



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

October 24th, 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)

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

Bulletin Deadline:

Submit requests to a.hartwig@stephen.org.



Pastor's Message—From Father Dave

***"Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?'
The blind man replied to Him, 'Master, I want to see.'
Jesus told him, 'Go your way; your faith has saved you.'"***

Bartimaeus, which means "the fearful one," was physically blind. Think about the life that he was destined to live—never seeing a candle glow, never experiencing the colors of autumn, never seeing a friend or family member's face. Bartimaeus' physical blindness is the blindness in all of us that cries out, "Master, I want to see." In the Bible, blindness is used to describe the inability to recognize the presence of God in life. Bartimaeus is fortunate. He knows his condition and he is eager to leave it behind.

What about us? Do we recognize our own spiritual blindness? Do we have the same desire to "see the light" of Jesus Christ as Bartimaeus had? Life doesn't need to be a walk in the dark. Let us ask Jesus to help us find a clearer vision in life. May we have Bartimaeus' trust and faith, turning to Jesus when we are lost in the dark, or when sin blinds our vision of God.

Helen Keller was asked if there was, in her estimation, anything worse than being blind and she responded, "Yes. Having no vision."

May God bless you!
Father Dave



Welcome New Parishioners!



Bruce & Shelly Anderson
Jason & Theresa Arkwright
Joshua & Elly Boggs
Brittany Butler
Bob & Eva Cockson
Justin & Andrea Eiler
Jimmy & Becky Ellsworth
Meaghan Geraghty

Rob & Amy Jones
Nick & Brenna Jones
Aaron Keck
Nathan & Amanda Mann
Nicholas & Elizabeth Militti
Michael & Rachel Morong
Eric & Michele O'Malley
Adam & Cassidy Pospisil

Scott & Courtney Robertson
Krystal Steward
Tara Parr
Brice & Esther
Tchegninougbo
DJ & Summer Wisnieski
Chelsey Young



Congratulations Newly Baptized!

Makenna Rose Morong, daughter of Michael and Rachel
Will Abraham Manyout, son of Abraham and Julie
Gabrielle Lou Pribnow, daughter of Eric and Jill

Are you receiving our weekly emails?

If you are not receiving emails, check your junk folder! Please add mail@flocknote.com to your address book or safe sender list. If the emails are appearing in your junk folder, be sure to mark them as 'Not Spam'. If you have any questions about Flocknote or need to update your email or contact information, please contact Alecia Hartwig at a.hartwig@stephen.org or 402-861-4515.

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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.

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.

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 or call the parish office to give us your email.



Financial Stewardship

Offertory & Online Giving 10/12-10/18/2021:

Actual:	\$45,148
Budget:	\$48,924
FYTD Actual:	\$735,285
FYTD Budget:	\$775,807

St. Stephen the Martyr operates on a Fiscal Year from July 1—June 30

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.

Offertory envelopes may also be mailed to our office: 16701 S Street, Omaha NE 68135.



Stewardship Reflection

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

School News

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

- ⇒ **Conferences** — Conferences are this Thursday, October 28th and parents can choose to attend in person or via Zoom. Get all the details and sign up at school.stephen.org/conferences. Reminder: there is no school October 28th – November 1st. Classes resume on Tuesday, November 2nd.
- ⇒ **Shop Our Scholastic Book Fair** — Our fall book fair is a great way to get ahead on your holiday shopping! Your children (or grandchildren!) do not need to attend SSM school in order for you to shop the book fair. All sales help our school in BIG ways! All orders over \$25 ship **FREE** to your home! Anyone (not just school families) can shop the virtual book fair. **Here are the details on how to shop:**
 - >> **In-Person**
 - Mon. Oct. 25th - Wed. Oct. 27th: 7:40 - 8 a.m. and 3:10 - 3:40 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 28th: 7:45 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.
 - >> **Online at school.stephen.org/bookfair**
 - Fri. Oct. 22nd - Fri. Oct. 29th

Religious Education News

- ⇒ **Stay Informed and Check Your Junk Folder** — Be sure to read the *Family Connection RE News*, sent weekly through Flocknote and available on our website at stephen.org/religious-education. If you are not receiving emails, check your junk folder! Please add mail@flocknote.com to your address book or safe sender list to make sure that the emails are not being sent to your junk or spam folder. If the emails are appearing in your junk folder, be sure to mark them as 'Not Spam'.
- ⇒ **Cookie Dough Fundraiser** — Thank you to all who turned in cookie dough orders. We sold 513 tubs for a profit of around \$3,400. Thank you for another successful year. Enjoy your cookies!

