



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

July 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 (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 Noon 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. John Norman

Staff Contact Info: stephen.org/staff

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 5 PM

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

PSALM 145

**MY GOD,
I WILL PRAISE
YOUR NAME
FOREVER.**



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to me, all you
who labor and are
burdened, and I will
give you rest."
- Mt 11:28

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OLP

Pastor's Message – From Father Dave

***"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for
although you have hidden these things from the wise and
the learned you have revealed them to little ones."***



Today we hear Jesus offering a prayer of praise to His Father in heaven. Jesus is proclaiming the paradox that the "wise and the learned" know nothing about the riches that God has to offer to us. Rather, it is the poor, the outcast, and the helpless who have seen the glory of God revealed through the love of Jesus Christ.

Being people of the kingdom has nothing to do with how much we know or how many books we read on Church teaching, morality, or spirituality. People of the kingdom of heaven are those who know God's love and mercy because they are in need of God's presence and generosity. Those in the world who know what it means to be without shelter, food, clothing, freedom, and dignity are also those who are able to see God revealed in their lives. Sadly, the ones who set themselves up as experts and those who are powerful, wealthy, and famous will probably miss God's revelation of love because they rely too much upon themselves.

If we want to know God and experience His abundant life, we won't find it hiding in a book or in money or popularity. We find God when we listen to the voice of Jesus Christ and follow Him wherever He leads. For Jesus promises that if we take His "yoke" upon ourselves and learn from Him, we will indeed find rest. And for that reason, we give praise to our heavenly Father.

***"If you are humble, nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace,
because you know what you are."* -Saint Theresa of Calcutta**

We welcome Father John Norman to our parish this weekend. Ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha in 2013, Father Norman began his duties here at Saint Stephen on July 1. Most recently, he served as pastor of the Catholic Parishes in Partnership family of parishes. I know you will offer Father Norman a warm welcome, and also know that you will pray for the both of us, as we give our very best to serve the needs of our parish community.

*In Christ,
Father Dave*



PLEASE JOIN US IN

Welcoming

FATHER JOHN NORMAN

Please pray for all priests,
especially Father John Norman!



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

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Pray & Worship

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 Brooke Keller, Director of Evangelization, at (402) 861-4507 or bnkeller@stephen.org.

Financial Stewardship

Offertory & Online Giving 6/23 - 6/29, 2026:

Actual:	\$49,342
Budget:	\$53,506

FYTD Actual:	\$2,716,210
FYTD Budget:	\$2,744,095

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!

Walker James Woita,
son of Austin and Macy
Theodore Jaxson Gajewski,
son of Joseph and Jennifer

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.
- **We still have room for your student!** We still have space in some classes for the 26-27 school year, including our afternoon PreK and Kindergarten classes! Request a tour or apply at school.stephen.org/admissions.
- **Join an Afternoon Preschool or PreK Class!** We have a few openings in the afternoon 3-day Preschool (3+) or 5-day PreK (4+) classes. Preschool is M-W 12:25-3:15 PM and PreK is M-F 12:25 - 3:15 PM. Please visit school.stephen.org/preschool for more information and to learn how to apply.
- **Gearing Up for Martyr Marathon:** Our Home & School Association is looking for volunteers to help with Martyr Marathon, our school's largest fundraiser of the year. It takes many volunteers in many different roles to make our event a success! Interested in volunteering? Email Leigh at ssmhomeandschool@gmail.com for more information and to see how you can help!
- **Now Hiring Substitute Teachers:** St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic School is seeking substitute teachers to be added to our sub list. If you are interested in either opportunity, please contact Greg Verraneault, Assistant Principal, at (402) 896-0754 or g.verraneault@stephen.org.

Religious Education

- **Please register for Fall Classes NOW before they fill up!** Go to St. Stephen the Martyr's webpage at stephen.org/religious-education/ for information and to register. Rel. Ed. Classes begin on August 25/26.
- **Is your child over 7 and in need of Baptism or First Communion?** Reach out to our Director of Religious Education Sandy Kimmey at S.Kimmey@stephen.org for information about OCIA for Children. Sunday morning sacrament classes for children begin after Labor Day.

