



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

March 22, 2026

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 5 PM

Submit requests to Rachel at r.cooley@stephen.org.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am
the resurrection and
the life; whoever
believes in me, even
if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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Pastor's Message — From Father Dave

"Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, 'Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"



On this Fifth Sunday of Lent we meet Lazarus, a friend of Jesus. The name "Lazarus" means "the helpless one." Lazarus has died, has been wrapped head to toe in linen burial cloths, and buried in a tomb for four days. His sister Martha even feels helpless and hopeless as she tells Jesus that Lazarus has been dead for so long that his body will stink from decomposition. But Jesus doesn't reprimand any of the crowd for their lack of faith. Instead, he uses this occasion to reveal something about himself. He steps to the mouth of the tomb and cries out, "Lazarus, come forth!" Immediately Lazarus comes out of the tomb of death and Jesus tells the people to unbind him and let him go.

How often have we felt helpless and hopeless like Lazarus and his family? How have you felt a personal sense of being restored to life from the graves of illness, depression, grief, addiction, trauma, or sin? If we believe that Jesus is indeed the "resurrection and the life," our personal graves of helplessness and hopelessness will be destroyed by the awesome power and grace of Jesus Christ. Just as the grave could not hold Lazarus; just as the grave could not hold Jesus himself, the darkness of sin and death will never hold us.

"The Paschal Mystery we relive is not just a memory but a current reality. Even today, Christ overcomes sin and death with His love. Evil in all its forms does not have the last word. The final triumph is of Christ, truth, love! If we are prepared to suffer and die with Him, His life becomes our life. It is upon this certainty that our Christian lives are built."

-Pope Benedict XVI

*In Christ,
Father Dave*

LENT
*at St. Stephen
the Martyr*

CONFESSIONS
TUESDAYS 5:30-6:30 PM
SATURDAYS 3:30-4:45 PM

FISH FRY FRIDAYS
FRIDAYS IN LENT
5 - 8 PM

**STATIONS OF THE
CROSS**
FRIDAYS AT 6 PM

✦ stephen.org/lent ✦



Congratulations, Newly Baptized!

Veon Yu Chung, son of SikTat & Sara Chung
Calum Daniilovich Ilyenko, son of Daniel & Hannah

16701 "S" Street, Omaha, NE 68135 | (402) 896-9675 | stephen.org

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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 3/3-3/9 2026:

Actual:	\$54,039
Budget:	\$51,780
FYTD Actual:	\$1,965,455
FYTD Budget:	\$1,952,847
Catholic Relief Services:	\$3,544.25

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.



Join the St. Stephen the Martyr Respect Life Committee in the world's largest grassroots movement to end abortion during 40 Days for Life!

In this internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally, you are invited to prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

Each parish in the Archdiocese commits to a day praying and witnessing in front of our local abortion providers.

Join our St. Stephen the Martyr Respect Life Ministry on:

Tuesday, March 24th

Planned Parenthood on 93rd & Maple

You may also sign up to pray from our Adoration Chapel or from home.



Scan the QR Code to learn more & sign up.



MEN'S CLUB

TRIATHLON

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH | 7:30 AM

FUEL THE FUTURE - FUND A TEACHER

DARTS



GOLF



BAGS



Who: 36 teams of four guys (\$440/team or \$110/guy)

What: Triathlon of Darts, Golf & Bags

Where: Bucky Dexters & Tiburon Golf Club

When: Friday, April 24th, beginning at 7:30 AM

Sponsorships Available

Proceeds will go towards helping boost the '26-27 teachers with additional financial support to start the year.

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School News

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

- ⇒ **First Communion Celebration:** Save the Date! Second graders and their families are invited to a First Communion Celebration! Second graders will be honored at 8:15 AM School Mass on Tuesday, April 21st. They are invited to wear their First Communion attire to school. Mass will be followed by a breakfast for First Communicants and their families.
- ⇒ **Enrollment for 2026/2027 School Year:** We are still accepting new student applications for the 26/27 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.

