



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

April 5, 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.



EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."
- Mt 28:5b-6

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Pastor's Message — From Father Dave

"You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom."



This exhortation may sound familiar to you. As a newly-Baptized person in the Catholic Church receives their Baptismal candle, which is lit from the Easter Candle, these are the words that are spoken. This prayer is appropriate for our reflection as we begin this Easter Season. These great days of celebrating our Resurrection faith are centered in the gift of Baptism. We believe that Baptism frees us from original sin and gives us the opportunity to enjoy everlasting life in heaven. But the only way that we can enter this new life of heaven is if we live our faith in the Risen Christ every day. That means that we trust that the Light of Christ is stronger than any darkness we encounter. This is a challenge in our society today, because there are so many temptations and messages that are contrary to the message of Jesus Christ and His cross.

As you continue your walk with the Lord, always remember that "you have been enlightened by Christ." You carry with you a fire of love and grace that can never be extinguished. Never forget that we will never be separated from Jesus—no matter how far we wander from Him in our sinfulness. After a life of faithful service, may we all go out to meet Jesus with the saints in heaven.

"We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we don't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining—they just shine." -Dwight L. Moody

On behalf of Father Matthew, the parish and school staff, and myself, I want to wish you and your family a very joyful Easter. May the peace and hope of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and families with great joy!

*In Christ,
Father Dave*

Easter Egg Hunt

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH
AFTER 10:30AM MASS
DINING ROOM**

Join us in the Dining Room after 10:30 AM
Mass for donuts, specialty coffee, face
painting, and live bunnies to pet and
hold. An Egg Hunt will begin promptly at
12:15 PM outside on the field!

Cosponsored by the Home & School
Association and Religious Education



Scan code to
RSVP or volunteer!



ALLELUIA!

He is Risen

Happy Easter

from Father Dave, Father Matthew and
the staff of St. Stephen the Martyr

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

Sacraments

Reconciliation

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

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays. Parents are required to attend a preparation class. Contact the parish office for information or visit: 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 3/24-3/30 2026:

Actual:	\$47,429
Budget:	\$51,780
FYTD Actual:	\$2,062,097
FYTD Budget:	\$2,056,408

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.



Congratulations, Newly Baptized!

Henry G. Langel, son of Joshua & Meredith
Aria Leigh Cuva, daughter of Andrew & Megan
Abigail Rae Petty, daughter of Gerald & Amy
Marley Leighton Webb, daughter of Brandon & Lauren
Presley Grace Webb, daughter of Brandon & Lauren
Olivia A., Damian E., & Dante N. Martinez Onate, children of Nicolas Martinez Sanabria & Amelia Onate

School News

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

- ⇒ **Get your tickets for the 2026 School Musical Alice in Wonderland Jr.:** Tickets are now available for pre-order for our production of Alice in Wonderland, Jr.! Visit school.stephen.org/musical to order. Pre-ordered tickets will be available for pickup during Tech Week.
- ⇒ **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

- ⇒ **Have a Blessed Easter!** Heavenly Father, our hearts are so full of joy today. You feel so near to us on this most special celebration of Easter. May the love we feel this morning stay with us the rest of the day and always. Amen.
- ⇒ **No Religious Education Classes:** April 7th/8th for Spring Break.
- ⇒ **Confirmation Retreats:** Thank you to all the youth and adult volunteers who participated in our Confirmation Retreats on March 20th/21st. The witness of their faith to the Confirmandi will be long lasting. Please continue to pray for our 137 eighth graders who will be Confirmed on April 18th, 29th, & 30th.
- ⇒ **Fall Religious Education Registration:** Registration for Fall classes is open. Please go to St. Stephen the Martyr's webpage at stephen.org/religious-education for more information and to register

Youth Ministry

- ⇒ **Witness Wednesdays: Youth Night for High Schoolers:** Join us Wednesday, April 8th from 8-9:30 PM for Testimony Night in the Parish Center. All 9th-12th graders are welcome to join us every Wednesday! Learn more at stephen.org/witness-Wednesdays.
- ⇒ **Middle School Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed:** We are looking forward to kicking off Middle School Youth Group on Tuesday, May 5th 6:30—8 PM. We need some adults to help! Please contact Brooke at bnkeller@stephen.org to volunteer. Thank you!



