



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

July 7, 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 ([https://www.facebook.com/
StStephensCatholicChurchOmaha](https://www.facebook.com/StStephensCatholicChurchOmaha)) 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. Matthew Pohlman

Staff Contact Info: stephen.org/staff

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 5 PM

Submit requests to Leslie at l.schulte@stephen.org.



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

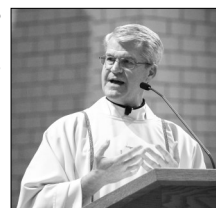
When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

"So that I might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated."



It isn't exactly clear what St. Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was. Perhaps it was a physical illness or disability. Perhaps it was trouble in a relationship with a family member or friend. Perhaps it was a struggle with a deep, dark secret. No matter what the affliction was, Paul clearly experienced something that left him humbled. And although he begged for relief and healing, he only received the gift of God's grace and the assurance that God accepted him in his weakness and that he was present in his brokenness.

The experiences of St. Paul's life led him to understand God's presence and action in the world. Like Jesus' teachings about the blind seeing and the lame walking, Paul understood that God makes the weak strong. The humiliating state of Paul's life was not a source of embarrassment; it was a source of grace and divine power.

Today we pray that we may accept our human weakness, sinfulness, and human infirmities as opportunities to experience God's presence and abundant grace. In turn may we be a source of comfort and consolation to those who come to us for love and support.

"In time of sickness, the soul collects itself anew." – Latin Proverb

*In Christ,
Father Dave*

Welcome, Fr. Matthew Pohlman



This weekend, we welcome Father Matthew Pohlman to our parish family. Father Matthew is one of the newly ordained priests of the Archdiocese of Omaha, and Archbishop Lucas has entrusted him to our care. I know that you will give Father Matthew a warm welcome, and that you will continue to pray for him in this time of transition. Let's continue to pray for all priests and communities who are experiencing change in their pastoral leadership.

Tailgate #2

 **Saturday, July 13th**
6 PM after Mass
In front of the Parish Center

Join us for fun & fellowship as we welcome our new Associate Pastor,
Fr. Matthew Pohlman!

See details on page 4 of this bulletin.



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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: 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 the parish office to make arrangements.

Homebound Eucharist

Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Parish office phone number: (402) 896-9675

Financial Stewardship

Offertory & Online Giving 6/25-7/1:

Financial data from 6/25-7/1 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 stephen.org/give. Offertory envelopes may also be mailed to our office: 16701 S Street, Omaha, NE 68135.



CALL FOR 2024-2025 CORPORATE SPONSORS

Sponsor our 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 martyrmarathon@gmail.com.

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." 2 Cor 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture, and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ." We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

#stewardshipreflection



Congratulations, Newly Baptized!

Leighton Scribner, daughter of Ryan and Elizabeth
Rowan Scribner, daughter of Ryan and Elizabeth
Evan Edgar Ortiz, son of Edgar and Loriane
Owen Tomas Toledo, son of Raymond and Marianne

School News

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

- ⇒ **Teacher Associate Needed for 24-25 School Year:** We are seeking a Teacher Associate to help in second grade for the 24-25 school year. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Verraneault at g.verraneault@stephen.org.
- ⇒ **We still have room for your student!** We still have space in most classes for the 24-25 school year, including our afternoon PreK and Kindergarten classes! Request a tour or apply at school.stephen.org/admissions.

Religious Education

- ⇒ **Catechist Meeting:** Save the date! Our annual catechist meeting will be held on August 11th at 2 PM in the Dining Room. All catechists who have signed up for the upcoming year are expected to attend.
- ⇒ **Religious Education Fall Registration:** If you have not registered yet for Fall classes, please do so ASAP on our website at stephen.org/religious-education. Classes will begin on August 20/21 with a Parent & Student Welcome Night beginning in the Worship Space at each class time.
- ⇒ **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. To learn about this and all of our volunteer opportunities visit stephen.org/re-registration. Volunteers receive discounted or waived tuition. Please prayerfully consider signing up—we cannot do this without you!

Youth Ministry

- ⇒ **Witness Wednesdays:** We are off July 10th for Totus Tuus. Join us again on July 17th from 8—9:30 PM at St. Wenceslaus. More info and future dates at stephen.org/witness-wednesdays.
- ⇒ **Donations & Volunteers Needed for Totus Tuus:**

**Donations & Volunteers
Needed for Totus Tuus!
July 6 - 12th at SSM!**



WE WANT YOU!



