

June 23, 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, 7:30 AM–7:30 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>.



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Become a sponsor for St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic School!

Interested in supporting our school while promoting your business? Become a 2024-25 St. Stephen the Martyr Corporate Sponsor! This year's fundraising efforts will help underwrite the cost of updating restrooms throughout our school and professional development for our teachers. Additional funds raised will be used for new student desks, security upgrades and technology subscriptions. **The deadline for sponsorships is July 31st.** Questions? Contact Kristy England & Melissa Egelhoff at <u>martyrmarathon@gmail.com</u>.



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

"A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

Ancient literature is filled with references to the power and danger of the sea. In the Old Testament, God is the Master of the sea and all things obey God. Remember



the parting of the Red Sea, so that Moses could lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt? That was done by God's hand. So it is with the calming of the sea in our Gospel today. Saint Mark is showing that Jesus is God, because God is the only one who could bring peace to the chaos and wind of a terrible storm at sea. As the wind and the waves calm down, the disciples in the boat ask, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

Fear is such a common human emotion. Each of us has something that makes us afraid. The challenge is to turn to Jesus in those moments and days that we are gripped and paralyzed by fear, and ask Him to calm the storm. Only Jesus, sent by God, has the power to calm the chaos and uncertainty of our hearts and lives.

"When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away your ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer." –Corrie ten Boom

> God Bless, Father Dave

FAREWELL, FR. ZACH

Mass & Reception

Fr. Zach Tucker will celebrate his last Mass as our Associate Pastor on **Sunday, June 30th at 10:30 AM** Reception to follow in the Dining Room Cake, cookies and coffee will be served.

Thank you for bringing Christ to us, Fr. Zach!

We will be praying for you!

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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 6/11-6/17:

Financial data from 6/11-6/17 was not available at the time of print. These numbers will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

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.



Make a Gift of Retirement Assets

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

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 402-861-4541.

"Then He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'" – Mark 4:40

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him every day. Move your discipleship from head knowledge to heart knowledge.

School News

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

- ⇒ Teacher Associates Needed for 24-25 School Year: We are seeking a Teacher Associate to help in Kindergarten all day MWF. Interested? Contact Mr. Verraneault at g.verraneault@stephen.org.
- ⇒ **Summer Play Dates:** Our first Summer Play Date for incoming PreK, TK & Kinder students is Mon., June 24th. The event is free to attend but registration is requested so we can plan snacks accordingly! Get all the details and sign up at <u>school.stephen.org/summer-play-date</u>.
- ⇒ We still have room for your student! We still have space in most classes for the 24-25 school year, including our afternoon preschool, afternoon PreK and Kindergarten classes! Request a tour or apply at school.stephen.org/admissions.

Religious Education

- ⇒ NEW RE Volunteer Opportunities: We have added a "Catechist Assistant" volunteer role this year for parents/grandparents/high school students who want to be involved in the classroom without the responsibilities of preparing and teaching the curriculum. Click here to learn about this and all of our volunteer opportunities: <u>stephen.org/re-registration/</u>. Volunteers receive discounted or waived tuition. Please prayerfully consider signing up—we cannot do this without you!
- ⇒ 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. Thinking about being a Catechist or Volunteer? Please check the same website for more information and to sign up.

Youth Ministry

- ⇒ Witness Wednesdays: Join us on June 26th from 8—9:30 PM in the Parish Center. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know friends and grow in your friendship with Jesus! Find all information and future dates at <u>stephen.org/witness-wednesdays</u>.
- ⇒ Register for Totus Tuus & volunteer to help: Totus Tuus is July 7th-12th for 1st-12th graders. Get all the details, register and sign up to volunteer at <u>stephen.org/totus-tuus</u>.

CYSL FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

- CYSL Soccer is for SSM Parishioners in grades K-8th
 Athletes of all abilities and multi-sports athletes welcome
- Registration Deadline: 5 PM, Monday, July 8th Note: Micro (Ages 3-6) Registration Opening at Later Date!



Register & more information at: stephen.org/sports-club or scan the QR code.