WELCOME TO THE JOY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH!

KENDALL, TORY, TYLER, LACEY, APRIL, COLE, VICKI, MIKE, LOGAN, SARAH, BRANDON, GRANT, MATT, JERRY, ASHLEY, RAY, WILLIAM, GABBY, CHELSEA, DILLAN, ANDREW, AUSTIN, AUSTIN, KEVIN, REGAN, ALEXANDRA, LILY, XAIVER, AVERY, MARIEN, PAOLA, ERICA, MICHAEL, DYLAN, CREED, CASSIDY, TIM, LIV, MARIA, DANILO, GEORGIANA, CALEB, JORDAN, SHELBY, ANGELL, TASHONE, TOMMY, WYATT, SHARLET, RICHARD, JAYDEN, RACHEL, OLIVER

Congratulations!



A PLACE TO BELONG, GROW, AND HAVE FUN!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Volunteer Meeting

Volunteer Night
April 7 @ 7 - 8:30 PM
Parish Center

Kickoff Night

May 5 @ 6:30-8 PM
Dining Room
Open to 5th-7th graders



Questions? Contact
Brooke Keller: bnkeller@stephen.org





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REGISTER NOW

FOR 26-27 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



St. Stephen the Martyr children in Pre-K through 8th grade are encouraged to enroll in weekly Religious Education classes to learn about and grow closer to the Lord, and to receive the Sacraments!

STEPHEN.ORG/RELIGIOUS-EDUCATION



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



JOIN THE ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR PANTRY GARDEN!



HELP PLANT, WEED, AND HARVEST FRESH PRODUCE FOR PANTRY FAMILIES THIS SUMMER. ENJOY THE OUTDOORS AND MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY!

Interested in helping?
Contact Colleen at
402.861.4538
c.eusterwiemann@stephen.org



Now Hiring



Religious Education Administrative Assistant

Join Our Religious Education Team!

The Religious Education team is looking for an energetic individual to manage the Religious Education office, support classes and parish Sacraments, and coordinate volunteers & catechists. This role also oversees Vacation Bible School and helps with special events. This is a full-time position (30 hours/week), with additional hours during events and sacramental seasons. Apply today! For questions, contact Sandy Kimmey, Director of Religious Education, at s.kimmey@stephen.org.

Registration Open!

Totus Tuus 2026

Catholic Summer Camp

Hosted at St. Stephen the Martyr partnered with St. Wenceslaus

DAY PROGRAM
GRADES 1-6 | JULY 20TH - 24TH
9:00AM-2:30PM
Register for the day program



TEEN PROGRAM
GRADES 7-12 | JULY 19TH - 23RD
6:30PM-8:45PM
Register for the teen evening program



Questions?

Contact Mitchell Hochstein, Director of Youth Ministry
hochsteinm@stwenceslaus.org



WORTHY

OUR STRUGGLES DON'T DEFINE US - GOD DOES

REGISTER TODAY!

For the battle belongs to the Lord.
1 SAMUEL 17:47

SCAN THE QR TO REGISTER

LEARN MORE AT STEPHEN.ORG/STEUBENVILLE

JULY 10-12, 2026

**MAYO CIVIC CENTER
ROCHESTER, MN**

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.



