



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

May 3, 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>) 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).



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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## Pastor's Message — From Father Dave

**"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in my. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**



In these comforting words Jesus is preparing His disciples for the day when He will be taken up to heaven. He is speaking what is known as the "Farewell Discourse" at the Last Supper, and his followers are distressed to hear that He will be leaving them.

But death would not hold the Son of Man in its dark and cold grip. Jesus was raised from the dead, and now it is time to take His place in heaven. Even though Jesus will no longer be with His people in a physical way, He will be with them through the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He will send to be with the Church for all time.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled..." There are many times in life when we have troubled hearts, but Jesus reassures us today that He continues to be present to His people. He also comforts us with the reality that He is now in heaven preparing a place for those who have faith in Him.

We pray today that, when our hearts are heavy with worry or grief that Jesus may make that burden light. We also look forward to the day when all of life's burdens are lifted from our shoulders and we take our place in the great mansion of heaven. Let us continue to hold on to the truth that Jesus is in heaven preparing an eternal home for us, where one day we will live with the angels, the saints, and those who loved us in this life.

**"Faith consists in believing when it is beyond the power of reason to believe." -Voltaire**

*In Christ,  
Father Dave*

# Summer Fun!

at St. Stephen the Martyr

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**JUNE 13TH**

*Parish Tailgate*



**JULY 17TH**

*Men's Night*



**JULY 31ST**

*Women's Night*



**AUGUST 15TH**

*Parish Tailgate*



## Congratulations, Newly Baptized!

**Scarlett Rene Brummer**, daughter of Michael & Megan  
**Olivia Grace Padilla**, daughter of Joseph & Bridget  
**Easton Timothy Scott**, son of Eric & Misti

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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 4/21-4/27 2026:

Actual:	\$45,669
Budget:	\$53,506

FYTD Actual:	\$2,255,009
FYTD Budget:	\$2,270,185

Home & Foreign Missions:	\$2,760
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*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.

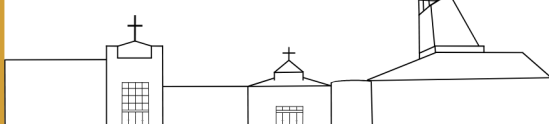


## St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church and School Pastor's Wish List

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.

Scan the QR to learn more & contribute



## School News

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

⇒ **Now Accepting Nominations for Teacher of the Year!** The School Advisory Board is now accepting nominations for End of Year Awards. Scan the QR code or visit [school.stephen.org](http://school.stephen.org) to nominate teachers, staff & volunteers!



⇒ **Order Your 26-27 School Supply Packs:** Home & School is organizing the sale of school supply packs through Educational Products, Inc. (EPI). School Supply Packs ordered through EPI are delivered directly to the school and placed in your child's classroom before Back to School Night. To order, visit [educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks](http://educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks) and enter school code STS021. Be sure to order for your child's 2026/2027 grade level. The order deadline is June 1, 2026.

## Religious Education

⇒ **Middle School Youth Group:** Please join us on May 5th in the Dining Room for our Middle School Youth Group kickoff from 6:30 to 8 PM. Open to 5th through 7th graders. Contact Brooke Keller at [bnkeller@stephen.org](mailto:bnkeller@stephen.org) with questions.

⇒ **Religious Education's Last Week of Classes:** This Tuesday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 6th, will be our last session before we break for summer. Thank you for a wonderful year of support. Have a great summer and don't forget to register for next year's classes.

⇒ **Fall Religious Education Registration:** Registration for Fall classes is open. Please go to St. Stephen the Martyr's webpage at [stephen.org/religious-education/](http://stephen.org/religious-education/) for more information and to register.

## Youth Ministry

⇒ **Summer Fun at St. Stephen the Martyr:** Grow with God this summer! Scan the QR code to see how you can spend time with God and other Catholic kids this summer.



