



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

April 20, 2025

## 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 8:20-9:05 AM  
on Tues/Wed/Fri. The Adoration Chapel is available  
24/7 via door access code: 9675\*

### Exposed Adoration

Mondays from 7 to 8 PM and on first Friday of the  
Month from 9 AM to 2:30 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](http://stephen.org/staff)

**Bulletin Deadline:** Monday, 5 PM

Submit requests to Rachel at [r.cooley@stephen.org](mailto:r.cooley@stephen.org).

## Easter Egg Hunt

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH  
AFTER 10:30AM MASS  
DINING ROOM**

Join us for an Easter celebration!

Face painting, specialty coffee, egg hunt  
and a visit from live bunnies!



Scan code  
to RSVP or  
volunteer!



## EASTER SUNDAY

The women who had come  
from Galilee with Jesus took  
the spices they had prepared  
and went to the tomb. They  
found the stone rolled away  
from the tomb; but when  
they entered, they did not  
find the body of the Lord  
Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

## Pastor's Message — From Father Dave

***Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you...'***



On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples are sitting in the upper room, locked away because of fear and confusion. Mary Magdalene has brought them her news: "I have seen Him!" They did not believe what she told them, but they came together to wait for Him. Suddenly He stood in their midst. He spoke to them and gave them their mission. He said that He is sending them in the same way that the Father sent Him into the world. Even when they aren't invited into people's lives, they must go anyway to forgive sin and bring peace to a broken world. Jesus even gave them the gift of the Spirit that day, so that they would have God's presence and power with them every step of the journey.

What happened next? Did they do what He told them to do? No! They didn't go outside of the locked room. They didn't go out to forgive sin or to heal the world. They remained together, locked away in fear. Finally, Thomas comes in late. They told him that they had seen the Lord and how He had sent them into the world. It was then that Thomas started to doubt. If they had really seen Him, if He had really sent them into the world, if He had armed them with the power of the Holy Spirit, why were they still sitting here?

So often when we hear the story about Doubting Thomas, we compare ourselves to his lack of faith. But what about the lack of faith shown in the others who stayed locked away in fear after receiving the Holy Spirit? We ourselves have received an abundance of the Spirit's presence and love in Baptism and Confirmation, and our faith is strengthened every time we receive the Lord's Resurrected Presence in the Eucharist. If that is the case, why aren't we taking up the mission that was given to us—the same mission given by Jesus to the disciples?

In this Easter season, it is time for us to trust in the power of the Spirit that has been given to us, get out of our comfortable chairs, and do the work of healing, forgiving, and loving that has been entrusted to us. When other people see us and the way that we choose to live our lives, do they see people filled with the Holy Spirit, or do they ask, "How can we believe in the resurrection of the Lord when they aren't living their faith in Him?"

***"If this mission may sometimes seem difficult, call to mind the words of the Risen Lord: 'I am with you always, to the close of the age' (Matthew 28:20). Certain of his presence, you shall fear no difficulty and no obstacle. His word will enlighten you; his Body and his Blood will nourish you and sustain you on your daily journey to eternity." — Saint John Paul II, 2004***

In Christ,  
Father Dave

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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](http://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 & Homebound Eucharist

Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

### Becoming Catholic! Order of Christian Initiation

Contact Adam Ybarra, Director of Mission, at (402) 861-4507 or [a.ybarra@stephen.org](mailto:a.ybarra@stephen.org).

## Financial Stewardship

### Offertory & Online Giving 4/8-4/14/2025:

Actual:	\$47,886
Budget:	\$48,175

FYTD Actual:	\$2,196,088
FYTD Budget:	\$2,032,821

*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](http://stephen.org/give). Offertory envelopes may also be mailed to our office: 16701 S Street, Omaha, NE 68135.