Easter Flower Memorials



<i>In Honor Of...</i>	<i>Donor</i>
The Hoffman Family	Ron & Jean Buras
The Watkins Family	Ron & Jean Buras
Harvey Family	Charles Harvey
Janes Family	Charles Harvey
Denny Swanstrom	Mary Lynn Swanstrom

<i>In Memory Of...</i>	<i>Donor</i>
Bruce, Chuck & Kelly Appleby	Mike & Linda Verzal
Dean Belcher	David & Sara Klein
Agnes McNally	Philip & Ellen McNally
Al & Mary Ann Caniglia	Joanie Sanders
Alan Fochek	Amanda Ruh
Aledwin Barnhart	Maria Edwards
Alice Badura	Terry & Stacey Taylor
Alvin J. Fuchs	John and Julie Christiansen
Alvin Mogensen	Lynn Mogensen
Ann Copeland	Brian & Trisha Gappa
Ann, Alice, Rich, Warren Fawcett	Marty Fawcett
Anna Chmura	Mary Venditte
Annie Bochniak	Rod VanHorn
Anonymous	Maia Young
Anthony & Audrey Piccolo	Joanie Sanders
Arthur Hanna	Jan McCabe
Barb Wagner	Joanie Sanders
Barbara Major-Abraham	Nancy Major
Barney Hallett	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Bea Wede	Jim & Sue Schumacher
Bill & Aline Harrington	Ruth McDermott
Bob Hagerty	Marilyn Hagerty
Bob Prendergast	Brian & Trisha Gappa
Carol Keller	JoAnn Skupa
Carole Robbins	Tyler & Stacy Schoening
Charles & Ann Muhlbauer	Norbert & MaryLou Muhlbauer
Charles & Isabel Feld	Norbert & MaryLou Muhlbauer
Charles & Lois Botdorf	Chuck & Ann Botdorf
Charles & Marie Werp	Julie Mattern
Charles & Sofia D'Abate	Gary & Sandra Heer
Chris & Helen Konopisos	Gary & Sandra Heer
Chuck Van Horn	Rod VanHorn
Conrad Gall	Deann Grovijohn
Daryl Meyer	Diane Meyer
Dave and Gladys Mandel	Deann Grovijohn

<i>In Memory Of...</i>	<i>Donor</i>
Dean Klein	David & Sara Klein
Deceased Family Members	Scott and Jane Long
Deceased Members Richter Family	Paul & Carol Richter
Deceased Members Schumacher Family	Paul & Carol Richter
Deceased Members of the Larson Family	Nancy & Dick Larson
Denise Van Horn	Rod VanHorn
Dennis Moynihan	Peggy Moynihan
Diane Kostecka	Sandra Hein
Dick & Lucille O'Kane	Mark & Bridget Banke
Dick & Teresa Micek	Randy Psota
Dick Triba	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Don & Lorraine Duffy	Peggy Moynihan
Don Moss	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Donald Newbold	Angela Newbold
Dorothy Gappa	Brian & Trisha Gappa
Dr. Gary Vogelsberg	Bernice Vogelsberg
Ed & Louise Heer	Gary & Sandra Heer
Ed & Myrl Verzal	Mike & Linda Verzal
Ed & Vernice Psota	Randy Psota
Eileen Hartmann	Bruce, Sue & Mike Sharp
Emil & Irene Zoucha	Helen & Lloyd Barnes
Emil & Janette Adam	Michael Adam
Eugene & Doris Christiansen	John & Julie Christiansen
Filaret & Hattie Major	Nancy Major
Fr. Clarence Korgie OFM	Helen & Lloyd Barnes
Fr. Patrick O'Kane	Mark & Bridget Banke
Frank & Judie Ludwig	Michael & Kerry DeGeorge
Fred & LaVonna Appleby	Mike & Linda Verzal
Garry & Marge Wittwer	Jo & Tom Davis
Gene & Jerry Zywiec	Dee Zywiec
Gene Mitchell	Jan Mitchell
Ginae Goldsberry Smith	Mary Goldsberry
Grant Newbold	Angela Newbold
Greg & Mary Elwer	Liz & Brandon Souba
Harold & Bertha Kleinjan	Michael Adam
Helen & Henry Triba	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Henry & Rita Banke	Mark & Bridget Banke
Hilda Steffen	Dennis & Ruth Riesselman
Ignatius Steffen	Dennis & Ruth Riesselman
Iona Riesselman	Dennis & Ruth Riesselman

