

June 8, 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 (<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 8:20-9:05 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: staff Contact Info: <a hr

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 5 PM Submit requests to Rachel at <u>r.cooley@stephen.org</u>.

CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER LOGAN HEPP

We are praying for you!



Father Logan Hepp was ordained on June 7th by Archbishop Michael McGovern at St. Cecelia Cathedral. Please pray for him as he begins his priestly ministry.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." - Jn 14:23

Pastor's Message — From Father Dave

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

On this great Feast of Pentecost, the Easter season draws to a close. The liturgical celebrations over the past 50 days have proclaimed Easter joy, and now the gift of the Holy Spirit is given to us, so that we may live the joy of the resurrection. The celebration of Pentecost



recalls two events: the gift of the Spirit and the beginning of the Church's public life. The disciples of Jesus Christ are commissioned for their work of spreading the Good News and are provided with their guide and teacher: the Holy Spirit.

Throughout His life, Jesus taught by word and example that everything we say and do must be rooted in love. A true Christian cannot be content with loving in some vague way. We must express love for Christ by living His commandment, to live and to love as He did: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I have loved you, that you also love one another (John 13:34). Through the readings in the Easter season, we heard that the Christian must repeat the same loving life that marked the life of Jesus.

So, how do we do this? How do we know what is the loving thing to do? We have been sent a teacher: The Advocate, the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is sent by the Father to be the ongoing presence of Jesus in the Church. Without such a presence, the "Word" of Jesus would soon be forgotten, and the life, death, and resurrection would just be a memory. The Holy Spirit teaches us that the Paschal Mystery is the very essence of our lives. If we want to participate in the joy of eternal life, we must be willing to embrace suffering and death in this life. It is through the guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to love as Jesus loved and to work together to bring the Good News to the ends of the earth.

Let us pray that our Father may send the abundance and the power of the Holy Spirit down upon our parish and upon us, so that we may be faithful to our baptismal call to live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

"Every time we say, "I believe in the Holy Spirit," we mean that we believe there is a living God able and willing to enter human personality and change it." –J.B. Phillips

> 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.

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.

Financial Stewardship

Offertory & Online Giving 5/27-6/2/2025:

Actual:	\$53,807
Budget:	\$42,750
FYTD Actual:	\$2,505,643
FYTD Budget:	\$2,341,975
Catholic Communications:	\$2,573.25

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.



"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." -John 14:26

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your mind, heart, and soul affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

#stewardshipreflection



Baptismo

Congratulations, Newly Baptized!

Lucille Shawn McGuire, daughter of Kyle and Stephanie Jonah Kenneth Davis, son of Matthew and Naomi Paxton Ryan Michael Sindelar, son of Ryan and Taylor Mabel Jane Howell, daughter of Seth and Bailey Andrew Thomas Ganow, son of Paul and Laura Bella Lorraine Johanek, daughter of Matthew and Jenna Finnegan Douglas Hill, son of Kelley and Alyssa Fiona Rose Hill, daughter of Kelley and Alyssa Jacob Michael Hill, son of Mark and Denae



Congratulations, Newly Married!

Andrew DeVault and Alaina Nellans

Our faith community wishes you many blessings!

School News

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

Summer Office Hours: The School Office is open from 8:30-11:30 AM in June & July. You may also contact us by email at school@stephen.org or at 402-896-0745. Have a safe & happy summer!

Religious Education

- Fr. Logan Hepp: Congratulations on your ordination! May God's grace surround you on this special day and throughout your ministry, serving as a testament to His love and fulfillment in serving people.
- Vacation Bible School Participants: VBS begins Monday morning! \Rightarrow Bring your camper to the gym by 8:55 am on June 9. Please check your email for important information sent last week. If you do not see it in your inbox, please check your spam/junk folder or give us a call at 402-896-5683. Crew assignments will be posted in the Dining Room this weekend and outside the Gym during the week.
- Fall Registration for Religious Education: Please register your child \Rightarrow for classes next year and consider being a Catechist/Volunteer. Many volunteer options are available. For more information visit our registration page at stephen.org/re-registration/.

Youth Ministry

Witness Wednesdays: Youth Night for Highschoolers: Join us \Rightarrow Wednesday, June 11th, 8-9:30 PM, for Testimony Night in the Parish Center. All 9-12th graders are invited every week. Snacks and drinks are provided. Learn more at stephen.org/witness-Wednesdays.



HELP IS NEED TOTUS TUUS | ST WENCESLAUS | JUNE 22-27

Totus Tuus is a week long camp that enriches the faith live of our youth through teachings of the Gospel, sharing testimonies, playing games & more!