Youth Ministry News

- ⇒ **Life Teen (High School)** — Sunday, October 24th, 7-9 PM in GPC — We have a fun night in store, from our Teen Talent Show to a pretty awesome talk from core member Bob Williams on our special calling... and how to live that out in our daily lives.
- ⇒ **Life Teen (High School) "Focal Point" Weekend Retreat** — Friday, November 5th-Sunday, November 7th — We need some JOY in our lives! High School Teens are invited to take the weekend to get away from the world and rediscover true joy, how to find it, and how to sustain it. Throw in some friends, loads of laughter, the Sacraments, maybe even a NERF war or two, and this will be a retreat to remember! Our retreat will be held at the Pro Sanctity Center in Elkhorn. Cost is \$80 per participant and includes lodging, meals, a t-shirt, and a special retreat keepsake. Register by Friday, October 22nd to be guaranteed a retreat t-shirt at www.smartwaiver.com/v/focalpointretreat.
- ⇒ **Card Games & Catechesis (High School)** — Beginning Wednesday, October 20th, high school teens are invited to come together weekly for "Card Games and Catechesis." These are low-pressure, low-key evenings where we pray together, play card games or board games, and enjoy teen-led discussions on our faith! There are no set agendas. Bring the games and choose the topics to discuss throughout the evening.
- ⇒ **Edge (Middle School)** — Tuesday, October 26th, 6:30-8 PM in Dining Room — It's our monthly social, Gym Night! Join us for prayer and pizza, followed by games and fun in the gym.





Help Beautify Our Entrances With Marble Statues From Italy!

By the grace of God, and the hard work of several dedicated parishioners, an exciting outdoor beautification project is underway. A handful of parishioners have kicked off support with combined donations of \$20,000. To fully implement this project, we invite you to help us raise an additional \$30,000*.

Money raised will pay for: two, six-foot-tall, Italian marble statues; two solid concrete footings; two granite bases; crane installation; landscaping, and lighting. This project's installation date is targeted for Spring 2022.

If you are interested in supporting this effort, please submit a check to the parish office made out to St. Stephen the Martyr with "Statue Fund" in the memo by November 1st. Or, make a donation securely online through OSV by scanning this QR code from your mobile device.



Thank you, in advance, for your support and care of our parish. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Woll at ewollfc@cox.net.

*Any funds raised beyond our goal will be used to replace diseased or dead plants and trees on our property.

Taking Charge of Your Schedule

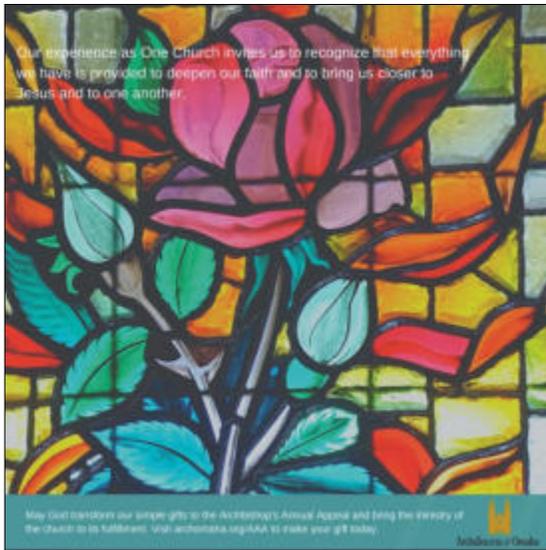
We use the word "should" all the time. I SHOULD exercise more. I SHOULD pray more often. I SHOULD go to bed earlier. I SHOULD call that friend. It's easy to fill our lives with the pressure of "shoulds" and not actually do those things we "should" do. We have limited time each day and limited time on this earth. What we do matters. So often we feel like our scheduling is running our lives. But is your schedule in charge of you or are you in charge of your schedule?