Easter Flower Memorials



<i>In Memory Of...</i>	<i>Donor</i>
Jack Guynan	Philip & Ellen McNally
Jack Dobrinska	Diane Dobrinska
Jack White	Jeff & Patti White
Jeff Hallett	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Jerry & John Hoss	Kate Hoss
Jerry Goldsberry	Mary Goldsberry
Jerry White	Jeff & Patti White
Jill Fabu	Tom & Anne Byrne
Jim & Ann Egan	Patrick & Mary Egan
Jim & Mary Moynihan	Peggy Moynihan
Jim Ahl	Michael Adam
JoAnn Fike	Jeff & Patti White
Joe & Frances Mickells	Nancy & Dick Larson
Joe & Helen Korgie	Helen & Lloyd Barnes
Joe & Kathy Ostrowski	Michael Adam
Joe Koley	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Joe Mickells Jr.	Nancy & Dick Larson
John Flowers	John & Shari Flowers
John & Blanche Major	Nancy Major
John Cortinas, Sr.	Carol Cortinas
John DeGeorge	Michael & Kerry DeGeorge
John Legel	Lisa Legel
Joseph & Margaret Duffy	Peggy Moynihan
Joyce Murphy	Rick Thiesen
Keith & Aileen Sanders	Joanie Sanders
Keneth & Theresa Watkins	Ron & Jean Buras
Kevin McMahan	Robert McMahan
Laurence McCabe	Jan McCabe
Laurie Major-Riggs	Nancy Major
Lawrence & Bernadine Spieker	Shirley Spieker
Leo & Anna Hallett	Tim & Michelle Hallett
Leonard McNally	Philip & Ellen McNally
Leonie Grimsby	Maria Edwards
Les & Dona Leigh Davis	Jo & Tom Davis
Libby Jorgensen	Ron & Lisa Prideaux
Lindsey DeGeorge	Michael & Kerry DeGeorge
Margaret & Joe Wermers	Gary & Sandra Heer
Margaret Lauritsen	John & Barb Secora
Mark Peck	Rod VanHorn
Martin & Jo Caliendo	Therese Caliendo
Mary Ann Swaney	JoAnn Skupa
Jack Guynan	Philip & Ellen McNally

<i>In Memory Of...</i>	<i>Donor</i>
Mary Jane Harvey	Patrick & Mary Egan
Matthew Byrne	Tom & Anne Byrne
Maurice & Kathy Burns	Jeff & Patti White
Mavis & John Jenkins	Gary & Sandra Heer
May & Herb Ruhr	Randy Limbeck
Michael Flowers	John & Shari Flowers
Michelle Klabunde	Marty Fawcett
Mike Jenkins	Gary & Sandra Heer
Miller Family	Patrick Rogers
Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Stevens	Scott & Karen Stevens
Mr. & Mrs. William R. Lanning	Scott & Karen Stevens
Mr. James F. Stevens	Scott & Karen Stevens
Nellie Secora	John & Barb Secora
Norbie Heer	Gary & Sandra Heer
Ophelia Guynan	Philip & Ellen McNally
Otto & Margaret Klein	David & Sara Klein
Patricia Courtney	Jan McCabe
Patricia Paulsen	David & Jeanine Hein
Paul Watson	Kathy Watson
Phillip & Marjean Gulizia	Deb Gulizia
Phyllis Spanel	Doug Hughes
Ralph Jilg	Carol Cortinas
Ray & Alice McDermott	Ruth McDermott
Ray Riesselman	Dennis & Ruth Riesselman
Rich McCormick	Bonnie McCormick
Richard Badura	Terry & Stacey Taylor
Richard Delaney	Steve & Cathy Lorenz
Richard Lauritsen	John & Barb Secora
Richard McMahan	Robert McMahan
Rick Stout	Marty Fawcett
Rita & Gene Kunkle	Brian & Trisha Gappa
Roberta Mandrey	Maria Edwards
Rodger Fawcett	Marty Fawcett
Rogers Family	Patrick Rogers
Roman Chmura	Mary Venditte
Roy & Jane Peck	Rod VanHorn
Roy Doty	Mae Doty
Rudy and Mary Grovijohn	Deann Grovijohn
Russell Mitchell	Jan Mitchell
Irene Buckley	David & Sara Klein

