

June 9, 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>.



This week, our children will dive into friendship with God at Vacation Bible School! Please pray for our staff, volunteers and children. May they make wonderful memories and grow closer to Jesus!



10[™] SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." - Mk 3:33-35

Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

When His relatives heard of this they set out to seize Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind." The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons He drives out demons." Summoning them, He began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.



It isn't too often that we hear this passage from the Gospel of Saint Mark proclaimed at Sunday Mass. It actually takes place early in the ministry of Jesus. But as He moves around the Sea of Galilee, the crowds start to gather and follow Him. The stories about Jesus healing and curing people, performing exorcisms, and teaching with love and mercy are spreading. There are many people who are drawn to what He is saying and doing, but there are also those who think that He is "out of his mind" or acting as an agent of the devil. Finally, His relatives are so concerned that they come to take Him out of this chaotic scene. Looking back on these scenes, we know that Jesus isn't filled with evil spirits or intentions. He is bringing the presence of God to people who are sick, dying, possessed, and troubled in many ways.

Isn't this what we desire in our relationship with Jesus? I think that sometimes we are comfortable living in the chaos because we come to believe that loneliness, broken relationships, and unsettled spirits are just a part of normal life. As He did when He walked the earth, Jesus wants to be a part of our lives today and bring healing and peace to us. May we come to experience the healing and merciful touch of Jesus through prayer, meditation on His Word in Scripture, through the gift of human love, and especially, through the Eucharist.

"Here is the Good News: Jesus is not out of His mind; Jesus is not filled with demonic spirits. Rather, Jesus has the mind of God; Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit – and invites all of us to be of the same mind and same Spirit in a new family as His sisters and brothers." –David Ewart

God Bless, Father Dave



Congratulations, Newly Married!

Emily Buesing and Daniel Edwards Taylor Finke and Travis Loudner Our faith community wishes you many blessings!



Congratulations, Newly Baptized! Owen Charles Rathje, son of Michael and Kylie

Ruby Quynh Pham, daughter of Steve and Tina

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

Sacraments

Reconciliation

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

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays. Parents are required to attend a preparation class. Contact the parish office for information or visit: <u>stephen.org/sacraments</u>.

Matrimony

Preparation for Marriage begins at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Contact parish office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact 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 5/28-6/3/24:

Actual:	\$45,357
Budget:	\$46,951
FYTD Actual:	\$2,359,351
FYTD Budget:	\$2,363,210

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.





"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."- Mark 3:24

Within your parish community, do your ministries collaborate with each other or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is not to increase Mass attendance, increase the number of volunteers or increase offertory. The primary goal is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it's not doing that, it's not worth doing.

#stewardshipreflection

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.

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. 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 have been set for Mon., June 24th, Wed., July 31st and Sun., Aug. 11th. These events are free to attend but registration is requested so we can plan snacks accordingly! Get all the details and sign up at school.stephen.org/summer-play-date.
- ⇒ 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

- ⇒ Vacation Bible School Begins on Monday, June 10! Let's Dive In! Please check your inbox for an important email sent this week on the details. Crew assignments will be posted in the dining room on Sunday for you to check your child's crew number and will also be posted outside the gym on Monday morning.
- ⇒ 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 12th 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>.





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.



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 <u>a.ybarra@stephen.org</u>.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 9-11 AM WORSHIP SPACE

TO REGISTER: EMAIL S.JIZBA @STEPHEN.ORG

Is God calling you to become a Permanent Deacon?



Permanent Deacons are a "driving force for the Church's service" (Pope Paul VI) who animate, inspire and lead the faithful into service. The principal characteristic

defining the Deacon is that he is ordained for the service of charity that knows no limits. Deacons are a living sign of Christ's presence and love. They are missionaries of the gospel who bring the Good News to the places where there is suffering, and who pay attention to the most marginalized. Deacons are men who can preach hope and encouragement to the weary.

If you think you are called to the Permanent Diaconate, please contact Fr. Dave at (402) 896-9675 before June 15.



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.

Ource of Catholic Women Join us for our Monthly Events! Next event: Bunco Night on June 20 from 7-9 PM

Monthly Meeting & Fellowship: The St. Stephen the Martyr Council of Catholic Women invite all confirmed Catholic women to attend our monthly meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month from 7-8 PM with fellowship through 9 PM. We hope you can join us! To sign up for emails, please visit <u>stephen.org/</u> <u>councilofcatholicwomen</u>.