## WELCOME TO THE JOY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH!

### THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED AT EASTER VIGIL

KayCee, Hayden, Jon, Jackie,  
Phillips, Alex, Ryan

### THOSE WE WELCOMED INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH

Cole, Adam, Andy, Felicity, Alycia,  
Adam, Dale, Monique, Carly,  
Zach, Charlie, Brady, Huy, Owen,  
Allie, Rod, Parker, Griffin, Alexa,  
Tessa, Malika, Erick, Isabella,  
Madelyn, Joaquin

*Congratulations!*



## Congratulations, Newly Baptized!

**Thomas William Schlecht**, son of Samuel and Lauren  
**Braylen Timothy Walsh**, son of Brian and Kellen  
**Luke Paul Labadie**, son of Michael and Hannah  
**Cecilia Joy Biggs**, daughter of Grant and Amanda  
**Gianna Rose Biggs**, daughter of Grant and Amanda

## School News

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

⇒ **Enrollment for 2025/2026 School Year:** We are still accepting new student applications for the 25/26 school year. Once your application has been accepted, our office will send you an enrollment packet to complete. To apply, visit [school.stephen.org/admissions](http://school.stephen.org/admissions).

## Religious Education

- ⇒ **Happy Easter!** May the joy of Christ's resurrection fill your hearts this Easter, and may this season bring renewed hope and blessings to all!
- ⇒ **Join Us Next Weekend for an Easter Egg Hunt:** Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday to celebrate Easter; Sunday, April 27th, after the 10:30 AM Mass! We'll start in the Dining Room with donuts, "Sleepless from Seattle" coffee cart, and face painting. Then we'll head out to the field to continue the Easter fun with an egg hunt for children 10 and under. We are still looking for donations. If you can donate plastic eggs, candy, or non-candy items please place those in the tote labeled "Easter Egg Hunt" in the Gathering Space on or before Tuesday, April 22nd. Note: please be sure the items are small enough to fit in the plastic eggs!
- ⇒ **Last Class:** Our last class for the year will be April 22nd/23rd.
- ⇒ **Vacation Bible School:** Adult and youth volunteers are still needed. For more information, please check out our website at [stephen.org/vbs](http://stephen.org/vbs).
- ⇒ **Fall Registration is Open:** Please register your child for classes next year and consider being a Catechist/Volunteer. Many volunteer options available. New volunteer option this year will be a "Campus Dad" to help with security during classes. For more information on this and other volunteer opportunities visit [stephen.org/re-registration](http://stephen.org/re-registration).



## Youth Ministry

- ⇒ **Witness Wednesdays:** Join us Wednesday, April 23rd for "Be Real" Night featuring Evan Collins in the Parish Center, St. Teresa of Calcutta Room. All 9th-12th graders are welcome to join us every Wednesday! Snacks and drinks are provided. Learn more at [stephen.org/witness-Wednesdays](http://stephen.org/witness-Wednesdays).
- ⇒ **Newman Night—Youth Night for Highschoolers:** Join us Wednesday, April 30th, 6:30 PM—9:15 PM.

**NEWMAN NIGHT**

a youth night  
for highschoolers

Wednesday, April 30  
6:30 - 9:15 pm  
JPH Newman Center | 1221 S. 71st St.





## Living out the Clear Path to Discipleship

### A Message from Adam Ybarra, Director of Mission

The next step of our Clear Path surrounds a moment of encountering love.

For many people, there have been moments where they have encountered Jesus Christ and His love and mercy. This could be while attending a small group Bible study, an impactful conversation with a family member, or even a simple parish function. Jesus continues to exhaust all efforts to win our hearts!

In the fourth chapter of John's Gospel, we see Jesus meeting the woman at the well. Without going too far into Bible world, the facts are the woman is no longer part of her community, she's carrying heavy burdens, and Jesus offers her Himself, Living Water. A moment of impact... A moment where her world collides with mercy. Her life is changed forever. In fact, she goes on to say, "Come and meet the one who told me all that I had done..."

Our parish retreat is designed to arrange for an encounter just like this!