Youth Ministry

- **Witness Wednesdays:** Youth Night for High Schoolers: Join us Wednesday, July 8th from 8-9:30 PM at St. Stephen. All 9th-12th graders are welcome to join us every Wednesday! Learn more at stephen.org/witness-Wednesdays.
- **Totus Tuus:** Registration is 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 to register & learn more.

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QUESTIONS
Mitchell Hochstein
SSWYM Youth Minister
hochsteinm@stwenceslaus.org

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ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR MEN'S NIGHT

FOOD, FRIENDS, FUN

FRIDAY, JULY 17

6-10 PM

SOUTH PARKING LOT



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AND RALLY THE GUYS
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LADIES' NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, JULY 31 | 6-9 PM

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ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR



Save the Date! Annual Golf Outing Sept. 13 | 2 PM Tiburon Golf Club

The Knights of Columbus Council 10160 will host its Annual 9-Hole Golf Scramble at Tiburon Golf Club on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2 PM. All proceeds stay in our local community.

Event Highlights:

- 9-hole scramble (sign up as a single, twosome, threesome, or foursome)
- \$75 per golfer (includes golf, cart, and appetizers)
- Tee Box Events, raffle prizes, and auction items

Proceeds Benefit:

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Support the Event!

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Contact: Dave Smith at 402-740-7128 or
dcsmith37@icloud.com

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Register after Masses August 2nd, 9th & 16th

Construction Notice

Dining Room Restroom Renovation:

Beginning July 6, we will begin renovating the Dining Room restrooms. The project includes painting, new flooring, replacement countertops, new partitions, and other updates.

During construction, please use the restrooms located in the north hallway.

Thank you for your patience as we complete these improvements!

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- ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

YOU ARE THE GARDEN



Sign up for our weekly Parish News emails & more!

Email is our primary form of communication with our parishioners. Please scan the QR code to join our Flocknote email list to stay up to date with parish happenings and resources. If you have any questions about Flocknote or need to update your email, contact Rachel at r.cooley@stephen.org.



Now Hiring at St. Stephen the Martyr

Parish Receptionist: Seeking a friendly and organized full-time Parish Receptionist to welcome parishioners and visitors while supporting the daily work of the parish office and pastor. If you enjoy helping others feel at home in a welcoming parish community, we would love to hear from you. Please send your resume and brief cover letter to Juli at j.han@stephen.org.

Join our Parish Family

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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 Brooke Keller at bnkeller@stephen.org.





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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Scan the QR to learn more
& contribute



CYSL FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

**CYSL Soccer is for SSM Parishioners
in grades K-8th
Athletes of all abilities and multi-sports
athletes welcome
Registration Deadline: July 6, 2026**

Note: Micro (Ages 3-6) Registration Opening at Later Date!



**Register & more information
stephen.org/sports-club
or scan the QR code.**



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question: The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

Answer: Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs. ©LPI

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



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

Mondays | 7 PM | Worship Space

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

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

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

COME!
I WILL

give
YOU REST.

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JOIN THE PRIMETIMERS FOR SHOWDOWN AT SUNDOWN

SUNDAY | 26 JULY | 3 PM

Dinner afterwards at DJ's Dugout (180th & Q). \$10 per person (NE park permits \$7 per car). R.S.V.P. and pay by July 22 to Peg, Moe, Rosemary, or Pat at 402-201-7945; cash preferred, checks payable to Pat Miller.

Mahoney State Park's Theatre

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

See, your king shall come to you;
a just savior is he,
meek, and riding on an ass,
on a colt, the foal of an ass. (Zec 9:9)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For if you live according to the flesh, you will die,
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will live. (Rom 8:13)

Gospel:

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves. (Mt 11:29)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

These days, everyone's an expert. We have a world of information at our fingertips. But some answers can't be found in newspapers or even history books. What God hides from the wise, He reveals to the little ones. Are you looking in the right place?

