



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

2026 Annual Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Message from Father Dave

Dear Saint Stephen the Martyr Parishioners,



As we reflect on this past year at Saint Stephen the Martyr, I am especially grateful for each of you and for the spirit of faith and community that grows within our parish. That spirit can be seen each day in the way you live out your faith - through prayer, service, generosity, and the countless ways you support and care for one another.

We have so much to be thankful for. Our Masses are fuller than ever, parish groups and ministries continue to form and grow, and more people are finding meaningful ways to be part of our St. Stephen community. Perhaps one of the greatest gifts of parish life is the opportunity to walk alongside one another through every season of life - from childhood through adulthood and all the moments in between. Together, we worship, serve and share the gifts God has entrusted to us. Stewardship begins with gratitude - a recognition of all God has given us and a desire to share those gifts with others. When we share our time, talents, and resources, we strengthen our parish, serve those around us, and help create a community where all can *encounter Christ, know Christ, and proclaim Christ*.

As you look through this Annual Report, I invite you to give thanks for all God has accomplished through our parish family and to prayerfully consider how you are being called to take part in our mission in the year ahead. Each of us has something to offer, and together our gifts make a meaningful difference.

Thank you for your faith, generosity, and commitment to Saint Stephen the Martyr. May God continue to bless you and those you love, strengthen your faith, and fill your home with His grace and love.

*In Christ,
Fr. Dave*

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

St. Stephen the Martyr Staff

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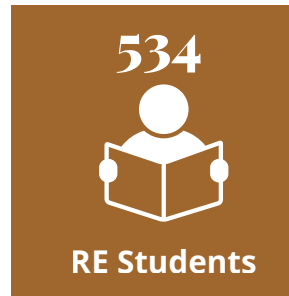
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St. Stephen Numbers At A Glance

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2025-2026 Development Year in Review

Net proceeds raised through the following activities:

Martyr Marathon: \$147,798

Trivia Night: \$8,985

Dinner & Auction: \$218,478

Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving: \$4,444

Offertory Giving: \$2,850,218



2026-2027 Development Goals

Below are dates and fundraising goals for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year:

Martyr Marathon (Sept. 18): \$100,000

Trivia Night (Nov. 14): \$10,000

Dinner & Auction (April 24): \$200,000

Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving (2026 Date TBA): \$10,000

Offertory Giving (26-27 Fiscal Year):

Increase offertory giving 10% annually, per parishioner/parish family





TOGETHER, A COMMUNITY FOR ALL

LIVING OUR MISSION

25-26 FISCAL YEAR UPDATES



YOUR STEWARDSHIP DOLLARS AT WORK

Your generous support strengthens our parish and school, and helps our community continue to grow and thrive.

This year, that support was reflected in the tremendous success of our Trivia Night, Dinner & Auction, and Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving. Each of these efforts exceeded its fundraising goal, providing important resources that directly strengthen our parish and school and help us continue the work of our shared mission.

Stewardship also helps us build something just as important: community. Our summer Tailgates brought families and parishioners together for fellowship and fun. The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfasts were popular throughout the fall and winter while also supporting St. Stephen the Martyr. A well-attended Ladies' Night Out brought together a wonderful crowd for an evening of connection and fun and two Welcome Dinners helped us open our doors, meet new parishioners, and build relationships within our growing community.

None of these events happen on their own. Behind every successful gathering are countless volunteers who generously give their time and talents. From months of planning and securing donations and sponsorships to decorating, event setup, serving food, welcoming guests, selling tickets, working events, and cleaning up afterward, hundreds of hours are given behind the scenes. Their willingness to serve turns an idea on a calendar into an experience that brings our community together.

Your stewardship dollars are only one part of the story. Stewardship is also found in the hands that help, the people who show up, and the many hours freely given in service to others. Together, these gifts of time, talent, and treasure make our events possible, strengthen our parish and school, and help Saint Stephen the Martyr continue to be a place where our community can grow and thrive.