⇒ **Witness Wednesdays: Youth Night for High Schoolers:** Join us Wednesday, May 6th from 8-9:30 PM at St. Wenceslaus. All 9th-12th graders are welcome to join us every Wednesday! Learn more at [stephen.org/witness-Wednesdays](http://stephen.org/witness-Wednesdays).

⇒ **Middle School Youth Ministry Kick Off Event:** We are looking forward to kicking off Middle School Youth Group with a Cinco de Mayo party on Tuesday, May 5th 6:30—8 PM. We need some adults to help! Please contact Brooke at [bnkeller@stephen.org](mailto:bnkeller@stephen.org) to volunteer. Thank you!

⇒ **Totus Tuus:** Registration is now open for Totus Tuus, a Catholic summer camp on July 20th—24th at St. Stephen. Students in grades 1st-6th grade may attend the day camp portion from 9 AM—2:30 PM. Students in grades 7th—12th may attend the evening from 6:30 PM —8:45 PM. Visit [stephen.org/totus-tuus](http://stephen.org/totus-tuus) to register & learn more.

⇒ **Steubenville of Rochester:** 8th grade graduates—12th grade graduates are invited to join us for an experience of God's love at Steubenville of Rochester. Visit [stephen.org/youth-ministry](http://stephen.org/youth-ministry) for all the details.



A PLACE TO BELONG, GROW, AND HAVE FUN!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Kickoff Night

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

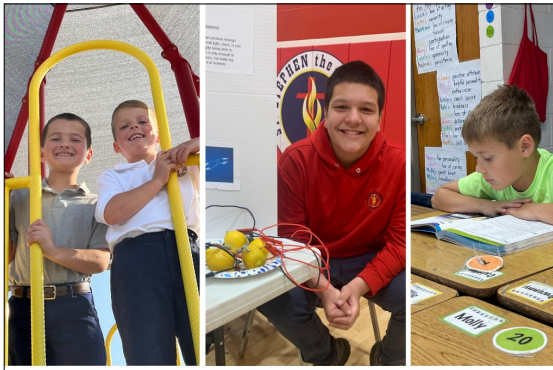
Weekly Meetings

Tuesdays @6:30-8 PM  
(through summer and  
the school year)



Questions? Contact  
Brooke Keller: [bnkeller@stephen.org](mailto:bnkeller@stephen.org)





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**May 6, 2026**  
Giving Day

**Support Our Tuition Assistance Program**

- School Tuition
- RE Tuition
- Steubenville Scholarships

Scan to Give



—NEBRASKA—  
**CATHOLIC**  
DAY OF GIVING

**Early Giving Has Begun!**

**Join Fr. Dave's River Cruise through Portugal**

**September 3rd-15th, 2026 | Two Staterooms Now Available!**

Join Father Dave on Maji Travel's pilgrimage through Portugal, where pilgrims will explore Fátima and commemorate the religious events of 1917 when three shepherd children reported several apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Also in the trip are stops at Lisbon, a rambling tour of the vineyards and charming native farms clinging to the steep sides of the Douro River Valley. You'll sail roundtrip from Porto, visit Regua, and marvel at Salamanca. Taste wines from historic wineries and soak up the genuine beauty of one of Europe's most unadulterated landscapes. Learn more about this pilgrimage using the QR code.



**The Ascension**  
OF OUR LORD

**Thursday, May 14th**

Join us for Mass

Wed, May 13th: 5:30 PM

Thurs, May 14th:  
6:30 AM, 8:15 AM\*,  
12:05 PM, 5:30 PM

\*This Mass will also be livestreamed.

Our Parish offices will be closed on May 14th in observance of the Holy Day.



**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](mailto:c.eusterwiemann@stephen.org)



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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**



*Mothers Day Rose Drive*

**Benefitting Essential Pregnancy Services**

Volunteers from the Knights of Columbus will be handing out roses after all Masses May 9th & 10th in exchange for a suggested \$5 donation per rose in support of EPS.