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to help!



Donate Snacks | Provide Meals | Be a Parent Helper

Questions? Contact a.ybarra@stephen.org.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Question: Who will be our next Trivia Host?

Answer: Maybe you!



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.

Safe Environment Certification

Tuesday, July 16th
6:30 - 8:30 PM
St. Stephen the Martyr - Dining Room

Training is free of charge, but registration is required. Register online at: omaha.cmgconnect.org or scan the QR code. Questions? Contact Melissa Kane at m.kane@stephen.org or at (402) 896-9675.



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.



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Passes through Archdiocese of Omaha!

Oh Sacrament Most Holy, Oh Sacrament Divine. All Praise and All Thanksgiving Be Every Moment Thine!

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage passed through the Archdiocese of Omaha June 21st-23rd. One of the events included a Eucharistic Procession from the Holy Family Shrine accompanied by Archbishop Lucas and many others from around the Archdiocese. Our St. Stephen the Martyr Knights of Columbus greeted those who were processing with the Eucharist to provide water & amenities along the way. The famous Husker Bus assisted those that needed rides back to the Shrine. Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus and thanks to all who attended this historic event!



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
- The registration deadline is 5 PM, Friday, August 16th
- Fees are \$40 per student



MORE INFORMATION & REGISTER AT STEPHEN.ORG/SPORTS-CLUB-CROSS-COUNTRY



SS Tailgate #2



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6 PM after Mass

In front of the Parish Center

Join us for fun & fellowship as we welcome our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Matthew Pohlman!

- Meet our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Matthew Pohlman!
- Bring your own lawn chairs/blankets, games & favorite beverages.
- All meals will include chips, baked beans, lemonade/ice tea/bottled water, and a choice of:
 - Everett's Maple Pulled Pork Sandwich for \$9
 - Hot dog for \$6
 - Family Max \$50
- Council of Catholic Women's famous dessert table!
- DJ and Dancing



**Knights of
Columbus**

Knights Of Columbus 2024 Scholarship Recipients

The Knights of Columbus completed their review of all the scholarship applications received this year, and we are excited to announce our honorees who have been selected to receive the scholarships for the upcoming school year. As always, it was very tough to narrow our choices to just four high school and four college students from all of the applicants that we received, and that is a testament to the quality of young people in our parish and their families!

Please join us in congratulating our wonderful 2024 Scholarship Recipients:

College Students:

Grant Venner, Benjamin Robinette, Katherine Finger & Alexander Park

High School Students:

Landon Peacock, Hannah Whitcomb, Jack Robinette & Rylan Pearson

Thank you to all of the students who submitted applications this year! We wish all of the high school and college students of our parish a successful school year ahead!

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.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

In Year B, we hear primarily from the Gospel of Mark. Since each Evangelist has a unique perspective, what are the key issues that Mark addresses in his Gospel?

Answer:

Gospels are a particular faith community's reflection on Jesus. Each Gospel's author reflected that community's faith in Jesus. Jesus' message is made relevant to the community's situation and context. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. When Matthew and Luke wrote theirs, they imitated and adapted Mark for their communities.

Mark's Gospel seems to be addressed to a faith community undergoing turmoil, rejection, and persecution—forces that threaten to overwhelm them. This provides the context around which Mark fashions the story of Jesus. He presents Jesus as the One sent by God to confront the forces of evil. That is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus' struggle with the demonic forces leads to confrontation, rejection, outright opposition, and a conspiracy to do away with him. Realizing this, Jesus is not deterred. Rather Jesus calls for total faith in God who helps us to overcome the forces of evil. Suffering and even death seem to be the consequences of this struggle. Yet, that is not the end. The one who suffers for the sake of others, the suffering servant, will be the one through whom redemption and salvation will come to all. For Mark, this is what discipleship demands and what true faith in God can and will accomplish. See if you can detect these themes as you read Mark's Gospel. ©LPi

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



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*.



**How
silently,
how silently
this
wonderous
gift is given.**

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!
And whether they heed or resist
— for they are a rebellious house —
they shall know that a prophet has been among them. (Ez 2:4-5)

Psalm:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. (Ps 123)

Second Reading:

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
(2 Cor 12:9)

Gospel:

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place
and among his own kin and in his own house." (Mk 6:4)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus taught in the synagogue of his native place, he didn't fit the image of the Messiah the people expected. They dismissed him. Let's learn from their example and remember that God often comes to us in forms that are surprising — even challenging.