CROSS COUNTRY REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

- Open to all registered St. Stephen parishioners in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th
- Welcome students of all capacities and those participating in other sports

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTER AT

• The registration deadline is 5 PM, Friday, August 16th

STEPHEN.ORG/SPORTS-CLUB-CROSS-COUNTRY

• Fees are \$40 per student





#stewardshipreflection

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR MOVING VETERANS FORWARD PROJECT JUNE 15 - 30TH

This June, the St. Stephen Social Justice Ministry is hosting a project to provide household items for veterans moving into small apartments. You can choose to participate in any of these ways:

- Take a star from a tree in the Gathering Space and return the item(s) under the trees.
- Donate \$10 or \$25 gift cards (Walmart or Target), cash, or checks & place them in boxes in the Gathering Space. Checks should be made out to St. Stephen the Martyr Church.
- Scan the QR code to give online.

These items will go to Moving Veterans Forward (MVF) who will provide them directly to veterans they are setting up in small apartments.





Questions? Contact Teresa Ziska at (402) 960-8618.

JOIN THE PRIMETIMERS FOR **ELLIOT THE MUSIC BINGO GUY!**

THURSDAY, JULY 18 6 PM **PARISH CENTER**

Join us for a fun night with this professional DJ! Bring an appetizer to share & BYOB. Cost is \$10/person.

RSVP to Pat Miller at 402-201-7945 by July 11th.

Join our Parish Family!

St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church is a community for all people to encounter Christ, know Christ, and proclaim Christ.

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.





journey with those around you through acts of love and charity

Our new neighborhood outreach program, *Emmaus*, is off and running! We are called to share our Christian journey and to make Christ present to those

around us. We want all those in our community to be known, loved, and cared for just as Christ cared for His disciples. Emmaus allows our parishioners to become missionary disciples in their own neighborhoods, bringing Christ's joy outside the church walls.

Two families have volunteered to be ambassadors in the Mission Hills neighborhood, building community in the hopes the relationships can become Christ-



Rvan & Kali Robertson (above) began Emmaus this spring with a lemonade stand (left). The stand was donationonly and raised money for the Elkhorn Tornado victims. It was a great success and they were thrilled to meet new neighbors and together share God's love with those in need!

Dean & Jane Baumert (left) look forward to a July 4th Celebration with their neighbors.

If you are interested in learning more about *Emmaus* or would like to connect with our Mission Hills Ambassadors, contact Adam Ybarra, Director of Mission, at a.ybarra@stephen.org.





Our Trivia Night Hosts, Nate & Janet Driml, will pass the baton after our 2025 event. Don't miss this chance to learn from the masters and become our next Trivia Night Hosts!

Contact Catiana Urrutia at c.urrutia@stephen.org.

Volunteers Needed for Votive Candle Replenishment



We are seeking one or two individuals to help restock our votive candles in the Daily Mass Chapel on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know would like to help provide the "light" for others' intentions, please contact our Votive Candle Ministry Coordinator, Melissa LaPesh at <u>meli3773@ymail.com</u>.

FOR THE CONSECRATION OF OUR NATION

JULY 4 AFTER THE 8:15 AM MASS ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR PARISH

SCAN THE QR CODE

WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question: We are considering homeschooling our children. Does this present a problem when it is time for them to receive the sacraments? What must we do?

Answer: Homeschooling is legal in all fifty states and like other types of education, has its advantages and its drawbacks. There are many factors to consider, and each family has to decide what the best way to educate its children is. With religious education, many dioceses have a formal policy that outlines procedures and expectations, some of which include more than just academic information. Call the religious education office to find out what they are for your area.

In general, though, an appointment with your parish priest to discuss your situation is the best first step. An opportunity to discuss what is available, what the expectations are for each sacrament, and how you can best prepare your child helps make your time of preparation more effective. The priest can direct you to good catechetical materials, parent information classes, and other choices and possibilities for your child. All parents need to be part of their child's religious education, taking a lead in instilling the values and beliefs of their faith.

Communication and information helps us all to teach and preach the Gospel as Jesus did. ©LPi



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

Mondays | 7 PM | Worship Space

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



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled! (Jb 38:11)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps 107) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)

Gospel:

They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mk 4:41)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

So often when we are weathering the storm, it feels like God is asleep - but we never even tried to wake Him up! Bring God your fears, your doubts, your uncertainties. He will show you that He steers the ship, and even the wind and the seas obey.

