



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

August 22nd, 2021

## 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 will be live-streamed on our Facebook  
Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/  
StStephensCatholicChurchOmaha](https://www.facebook.com/StStephensCatholicChurchOmaha)) and our website  
([stephen.org/live-stream](http://stephen.org/live-stream))

### Private Prayer

Daily Mass Chapel and Worship Space are open  
from 9 AM to 9 PM Monday-Friday and from 10:00  
AM to 6 PM on Saturday-Sunday. The Adoration  
Chapel is open 24/7; door access code: 9675\*

### Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hours

⇒ Sundays with Solemn Vespers from 4 to 5 PM  
⇒ First Friday of the Month from 9 AM to Noon  
No sign up required. Come as you are to spend time  
with Jesus. In the Worship Space or Facebook Live.

## Contact Us

### Parish Office:

Phone: 402-896-9675  
Emergency: 402-896-9675 ext 2  
Office Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F

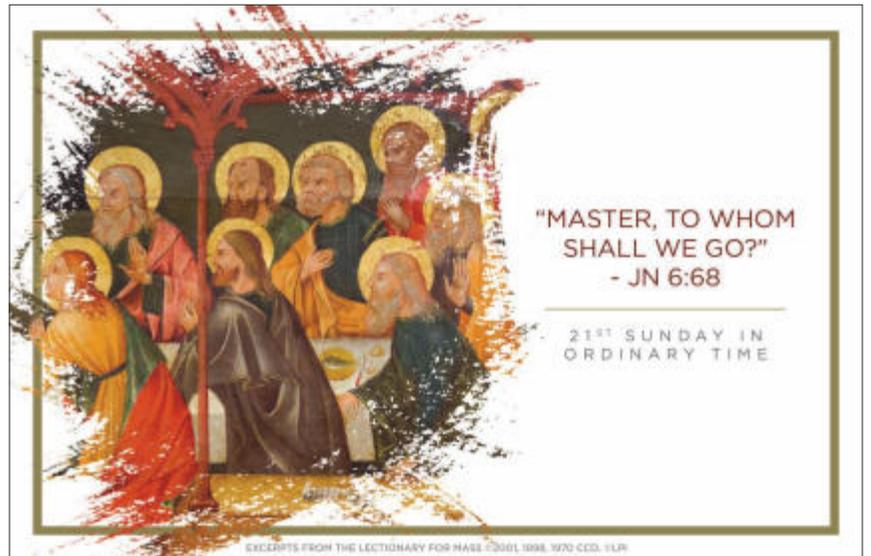
**Pastor:** Fr. David Belt

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Ben Boyd

**Staff Contact Info:** [stephen.org/staff](http://stephen.org/staff)

### Bulletin Deadline:

Submit requests to [a.hartwig@stephen.org](mailto:a.hartwig@stephen.org).



## Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

***"...Many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?' Simon Peter answered Him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'"***



Today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread-of Life" discourse, taken from Chapter 6 of St. John's Gospel. This teaching comes at the end of the multiplication of five barley loaves and two fish. In this passage, Jesus teaches us that His flesh is "real food" and His blood "real drink." If we want to experience the gift of eternal life, this is the food and drink that will bring us to heaven. The problem is that some of the disciples of Jesus did not accept this teaching. Some of His followers complained and said that the teaching was too difficult. The Gospel said that "many" of the disciples turned their backs on Jesus and no longer traveled with Him. Finally, Jesus turns to Peter and asks if he is going to walk away too. Peter responds by saying, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

There has never been a promise that following Jesus would be easy or convenient. The promise is that, if we are faithful, if we work for peace and justice in the world, if we place our confidence and trust in Jesus, we will know the reward of eternal life. Let us pray that we may be strong and faithful in our commitment to living the Gospel. Where else can we go, except to Jesus Christ?