I'm not saying that people are going to be coming in droves or that lives are going to be lived radically different from attending the retreat. But what if...? What the parish is offering is this – a day and a half experience where you can come together with your friends at St. Stephen's and encounter the Lord in a new way and allow yourself to be encountered by Him.

Allow your life to be impacted in such a way that you leave your burdens behind forever.

The next Parish Retreat, Unfolding Your Journey, is scheduled for November 14th and November 15th, 2025. Please save the date & plan to attend!

## Thank you from *Clothing Our Neighbors Lenten Service Project*—it was a huge success!

Thank You! The response to our St Stephen the Martyr "Clothing Our Neighbors" Project was heart-warming. Thanks to all of you we were able to provide Least of My Brethren and Women's Center for Advancement (WCA) with over 4000 items including socks, underwear undershirts and even shoes. Gift cards valued at \$285 went to WCA. Monetary donations of \$926.75 will be shared. The staff from the two organizations was overwhelmed by your generosity. Our parishioners are awesome!



## Council of Catholic Women's 2025 Woman of the Year

Please join us in congratulating Genevieve Stamp for receiving the St. Stephen the Martyr Council of Catholic Women's 2025 Woman of the Year award. She will be honored by Archbishop Lucas, at the Omaha Urban Council of Catholic Women Woman of the Year Banquet on May 8th.



## Catechists Needed!

Our parish & school offers Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori-based approach to religious education. This program is sustained by trained catechists.



Please prayerfully consider becoming a trained catechist! Formation Course is available this summer.

### Level I Formation

June 27-30, Aug. 7-10, October 25-26, Nov. 8-9, 2025

Mary Our Queen | \$400\*

\*Cost to be reimbursed after year of service

Learn more at [stephen.org/cgs](http://stephen.org/cgs)

## 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 [a.ybarra@stephen.org](mailto:a.ybarra@stephen.org).



# Easter Flower Memorials



<i><b>In Honor Of:</b></i>	<i><b>Donor:</b></i>
The Hoffman Family	Ron & Jean Buras
The Vavra Family	Gary & Crystal Vavra
The Suey Family	Gary & Crystal Vavra

<i><b>In Memory Of:</b></i>	<i><b>Donor:</b></i>
Kim Abts	Ron & Lisa Prideaux
Bruce, Chuck & Kelly Appleby	Mike & Linda Verzal
Fred & Lavonna Appleby	Mike & Linda Verzal
Howard Ball	Sharleen Ball
Henry & Rita Banke	Mark & Bridget Banke
Troy Barnes	Helen & Lloyd Barnes
Dean Belcher	David & Sara Klein
Ginny Bell	Lester & Marylea Bain
Werner Berger	Scott & Diana Rogers
Cyril Berthiaume	Jeffrey & Karen Berthiaume
Sharon Billings	Sam & Marti Kennedy
Sylvan & Virginia Bissen	Marty Fawcett
Madeline Bock	Cookie Reuman
Charles & Lois Botdorf	Chuck & Ann Botdorf
Harold Brohman	Sam & Marti Kennedy
Judy Brohman	Sam & Marti Kennedy
James Bruscino	Liliane Bruscino
Irene Buckley	David & Sara Klein
Vivian & Ted Buras Family	Ron & Jean Buras
Martin & Josephine Caliendo	Therese Caliendo
Al Caniglia	Joanie Sanders
Elizabeth Chitsey	Jeffrey & Karen Berthiaume
Eugene & Doris Christiansen	John & Julie Christiansen
Ann Copeland	Brian & Trisha Gappa
John Cortinas	Carol Cortinas
Charles & Sofia D'Abate	Gary & Sandra Heer
Les & Dona Leigh Davis	Jo & Tom Davis
August & Thelma Dethlefs	Denny & Janice Dethlefs
Beth Devitt	Zack & Steph Tupper
Margaret Dix	Gary & Sandra Heer
Jack Dobrinska	Diane Dobrinska
Terry Doukas	Nancy & Dick Larson
Ann & Jim Egan	Patrick & Mary Egan
Ray Faulkner	Cookie Reuman
Ann, Alice & Warren Fawcett	Marty Fawcett
Rodger Fawcett	Marty Fawcett
Ryan Fawcett	Marty Fawcett
Joe & Marie Ferrara	Jeff & Mary Risavi
A. Fielder	Bob & Sa Fielder
R. Fielder	Bob & Sa Fielder
Randy Figura	Zack & Steph Tupper
Steve Finken	Julie Schmitz
Michael Flowers	Barbara Flowers
John Flowers, Sr.	Barbara Flowers

