒ Registration is now open for Steubenville of Rochester! Join area high school students for an amazing weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 9th-12th grade youth to become radical, joyful disciples. Event will be held July 12-14, 2024 in Rochester, MN. Scan the QR code to learn more or to register.



# MICRO SOCCER COORDINATOR NEEDED

St. Stephen the Martyr Sports Club is seeking a volunteer to serve a 2year term as our Micro Soccer Coordinator. Duties include:

- Help set up league registration
- Construct teams and recruit
- coaches
- Make scheduleRecruit referees for games
- Help with field set-up on
- Sundays
- Interested? Contact Corey
- Guenther at coreyguenther34@gmail.com



# NOW OPEN!

- Open to SSM parishioners in 5-8th grade
- Multi-sport athletes welcome
- Registration Deadline: February 26th
- Register & more info at: stephen.org/sports-club-track







# AMAZON WISHLIST JACKPOT

Roll the dice of kindness and contribute to our Casino Night success by selecting items from our Amazon wish list. Your generous donations will ensure a night filled with excitement and help make our event a winner.

LEARN MORE: STEPHEN.ORG/DINNER



# Feb. 24 - March 22 5 - 8 PM **Dine In or Carry Out**

Menu: Fried Fish (\$12), Baked Salmon (\$13), Shrimp (\$13), Combo (\$13), Mac & Cheese (\$8), Pizza (\$6) Kids Meal (age 5-10): Fried Fish (\$7), Mac & Cheese (\$6) (4 & Under: Free!) Includes French fries, coleslaw & roll Desserts provided by the Council of Catholic Women (cash only) Beer from Nebraska Brewing Company and wine offered for a freewill donation.

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

#### kofc10160.org

#### **NEW! Get your Stations FAST PASS!**

Stations of the Cross are held every Friday in Lent at 6 PM. Attendees will be given a Fast Pass to enter the front of the Fish Fry ticket line following Stations - no waiting!



Join us at the 168<sup>th</sup> & Harrison Runza<sup>\*</sup> Monday, February 19th

> 15% of sales from 4 - 8 pm will be donated to St. Stephen the Martyr.

We invite you to join us in any manner you feel comfortable. All sales through the drive-thru, dine-in or carry-out will support St. Stephen the Martyr Church.





# **Knights of Columbus** Scholarship Opportunity

The Saint Knights of Stephens Knights **Columbus** of Columbus are accepting applications for

the 2024 Deacon Wesley Kreun Memorial Scholarship. This is not an academic scholarship. We award based upon the applicant's service to our parish family and involvement in other charitable activities which align with our Catholic faith. We will award four \$500 dollar 1-year scholarships to individuals attending a local Catholic High Schools and four \$1000 1-year scholarships to individuals attending an accredited college or university.

Additionally, new this year, we will award one \$1000 scholarship to an individual attending a trade school. Applications are available either from the kiosk in the Gathering Space or from our website <u>kofc10160.org</u> until April 30, 2024. Completed applications must be submitted to the Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish Office by May 1st. If you have any questions, please reach out to Hank Hardy at hhardy@janomeamerica.com. Thank you very much and God Bless!

# **Council of Catholic Women** Seeking Woman of the Year Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for our Council of Catholic Women's "Woman of the Year" Award. The Council of Catholic Women supports, empowers, and educates the Catholic women in the Archdiocese of Omaha, specifically in the areas of spirituality, service and leadership. Written submissions for considerations for this year's honoree must include the reason for you nominating her with a brief bio sent to gigistamp@cox.net by midnight on March 12. Thank you!

# Join us for fun & fellowship!



#### **CARDS & GAMES EVERY SECOND AND** FOURTH

THURSDAY: Stop by and see what's happening on Cards and Games Thursdays! Meet some new friends and have a fun afternoon. We play Pitch, Manipulation (REALLY EASY to learn), and Bridge players are often looking for a fourth! Don't play cards? How about a game of Mexican Train Dominoes or Tripoley. Or why not introduce us to **your** favorite game! You will feel welcomed! Bring a friend and a snack to share as we meet at the Parish Center! It's also a great time to donate an item to the SSM Food Pantry.

Questions? Contact us at stephens.primetimers@gmail.com.