Monthly Bunco Night: Bunco is hosted by the Council of Catholic Women every third **Thursday** of every month in the Parish Center from 7-9 PM. 21+; \$10/person. Questions? Contact Brenda Kreber at 402-203-5196.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question: How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

Answer: Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn't have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tentmaker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!

One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus' incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God's image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way — in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbor is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn't remain only at church on Sunday. We can — and should — let our faith animate our lives! ©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:

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers." (Gn 3:15)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading:

Since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke, we too believe and therefore we speak. (2 Cor 4:13)

Gospel:

And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand: that is the end of him. (Mk 3:26)

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Live The Liturgy **Inspiration of the Week**

God's family is not a country club you don't need the right pedigree or the proper connections to join. Christ claims everyone who does the will of God. Let us call upon the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts, that we may live in kinship with Christ.

Observances for the week of June 9, 2024

Sunday: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle

- Thursday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Friday: Flag Day

Next Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day



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, lune 8

8:15 am	SI	Steve & Connie Cinnamon (DB)
		People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)
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Sunday, June 9

- 7:30 am † Jim Brazda (DB) 9:00 am † Bob Mannino (Z Bob Mannino (ZT)
- 10:30 am † Bob Menard (ZT)
- 6:00 pm † Andrew Williams (DH)

Monday, June 10

- 6:30 am † Ken & Jeanette Peterson (ZT) 8:15 am † Jane Schuyler (ZT)
- Tuesday, June 11
- 6:30 am † Robert O'Donnell (ZT) 8:15 am † Rich Johns (DB)
- Wednesday, June 12 6:30 am † Bobbie Mischke (ZT) 8:15 am † Bob & Sue Mathine (DB)

Thursday, June 13

6:30 am SI Barbara McKenna (DB) 8:15 am SI The Stessman Family (DB)

Friday, June 14

6:30 am † Andrew Williams (ZT) 8:15 am † Arthur D Houston (DB)

Saturday, June 15

8:15 am[†] Ben Hull (AS) 5:00 pm † Erin Doll (DA)

Sunday, June 16

- 7:30 am † Lewis Storm (ZT) 9:00 am † Helen Marx (DB) 10:30 am † Gene Zywiec (DA) 6:00 pm SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)
 - SI = Special Intention **†** = Repose of the Soul

DB = Fr. Dave Belt; ZT = Fr. Zach Tucker; DH = Fr. Denny Hanneman; AS = Fr. Andrew Sohm; DA = Fr. Dan Andrews

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: Frederick Totten, husband of Jane **Barbara Wagner**

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

Music Bingo Night

Elliot the Music Bingo Guy, a professional DJ, is coming to the Parish Center on Thursday, July 18th at 6 PM. Join us for a fun-filled evening to socialize, sing and win prizes! Please bring your favorite appetizer to share. BYOB. Cost is \$10/person. RSVP to Pat Miller at 402-201-7945 by Thursday, July 11th. Checks may be made payable to Pat Miller. We hope to see you there!

Join us for Cards & Games Thursdays

Stop by and see what's happening on Cards and Games Thursdays on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 1PM in the Parish Center. Meet some new friends and have a fun afternoon. You will feel welcomed! Bring a friend and a snack to share! Questions? Email us at stephens.primetimers@gmail.com.



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Community News

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SEEKING A YOUTH EVANGELIZATION COORDINATOR

In partnership with other staff, the Youth Evangelization Coordinator works to nurture spiritual growth of adolescents grade 7-12 on the journey of discipleship. This will include building upon current program foundations for both junior high and high school youth. This role includes assessing the needs of young people and their families and developing varied responses to engage youth in building a relationship with Christ and living as disciples. The coordinator will guide and build ministry teams to share in the role of forming disciples and collaborate with other parishes and community youth organizations. For a complete job description and to apply, please visit: svdpomaha.org/about-us/employment1 Resumes and employment application can be emailed to:

parishoffice@svdpomaha.org.

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.

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 22. 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 www.MagnificatOmaha.org. Magnificat-Omaha is an archdiocesan-wide Catholic women's organization focused on evangelization.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION TO PASS THROUGH OMAHA JUNE 22-23



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. The Procession Pilgrimage will stop at 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





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