<i><b>In Memory Of:</b></i>	<i><b>Donor:</b></i>
Alan Fochek	Amanda Ruh
Zach Fochek	Amanda Ruh
Dorothy Gappa	Brian & Trisha Gappa
Terry Goeres	Marty Fawcett
Jerry Goldsberry	Mary Goldsberry
Dale Greimann	Leslie & Adam Schulte
Phillip & Marjean Gulizia	Deb Gulizia
Robert Gyhra	Teresa Pfister
Barney Hallett	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Jeff Hallett	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Leo & Anna Hallett	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Deceased Members of the Hallett Family	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Arthur & Loretta Hanna	Jan McCabe
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Stevens	Scott & Karen Stevens
Aline Harrington	Ruth McDermott
Eileen Hartmann	Bruce, Sue & Mike Sharp
Mary Jane Harvey	Patrick & Mary Egan
Amy Hassler	Randy & Anne Hassler
Ed & Louise Heer	Gary & Sandra Heer
Norbert Heer	Gary & Sandra Heer
M. Heimark	Bob & Sa Fielder
S. Heimark	Bob & Sa Fielder
Ben & Eva Homan	Bob & Theresa Homan
Jim Huffman	Rose Huffman
Arlene & Jerry Hupka	Anne Hupka
Mike Hupka	Anne Hupka
Richard Hytrek	Kevin & Jacqueline Hytrek
Ron Ingram	Sharon Ingram
Bob Jaeck (Major)	Nancy Major-Jaeck
Mavis & John Jenkins	Gary & Sandra Heer
Mike Jenkins	Gary & Sandra Heer
Richard Johns	Mary Johns
Floyd Johnson	Tom Olig
Elden Jonas	Patti Jonas
Gary Jones	Ron & Lisa Prideaux
Libby Jorgensen	Ron & Lisa Prideaux
Jeffrey Kane, Jr.	Jeff & Melissa Kane
Matt Kelly	Billie Watsabaugh



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Carol Kennedy	Sam & Marti Kennedy
Richard Kennedy	Sam & Marti Kennedy
Tom Kisicki	Mary Pat Kisicki
Michelle Klabunde	Marty Fawcett
Dean Klein	David and Sara Klein
Otto and Margaret Klein	David and Sara Klein
Joe Koley	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Chris & Helen Konopisos	Gary & Sandra Heer
Joe & Helen Korgie	Helen & Lloyd Barnes
Fr. Clarence Korgie, OFM	Helen & Lloyd Barnes
Joann Krumwied	Kevin & Jacqueline Hytrek
Leonard Kruse	Alice Kruse
Rita & Gene Kunkle	Brian & Trisha Gappa
Kedran Kuzelka	Theresa Kuzelka
Ron Kuzelka	Theresa Kuzelka
Deceased Members of the Larson Family	Nancy & Dick Larson
Margaret Laruitsen	John & Barb Secora
Patrick and Shirley	Anton Lasauskas
Richard Lauritsen	John & Barb Secora
Ron & Marge Lickert	Carole Stickels
Marvin and Vi Limbeck	Limbeck Family
James Long & Family	Carole Stickels
John & Blanche Major	Nancy Major-Jaack
Barbara Major-Abraham	Nancy Major-Jaack
Laura Major-Riggs	Nancy Major-Jaack
Ed Martens	Sharleen Ball
Pauline Martens	Sharleen Ball
Larry McCabe	Jan McCabe
Rich McCormick	Bonnie McCormick
J. McCorn	Bob & Sa Fielder
Ray & Alice McDermott	Ruth McDermott
Bernie & Mary Ann McGrath	Kathleen Wawers
Mary and Larry Mejak	Michelle Wade
Richard & Teresa Micek	Randy Psota
Iona Michales	Dennis & Ruth Riesselman
Joseph & Frances Mickells	Nancy & Dick Larson
Joe Mickells Jr.	Nancy & Dick Larson
Gene Mitchell	Jan Mitchell
Russell Mitchell	Jan Mitchell
Deceased Members of the Montanez Family	John Montanez
Don Moss	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Garry Nannen	Bob & Theresa Homan
Rose Nannen	Bob & Theresa Homan
Dick & Lucille O'Kane	Mark & Bridget Banke
Fr. Pat O'Kane	Mark & Bridget Banke