Religious Education

- ⇒ **Vacation Bible School-Rainforest Falls:** Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. **Registration will start Monday, March 23rd.**



It is scheduled for June 8-12th at 9 AM to Noon. Please register early, space is limited. Please scan the QR code to register on March 23rd. Visit the website for more information, to donate or to volunteer at stephen.org/vbs.

- ⇒ **Fall Religious Education Registration:** Registration for Fall classes will open on March 29th. Please watch the bulletin and the Family Connection for more information.

Youth Ministry

- ⇒ **Witness Wednesdays: Youth Night for High Schoolers:** Join us Wednesday, March 25th from 8-9:30 PM for Be Real Night in the Parish Center. All 9th-12th graders are welcome to join us every Wednesday! Snacks and drinks are provided. Learn more at stephen.org/witness-Wednesdays.



Easter Flower Memorials

The Easter Flowers Memorial collection is to remember loved ones that have gone before us on the occasion of Easter. Please be sure to add your loved one's name in the special intention field. For inclusion in bulletin, memorials must be received by March 23rd. Scan the QR code to contribute online or place envelopes in the collection basket.



Morning at St. Cecilia's Cathedral

Saturday, March 28th

10 AM

Meet at the Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel in St. Cecilia's Cathedral at 10 AM for the rosary. We will then break into groups to tour the Cathedral, the area beneath the altar, and the Culture Center & Gallery across the parking lot. All are invited. This event is free!

RSVP



This event is hosted in response to our goal in the Strategic Plan of "Strengthening faith by knowing Christ"



Give blood.

Help save lives.



Blood Drive at St. Stephen the Martyr

Sponsored By: St. Stephen the Martyr Knights of Columbus

Saturday, Mar. 28, 2026 | 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 Jaworski at (402) 469-5529



Come to give Jan. 1-25 for a chance to win trip for 2 to Super Bowl LX in Call! rcblood.org/SuperBowl

Seminarian Care Packages

SPONSORED BY THE VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Let's show our support of our parish seminarians by sending them care packages! Bring items to the Gathering Space by March 27th.

SEMINARIAN MICHAEL BAUMERT ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SEMINARY



Scan the QR to sign up to donate items for a package to be sent to Michael at Seminary.



DEACON MICHAEL FIGURA NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE IN ROME



Scan the QR to order items via Amazon Wishlist to be sent to Deacon Michael in Rome



Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

AFTER 10:30AM MASS | DINING ROOM

Join us to celebrate Easter!

We'll have donuts, specialty coffee, face painting, live bunnies to pet and hold, and an egg hunt to follow!

RSVP



Volunteer



Cosponsored by the Home & School Association and Religious Education

Council of Catholic Women's Woman of the Year



Congratulation to Linda Hendricks, the Council of Catholic Women's Woman of the Year! Linda and her husband Bill have been married for 51 years and have three children and seven grandchildren. Members of St. Stephen the Martyr since 1989, Linda has generously served in many ministries. She worked closely with Sr. Clarice on the Social Justice Committee and later assumed a leadership role, helping expand outreach efforts that support many local charities. Linda also helps stock the Food Pantry, prepares food for funeral luncheons, and has counted Sunday

collections for many years. She is well known for her homemade desserts and many hours of service at the CCW Fish Frys. During the COVID shutdowns, Linda organized parish bakers to provide homemade treats for sack lunches distributed to those in need, a ministry that continues to grow and serve the community. **Thank you, Linda, for your service to our parish and community!**

Monthly Meeting: All Catholic women are invited to join us for our Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, April 7th at 7 PM in the Parish Center. Bring a friend!

Join our Parish Family

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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.

8th Graders Receive Serra Server Awards



The Serra Club of Omaha, whose mission is "to foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood and religious of the Catholic Church," issued awards to area 8th Graders for their dedication and commitment to being a server at a special Mass with Archbishop Lucas at St. Wenceslaus. Congratulations to St. Stephen the Martyr 8th Graders who were honored: Logan Venner, Mackenzie Johnson, Olivia Herstein, Martin Rickett, Melki Boko, and Samantha Pearson. **Thank you for serving at Mass!**