WIN THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PASTOR'S WISH LIST!

We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming response to our Pastor's Wishlist. So many parishioners stepped forward with generous support, allowing us to fund numerous items and projects that will make a meaningful difference in our parish.

Our parish staff continues to work tirelessly to bring these projects to life. Many have already been completed, with many more fully funded and in the queue to be finished. Thank you to everyone who gave, shared, and supported the Wishlist. We are deeply grateful for the generosity that continues to make these projects possible.

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I'm learning that generosity is about more than money -it's about supporting others, investing in people, and using what I've been blessed with to make a difference.
~ Anonymous parish donor



FACILITY UPDATES IN THE FISCAL YEAR

St. Stephen the Martyr is proud to care for a beautiful, welcoming church and school facility that serves our vibrant parish family. Each year, we strive to make thoughtful updates and improvements to our grounds and buildings so they remain functional and inviting. Your generous giving ensures that St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church will be a place where area Catholics call “home” for years to come.

New Digital Displays

New Digital Displays were placed in key areas on our campus. These have been a helpful addition to our Gathering Space, Hallway, Dining Room, and School Commons.

Safety Upgrades

Following a campus safety review, several improvements were completed, including new locks, roof ice breakers to prevent unsafe snow and ice falls, and other security updates. These enhancements help keep our campus safe and welcoming for our parish community.

Landscaping Updates

New landscaping projects were completed, contributing to the contemplative atmosphere of our building & grounds. A new retaining wall, new landscape beds, and a new St. Joseph’s Garden were landscaped and planted last spring.



STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES

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Offertory Giving & Contributions	\$3,263,996
Fundraising & Ministry Income	\$664,160
Other Income	\$246,341
School, RE & Youth Program Income	\$3,772,007
Total Income (Gross)	\$7,946,504

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

Fundraising & Ministry Expense	\$435,606
Personnel Costs (School & Parish)	\$4,709,988
Clergy Personnel Costs	\$175,313
Operation & Capital Project Expenses	\$2,525,751
School Expenses	\$87,019
Total Expenses	\$7,933,677

Gross Income

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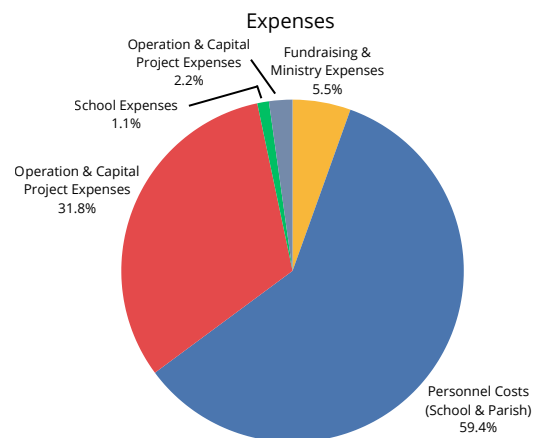
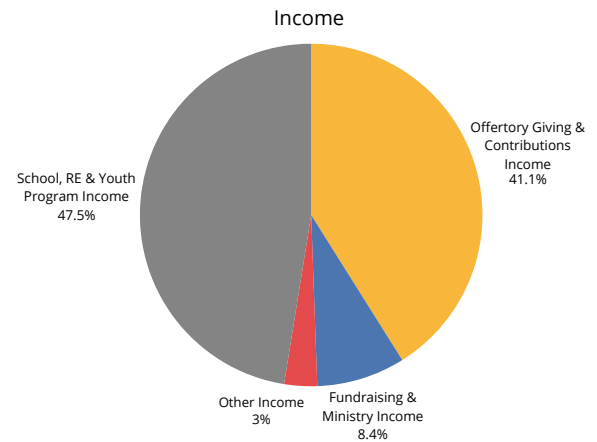
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Net Income

216,851



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