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Tim O'Kane	Mark & Bridget Banke
Pat Ourada	Jim & Chris Wojtas
Mary & Charles Patton	Marilee & Bill Wood
Jill Pearson	Liliane Bruscino
Allan, Hannah & Bob Perdue	William Perdue
Gerri Phillips	Tim & Jill Wood
Jim Phillips	Tim & Jill Wood
Tony & Audrey Piccolo	Joanie Sanders
Arnold & Maxine Pivonka	Denny & Janice Dethlefs
Ken & Bev Pohlman	Brent & Michele Pohlman
Bob Prendergast	Brian & Trisha Gappa
Katie Prendergast	Brian & Trisha Gappa
Gary Prideaux	Ron & Lisa Prideaux
Ray Prideaux	Ron & Lisa Prideaux
Dietlinde Priest	Scott & Diana Rogers
Gladys Prokup	Lester & Marylea Bain
Edward & Vernice Psota	Randy Psota
Boden Reischl	Chad & Inga Reischl
Lawrence and Bernadine Reischl	Shirley Spieker
Donald Reuman	Cookie Reuman
Jay Reuman	Cookie Reuman
Ray & Ione Riesselman	Dennis & Ruth Riesselman
Robert and Andrea Rodman	Anton Lasauskas
Bill & Rose Rogers	Scott & Diana Rogers
Zachary Rogers	Scott & Diana Rogers
Herb and May Ruhr	Limbeck Family
Sandy & Aileen Sanders	Joanie Sanders
Alois & Frances Schmaderer	Doris Young
Dee & Keith Schwartz	Barb Roberts
Nellie Secora	John & Barb Secora
Tony Secora	John & Barb Secora
George Sedlak	Jeffrey & Karen Berthiaume
Helen Sedlak	Jeffrey & Karen Berthiaume
Fr. Kenneth Sedlak, CSsR	Jeffrey & Karen Berthiaume
Maria Senior	Rose Huffman
Joseph Siracuse	Lucy Siracuse
William Skupa, Jr.	Jo Ann Skupa

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Ray Southern	Lester & Marylea Bain
Jim & JoAnn Stachura	William Perdue
Ike & Hilda Steffen	Dennis & Ruth Riesselman
Don Stickels & Family	Carole Stickels
Rick Stout	Marty Fawcett
Dick Triba	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Helen & Henry Triba	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Sandy Troia	Jeff & Mary Risavi
Alice Tupper	Zack & Steph Tupper
Joe Tupper	Zack & Steph Tupper
Ed & Myrl Verzal	Mike and Linda Verzal
Jim & Mary Visca	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Gary Vogelsberg	Bernice Vogelsberg
Kenneth & Theresa Watkins	Ron & Jean Buras