St. Stephen the Martyr

Holy Week

Palm Sunday (March 29): Saturday, 5 PM;
Sunday, 7:30 AM, 9 AM & 10:30 AM*, 6 PM

Holy Thursday (April 2): 7 PM

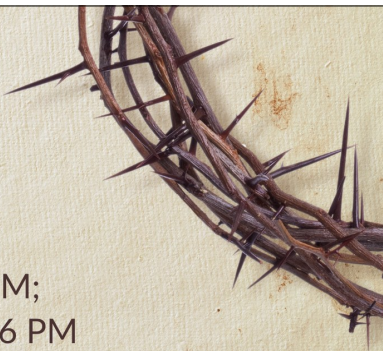
Good Friday (April 3): 3 PM, 7 PM

Easter Vigil & Reception (April 4): 8:15 PM

Easter Sunday (April 5): 7:30 AM, 9 AM,
9:05 AM (gym), 10:30 AM*, 10:35 AM (gym) & 6 PM

*Live-streamed

Visit stephen.org/easter for more information



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question: Why is the Vatican sometimes called the "Holy See?"

Answer: A little background in ecclesiology will help explain why we call the Vatican the Holy See. The Church is very structured and organized in its hierarchy. A diocese is a geographic area governed by a bishop appointed by the Pope. Each diocese is further broken down into parishes, which have pastors who represent the bishop in his teaching authority.

The diocese of Rome has a particular role in the Church because of its importance and antiquity. The Pope is head of the Church because he is the Bishop of Rome. Every bishop has a seat or throne, which is the symbol of his teaching authority and is located in the cathedral of each diocese. The Latin word for seat is "sedes." So each diocese can be referred to as a "see." Most people think that St. Peter's is the cathedral of Rome, but St. John Lateran Basilica is actually the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome. This is where the Pope's seat or throne as Bishop of Rome is found. So, the Holy See is a reference to the chair of Peter, the Pope's Chair.

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REACH ONE MORE

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MAKING DISCIPLES

A SIX WEEK COURSE ON HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

April 21 & 28
May 2, 12, 19 & 26

Tuesdays

6:30-8:00pm

**St. Stephen the Martyr
Parish Center
16701 S Street**

To register:



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.



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



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*.

To sign up for a regular Holy Hour, please contact Glea at gleahamik@hotmail.com (712) 551-6293.

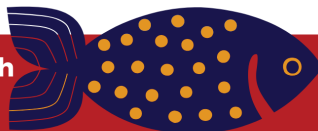


Fish Fry Fridays

February 20th - March 27th

5 - 8 PM

Dine In or Carry Out



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Menu: Fried Fish (\$13), Baked Salmon (\$14), Shrimp (\$14), Combo (\$14), Mac & Cheese (\$8), Pizza (\$7) Kids Meal (age 5-10): Fried Fish (\$8), Mac & Cheese (\$6)
Kids 4 & Under: (Free!)

Includes French fries, coleslaw & roll



Desserts provided by the Council of Catholic Women (cash only)
Beer from Pint 9 Brewing Company and wine offered for a freewill donation.

Back Again!

Family Meal Pricing
Parents and their children under 18 will be \$45.

Stations Fast Pass: Those who attend Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6 PM will be given a pass to skip to the front of the line following Stations!

Sacristy Guild

Care for Our Sacred Spaces

Help care for the sacred spaces that welcome our parish each week. The Sacristy Guild quietly serves behind the scenes, making sure our church remains clean, orderly, and ready for worship.

Your help keeps our church beautiful and welcoming!

To join or for more information:

Contact Sam at
s.jizba@stephen.org



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
the one who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel:

"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."
(Jn 11:25-26)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls into the tomb.
These same words he cries into the depths
of our hearts. "Come out!" God is calling you.
Come out from the sleep of your indifference.
Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out!