***"Often times God demonstrates His faithfulness in adversity by providing for us what we need to survive. He does not change our painful circumstances. He sustains us through them."***

– Charles Stanley

May God bless you!  
Father Dave



## Congratulations Newly Baptized!

Emma Rose Sieler, Colbie Christine Sieler and  
Benson Michael Sieler, children of Alex & Ashley  
Jacob Leander Campos, son of Abraham & Katherine  
Ethan Tong, son of Kevin Tong & Truc Bui

## Not yet a Parishioner?

Register as a Parishioner on our website [stephen.org](http://stephen.org).  
Click on "Become a Parishioner" in the footer or call the  
Parish office for more information. For more  
information about how we can support you in your  
faith journey, contact Adam Ybarra, Director of  
Evangelization and Catechesis at 402-861-4507 or  
[a.ybarra@stephen.org](mailto:a.ybarra@stephen.org).

## Wedding Congratulations!

Zachary Murphy & Jennifer DeCock  
married on August 7, 2021

Jackie Tondl & Evan Ryan  
married on Friday, August 13, 2021

*Our church community wishes you many blessings!*



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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/baptism-class](http://stephen.org/baptism-class).

### 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

Contact Deacon Denny at (402) 861-4538 or [d.dethlefs@stephen.org](mailto:d.dethlefs@stephen.org).

### Homebound Eucharist

Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Church office phone number: (402) 896-9675

## Stay in Communication with Us!

Our primary communication tool is email using Flocknote. If you are not receiving our emails please follow the steps at [stephen.org/flocknote](http://stephen.org/flocknote) or call the parish office to give us your email.

We  love  
having you as part of our flock

## Financial Stewardship

### Offertory & Online Giving

8/3-8/9/2021	\$40,479
FYTD actual:	\$261,621
FYTD budget:	\$279,570
8/10-8/16/2021	\$43,909
FYTD actual:	\$305,529
FYTD budget:	\$328,495

**Thank you! Your financial support is vital to the well-being of our church and school!**

To make an offertory or other financial gift using Online Giving, 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.

## Sacrament Preparation News

A parent information meeting will be held on Monday, August 30th at 7 PM in the Dining Room. If you have not been receiving e-mail communications, please contact Laura at [l.bogue@stephen.org](mailto:l.bogue@stephen.org) or at 402-861-4509.



## School News

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

- ⇒ **Welcome Back** — We were so excited to welcome all of our TK-8<sup>th</sup> grade students back this week! We look forward to welcoming the rest of our early-childhood classes this week:
- Monday, August 23: MWF Preschool (3-Day) & PreK (5-Day) First Day
  - Tuesday, August 24: Tues/Thurs Preschool (2-Day) First Day
- ⇒ **Home & School Dues & Contribution Form** — Again this year, parents will be able to pay their Home & School dues online via EFT. Additionally, parents can make a one-time contribution via this form to various H&S sponsored activities including the Teacher/Staff Christmas Gift Fund, Teacher Appreciation Week and more! Learn more & view the form at [school.stephen.org/home-and-school-dues](http://school.stephen.org/home-and-school-dues).
- ⇒ **We're Hiring - Kidzone Staff** — Do you love working with children? Are you flexible, patient, dependable and a good communicator? We need you on our team! We are seeking 19+ individuals and 16+ support staff to help during our before and after school program, Kidzone. Part-time individuals would work 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Full-time staff members are only needed on non-school days (i.e. Spring Breaks/Christmas Breaks). Interested individuals should contact Cheryl Connolly, Kidzone Director, at: [c.connolly@stephen.org](mailto:c.connolly@stephen.org).