*Thank you for your generosity*





Congratulations to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation!  
Our parish community will pray that you boldly live your faith in Jesus Christ.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations. Through the same Christ Our Lord, Amen.*

McKenna Adam  
Uriel Azonyibo  
Sheldon Bader  
Sophia Bader  
Quinn Bavaresco  
Henry Bellenbaum  
Seth Bluvus  
William Bluvus  
Sabrina Boetel  
Holden Boldt  
Harper Brearley  
Jayce Bregg  
Owen Brown  
Blake Brown  
Giavonna Bruscano  
Clara Chapin  
Cayla Comerford  
Lily Conner  
Kayla Cooper  
Luke Corrigan  
Cooper Cote  
Carter Creason  
Gavin Davis  
Paisley Dertzo  
Charles Dougherty  
Chisom Ekeh  
Sarah Fernandes  
Anna Ferrin  
Bryson Flowers  
Andromeda Foreman  
Caleb Fraber  
Samuel Francis  
Carter Frey  
Amelia Gasiorowski  
Makenzie Gibbs  
Kate Gillum  
Cale Gilson  
Addelynne Glab  
Daniel Goodlett  
Caleb Goss  
Ella Grove  
Quinn Guenther  
Miguel Guerra  
Giacomo Guido  
Colin Hagerty  
Everett Havens  
Avery Havranek

Riley Heien  
Charlotte Helsler  
Bo Herdzina  
Leo Herdzina  
Marley Herrera  
Olivia Herstein  
Jacob Hill  
Kinley Hinze  
Wyatt Hoff  
Charlie Holt  
Kylynn Hytrek  
Shawnel Irudiaraj  
Alexis Jarzobski  
Elizabeth Keating-  
Manzitto  
MaKinley Kimpson  
Molly Klasna  
Scarlett Klasna  
Owen Knudsen  
Emily Kolar  
Jamie Kruger  
Cash Liles  
Joziah Lodu  
Drake Loring  
Aidan Lozano  
Margot Luth  
Harper Mace  
Molly Martin  
Nolan Martin  
Charles Maxon  
William McCrae  
Summer McFee  
Dominic McGregor  
Justin McMahon  
Andrew McNicoll  
Izabella Miller  
Kashton Miller  
Addilyn Morris  
Elizabeth Morris  
Bennett Mulligan  
Lainey Navin  
Kole Nawrocki  
Ethan Nice  
Charlotte O'Keefe  
Ryder Parr  
Henry Pestotnik  
Mya Pfeifer

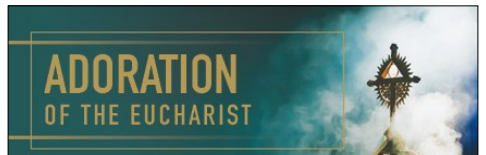
Noa Prosocki  
Jackson Pryor  
Luke Rehal  
Easton Renken  
Allison Rice  
Maria Richards  
Martin Rickett  
Paxton Rieper  
Cecilia Rischling  
Eleni Robbins  
Chase Rocol  
Landon Roxburgh  
Daniel Russell  
Cali Schwager  
Kingston Schweers  
Hannah Schwisow  
Kinsley Secora  
Rylan Secora  
Liam Shaffer  
Alexa Sherrets  
Madelynn Smith  
Crosley Smith  
Emmett Stingley  
Jack Stingley  
Alexis Stoltenberg  
Elsie Storek  
Coltin Swolley  
Theodora Szemplenski  
Chloe Tesmer  
Danielle Tills  
Felipe Trujillo  
Jillian Trumm  
Logan Urban  
Carina Velasco  
Logan Venner  
Robert Vobejda  
Claire Vogtman  
Lillian Volentine  
Ava Wennstedt  
Avery Wetgen  
Reagan Williams  
Brooks Wilson  
Dylan Wilson  
Brecken Wise  
Aubriana Worner  
Cecilia Yardley

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

**Question:** Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

**Answer:** The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer. ©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\*.  
To sign up for a regular Holy Hour, please contact Glea at [gleahamik@hotmail.com](mailto:gleahamik@hotmail.com) (712) 551-6293.

