

June 2, 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 PM after Mass In front of the Parish Center

Let the Knights of Columbus do the cooking for you on Saturday night! Our parish family will gather for dinner and music in our South parking lot to kick off summer and enjoy our Catholic community. See page 4 of this bulletin for all the event details!





THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25

Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

"While they were eating, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.' Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.""



Today we celebrate the great Feast of the **Body and Blood of Christ**. The celebration of the Eucharist, where the ordinary elements of bread and wine are consecrated and become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, is at the very core of who we are as Catholics. We believe that, just as bread and wine become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, our own lives are transformed and sanctified by the presence of Christ in our world and our Church.

"Flesh and blood" in the Hebrew language literally means "life." Now Jesus has become flesh and blood to nourish His people and give us the gift of eternal life. The Word of God has become flesh and we take His flesh into our own bodies when we receive Holy Communion.

"If you receive well, you are what you have received. Since you are the Body of Christ and His members, it is your mystery that you receive. You hear the words 'the Body of Christ' and you answer 'Amen.' Be, therefore, members of Christ that your 'amen' may be true. Be what you see and receive what you already are." -Saint Augustine

> God Bless, Father Dave

CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER MATTHEW POHLMAN!

We are praying for you!

Fr. Matthew Pohlman was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Archbishop George Lucas on Saturday, June 1st at St. Cecelia's Cathedral. We are eager to welcome him as our new Associate Pastor in July! Please pray for him and all priests who will begin their new assignments this Summer.



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Sacraments

Reconciliation

Tuesday: 5:30-6:30 PM & Saturday: 3:30-4:45 PM

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays. Parents are required to attend a preparation class. Contact the parish office for information or visit: <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 5/21-5/28/24:

Actual:	\$46,018
Budget:	\$52,903
FYTD Actual:	\$2,326,816
FYTD Budget:	\$2,322,871

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.



Gifting your Retirement Assets to St. Stephen the Martyr



Donating part or all your unused retirement assets, such as your IRA, 401(k), 403 (b), pension, or other taxdeferred plan, is an excellent way to make a gift to St. Stephen the Martyr Church. While some of these

assets are sometimes used to cover your own longterm care, most people will probably not use all their retirement assets during their lifetime. If so, you can make a gift of your unused retirement assets to help further the mission of our Church.

HOW TO MAKE A GIFT OF RETIREMENT ASSETS

To leave your retirement assets to St. Stephen the Martyr Church, you will need to complete a beneficiary designation form provided by your retirement plan custodian. If you designate St. Stephen the Martyr Church as the beneficiary, we will benefit from the full value of your gift because your retirement assets will not be taxed at your death. Your estate will benefit from an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift.

If you have any questions about gifts of retirement assets, please contact Catiana Urrutia at <u>c.urrutia@stephen.org</u> or call (402) 861-4541.

School News

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

- ⇒ Save the Date! Kindergarten Experience Days will be July 30-31st. Incoming Kinder families will receive information in the coming weeks. We can't wait to welcome the Class of 2032!
- ⇒ Kindergarten Teacher Associates Needed for 24-25 School Year: We are seeking Kindergarten TAs to help all day MWF or full-time Monday-Friday. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Mr. Verraneault at g.verraneault@stephen.org or call (402) 896-0754.
- ⇒ Used Uniform Sale: Our Used Uniform Sale will be Sunday, June 23rd from 8:30 AM 12:30 PM in the Dining Room. Details for buyers and sellers at school.stephen.org/used-uniform-sale.
- ⇒ Summer Play Dates: Our Summer Play Dates for incoming PreK, TK & Kinder students are Mon., June 24th, Wed., July 31st and Sun., Aug. 11th. These events are free to attend but an RSVP is requested so we can plan snacks accordingly! RSVP here <u>school.stephen.org/summerplay-date</u>.
- ⇒ Order Your 24-25 School Supply Packs: School Supply Packs ordered through EPI are delivered directly to the school and placed in your child's classroom before Back to School Night. To order, visit <u>educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks</u> and enter school code STS021. Be sure to order for your child's 24/25 grade level. The order deadline is June 21, 2024.

Religious Education

- Snack Donations Needed for Vacation Bible School: Can't volunteer? We are also in need of a few items to help supply the snack station. Sign up to donate items at <u>stephen.org/vbs</u>.
- Youth Volunteers Needed at VBS: Do you have children who need volunteer hours for Confirmation, National Honor Society, etc.? Vacation Bible School is a fun way to earn those hours and provide stewardship to our parish. We still could use more crew leaders and station helpers. Sign up to volunteer at <u>stephen.org/vbs</u>.
- ⇒ Religious Education Fall Registration: Please register for Fall classes on our website at <u>stephen.org/religious-education</u>. Early registration helps us with planning for the number of classes and catechists needed.