Observances for the week of June 23, 2024

Sunday:	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
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Monday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor Thursday: of the Church
- Friday: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

Next Sunday: 13th 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 <u>stephen.org/prayer-line</u> or call Beth at (402) 669-4793.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 22

8:15 am † Judy Klein (ZT) 5:00 pm † Rodger Fawcett (DH) Sunday, June 23

- 7:30 am SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)
- 9:00 am † Luella Linnebur (DB) 10:30 am † Cathy Greise (ZT)
- 6:00 pm † Margaret Klein (ZT)

Monday, June 24

6:30 am Communion Service 8:15 am † Carol Ann Becker (ZT)

Tuesday, June 25

6:30 am SI Rich Benda and Family (ZT) 8:15 am † Dorothy Murphy (DB)

Wednesday, June 26

6:30 am † Irene Hosier (ZT) 8:15 am SI Estefani Jacobo (DB)

Thursday, June 27

6:30 am **Communion Service** 8:15 am † Sister Clarice Faltus (DB)

Friday, June 28

6:30 am SI Fr. David Belt (ZT) 8:15 am SI Brandon Souba (DB)

Saturday, June 29

8:15 am † Wendell Wills (DB) 5:00 pm † Michael Strehle (DB)

Sunday, June 30

7:30 am SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB) 9:00 am † Rich Johns (ZT) 10:30 am † Mary Ann Drelicharz (ZT) 6:00 pm † Elizabeth Gulizia (DH)

SI = Special Intention **†** = 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: Maxine Micek, wife of Bob Rev. James Buckley, First Associate Pastor of SSM Linda Adams, sister-in-law of Pam Davis Willa Milone, mother of Joe

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

Larry Boettcher 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 Ryan Huebner, son of Cheryl & Marty

Thank You for your Food Pantry donations!



Thank you, parishioners and Knights of Columbus, for your generous support of the SSM Food Pantry through the First Saturday drop off and continuous donations throughout the month.

To donate to the Food Pantry, drop off items to the Food Pantry cart in the foyer of the Parish Center anytime. There is also a curbside drop-off event every first Saturday of the month thanks to our Knights of Columbus. Our Food Pantry provides aid to area families in need.

Community News

SIDEWALK ADVOCACY TRAINING JUNE 29TH



Training will be offered for men and women desiring to help women through sidewalk advocacy or prayer support at local abortion facilities. This peaceful, prayerful, law abiding approach has saved over 20,000 babies in 239 cities. Training will be held on Saturday, June 29th at the Catholic Charities Building from 10 AM – 4 PM. \$10 registration fee covers

workbook, materials and lunch. For more information or to register contact lifesidewalk@gmail.com.

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF OMAHA SUMMER CAMPS

Join us this summer for camps in Literature, Sacred Art, Drama, Mock Trial, and Latin! There are opportunities for participants in grades 3 - Adult. For more information and to register, visit <u>chestertonomaha.org/camps</u>!

3 DAYS OF SUMMER FUN WITH SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO!



It's that time of year again for Spirit Catholic Radio's 3 Days of Summer Fun from June 25th to 27th! Come visit us at any of our various locations between the hours of 11am and 1pm! Our locations will be listed on spiritcatholicradio.com! We also invite you to tune-in to Spirit 102.7 FM for the 3 Days of Summer Fun on-air

portion as we celebrate warm weather, play upbeat praise & worship music, visit with listeners in communities across our listening area, and bring awareness to the need for Catholic radio!

REGINA CAELI IS HIRING FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

No formal teaching experience is necessary, but a love for the Catholic faith is required! Send resume to m.baumbach.oma@rcahybrid.org. Visit rcahybrid.org for more information.

Join us in fall of 2024 for a 16-week 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!

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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:<mark>45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.;</mark> 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



V2 DISCOVERY CAMP

V2 Discovery Camp is a Catholic summer camp for young men entering 5th grade through 9th grade in the fall. The camp is 4 days, 3 nights. This camp is a great option for first time campers, fathers and son duos and any other young adventurer hungry for engaging activities, personal growth, inspiring worship and spiritual development.

INTERESTED IN BEING A YOUTH LEADER? EMAIL INFO@V2MINISTRIES.ORG TO LEARN HOW TO APPLY.

July 28-31 Camp Kateri Tekakwitha 1305 Road 3 McCool Junction, NE 68401 Price: \$375: Through June 2nd \$400: Through July 1st (Scholarships available)



Scan this QR code to register, or visit v2ministries.org/adventures

For more information contact us at 402-915-0482 or info@v2ministries.org



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