Observances for the week of July 7, 2024

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Benedict, Abbot

Saturday: St. Henry

Next Sunday: 15th 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, July 6

8:15 am † Gerald Moseke (DB)
5:00 pm † Ben Mannino (MP)

Sunday, July 7

7:30 am † Mary Ann Drelicharz (MP)
9:00 am SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)
10:30 am SI Bob & Eva Cockson (DB)
6:00 pm † Andrew Williams (DB)

Monday, July 8

6:30 am † Ken & Jeanette Peterson (MP)
8:15 am † Bob & Sue Mathine (MP)

Tuesday, July 9

6:30 am † Robert O'Donnell (DB)
8:15 am † Bernie & Mary Ann McGrath (MP)

Wednesday, July 10

6:30 am † Mary Ann Bryl (DB)
8:15 am † Jane Schuyler (MP)

Thursday, July 11

6:30 am SI Marilee & Bill Wood (DB)
8:15 am † Rafael Orlando Rojas Gutierrez (DB)

Friday, July 12

6:30 am † Robert Ward (DB)
8:15 am † Rich McCormick (MP)

Saturday, July 13

8:15 am † April Eich (DB)
5:00 pm † Erin Doll (MP)

Sunday, July 14

7:30 am † Jim Brazda (DB)
9:00 am SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)
10:30 am † Bob Menard (MP)
6:00 pm † Irisand Gonzales (DH)

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul

DB = Fr. Dave Belt; MP = Fr. Matthew Pohlman;
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 m.kane@stephen.org.



Pray For...

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

Larry Boettcher

Rod Heng, husband of Carol

Judy Bagby, sister-in-law of Suzie Dallen

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!



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the generous parishioners and Knights of Columbus for your generous support of the SSM Food Pantry through the First Saturday drop off!

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.

"O God, grant that whatever good things I have, I may share generously with those who have not, and whatever good things I do not have, I may request humbly from those who do." – St. Thomas Aquinas

One Opening on Prague & Danube River Cruise with Father Dave Available!

One person who purchased a ticket to Prague & Danube River Cruise with Father Dave on October 15-26, 2024 is now unable to attend. There is now one ticket available for this incredible travel opportunity with Magi Travel! Traveler would take over trip reservation already made for one person in one cabin on the river boat. Please contact Jo Marsicek 402-981-1254 or marsicekj@aol.com for more information.

Community News

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER UPCOMING WEEKENDS: Experience the "Gold Standard" of marriage preparation at the beautiful St. Benedict Retreat Center in Schuyler, NE. Engaged Encounter Weekend is an in-depth, engaging weekend that allows couples to focus completely on each other and their future as a married couple within the context of Catholic faith and values. Upcoming weekends include: July 13-14, 2024, November 30-December 1, 2024, and January 4-5, 2025. For more information and to register, visit Omahacee.org.

EPS BREAKFAST FOR LIFE: Join us on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, at the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Center (14330 Eagle Run Dr., Omaha, NE 68164) for the EPS Auxiliary's 14th Annual Breakfast for Life, featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Christina (Chris) Cirucci. Doors open at 8:30AM, and the program begins at 9:00AM. Registration is \$40 per person or \$25 for high school and college students up to age 24. Register, sponsor, and donate at bidpal.net/BFL2024.

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Confession

Tue and Thu: 11 - 11:30 a.m.

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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

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Sun: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.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

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Join us in fall of 2024 for a 16-week
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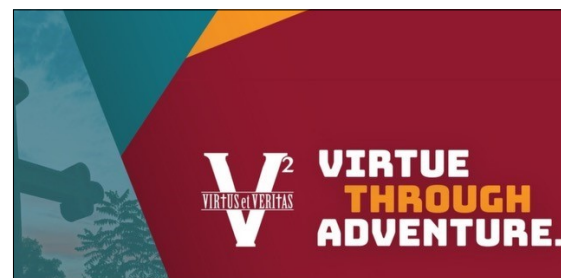
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V2 Discovery Camp is a Catholic summer camp for young men entering 5th grade through 9th grade in the fall. The camp is 4 days, 3 nights. This camp is a great option for first time campers, fathers and son duos and any other young adventurer hungry for engaging activities, personal growth, inspiring worship and spiritual development.






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