<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Donor:</i>
The Watkins Family	Ron & Jean Buras
Jim Watsabaugh	Billie Watsabaugh
Paul Watson	Paul & Kathy Watson
Herman Weist	John Kalkowski
Marie Werp	Julie Mattern
Judith Wilfing	Carl Wilfing
Mr. & Mrs. William Lanning	Scott & Karen Stevens
Garry & Marge Wittwer	Jo & Tom Davis
Pat Wojtas	Jim & Chris Wojtas
Unborn Grandchild Wood	Marilee & Bill Wood
Mardeen Wood	Tim & Jill Wood
Ron Wood	Tim & Jill Wood
Louis & Amelia Yindrick	Theresa Kuzelka
Curtis Young	Doris Young
Emil & Irene Zoucha	Helen & Lloyd Barnes



# MEN'S CLUB

## TRIATHLON

APRIL 25TH | 7:30 AM

**DARTS**



**GOLF**



**BAGS**



**Who:** 36 teams of four guys (\$400/team or \$100/guy)  
**What:** Triathlon of Darts, Golf & Bags  
**Where:** Bucky Dexters & Tiburon Golf Club  
**When:** Friday, April 25th, beginning at 7:30 AM  
**Sponsorships Available:**

- Corporate: \$2,500
- Event: \$500
- Dartboard, Golf Hole, Bag Board: \$100

**SIGN UP & MORE INFO AT:**  
[MENSCLUBSSM.ORG](http://MENSCLUBSSM.ORG)

## VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION & TRYOUTS

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR  
ST. STEPHEN GIRLS IN GRADES 3-8

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 2ND  
TRYOUTS ARE ON MAY 10TH

For registration and more info,  
scan the QR Code or visit:  
[stephen.org/sports-club-volleyball](http://stephen.org/sports-club-volleyball)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## Landscape Ministry


The Landscape Ministry is seeking new members to help beautify parish grounds & provide a contemplative atmosphere. Volunteers help maintain existing landscape beds, complete projects and coordinate clean-up events.

**Ground clean-up day:**

May 3rd (Rain date May 10th)  
9 AM - noon | Bring gloves, tools, and an eagerness to help beautify the grounds!

To volunteer, contact Steve at:  
**402-669-3441**






## Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications

St. Stephen the Martyr Knights of Columbus are accepting applications for the 2025 Deacon Wesley Kreun Memorial Scholarship.

This is not an academic scholarship, but winners are instead chosen based upon the applicant's service activities within the parish. There are four high school and four college scholarships available. Applications available at the Parish Office. Deadline to apply is April 30th.

Please scan the QR code for more information. Questions? Contact Hank Hardy at [hwhardy02@gmail.com](mailto:hwhardy02@gmail.com).







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# REGISTER NOW

FOR 25-26 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



St. Stephen the Martyr Religious Education offers a variety of programs to teach your child as they grow in faith and knowledge of God.

- Catechist-Led Classes
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Parent-Led Faith Formation

[STEPHEN.ORG/RELIGIOUS-EDUCATION](http://STEPHEN.ORG/RELIGIOUS-EDUCATION)



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REGISTER



## FIVE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

### 1. ATTEND OUR ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

Each Fall, parishioners are invited to take time away from their busy lives to examine where they are on their journey with Christ. Watch for more info!

### 2. GET INVOLVED IN BAPTISM MINISTRY

At St. Stephen the Martyr, parents preparing for their child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism spend time in formation with fellow parishioners. We are looking for coordinators and facilitators to help with our classes.

### 3. BECOME A CATECHIST IN OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEXT FALL

Share your faith directly with the younger generation. There is no greater joy than sharing the Gospel!

### 4. VOLUNTEER THROUGH OUR HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Our school is filled with the joy of learning! Help us form children in an atmosphere of faith, community and scholarship. Find upcoming opportunities at [school.stephen.org/volunteer](http://school.stephen.org/volunteer).

### 5. HELP AT SUNDAY MASS

There are many roles such as EMHC, Hospitality, Altar Servers, Lectors, Greeters, and Ushers.

For more information, Adam Ybarra, Director of Mission, [a.ybarra@stephen.org](mailto:a.ybarra@stephen.org) or 402-861-4507. Or scan the QR code to complete an interest survey and we will follow up with you directly!