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

## 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).



**JUSTICE ADVOCATE**

**“THE PATIENT AND HUMBLE ENDURANCE OF THE CROSS — WHATEVER NATURE IT MAY BE — IS THE HIGHEST WORK WE HAVE TO DO.”**

- ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

## Weekly Prayer

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread,  
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased  
greatly. (Acts 6:7)

#### Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)  
Or Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.* (1 Pt 2:7)

#### Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How often do we contemplate the  
mercy of God, but fear it will run out?  
How often do we consider following the  
path of Christ and worry that it is too  
steep? But God has not overpromised.  
Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

### Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter  
**Tuesday:** *Cinco de Mayo*  
**Thursday:** National Day of Prayer  
**Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter;  
*Mother's Day*



### 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, May 2

8:15 AM SI Ren Reieur (GO)  
5:00 PM † Florence Moseke (MP)

### Sunday, May 3

7:30 AM † Jerry F. Goldsberry (MP)  
9:00 AM SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)  
10:30 AM † Ann Tiesi (DB)  
6:00 PM † Janelle McTaggart (AS)

### Monday, May 4

6:30 AM † Rich Benda (MP)  
8:15 AM † Tony Woolley (MP)

### Tuesday, May 5

6:30 AM † Jenny Mallard (DB)  
8:15 AM † Dora Isabel Rojas Gutierrez (DB)

### Wednesday, May 6

6:30 AM † Tim Rourke (DB)  
8:15 AM † † Mary Azara (DB)

### Thursday, May 7

6:30 AM † Dorothy Schnieders (DB)  
8:15 AM † Albert & Marian Berning (DB)

### Friday, May 8

6:30 AM † Jim & JoAnn Stachura (DB)  
8:15 AM † Beatriz Gutierrez Puentes (DB)

### Saturday, May 9

8:15 AM † Lyle Samuelson (DB)  
5:00 PM † Theresa & Kenneth Watkins (MP)

### Sunday, May 10

7:30 AM † Jim Brazda (MP)  
9:00 AM SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)  
10:30 AM † Rita Sautter (DB)  
6:00 PM † Cherie Sohm & Drew Lehmann (DH)

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul

DB = Fr. Dave Belt; MP = Fr. Matthew Pohlman;  
AS = Fr. Andy Sohm; GO = Fr. Gary Ostrander  
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](mailto:a.jones@stephen.org).*

### Pray for deceased souls of our parish:

**Tam Thi Nguyen**  
**Anna Marie Plambeck**, mother of Cheryl (Dan)  
Polonda

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

**Randy Pfeifer**, brother of Cheri  
**Lawrence Boettcher**, husband of Judith  
**Jerry Armbrust**, husband of Jane  
**Rebecca Updike**, mom of Sandy (Kenny) Estee  
**Trish Gappa**, wife of Brian Gappa  
**Isaac Speed**, grandson of Jeff & Marlene Stumpf  
**Alice Motzer**, sister of Mary Spangler  
**Jim Kjosa**, husband of Jan  
**Zongo Gisele**, wife of Alexis Yaméogo  
**Brenda Kreber**, wife of Dave  
**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  
**Steve Ott**  
**Ginger Cantrell**  
**Chris Sievers and family**  
**Norman Thomas**  
**Ron Rauart**



## Knights of Columbus News

**Pilgrim Icon: "Sacred Heart of Jesus" April 19th—26th:** Knights of Columbus Council #10160 will host the "Sacred Heart of Jesus" icon April 19-26 in the Gathering Space. The image is a reproduction of the famous 1767 painting by Pompeo Batoni, venerated in Rome's Church of the Gesù, and is part of the Knights' Pilgrim Icon Program, with over 300 icons traveling worldwide. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly encourages families to use this opportunity to consecrate their homes to the Sacred Heart, reflecting Christ's love in their lives and in others.