- We need:
- Meal donations for lunch & dinner to feed the Missionary team.
- Snacks for both the day program & evening program for the students.
- Volunteers to help in facilitate **must be safe environment certified to volunteer**.

For further questions contact Johnny Murray at murrayj@stwenceslaus.org



THIRD ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI Eucharistic Procession

SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND | 2:00 PM DOWD CHAPEL AT BOYS TOWN

You are invited: Annual Corpus Christi Procession hosted by West Omaha Family of Parishes

Join us to honor Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Procession will begin at the Dowd Chapel at Boys Town. You will then walk behind the Monstrance in prayer to St. Wenceslaus where Benediction will take place. A bus will be there to provide rides back to Boys Town after conclusion of event. Processing with the Blessed Sacrament is a longstanding tradition to celebrate Corpus Christi—please join us in bringing the presence of God to our neighborhoods and street corners! Children who received First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year are invited to dress in their FHC attire and process at the front next to the clergy and servers!

Thank You for your Food Pantry Donations!

The Food Pantry is deeply grateful to all parishioners who participated in the First Saturday Food Drive, as well as those who drop off items throughout the week. Your generosity truly makes a difference. Thanks to your kindness, families in need within our community receive vital support. May God bless you abundantly for your compassion and care.



Knights of Columbus Exemplification Ceremony

St. Stephen the Martyr Council 10160 will be holding an Exemplification Ceremony to welcome new members into our Council on Wednesday, June 18th at 7 PM in the Daily Mass Chapel. We invite any men of our Parish, age 18 and older, who have considered joining the Knights of Columbus,

to prayerfully reflect on this opportunity and attend the ceremony. Family members are welcome to observe the ceremony and are invited to stay afterwards for refreshments. For more information, please contact Jeff Stumpf at (402) 490-9780.



Knights of We remember Ray Bruneteau, a

Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr and a dedicated member of our Knights of Columbus Council. Ray faithfully served our parish

and was also a proud U.S. Navy veteran. Ray passed away during the COVID pandemic, and his interment will take place at Omaha National Cemetery on Monday, June 17th at 1:30 PM. Please keep Ray and his family in your prayers.



Blood Drive at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church Sponsored By: St. Stephen the Martyr Knights of Columbus

Saturday, June 14, 2025 | 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.



Schedule Your

Questions? Contact Tom Jaworski at (402) 469-5529







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





JUNE 16TH | 7 PM -

Eucharistic Adoration & Talk

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an ancient devotion that can bear incredible fruit in the spiritual life. To prepare for the Feast of Corpus Christi, join Deacon Chuck Botdorf to learn more about how to pray though a Holy Hour & the reasons behind the devotions.

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St. Stephen

Join us at

Monday, June 16th 7-8 PM St. Stephen the

St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

HIS WAY AT WORK

EMBRACE GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Are you a business owner looking to make a difference? Register for our upcoming Consecration Mass, where you can set your business apart for His purpose.

CONSECRATION MASS

Saturday, June 14th 10 AM

<u>St. Stephen the Martyr</u>

Scan the QR to learn more & register



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MAKING DISCIPLES A SIX WEEK COURSE ON HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

Questions? Contact Adam Ybarra at a.ybarra@stephen.org or call 402-861-4507



God invites every one of us to join him in his great mission to reach one more - one more coworker, neighbor, family member, and friend. We know it's not always an easy discussion to have. That's where **Reach One More** can help. We will spend six nights showing you how to make sharing your faith a natural part of your life as a disciple. Cost is \$10/person to cover course materials.

July - 9, 16, 23, 30 Wednesdays August - 6, 13 6-7:30 PM St. Stephen the Martyr Parish Center 16701 S Street

WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question: Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer: The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass). ©LPi



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*.

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny, white host." - Venerable Fulton Sheen

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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Live The Liturgy **Inspiration of the Week**

"Whoever loves me will keep my word," Jesus tells his disciples, "and my Father...will come to him and make our dwelling with him." We know what's at stake. We know what we have to do. So when the Father comes, will He make His dwelling with us?