# **STEWARDSHIP** FORMATION WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, FEB 17TH | 9AM-NOON PARISH CENTER

This workshop is open to all parishioners and explores the importance stewardship plays in our faith. We will also discuss how we can be better stewards of our gifts and how to share them with our community.

RSVP TO CATIANA AT 402-861-4541 OR C.URRUTIA@STEPHEN.ORG





STEUBENVILLE OF ROCHESTER

JULY 12-14, 2024

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FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT ADAM YBARRA A.YBARRA@STEPHEN.ORG REGISTRATION **REQUIRED:** 



**FEBRUARY 17\* | 9-11 AM** WORSHIP SPACE

To register, email: s.jizba@stephen.org **RESCHEDULED DUE TO FUNERAL** 

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

# SEEKING FRIENDLY FACES WHO HAVE A DESIRE TO MAKE SOMEONE SMILE!

#### Responsibilities include:

Wipe down tables

- Set up before 7:30 AM Mass
- Serve donuts, coffee, cookies, and juice with a smile



Scan the OR code or email Sam Jizba at s.jizba@stephen.org to signup

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

**Question:** What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

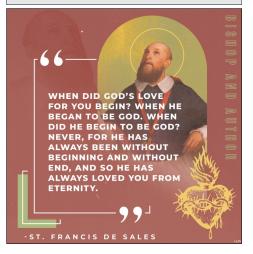
**Answer:** The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization." Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor. ©LPi

# ANNRAT **OF THE EUCHARIST**

Mondays, 7-8 PM, Worship Space Join us in the quiet to worship Jesus every week.

You can also join us in our Adoration Chapel 24/7. The code for access is 9675\*.



 Help with clean up after 10:30 AM Mass And most importantly: meet new people!

# Weekly Prayer

# Sunday's Readings

#### **First Reading:**

"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean.

He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." (Lv 13:8)

#### **Psalm:**

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

#### Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

#### Gospel:

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,

touched him, and said to him,

"I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:41-42)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal.

# Observances for the week of February 11, 2024

**Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent



#### 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 <u>stephen.org/prayer-line</u> or call Beth at (402) 669-4793.

	Mass Intentions	
	<b>Saturday, February 10</b> 8:15 am † Claude Welch (ZT) 5:00 pm † Erin Doll (DB)	
	Sunday February 11	
	7:30 am † Lewis Storm (DB) 9:00 am SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB) 10:30 am † Bob Menard (ZT) 6:00 pm † Gene Zywiec (ZT)	
	Monday, February 12	
	6:30 am † Hannah & Allan Perdue (ZT) 8:15 am † MK Joseph (ZT)	
	Tuesday, February 13	
	6:30 am † Howard Ball (ZT) 8:15 am † Mike Dallan (DB)	
	Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday	
	6:30 am † Jeffrey Kane, Jr. (ZT)	
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	Gninefou (DB) 5:30 pm † Roger Pribnow (DB)	
	7:00 pm † Kate Stork (ZT)	
	Thursday, February 15	
	6:30 am <sup>†</sup> Kate Štork (DB) 8:15 am † Dave Ryan (DB)	
	Friday, February 16	
	6:30 am † William Hosier (ZT)	
	8:15 am † Luella Linnebur (DB)	
	Saturday, February 17	
	8:15 am † Ken Watkins (DB) 5:00 pm † Michael Strehle (ZT)	
	Sunday, February 18	
	7:30 am † Roger Pribnow (ZT)	
	10:30 am t loe Sautter (DB)	
	9:00 am SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB) 10:30 am † Joe Sautter (DB) 6:00 pm † Ann Chaney (DB)	
	SI = Special Intention	

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Please note: Priest schedule subject to change

If you'd like to reserve a Mass intention, please contact Melissa in the parish office at <u>m.kane@stephen.org</u> or 402-896-9675.