**Upcoming Induction Ceremony:** The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an induction ceremony for good Catholic gentlemen on Tuesday May 12th @ 6:30pm in the Daily Mass Chapel, social following. For more information/RSVP please contact Jeff Stumpf @ membersKofC10160@gmail.com

## 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

## Now Hiring



St. Stephen the Martyr  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Evangelium, Veritas, Proletem

## Director of Operations

### Join our Team!

Saint Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, a vibrant and active parish community of approximately 4,000 households, is seeking a Director of Parish Operations to serve as a key member of the pastor's Leadership Team. This senior leadership position provides strategic direction and oversight for the administrative and operational life of the parish, ensuring that personnel, systems, resources, and structures are aligned to support the parish's pastoral mission and long-term vitality. Scan the QR to learn more and apply.



## Council of Catholic Women

### Monthly Meeting: May 5th, 7 PM

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](http://stephen.org/councilofcatholicwomen).

## 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. Donations can be made at any time in the foyer of the Parish Center.

## Community News

**FLAMING HOOPS BASKETBALL CAMP:** Join us for camp May 26-29, open to students entering grades 1-8 for the 2025-26 school year. Don't miss this opportunity to build skills, have fun, and be part of an exciting summer experience—sign up today using QR code. Must register by May 7th to receive a camp t-shirt.



**SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE PRAYER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Men, women, and families are invited to pray peacefully outside Planned Parenthood. Sidewalk Advocates for Life seeks volunteers to commit to one hour weekly or biweekly to support this prayerful outreach. No training necessary. To sign up or learn more, email [suzielawler@cox.net](mailto:suzielawler@cox.net) or [kgklein@cox.net](mailto:kgklein@cox.net).

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STRAWBERRY BRUNCH FUNDRAISER:** Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Omaha for its 17th Annual Strawberry Brunch on Saturday, June 13 at 10 AM at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Enjoy brunch, auctions, raffles, and fellowship while supporting the downtown food pantry. Tickets are \$75/ person or \$150/couple. Register at SSVPOmaha.

**OMAHA ARCHDIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN SPRING MEETING:** All women are invited to the OACCW meeting on Tuesday, May 12, at St. Edward Catholic Church in St. Edward, NE. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. (\$10, includes coffee/rolls and lunch), followed by the meeting, Mass at 11:30 a.m., and afternoon speakers Don and Wilma Vakoc. Join us for a day of faith, fellowship, and learning. RSVP by May 1 for lunch count to Leonarda Arens at [arensljrepair@hotmail.com](mailto:arensljrepair@hotmail.com) or 402-253-5120.

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As we prepare to celebrate the gift of motherhood next weekend, please remember there are many in our community whose hearts are hurting. They may have carried a baby in their womb and yet their arms are empty. They may have loved a child for years whose life was far too short. We acknowledge motherhood in all its forms, those whose children are here and those whose children were gone far too soon. Visit [redbirdlove](http://redbirdlove) for resources.

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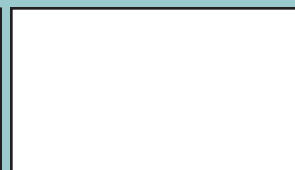
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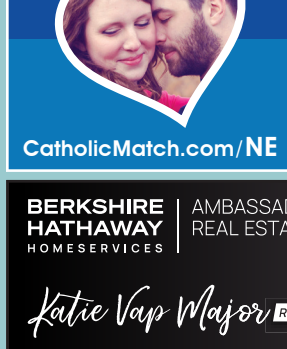
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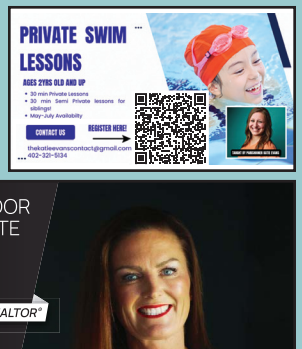
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