Youth Ministry

- ⇒ Witness Wednesdays: Join us June 5th from 8—9:30 PM at St. Wenceslaus. Meet friends and grow in your friendship with Jesus! More info at <u>stephen.org/witness-wednesdays</u>.
- ⇒ Register for Totus Tuus & Volunteer to help: Totus Tuus is July 7th-12th for 1st-12th graders. Register and sign up to volunteer at stephen.org/totus-tuus.



Youth Volunteers & Donations Needed for Vacation Bible School

Scan to Volunteer

Visit stephen.org/vbs or scan the QR Codes to sign up!



WEST OMAHA CORPUS CHRISTI Eucharistic Procession SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND | 2:00 PM

PARK AT DOWD CHAPEL | PROCESS TO ST. WENCESLAUS ENDING WITH BENEDICTION | FREE BUS RIDE BACK

Explaining the Alternative Pro-Life Ballot Initiative.



Launched by medical professionals, the **Protect Women & Children** ballot initiative would amend the Nebraska state constitution to protect babies in the second and third trimesters. Their proposed language states:

"Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimester."





Preborn babies would be constitutionally protected in the second and third trimesters.

The Nebraska Legislature could provide additional protections from abortion for women and babies.



Maintains Current Protections Legal and health-related safeguards would remain intact to protect women & children from unsafe and coercive abortion practices. These safeguards include informed consent, parental notification, and license & inspection requirements for abortion facilities.

Can you support this initiative?

Catholics can morally support (sign the petition, volunteer, and vote for) this pro-life measure as a defense against the pro-abortion initiative, understanding and accepting the following:

- The pro-life initiative does not create a right to abortion.
- All abortion must be opposed, and direct abortion is never morally acceptable.
- This is an incremental step toward protection for all innocent life, not a permanent solution or final compromise.

Pro-Life Ballot Measure Supported by the Bishops of Nebraska Sign the petition to get the pro-life measure on the ballot in November

After this weekend's Masses, representatives from our Respect Life Ministry will be collecting signatures for a pro-life ballot initiative that will provide protections for babies in the second and third trimester in the Nebraska state constitution. This ballot initiative is part of an effort to defeat the ballot initiative launched by abortion advocates that will create a state constitutional right to late-pregnancy abortion. You can learn more about these ballot initiatives from the Nebraska Catholic Conference at NEcatholic.org.



SATURDAY.

WORSHIP SPACE

JUNE 15 9-11 AM

You are invited to our Respect Life Holy Hour Monday, June 3rd from 7-8 PM in the Worship Space

Pray for the Unborn at our Respect Life Holy Hour to pray the Rosary and adore the Blessed Sacrament with Deacon Tylski and the Respect Life Ministry.

We encourage you to join your worship with prayer and fasting as Jesus taught us in Mark 9:28-29.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

June 12th 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: Kathy Stodola at (402) 981-1592. If you would like to help but can't knit, tie or crochet—this group is seeking donations of yarn, fleece, or JoAnns or Hobby Lobby gift cards. Donations can be dropped off to Colleen Eusterwiemann in the Parish Center.



Join our Tailgate Events All Summer!

Save the date for more tailgate events this summer—Saturday, July 13th and Saturday, August 17th. All Tailgates are scheduled to follow 5 PM Mass and include dinner and more fun! Bring your family and come enjoy our joyful community!



BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG. GIVE BLOOD.

Blood Drive at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church Sponsored By: St. Stephen the Martyr Knights of Columbus Saturday, June 15, 2024 | 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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. Questions? Contact Tom Rushing at (402) 657-7041

Do Good Things! Come give blood June 10-30 for a \$15 e-gift card! See rcblood.org/DoGood.

Schedule Your Appointment

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.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question: What are the "fruits" of holy Communion?

Answer: The Eucharist, like all sacraments, offers its own unique grace. We receive a special share in God's life that helps us in our faith journey. We are given all we need to sustain and nurture our relationship with God. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Everything we are and everything we hope to become is found in this sacrament. It is essential to the life of the church, to each member of the church. Without it, there is no church. The Eucharist is the center of our spiritual life and has enormous effects on our growth, our holiness, and our way of life.

The fruits of holy Communion are the benefits one receives from the sacrament. These fruits of holv Communion are discussed in the catechism in the article on the Eucharist. The primary benefit is union with Christ. We become one with him sacramentally, just as we hope to become one with him for eternity. The Eucharist also separates us from sin, both past and future. It forgives the venial sins of the past and, by the love we receive, protects us from mortal sin in the future. The church community is also unified and strengthened by the Eucharist. It unites us to the poor and offers the pledge of eternal life. ©LPi



Join us in the quiet to worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

First Friday Adoration Friday, June 7 9 AM—Noon

Please join us in the Adoration Chapel 24/7. The code for access is 9675*.