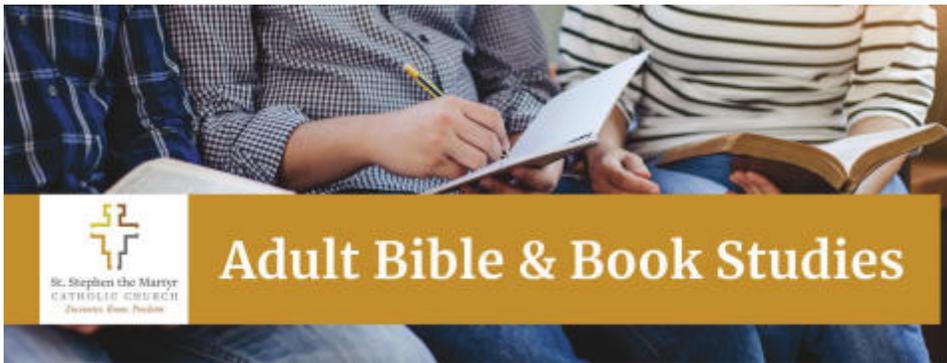
## Religious Education News

- ⇒ **New Preschool Program** — we are excited to now offer *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* as part of our Religious Education programming for preschool-aged children of our parish, where children and catechists together nurture their relationship with Jesus. Classes begin August 31st / September 1 and are held on Tuesdays at 5:30-6:30 PM or Wednesday at 5:30-6:30 PM. For registration form and more info visit: [stephen.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd](http://stephen.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd)
- ⇒ **First Days of RE Classes** — The first night of RE classes will be on August 31st / September 1st and a parents meeting will be held in the Parish Center.
- ⇒ **Catechists Needed** — Thank you to those who responded to our call for catechists. We appreciate you stepping forward! We still need more! All the lessons are planned and materials are provided. Interested or have questions? Contact Eileen Smith, RE Administrative Assistant, at (402) 896-5683 or [e.smith@stephen.org](mailto:e.smith@stephen.org) or Chelsey Young, RE Director at [c.young@stephen.org](mailto:c.young@stephen.org) or (402) 861-4512. More info at [stephen.org](http://stephen.org).

## Youth Ministry News

- ⇒ **Youth Ministry Kick-Off Parties** — Wake up, Tweens and Teens! A new year of youth ministry is upon us, so get ready for "Breakfast: The Most Important Meal of the Day!" That's right, Friends. This year's kick-off will be a breakfast-themed party! Wear your pajamas, enjoy breakfast for dinner, partake in some eggciting party games and waffle through some sticky challenges.
- ◆ Life Teen (High School) — Sun. Sept. 12: 7-9 PM in GPC
  - ◆ Edge (Middle School) — Tue. Sept. 14: 6:30-8 PM in SSM Dining Room
- ⇒ **Family Beach Retreat and Potluck** — Sun. Aug. 22: 2-5 PM — All middle school and high school aged youth and their families are invited to join us for an afternoon of swimming, sand volleyball, basketball, and more at the North Lake of South Bend! More details will be sent out through our Flocknote: [stephen.flocknote.com/Edge](http://stephen.flocknote.com/Edge) and/or [stephen.flocknote.com/LifeTeen](http://stephen.flocknote.com/LifeTeen)
- ⇒ **Brush-Up NE Thanks** — "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." -Mt 18:20 This was certainly true of our small but mighty crew that came to serve during this year's paint-a-thon project! A special thanks to Randy Jespersen, Joe and Aleah Lazure who came together to paint the foundation and tend to yardwork for a home belonging to a senior citizen in need of extra helping hands.

**There is no cost to attend our weekly gatherings. Dinner is included. Come when and as often as you can! Annual parent waiver is required. Complete today at: [www.smartwaiver.com/v/ssmym2021](http://www.smartwaiver.com/v/ssmym2021)**



## PrimeTimers Fellowship



**Cards & Games** every second and fourth Thursday at 1 PM in the Parish Center.  
 ⇒ August 26th  
 ⇒ September 9th

*This Men's and Women's group (age 55+) gathers for fun social events, special projects, and support. No dues or commitment. More information at [stephen.org/primetimers](http://stephen.org/primetimers).*



# Adult Bible & Book Studies

Fall Adult Faith Formation and Bible Studies are forming! Here is one to consider! If you are hosting a study or have an interest, please reach out to Adam Ybarra, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis at 402-861-4507 or [a.ybarra@stephen.org](mailto:a.ybarra@stephen.org).

**Acts of the Apostles and Pauline Letters—Tuesdays Mornings**  
 Seeking Truth Group, studying the Acts of the Apostles and Pauline Letters, begins meeting on September 7, 2021 from 9:15 to 10:45 AM in the Parish Center. This study will extend through March of 2022 with time away between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Newcomers are welcome! The format of our time together is to read and answer questions supplied to everyone ahead of class time and then to watch the Sharon Doran lecture that is supplied by Seeking Truth.