Observances for the week of July 5, 2026

Sunday:	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Benedict, Abbot
Next Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, July 4

8:15 AM † Bill Knudsen (JN)
5:00 PM † Joyce Murphy (JN)

Sunday, July 5

7:30 AM SI Ron & Linda Wess (GO)
9:00 AM † Joyce Murphy (JN)
10:30 AM † Ginae Goldsberry Smith (JN)
6:00 PM SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)

Monday, July 6

6:30 AM † Randy Figura (JN)
8:15 AM † Jesus Maria Gutierrez (JN)

Tuesday, July 7

6:30 AM † Rich Benda (DB)
8:15 AM † Marcy Lackovic (DB)

Wednesday, July 8

6:30 AM † Randy Figura (DB)
8:15 AM † Franklin Schneider (DB)

Thursday, July 9

6:30 AM † Mary Ann Bryl (DB)
8:15 AM † Marjorie Vandenack (DB)

Friday, July 10

6:30 AM SI Deacon Jerry Kozney (DB)
8:15 AM † John Synowicki (DB)

Saturday, July 11

8:15 AM † Trinidad Richards (GO)
5:00 PM † Ben Mannino (DH)

Sunday, July 12

7:30 AM † Florence Moseke (JN)
9:00 AM † Ann Tiesi (DB)
10:30 AM SI People of St. Stephen the Martyr (DB)
6:00 PM † August Boukal (JN)

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul

DB = Fr. Dave Belt; JN = Fr. John Norman;
AS = Fr. Andy Sohm; GO = Fr. Gerry Ostrander

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:

Michael Sieler, husband of Sondra
Judy Martin, wife of Tom
Maurine Hacker, wife of Bob
Donald Siner, husband of Anna

Pray for those sick/injured/healing:

Paul Richter, husband of Carol
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
Cecelia Nelson, sister of Mary Spangler
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
Chris Sievers & family, **Norman Thomas**,
Jerry Smith & Ron Rauart

Community News

Join Catholic Cemeteries for a Pre-Planning and Funeral Rites Workshop

Catholic Cemeteries invites you to attend a Pre-Planning and Funeral Rites Workshop on June 27 at 10:30 AM at the Calvary Cemetery Office (7710 W. Center Rd.). This workshop will demonstrate how faith, liturgy, and practical cemetery planning can assist families in the immediacy of the death of a loved one. To register or receive additional information, please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or email jtardy@catholiccem.com. Catholic Cemeteries—our faith is at the heart of all that we do

Announcing the Little Way Nun Run 2026!

High school and college-age young women who are open to God's call in their lives are invited to join the Little Way Nun Run, July 27–30, 2026. Accompanied by Fr. Marcus Knecht, participants will travel through Minnesota and Iowa. Overnight accommodations will be at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake, Minnesota. The cost is \$125 per person. To register, contact Paula Bastian at 402-515-0767 or email paulabastian@cox.net.

Upcoming Retreat for Survivors of Abuse

The Way is a healing retreat for survivors of abuse. This three-day guided meditation and prayer experience is designed for those whose abuse by another has deeply affected their hearts, minds, bodies, and souls. The next retreat is for women and will be held July 17-19 at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center in Waverly. For more information, contact Mary Beth Hanus from the Archdiocese of Omaha at (402) 827-3798 or mbhanus@archomaha.org. Learn more at <https://archomaha.org/safe-environment/victim-assistance/#theway>.

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Confession

Tue and Thu: 11 - 11:30 a.m.

St. Stephen the Martyr

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Mass Times

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Sun: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Confession

Tue: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

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! October 4, 2026

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Omaha

Sunday 5:00 pm Mass 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception



**Honoring the Recipients of the 2026
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Intro to the Sidewalk

Tues, July 21, 2026 @ 6pm

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This Mini-Training will:

- + Introduce you to Sidewalk Advocacy
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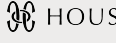


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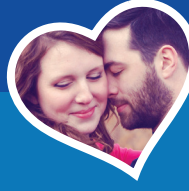
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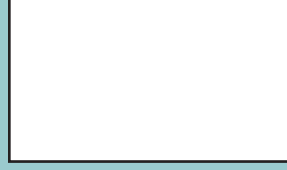
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