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-ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his." (Ex 24:8)

Psalm:

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 116)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. (Heb 9:14)

Gospel:

"Take it; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

He said to them,

"This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." (Mk 14:22-24)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus is the Passover Lamb come to fulfillment, and his sacrifice washes our hearts in the blood of the new covenant. He is passing us the cup of salvation. Let us take it and call on the name of the Lord.

Observances for the week of June 2, 2024

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Monday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Wednesday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr Thursday: St. Norbert, Bishop Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Next Sunday: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time



How can we pray for YOU?

You are not alone! St. Stephen has prayer warriors who are ready to pray for YOUR intention! God has given us this incredible gift to intercede on behalf of others through prayer and thanksgiving! Submit your prayer request to at stephen.org/prayer-line or call Beth at (402) 669-4793.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 1

8:15 am Communion Service 5:00 pm SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB) Sunday, June 2 7:30 am † Mary Ann Drelicharz (DB) 9:00 am † Rodger Fawcett (ZT)

10:30 am SI Bob & Eva Cockson (ZT) 6:00 pm † Leonard Kruse (DH)

Monday, June 3

6:30 am † Leo and Mary Ann Thurman (ZT) 8:15 am † For All Aborted Babies (ZT)

Tuesday, June 4

6:30 am † Jeanette Peterson (DB) 8:15 am † Bernie and Mary Ann McGrath (DB)

Wednesday, June 5 6:30 am † Sr. Clarice Faltus (DB) 8:15 am SI Fr. Dave Belt and Fr. Zach Tucker (DB)

Thursday, June 6

6:30 am † Dave Mandel (DB) 8:15 am † Gerald Moseke (DB)

Friday, June 7

6:30 am † Nick Nicotero (DB) 8:15 am SI Brookelynn Drake (DB)

Saturday, June 8

8:15 am SI Steve and Connie Cinnamon (DB) 5:00 pm SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)

Sunday, June 9

7:30 am	†	Jim Braz	da (DB)
			nnino (ZT)
10:30 am	†	Bob Mer	hard (ZT)
6:00 pm	†	Andrew	Williams (DH)
SI = Specia	al In	itention	† = Repose of the Soul

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

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>.



Please pray for those who have passed away: Barbara Wagner Berneice Adams, mother of Mary **Norma Bertch** Patrick Gottsch, brother of Tammy Hill

Please pray for those who are sick/injured/healing:

Fred and Jane Totten Rod Heng, husband of Carol Judy Bagby, sister in-law of Suzie Dallan Kay Schmitt, wife of Vic Tom Johnson, husband of Cherie Ari Taware, nephew of Melissa Kane Marie Stibbs **Richard Bloom** Betty Brinster, wife of Jerry Nick Skar, son of A.J. & Kim Max Rocha, husband of Kelly, father of Jayden, KK, Trinity and Xander Molly Felker, daughter of Mike and Stacy Michael Bazant, husband of Patricia Yvonne Kamphaus, wife of Mike



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Community News

MAGNIFICAT-OMAHA BRUNCH—JUNE 22ND

All women are invited to the Magnificat-Omaha Summer Brunch at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church at 9:30 AM on June 22nd. Our guest speaker is Patti Gallagher Mansfield, a participant in the historic "Duquesne Weekend," which marked the beginning of the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church. Author of five books, she has ministered at conferences for laity and priests, proclaiming the grace of the Baptism of the Spirit on five continents. Cost: \$20. For Reservations and information, go to <u>www.MagnificatOmaha.org</u>. Magnificat-Omaha is an archdiocesan-wide Catholic women's organization focused on evangelization.

NATIONWIDE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION



The National Eucharistic Revival will oversee the blessing of a nation with four Eucharistic Procession Pilgrimages, forming a cross over the country. The Serra Route will pass through Nebraska and Iowa June 12-25, 2024. Spirit Catholic Radio will highlight this historic Pilgrimage by airing a Mass, providing updates along

the route, and having interviews on Spirit Mornings (heard 7-9 AM, Monday-Friday). Three Pilgrimage stops will feature the Vatican Approved Eucharistic Miracles Display designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis: St. Luke Church in Ogallala on June 13th & 14th, St. Wenceslaus Church in Omaha on June 22, and St. Cecilia Cathedral on June 23. For more details, to register for the free procession events, and to stay up to date with the Procession Pilgrimage, tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio and visit spiritcatholicradio.com/serra.

West Omaha Family of Catholic Parishes

Immaculate Conception

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

Mass Times Sun: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Daily: 11:40 a.m.

> 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

Thursday study taught by Sharon Doran "The Rise & Fall of Ancient Israel" Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Kings Amos, & Hosea www.SeekingTRUTH.net Registration opens MAY 15th Meets afternoons and eves at St. Leo's Omaha, NE. All are welcome! Seeking

Join us in fall of 2024 for a 16-week



Will you join Him?

The Eucharistic Procession will take place in and around Omaha June 21-23, 2024, as part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.



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