Observances for the week of March 22, 2026

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;
Holy Week begins



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, March 21

8:15 AM † Jeffrey Kane, Jr (DB)
5:00 PM † Howard Gillespie (MP)

Sunday, March 22

7:30 AM † Jim Brazda (MP)
9:00 AM † Theresa & Kenneth Watkins (DB)
10:30 AM SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)
6:00 PM † Mary Grohmann (AS)

Monday, March 23

6:30 AM † Judy Klein (MP)
8:15 AM SI Paul Manzitto (MP)

Tuesday, March 24

6:30 AM † Bill Knudsen (DB)
8:15 AM SI The Walsh Family (MP)

Wednesday, March 25

6:30 AM † Cherie Sohm & Drew Lehmann (DB)
8:15 AM † Jane Schuyler (MP)

Thursday, March 26

6:30 AM SI Ren Reieur (DB)
8:15 AM † Mary Azara (DB)

Friday, March 27

6:30 AM † Charley Bacon, Sr. (DB)
8:15 AM † Ann Tiesi (MP)

Saturday, March 28

8:15 AM † Bobbi Mischke (MP)
5:00 PM † Randy Figura (DB)

Sunday, March 29

7:30 AM SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)
9:00 AM † Randy Figura (MP)
10:30 AM † Romaine Murphy (MP)
6:00 PM † Sonia & Carlos de la Torre (DH)

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
Amy Jones in the parish office at a.jones@stephen.org.*



Pray For...

Pray for deceased souls of our parish:

Marcella L. Timmermans, wife of John Courtney

Pray for those sick/injured/healing:

Jerry Armbrust, husband of Jane

Chris Sievers and family

Rebecca Updike, mom of Sandy (Kenny) Estee

Kittrid Koester, great-grand niece of Ryberg family

Gerry Karasek, mother of Sandy Mardi

Trish Gappa, wife of Brian Gappa

Isaac Speed, grandson of Jeff & Marlene Stumpf

Alice Motzer, sister of Mary Spangler

Lawrence Boettcher, husband of Judith

Norman Thomas

Christine O'Malley

Dot Schaecher

Zongo Gisele, wife of Alexis Yaméogo

Brenda Kreber, wife of Dave

Ron Rauart

Maurice O'Toole, brother of Sharon Pratt

Rocky Epperson, brother-in-law of Lisa Goldsmith

Larry Comer, husband of Janie

Rod Heng, husband of Carol

Molly Felker, daughter of Mike and Stacy



The Journey to 250: Praying for our Nation

As we continue our Lenten journey, the Knights of Columbus Patriotic Committee, Assembly 3860, invites all parishioners to join "Our Journey to 250." On July 4, 2026, our nation will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This milestone invites us to reflect on our history, honor the sacrifices of all Americans, and prayerfully consider the future we are called to build. As Catholics and citizens, may we deepen our gratitude for the gift of liberty, renew our commitment to faith and service, and unite in hope. Scan the QR code to learn more and pray. *Let us walk this journey together—in faith, gratitude, and service.*



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., 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) 330-0304

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



Save the Date: Upcoming Prinetimers Events

Springtime Fun Event: Change your latitude, Jimmy Buffet style! Join the Prinetimers on Thursday, April 23rd. Happy Hour starts at 6 PM in the Parish Center. We can have a drink, mingle and play a game. Dinner and dessert will be served at 7 PM. Bring a few dollar bills for games. BYOB. \$15/ person. Let's get a jumpstart on summer and wear your tropical clothing! RSVP by Friday, April 17th to Peg, Moe, or Pat. Cash is preferable, and checks can be payable to Pat Miller. Remember, it's always 5 o'clock somewhere! Email us at stephens.primetimers@gmail.com with questions.

Community News

WAY OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY



Join Archbishop McGovern at the Way of the Cross this Good Friday, April 3, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

Begins at St. Margaret Mary Church, 6116 Dodge St. Omaha.

Proceeds through Memorial Park & ends at 11:00 AM.

All ages welcome. Stroller-friendly walking path.

Questions? Contact omahawayofthecross@gmail.com

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SSM CAFETERIA - ENTER SOUTH MAIN SCHOOL DOORS

Join us for a thoughtful and supportive conversation about planning ahead, so your values and choices are honored throughout your life and at end of life.

Advance Care Planning (ACP)

March 26 | 6-8 PM | Cain Hall

Topics presented by Creighton faculty & students

- Medical and end-of-life decisions
- Funeral and burial planning
- Legal and financial considerations
- Faith, values, and personal wishes

*Because your wishes
matter—to you and
to those you love.*

Scan to sign up



**St. Wenceslaus
Health Ministry**