Observances for the week of June 8, 2025

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Barnabas, Apostle
Friday:	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	Flag Day
Next Sunday:	The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday June 7

Saturday, June 7				
8:15 AM		Communion Service		
5:00 PM	SI	Father Andrew Sohm (DB)		
Sunday, J	Sunday, June 8			
7:30 AM	SI	People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)		
9:00 AM	†	Linda Lichter (MP) Lewis Storm (MP)		
10:30 AM	†	Lewis Storm (MP)		
2:00 PM	SI	Fr. Logan Hepp (LH)		
6:00 PM	†	Kennard Pohlman (MS)		
Monday, June 9				
6:30 AM	†	Marie Werp (MP)		
8:15 AM	†	Beverly J Von Dollen (MP)		
Tuesday, June 10				
6:30 AM	†	Randy Figura (DB)		
8:15 AM	†	Chris Jensen (MP)		
Wednesday, June 11				
		Randy Figura (DB)		
8:15 AM	†	Jindra Rinker (MP)		
Thursday, June 12				
6:30 AM	t	Lyle Samuelson (DB)		
8:15 AM	†	Bob & Sue Mathine (DB)		
Friday, June 13				
6:30 AM	SI	John Klopp (DB)		
8:15 AM	†	Patrick Gottsch (MP)		
Saturday, June 14				
8:15 AM	SI	James Gninefou & Adaku Esther		

Gninefou (DB) 5:00 PM † Ben Hull (JS)

Sunday, June 15

7:30 AM	†	Ron Ingram (MP)
9:00 AM	SI	People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)
10:30 AM	†	Claudia Britten (DB)
6:00 PM	†	Bill Wills (DH)
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SI = Special Intention **†** = Repose of the Soul

DB = Fr. Dave Belt; MP = Fr. Matthew Pohlman LH = Fr. Logan Hepp; DH = Fr. Denny Hanneman; MS = Fr. Matthew Spotts; JS = Fr. John Ssonko

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>.



Pray for deceased souls of our parish: Dennis Moynihan, husband of Peggy Barb Finken-Welch, step-mom of Pat, mother-law of Lucy and grandmother of Tim Welch

Pray for those sick/injured/healing:

Lawrence Warwick, brother of Deacon Marty Warwick Anne Harvey, wife of Jim 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 Ryan Huebner, son of Marty and Cheryl

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 <u>stephens.primetimers@gmail.com</u> with questions.

Summer Outing: Melodrama at Mahoney State Park

Join us for a fun summer event at Mahoney State Park as we enjoy the melodrama "Peril of the Storm" — "The governor and Trooper Duper are seeking shelter from a deadly storm but are unaware that they are in more danger within than without!" ⇒ Date: Sunday, July 20th at 3:00 PM

- \Rightarrow Tickets: \$10 per person
- \Rightarrow Park Permit: \$7 per car (daily Nebraska permit)
- \Rightarrow Optional dinner at Cracker Barrel afterwards

We've reserved 25 tickets — available on a first come, first served basis. Please RSVP and pay by June 27th to: Peg Thiesen, Moe Muhlbauer, Rosemary Napierala, or Pat Miller (402-201-7945). Make checks payable to Pat Miller.



• Prayer Shawl Ministry: June 11th at 9:15 AM Gather, pray and make Prayer Shawls/Blankets to be given to

Gather, pray and make Prayer Shawls/Blankets to be given to persons experiencing 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 gift cards from Hobby Lobby. Donations can be dropped off to Colleen in the Parish Center.

Community News

COME AND ENJOY THE EXHIBIT FOR ALL!

JUNE 7-15 | SVdP Parish Center

This special exhibit is free and open to the public 7AM-8PM and includes interactive activities for young people.

Bring your friends and family to witness the Eucharistic Miracles of the World!





HEALING MASS: His Global Love Prayer Communities invite you to a Healing Mass on Friday, June 13th at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 9602 Q St. Rosary at 6:15 PM with Praise & Worship to follow. Mass at 7 PM with Fr. Kevin Joyce from His Global Love Ministry. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Frances at (402) 515-8000.

HOST A CATHOLIC EXCHANGE STUDENT: Global Outreach is a Catholic exchange program matching excellent students (male and female) from Eastern Europe with Catholic American families. These students spend one academic year in an Omaha archdiocesan high school, living with a Catholic family, learning to be servant leaders for their communities in former Communist countries. Host families are still needed for the 2025/26 academic year. Please contact Monsignor James Gilg at 402-618-0607, Dee Drozd at 402-440-0817, or Allison Drozd at 402-580-1369. Thank you!

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY SUMMER RETREAT: Could you use a summer refresh? Come away to the silence for a Three Day Silent Ignatian Retreat. This retreat offers an individualized retreat experience with plenty of time for prayer and rest in the 153 acre forest at the Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, IA. The retreat runs Sunday through Wednesday, June 29th—July 2nd. Retreat price of \$375 covers room, meals, spiritual direction and opportunity for Mass and Confession. Registration fee of \$75 requested. Scan the QR code to register or you can call 712-778-2466 or visit Creighton.edu/curc for more information.

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: 6:4<mark>5 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) 330-0304

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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Gospel of "MATTHEW"

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