⇒ To register, please email Diane Burton at [burdi561@gmail.com](mailto:burdi561@gmail.com).

**The Complete Sayings of Jesus—Wednesday Mornings**  
 On October 13th we will begin a new Bible Study class: "The Complete Sayings of Jesus." Join us to study exactly what Jesus said, to whom did He say it, where was He when He said it, what was their reaction, and what was the context. The format will be to present the material in chronological order of our Savior's making the statements. Presenters include Deacon Marty Warwick, Donna Garrett and Cindy Bazis. Our class will be on Wednesday mornings 9:30-10:30am in the Parish Center. The book is available on Amazon or free as a PDF on the internet.

⇒ To register, please email Deacon Marty at [mwarwick3@cox.net](mailto:mwarwick3@cox.net)

## Needed: Host Families

This year we are excited to bring in a team of NET Missionaries to lead our Confirmation candidates in a special retreat to help prepare them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Host Families are needed to welcome anywhere from 2-7 missionaries into their home and provide them with a safe place to sleep (no bedrooms required; missionaries are used to sleeping in their sleeping bags) and family meals. Missionaries will arrive on Friday, September 17th and will leave the morning of Tuesday, September 21st. For more information on what it means to be a Host Family, visit <https://netusa.org/host-home-ministry/>. If Interested in being a Host Family, please contact Laura at [l.bogue@stephen.org](mailto:l.bogue@stephen.org) or at 402-861-4509.

THANK YOU for a VERY successful Bake Sale! We will be forwarding the proceeds of \$1738 to "Least of My Brethren" as they help Omaha & Council Bluffs homeless transition into apartments. Their mission is to aid those living on the streets with basic survival needs, including a bike to get transportation for work, and once someone moves off the streets, by helping them get situated in a new apt w/all the furnishings needed. Thanks to all parishioners who purchased baked goods and/or made a donation to assist in carrying out the Corporal Works of Mercy. Special thanks to the wonderful bakers who shared their talents.

## Receiving Holy Communion

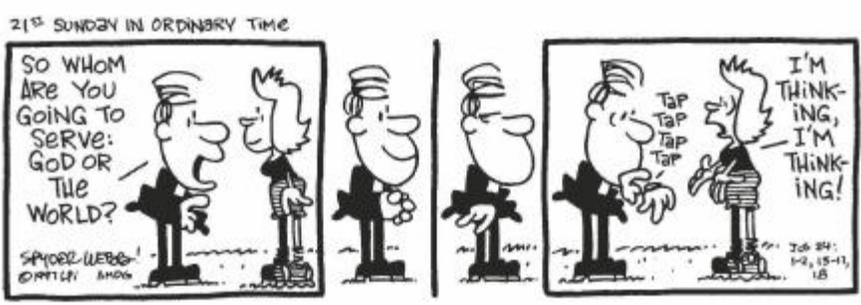
If you would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please go to either Fr. Dave's or Fr. Boyd's line and wait for the end of the line.

## Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is starting up again for the 2021-22 school year! If you have an interested student from K-8th grade who would like to sing with us, please contact Linda at [Liesner\\_linda@hotmail.com](mailto:Liesner_linda@hotmail.com) or Paula at [p.bonkiewicz@stephen.org](mailto:p.bonkiewicz@stephen.org). The Children's Choir will practice every other Thursday night beginning on September 30th in the church from 6 to 6:45 PM. Hope to see you there!

## Hiring Custodian

St. Stephen the Martyr has an immediate opening for a full-time custodian responsible for light maintenance and cleaning duties such as floor care, sanitization, trash removal, room set-up, etc. The preferred applicant will have previous custodial experience in a school environment and be willing to work a Noon to 8pm, Monday -to- Friday shift. This position offers a competitive wage, health, dental, vacation and other benefits. For more information, please contact Dan Koenig, Director of Operations at [d.koenig@stephen.org](mailto:d.koenig@stephen.org).