Deceased souls of our parish family: Richard Lupardus, father of Cindy

## Parishioners who are sick/injured/healing:

Berneice Adams Tiffany Cole, wife of Jim, mother of Jaeli, Eli, Brynlee & Millie Nick Skar, son of A.J. & Kim The Rumbaugh Family John Lewandowski, husband of Suzie Max Rocha, husband of Kelly, father of Jayden, KK, Trinity and Xander Molly Felker, daughter of Mike and Stacy Michael Bazant, husband of Patricia Kim Weeks Yvonne Kamphaus, wife of Mike Dan Liles, husband of Lori, father of Cash and Jerzy Ryan Huebner, son of Cheryl & Marty Matt Kelly, son of Billie Watsabaugh SSM CUB SCOUTS PACK 494 PRESENTS

# ET'S GLOOU!

247 PM - 9 PMAll TK - 5th grade boysFebruary\$25 Per Mom & Her Son(s)

SSM Dining Hall (enter through south school doors)

Come dressed to impress in your most glow-worthy attire for the 2024 Mom Prom and be ready to dance in a blacklight bash with glow-inthe-dark accessories (will be provided if you don't have your own).

All boys attending any school (SSM/Public) are invited to attend with their mom. Feel free to substitute with a grandma, aunt, older sister as needed!

#### Scan QR Code or use the link below to Register https://forms.gle/LT38XcyP2LTMKKmD6



Please contact Amy Jones at 402-312-0476 or murphamyjo@gmail.com with any questions.

# SACRED PRESENCE

**Embracing Jesus in the Eucharist** 

WOMEN'S RETREAT Saturday March 2, 2024 9:00 - 3:00 Optional Rosary 8:00 and Mass 8:30

> Join us for a women's day of inspiration, prayer, music, food and fellowship

# **GUEST SPEAKER-JULIE CARRICK**

Speaker, Author, & Catholic Recording Artist

\$20 Registration Fee Includes Lunch Register Online: stcharlesomaha.org/womensretreat by February 26, 2024 Or Call Bertie 402-651-1616



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church 7790 South 192nd Street Gretna\Omaha

## Honoring our Nation's History

#### FEBRUARY 12TH: THE FIRST 590 PRISONERS OF WAR RELEASED FROM VIETNAM PRISON CAMPS

arrived in C-141 and C-9 med evacuation planes at Clark Air Base, PI. Several releases occurred afterwards. Other remains are identified as they are released by governments and identified via military forensic specialists.



#### FEBRUARY 19: PRESIDENT'S DAY

Presidents' Day is popularly recognized as honoring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The day is sometimes understood as a celebration of the birthdays and lives of all U.S. presidents.

#### FEBRUARY 23: IWO JIMA FLAG RAISING

9th Marines raised American flag on Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima.

Thank you to veterans and current service members for your sacrifices!

#### Community News

SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO'S 2024 SPIRIT "SILVER" CELEBRATION DINNER: You are invited! Join us Saturday evening, February 24th at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs, IA! This year, our special keynote speaker will be Dr. Ray Guarendi. He is the host of <u>"The Dr. Is In"</u> that can be heard weekdays at Noon on Spirit Catholic Radio and he is a frequent guest on our Spirit Mornings show. General Admission is <u>only \$50 per seat</u>. Please make your reservation by February 16th. To purchase tickets or to get more info visit <u>spiritcatholicradio.com/dinner</u>.

**CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF OMAHA SPEAKER SERIES:** *Restoring Catholic Culture: Leading our Families, Homes, Communities, and Churches back to their Catholic Roots.* Join us for our next speaker! Mr. Christopher Candela from St. Peter Church of Omaha will speak on *Explorations of Sacred Music.* Saturday, February 17, Chesterton Academy of Omaha, 36th and Q Streets. Evening begins with a 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.

**ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES' GLOW 2024 BENEFIT DINNER:** Join GLOW honorary chairs, Dr. Paul and Mrs. Bernadette Esposito, Thursday, February 29th, at the Mid-America Center to hear a life-inspiring keynote address by author and pro-life activist, Toni McFadden. Registration is \$75 per person or \$750 to host a table of 10. Register, sponsor, and donate at <u>bidpal.net/glow24</u>. For event assistance, contact Maria at <u>MariaD@EssentialPS.org</u> or 531-239-3138.



🛗 MARCH 6, 2024 🕓 8 AM -2 PM 🏫 ST. MARY'S, LINCOLN

At a critical time in our state's history, speak up for life, family, and faith in law at the 10th annual day of advocacy at **Catholics at the Capitol**.

> Sign up at NECatholic.org or scan the QR code!





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