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

**Question:** How do I discern if a call to do something big is really from God?

**Answer:** Each day we face plenty of decisions about following God: whether or not to pray, how to treat people, and how to prioritize our time. Sometimes there can be something much more significant we discern: a vocational call, a promotion at work that requires a move, or a new ministry position at church. In addition to a pro-con list or a cost-benefit analysis, here are a few things to prayerfully consider and to talk over with trusted individuals.

Does it conform to God's will revealed in the Church? God doesn't call us to do something that contradicts the moral law. Will it encourage spiritual growth? Sometimes we need to choose between multiple good options. Consider the personal impact on you and others you are responsible for, like family. Other times we might be invited to do good for others, but when we assess our other life commitments, we see that saying yes to this would actually impede our prior responsibilities in the long run. Does the call seem consistent? This isn't to say that God won't do something new. Even so, consider if the call is consistent with your gifts and abilities. Can you see a "through-line" so to speak, with how your experiences have led you to this point? Do others confirm it? Share your reflections with trusted, insightful confidantes. Have they seen the same things you have, or are they bringing up new points to consider? Humbly add their relevant points to your considerations. Don't forget your gut. After you've carefully considered everything in your mind, don't neglect your instincts. Does your heart say yes or no? ©LPI

## ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



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

**Mondays | 7 PM | Worship Space**

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

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HIS  
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**May 7, 2025**  
Giving Day



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## Healthy Living for your Brain & Body

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For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science can provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age.

Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. Use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

**JOIN US FOR A FREE LUNCH & LEARN**

**TUESDAY, MAY 6TH | 12-1:15 PM**  
**ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR PARISH CENTER**  
Light sandwiches and drinks will be served.  
Bring a snack to share.

RSVP to Colleen at 402.861.4538 or  
[c.eusterwiemann@stephen.org](mailto:c.eusterwiemann@stephen.org)



### Join the PrimeTimers

- ⇒ **Cards and Games Thursdays:** Stop by and see what's happening at Cards and Games Thursdays! Join us on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 1PM in the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing you soon! Email us at [stephens.primetimers@gmail.com](mailto:stephens.primetimers@gmail.com) with questions.
- ⇒ **Join us for other special events throughout the year** such as Christmas parties, St. Patrick's Day parties and more! We would love to have you join us!

## Join the Primetimers in celebrating Cinco de Mayo

**Friday, May 2nd at 6 PM  
in the Parish Center**

Entree, desserts and margaritas will be provided!

The cost is \$15/person. Feel free to BYOB.  
We look forward to seeing you in your festive Cinco de Mayo attire! You might even want to bring a few \$ dollars \$ to gamble with!

**RSVP by April 25th to:**  
Moe Muhlbauer, Peg Thiesen,  
Pat Miller & Rosemary Napierala  
Please make checks payable to "Pat Miller".



## Weekly Prayer

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

#### Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.  
Or: Alleluia. (Ps 118)

#### Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

#### Gospel:

So she ran and went to Simon Peter  
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved,  
and told them,  
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,  
and we don't know where they put him." (Jn 20:2)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and  
the abandoned burial cloths. What great  
things could we accomplish, if we only believe  
that Christ has conquered death? Go forth  
this Easter season, boldly embracing the  
hope of the resurrection.

### Observances for the week of April 20, 2025

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday  
**Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter  
**Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day  
**Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter;  
Administrative Professionals' Day  
**Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter  
**Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter; Arbor Day  
**Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter  
**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



### 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](http://stephen.org/prayer-line) or call Beth at (402) 669-4793.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 19—Easter Vigil

8:45 PM SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)

### Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday

7:30 AM † Lewis Storm (MP)  
9:00 AM † Lorraine Schlautman (DB)  
9:05 AM † Berniece Adams (MP)  
10:30 AM SI Steve & Connie Cinnamon (DB)  
10:35 AM † Rich McCormick (AS)  
6:00 PM † Sister Clarice Faltus (DH)