Easter Flower Memorials



<i>In Memory Of:...</i>	<i>Donor</i>
Ryan Fawcett	Marty Fawcett
Sean Paul Lynch	Bud & Rosalie Lynch
Sharen DeGeorge	Michael & Kerry DeGeorge
Shirley Byrne	Tom & Anne Byrne
Stefan Chmura	Mary Venditte
Stephen & Helen Markiewicz	Angela Newbold
Sylvan, Virginia & Dave Bissen	Marty Fawcett
Ted & Vivian Buras	Ron & Jean Buras
Terry Doukas	Nancy & Dick Larson
Terry Goeres	Marty Fawcett
Tim O'Kane	Mark & Bridget Banke
Tony Secora	John & Barb Secora
Tray Barnes	Helen & Lloyd Barnes

<i>In Memory Of:...</i>	<i>Donor</i>
Vi & Marvin Limbeck	Randy Limbeck
Vicki Botdorf	Chuck & Ann Botdorf
Victoria Fricke	Lynn Mogensen
Walt & Eleanor Mondor	Michael Adam
William Skupa, Jr.	JoAnn Skupa
Zachary Fochek	Amanda Ruh
The Hoffman Family	Ron & Jean Buras
The Watkins Family	Ron & Jean Buras
Harvey Family	Charles Harvey
Janes Family	Charles Harvey
Denny Swanstrom	Mary Lynn Swanstrom



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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VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION & TRYOUTS

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1ST
TRYOUTS ARE ON MAY 9TH

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



IGNATIUS BOOK FAIRS

See you at the

BOOK FAIR


SHOP ONLINE NOW!



SHOP IN PERSON
SUNDAY, MAY 10TH
FOLLOWING
9 AM & 10:30 AM MASSES
IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

SCAN TO SHOP
EASTER & SACRAMENT GIFTS






Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications

St. Stephen the Martyr Knights of Columbus are accepting applications for the 2026 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.



SEEKING PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEMBERS Will You Apply?



In support of Fr. Dave, this Council strives to be consultative in nature, a medium for communication, and a model of cooperation and collaboration.

Learn more & apply at stephen.org/pastoral-council-apply



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question: Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer: You've probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

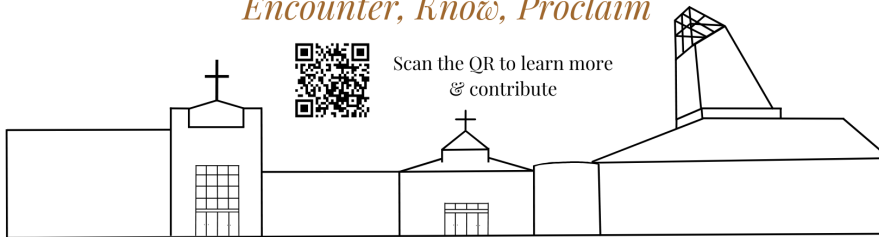
After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed! ©LPI



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church and School *Pastor's Wish List*

At St. Stephen the Martyr, we strive to be a "community for all to encounter Christ, know Christ, and proclaim Christ". To support that mission, we are committed to providing facilities that create a beautiful, contemplative, and functional atmosphere for our parish family. As our community grows, we continue to update our campus so that it remains a safe, welcoming, and comfortable space for all.