If you find yourself living with a lot of "shoulds" or looking for your purpose, here are some ways to help reorient your time.

1. **Know Your Priorities:** Make a list of the top 5 things that are most important to you. Then, make a list of the top 5 areas you spend most of your time during the day. Do they match up, and if not, why? In prayer we can bring our schedule to God and ask "is this how You want me to spend my time?"
2. **Shift from "Should" to "Want":** This simple switch in language can make a big impact. "Should" is full of pressure and implies that we have already failed to meet an expectation. "Want" is an action word and gives us a sense of agency. For example, "I want to pray a rosary" instead of "I should pray a rosary". Repeat those sentences out loud and feel the difference.
3. **Say No, so You Can Say Yes to What Matters:** When we are aware of our priorities, we can make informed decisions about what activities help us live out our purpose and what does not. It is ok to say no to something so we can say yes to what God has set before us. If your vocation is a marriage, it's important to say no to friends sometimes so we can say yes to intentionally loving our spouse. This love then fills up our cup, pouring into our kids, friends, and colleagues.

Reorienting our schedules is not easy. It takes patience and dedication to be intentional about living the life you want to live. If anything stuck out to you in this article or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at kyliek@kingofkings.org.

Kylie Keisling is a licensed Mental Health Counselor and works at The Core in Omaha.



Our experience as One Church invites us to recognize that everything we have is provided to deepen our faith and to bring us closer to Jesus and to one another.

May God transform our simple gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and bring the diversity of the Church to its fullness. Visit archomaha.org/AAA to make your gift today.

Archdiocese of Omaha

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Our gifts to the 2021-2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal bear witness to God's love at work in our lives. Thank you to all those at our parish who have responded so generously to Archbishop Lucas' invitation to join him in the work of equipping disciples and living mercy. To date, our parish has raised \$105,000 towards our goal of \$140,000. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

If you have not taken the opportunity to make a gift, you may drop off your commitment form to the parish office or place it in the collection basket this weekend. Or you may complete your pledge online at archomaha.org/appeal.

Thank you for supporting the Archdiocesan parishes, schools and many ministries!

Upcoming Patriotic Days

Navy Day: October 27th

In 1922, the Navy League of the United States selected October 27th as 'Navy Day', a day in which to recognize and celebrate our Naval Forces. "From our earliest national beginnings the Navy has always been, and deserved to be, an object of special pride to the American people. Its record is indeed one to inspire such sentiments, and I am very sure that such a commemoration as is planned will be a timely reminder." - Navy League National President Breckenridge

We thank our Knights of Columbus for providing this information. The 4th Degree of Knights of Columbus is a Patriotic Degree. If you're interested in joining the Knights you can contact Recruitment Chair, Paul Kamphaus at (531) 484-6852.

"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.



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 Tytski at tytskij@cox.net, (402) 861-2209; or Adam Ybarra at a.ybarra@stephen.org, (402) 861-4507. **Are you ready to open the door?**



Are you a caring individual?

St. Stephen Funeral Lunch Ministry shows caring, kindness and hospitality to families who have lost a loved-one by providing assistance with food and/or serving for funeral luncheons. We are looking for volunteers to help with this ministry. If interested, please reach out to Deacon Denny at 402-861-4538 or d.dethlefs@stephen.org.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

Cards & Games every 2nd & 4th Thursday at 1 PM in the GPC.
⇒ October 28th



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!

WEDNESDAY, 11/3

Morning Mass followed by coffee, donuts, & speaker

THURSDAY, 12/2

"Jingle Bells Rock" Christmas Party

This Men's and Women's group (age 55+) gathers for fun social events, special projects, and support. More information at stephen.org/primetimers.