### Monday, April 21

6:30 AM Communion Service  
8:15 AM SI Aya & Tina Zrust (MP)

### Tuesday, April 22

6:30 AM † Steven Kucirek (DB)  
8:15 AM † Erin Doll (MP)

### Wednesday, April 23

6:30 AM † Martin Caliendo (DB)  
8:15 AM SI Tim & Rebecca Silke Family (MP)

### Thursday, April 24

6:30 AM SI Debra Worrell (DB)  
8:15 AM † Linda Lichter (DB)

### Friday, April 25

6:30 AM † Leonard Kruse (DB)  
8:15 AM † Judy Klein (MP)

### Saturday, April 26

8:15 AM SI Council of Catholic Women (MP)  
5:00 PM † Lorraine Schlautman (MP)

### Sunday, April 27

7:30 AM † Maxine Micek (MP)  
9:00 AM SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)  
10:30 AM † Kay Schmitt (DB)  
6:00 PM † Boden Reischl (AS)

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul

DB = Fr. Dave Belt; MP = Fr. Matthew Pohlman  
AS = Fr. Andy Sohm; 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](mailto:m.kane@stephen.org).



## Pray For...

### Pray for deceased souls of our parish:

**Patrick McGranahan**, husband of Diane  
**Judith Gammel**, mother of David  
**Randy Figura**, husband of Trish  
**Bernard Trausch**, husband of Sally

### Pray for those sick/injured/healing:

**Ember Workman**, granddaughter of Mark & Terrie Wayne  
**Ron Rauart**  
**Susan Smith**, St. Stephen school teacher  
**Maurice O'Toole**, brother of Sharon Pratt  
**Rocky Epperson**, brother-in-law of Lisa Goldsmith  
**Larry Comer**, husband of Janie  
**Larry Boettcher**, husband of Judith  
**Rod Heng**, husband of Carol  
**Nick Skar**, son of A.J. & Kim  
**Molly Felker**, daughter of Mike and Stacy  
**Michael Bazant**, husband of Patricia  
**Ryan Huebner**, son of Marty and Cheryl

## Community News

**Omaha Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women:** All women are invited to the OACCW meeting, Tuesday, May 13th starting at 9 AM. St Francis Catholic Church, 702 W 11th St, Neligh NE 68756. RSVP encouraged by May 1st to Leonarda Arens OACCW President via email at [arensljrepair@hotmail.com](mailto:arensljrepair@hotmail.com) or (402) 253-5120.

**SERRA CLUB MEETING & MIXER:** Join the Serra Club of West Omaha for a special Meeting & Mixer featuring speaker Brother Angelo Marie of the Knights of the Holy Eucharist. He will share the incredible *15 Promises of the Rosary*. Event will be held at the JPII Newman Center on Wednesday, April 23rd at 5:30 PM. Light refreshments, pizza, and dessert will be provided. Use the QR to RSVP by April 21st. For questions, contact Lori Hamilton at [bobxlori@aol.com](mailto:bobxlori@aol.com) or 402-699-5027. Learn more at [serrawestomaha.org](http://serrawestomaha.org).



**VOLUNTEERS FOR SSVF OMAHA'S FOOD PANTRY GARDEN:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Garden – located at 2101 Leavenworth Street – grows fresh produce, which is ultimately picked and given away to Omaha neighbors in need. Volunteer responsibilities include planting, watering, removing weeds, and harvesting the vegetables/produce. No experience needed. There will always be other gardeners there to show you the ropes. If you think you might like to volunteer, please contact Pat Slaven at [mpslaven035@gmail.com](mailto:mpslaven035@gmail.com).

## AWAKEN! VOCATION SERIES

Wednesday, April 23  
6:30PM | St. Vincent de Paul

14330 Eagle Run Dr | St. John Paul II Room

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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.

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#### 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.

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### St. Wenceslaus

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#### 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

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