# Tailgate #3

Saturday, August 28th

6 PM after Mass

In front of the Parish Center



Save the date for our last Summer Tailgate Party: August 28th at 6 PM!  
Enjoy a summer evening with friends, family, and fellow parishioners.

- ◆ Bring your lawn chairs, or blanket, a game for the kids – or adults – to play, and bring your favorite beverages.
- ◆ Let the Knights of Columbus do the cooking, and delight in your choice of a Hamburger, Cheeseburger, or Brat, with Baked Beans, Chips, and a bottle of water for \$6.00 (Families of 5 or more – \$25.00).
- ◆ Enjoy dessert from a selection at the Council of Catholic Women's famous dessert table!
- ◆ Kids will especially love the ParadICE Hawaiian Shaved Ice truck on hand to enjoy a refreshing cold treat after dinner.

## Online Giving Upgrades!

St. Stephen the Martyr is in the process of upgrading and updating our online giving software to a newer, more user-friendly platform! If you currently use our online giving platform you will soon be receiving an email with information and instructions on how best utilize the many new features of this software update. During this update, no changes will be made to your account. Some of the benefits of this update include:

- Easier navigation
- Upgraded mobile friendly features
- Increased security
- New fund management options
- More user reports such as year-end tax statements, etc.

We are excited about this update, and we will continue to provide more information as the process continues. Please watch for future emails with more information in the weeks ahead. If you have any questions, please contact Catiana Urrutia at 402-861-4541.

*"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." - Rev 3:20*

Jesus Christ invites each of us into a more perfect union with Him. All we must do is allow His grace to transform us.



- Are you a Catholic needing First Communion or Confirmation?
- Are you seeking Baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church?



The *Becoming Catholic* program at St. Stephen the Martyr will help you deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ through a more intimate knowledge of His Church and Holy Scripture.

For more information, please contact Scott and Julie Tyiski at tyiskisj@cox.net, (402) 861-2209; or Adam Ybarra at aybarra@stephen.org, (402) 861-4507.

**Are you ready to open the door?**



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## Stewardship Reflection:

**"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."** JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

- Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

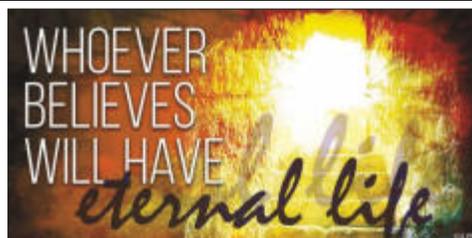
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

- Sunday:** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Wednesday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
- Friday:** St. Monica
- Saturday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 21

8:15 am SI Emmett Hassenstab (BB)  
5:00 pm † Patricia Kielty (DB)

### Sunday, August 22

7:30 am † Paul Maria Chanh Tran (BB)  
9:00 am † Jim & Janet Edwards (DB)  
10:30 am SI St. Stephen parishioners (DB)  
6:00 pm † Harry & Joann Heiman (BB)

### Monday, August 23

6:30 am † Rose & Garry Nannen (BB)  
8:15 am † Ed Fuxa, Jr. (BB)

### Tuesday, August 24

6:30 am † Detlefs Hermann (BB)  
8:15 am † Joseph L. Siracuse (DB)

### Wednesday, August 25

6:30 am † Irene Bonnett (BB)  
8:15 am † Leo & Ellen Britten (DB)

### Thursday, August 26

6:30 am † John & Anne Demyan (DB)  
8:15 am † Mona del Carmen Aya (DB)

### Friday, August 27

6:30 am † Judy Klein (BB)  
8:15 am SI Bill & Sheila Curoe & family (DB)

### Saturday, August 28

8:15 am † Cynthia Jones (BB)  
5:00 pm † Judy Bosiljevac (NH)

### Sunday, August 29

7:30 am † Jim Brazda (BB)  
9:00 am † Ferm Scigo (BB)  
10:30 am SI St. Stephen parishioners (DB)  
6:00 pm † Richard E. Delaney (DH)

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul  
DB=Fr.Dave Belt; BB=Fr.Ben Boyd; DH=Fr.Dennis Hanneman;  
NH=Fr.Norman Hunke  
Note: Priest schedule subject to changes