All Souls Day and Memorial Cross Mass November 2nd, 2021

November 2nd is ALL SOULS DAY, and we will be offering our ANNUAL MEMORIAL CROSS MASS at 7 PM for all our funeral families from this past year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming Second Collections

MISSION SUNDAY- THIS WEEKEND: OCTOBER 23/24

The first worldwide Mission Sunday collection took place October 1927. The annual collection is always held toward the end of October. The day is celebrated in all the local Churches, so Christians all over the world can recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. Bring your donation to Mass and place in the offertory basket during the second collection, or give online by scanning the QR code with your mobile device. You can also find the login at stephen.org/give.



SAFE HOMES—OCTOBER 30/31

Every year the National Council of Catholic Women remembers victims of domestic violence. Our SSM Council of Catholic Women desires to again provide financial assistance to **Omaha Notre Dame Sisters Safe Homes**, a program that provides start-up funds for people escaping domestic violence situations. Please consider giving a donation on October 30/31. Your support can truly make a difference in the life of a woman and her children.

Thank you for supporting these giving opportunities!

Breakfast at

St. Stephen the Martyr


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Sunday, November 7th
after the 7:30 AM Mass until 12 PM
Proceeds this week support our
Religious Education program

Three menu options:
Pancake Breakfast, Eggs Breakfast, or Biscuits & Gravy
Cost: \$8.00/adult, \$6.00/child, or \$30 max for family

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

- Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
- Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
- Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

- Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
- Thursday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart.

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 at stephen.org/prayer-line or call Beth Wetgen at (402) 669-4793.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 23

- 8:15 am † Ed Fuxa, Jr. (DB)
5:00 pm † Judy Bosiljevac (CK)

Sunday, October 24

- 7:30 am † Jim Brazda (OSB)
9:00 am SI St. Stephen parishioners (DB)
10:30 am † Bob Menard (DS)
6:00 pm † Ben & Evan Homan (DB)

Monday, October 25

- 6:30 am † TBD* (ME)
8:15 am † Melissa Holton (JM)

Tuesday, October 26

- 6:30 am SI TBD* (DB)
8:15 am † David Lemoine (DB)

Wednesday, October 27

- 6:30 am † TBD* (DB)
8:15 am † Tom Pallis (BB)

Thursday, October 28

- 6:30 am † TBD* (DB)
8:15 am † Richard Ahlberg (DB)

Friday, October 29

- 6:30 am † TBD* (DB)
8:15 am † Hazel Rupp (BB)

Saturday, October 30

- 8:15 am † Marie Pazur Demke (BB)
5:00 pm † Alphonse Wiepen (DB)

Sunday, October 31

- 7:30 am † Judy Bosiljevac (BB)
9:00 am † Marie Sempek (BB)
10:30 am SI St. Stephen parishioners (DB)
6:00 pm † Dennis Plambeck (DH)

SI = Special Intention † = Repose of the Soul
DB=Fr. Dave Belt; BB=Fr. Ben Boyd; DH=Fr. Dennis Hanneman;
DS=Fr. Dan Soltys; OSB=Order of St. Benedict from Mount Michael; CK=Fr. Charles Kestermeier; ME=Fr. Mike Eckley
Pease note: Priest schedule subject to changes

*If you'd like to reserve a Mass Intention, please contact Melissa in the parish office at m.kane@stephen.org or 402-896-9675.



Pray For...

Parishioners who are sick/injured/healing:

- Diane Hayes**, sister of Sue Klopp
John Klopp, husband of Sue Klopp
Emmett Hassenstab
Cate Durrett, daughter of Rob and Carolyn
Frank Kankousky, husband of Patti
Stephen Reestman, brother of Pam Roberts
Gerry Moseke, husband of Florence
Bob Jaeck, husband of Nancy Major-Jaek
Mary Ann McGrath, mother of Kathy Wawers
Gerry Messbarger, husband of Sally
Father Jim Tieg
Tom Turgeon
Patty Daniel, sister of Kathy Riley
Rick Thiesen

Not yet a Parishioner?

Register on our website stephen.org. Click on "Become a Parishioner" in the footer. Or call Adam at 402-861-4507 or a.ybarra@stephen.org.