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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.

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

REACH ONE MORE

MAKING DISCIPLES

A SIX WEEK COURSE ON HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

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.

Tuesdays

**April 21 & 28
May 5, 12, 19 & 26**

6:30-8 PM

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16701 S Street**

To register:



SEE AND BELIEVE

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

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

Psalm:

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

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:

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?

Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
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 or call Beth at (402) 669-4793.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 4—Easter Vigil

8:15 PM SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday

7:30 AM † Jeanette Wieseler (MP)
9:00 AM † Randy Figura (DB)
9:05 AM † Howard Gillespie (MP)
10:30 AM † Mary Azara (DB)
10:35 AM † Dennis Moynihan (AS)
6:00 PM † Rich Benda (DH)

Monday, April 6

6:30 AM Communion Service
8:15 AM † Orlando Rojas Gutierrez (MP)

Tuesday, April 7

6:30 AM † John Synowicki (DB)
8:15 AM † Bernie & Mary Ann McGrath (MP)

Wednesday, April 8

6:30 AM † Barbara Wzorek (DB)
8:15 AM † Lewis Storm (MP)

Thursday, April 9

6:30 AM SI Dean Strehle (DB)
8:15 AM † Marjorie Vandenaek (DB)

Friday, April 10

6:30 AM SI Ren Reieur (DB)
8:15 AM † David Lemoine (MP)

Saturday, April 11

8:15 AM SI James Gninefou & Adaku Gninefou (MP)
5:00 PM SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)

Sunday, April 12—Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 AM † Rose Boukal (DB)
9:00 AM † Theresa & Kenneth Watkins (MP)
10:30 AM † Jane Schuyler (MP)
6:00 PM † Rich Benda

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:

Mary McShannon, mother of Neil (Jodi) & Nick (Jayme)

Jeremy Zeigler, brother-in-law of John & Anne Kalkowski

Forrest Ramsey, Jr., father of Sue (John) Klopp

Pray for those sick/injured/healing:

Steve Ott

Ginger Cantrell

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

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Thank You for a Successful Blood Drive!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the March 28th Blood Drive. Your generosity and commitment made a meaningful impact—together, we collected 52 units of blood, which may help save up to 260 lives. Our next blood drive will be held on June 13th—we look forward to seeing you there!



Prayer Shawl Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 9:15 AM in the Parish Center

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 JoAnn Fabric or Hobby Lobby. Donations can be dropped off to Colleen in the Parish Center.

Grounds Clean Up Day: April 18th

Help us keep our parish grounds beautiful and welcoming for all! Join us for our Grounds Clean-Up Day on April 18 from 9 AM to noon. Meet outside the Parish Center. Please bring gloves, rakes, trimmers, and other tools. We will be picking up trash, spreading mulch, and tending to the grounds. All are welcome—feel free to bring your children.



CCW
Council of Catholic Women

Join the Council of Catholic Women!

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, April 7th at 7 PM in the Parish Center

You are welcome at our monthly meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center from 7-8 PM with fellowship through 9 PM. We also host a Social Night every third Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the Parish Center. There are many other opportunities for service and fellowship. Please join us! To sign up for emails, please visit stephen.org/councilofcatholicwomen.

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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 with questions.

OUR JOURNEY TO 250

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

Pray for our nation leading up to our 250th Anniversary! The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is acknowledging the contributions of Catholics in our nation's history and encouraging Catholics to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the sanctity of the United States of America. **In a historic moment, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June 2026 and invite all parishes to join in this consecration.**

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Sun: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon and 5:30 p.m.

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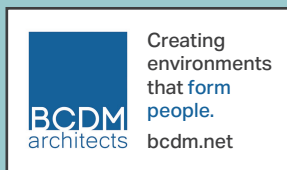
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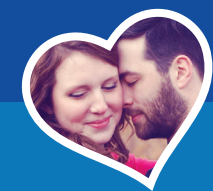
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