### Parishioners who are sick/injured/healing:

**Pete & Judy Bartman**, parents of Trinetta Shamburg  
**Diane Hayes**, sister of Sue Klopp  
**John Klopp**, husband of Sue Klopp  
**Emmett Hassenstab**  
**Cate Durrett**, daughter of Rob and Carolyn  
**Susan Garro**, wife of Greg  
**Frank Kankousky**, husband of Patti  
**Stephen Reestman**, brother of Pam Roberts  
**Gerry Moseke**, husband of Florence  
**Molly Felker**, daughter of Stacy and Mike

### Deceased members of our parish family:

**Hipolipo Castillo**, father-in-law of Alexandra  
**Joe Gray**  
**Shirley Storm**

## How Can We Pray for YOU?

You are not alone! St. Stephen the Martyr 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 be shared with our Prayer Line Ministry and/or with our Parish Family at: [stephen.org/prayer-line](http://stephen.org/prayer-line) or call Beth Wetgen at (402) 669-4793.

## Dependence Upon God

If you are like most of us, your life is nonetheless full of obstacles, problems, and everyday needs that threaten your sense of peace and security. Do you rely on your own strength and ingenuity to find a way through, or do you call out to God for help? Sometimes we forget that we are creatures who are completely dependent on God for our next breath. Prayer is a privilege God has given His children---it lets us humbly lay our cares before our Father, trusting Him to direct our path and provide for our needs. We have nothing to lose---except our pride and self-sufficiency, along with the resultant fear and anxiety.

- ⇒ **Something To Ponder:** One of the purposes of prayer is to make us aware of our own dependence upon the Lord. No concern is too small to bring to Him, and nothing is too big for Him to handle. In fact, we are told to worry about nothing and to pray about everything (Phil. 4:6). So, don't tell God how big your problem is (He already knows).....instead, tell your problem how big your God is!
- ⇒ **Something To Ponder:** Hope is not merely a wish that something good might happen---it is the firm confidence and desire that the promises of God will be fulfilled.  
— Deacon Denny, Pastoral and Spiritual Care

## Legacy Planning

Don't cancel life insurance you no longer need! Consider instructing your life insurance agent to include St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church as a primary or secondary beneficiary on your policy. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your policy, and will mean everything to our future parish community. Contact your life insurance agent to do so. You may also direct questions to our Development Team: Catiana Urrutia at 402-861-4541 or c.urrutia@stephen.org / Dan Koenig at 402-861-4534 d.koenig@stephen.org.

## News from the Community:

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS** is on a mission to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. Troop NE1980 invites new/ interested parents to an informational meeting on Tuesday, August 24 at 7pm in the St. Wenceslaus Family Room (15353 Pacific St., use the new church entrance). All parents are welcome to attend and learn more about this growing ministry. AHG serves girls from ages 5 (kindergarten) to 18 (seniors in high school) with a Christ-centered, progressive program full of faith, service, and fun. Our six program emphases are: faith, leadership, citizenship, social-emotional, life skills, and outdoors. For more information, visit our website ([troop-ne1980.trooptrack.com](http://troop-ne1980.trooptrack.com)) or contact Troop Coordinator Marie Stamm ([marie.a.stamm@gmail.com](mailto:marie.a.stamm@gmail.com)).

### BACK 2 WORK:

A local company has job openings for welders, machine operators (saw, press brake, CNC machines) and general labor (assemblers, helpers, and drivers). They are also interested in anyone out of high school wanting to learn a trade. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Deacon Denny / 402-861-4538 or [d.dethlefs@stephen.org](mailto:d.dethlefs@stephen.org).

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Vincent de Paul School is accepting applications for part-time After School Care employees. The position follows the school calendar from August-May. Hours will be 3:00-6:00. Applicants must be at least 19 years old. Please contact Mrs. Diane Warneke at [warneked@svdpomaha.org](mailto:warneked@svdpomaha.org). Please visit our school website to fill out an online application [www.svdp-school.org](http://www.svdp-school.org). (Note: St. Stephen is also hiring afterschool care positions for our Kidzone Program—see page 2)

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