News from the Community:

NOVEMBER 20, 2021—HE WEPT RETREAT

If you are a parent who has lost a child, please join us at the 'He Wept' retreat. This free retreat will take place on Saturday, November 20th from 9:30am - 8pm at St. Patrick's Elkhorn. All grieving parents whose children of any age that have died by any cause, including miscarriage, no matter how long ago are encouraged to attend. Meals provided. Space limited. For more information, and to register by November 1st, visit stpatselkhorn.org.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS INVITATION FROM CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

We invite you come and pray, walk and sing with us at St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery Friday, October 29th, 2021 and Saturday, October 30th, 2021. On Friday at 6:00 p.m. we will chant the Litany of the Saints and Psalms for the Dead as we process to the Grotto of Our Lady of Guadalupe Juan Diego praying for those who have died this past year. We will also be praying with the Holy Scriptures for those who will be interred in the All Souls Committal Saturday, October 30th at 11:00 a.m. at the Mausoleum in St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery 5226 South 46th Street. We do this to remember our loved ones who have died, and ask for God's Grace. A Plenary Indulgence may be gained by visiting a Catholic Cemetery November 1st through November 8th. For further information, please contact our Cemetery office at 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com.

THE MAN OF THE SHROUD TOUR COMING TO YOU!

Spirit Catholic Radio is bringing to Mary Our Queen Church in Omaha an up-close experience of the most studied artifact of all time – The Shroud of Turin, what many believe to be the authentic burial cloth of Christ. Their newest traveling exhibit, The Man of the Shroud, will include 42 beautifully-designed panels on display in the Trinity Rooms from October 22 – 29. Viewing times are weekdays 2-8 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m.—8 p.m. This exhibit will raise the questions, "Could the Shroud be the most important archaeological artifact ever found? Does it provide clues to what happened during the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus?" On October 27, at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Rooms, Shroud expert, Jim Bertrand, M.Ed. of the American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud, will give a special presentation and a rare viewing of a Shroud replica, as well as replicas of the Crown of Thorns, whip, nails and Holy Sponge used in the Passion of Our Lord. For more information on this exhibit, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/shroud.



Blood Drive St. Stephen the Martyr Sponsored By Knights of Columbus

16701 S Street

Saturday, November 6, 2021
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Virtual Event IVC Omaha invites you to join us for our 2nd annual

Morning of Ignatian Inspiration

Saturday, November 13
10:00 - 11:15 AM CT
Register: www.ivcusa.org/Omaha21
Zoom link provided upon registration

For questions, contact
Anne Mollner at
amollner@ivcusa.org



As we approach Thanksgiving
Fr. Gillick, SJ and Fr. Carlson, SJ
will lead us in a morning of
reflection and prayer



Does your faith shrivel when you encounter trouble? Perhaps you prayed about a situation and expected God to act according to your desire, but He didn't. Though you were hoping for a smooth path, He gave you one with bumps, twists, and turns, which left you wondering where He was. He promised to care for you, but instead you felt deserted. These are situations that test your faith, and they are common to all of us as Christians. Abraham, a man with great faith, followed God's instructions to leave home and travel to Canaan. You'd expect the Lord to honor such bold obedience with blessings, but it wasn't long before Abraham faced another faith challenge—a famine. This time, his trust faltered. Instead of believing God would provide, he fled to Egypt and made more foolish and costly decisions. The next time you're tempted to think that God has let you down, remember that trouble is one of the means He uses to strengthen your belief in Him. When circumstances seem to indicate He doesn't care, stand firm on the truths of Scripture, and fix your eyes on the Lord who's always faithful. An example, as parents we are to love our children with unconditional love, yet there are times when we must make decisions that our children disagree with. We put their safety first knowing that our advice or insights are in their BEST interest. We want to prepare them for the rest of their lives and that they can survive the many situations that will arise with resilience and can at any time turn to us as parents for support. God is our strength, and we must allow Him to know what's best for us. The Lord wants us to lay down our own ways of figuring things out and to walk by faith. That may sound risky, but it's reasonable when the One leading us has complete knowledge of the future and the power to orchestrate all events to achieve His good purposes in our life. Know that your priests and deacons are here when you are needing someone to listen and pray for your needs.
Blessings, Deacon Denny, Pastoral & Spiritual Care, d.dethlefs@stephen.org

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