

# The Family Connection



St. Stephen the Martyr Religious Education  
Mary Maguire, Director [www.stephen.org/reled](http://www.stephen.org/reled)

## July 2011

- July 14, 15, 16: Rummage Sale
- Aug. 3: Catechist In-service, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 21: Sunday School Open House, after 9 am and 10:30 am Mass
- Aug. 21: Confirmation Parent Meeting, Gr. 7 and 8, 7:30 p.m., Worship Space
- Aug. 23/24: R. E. Classes begin.
- Aug. 23/24: Parent Meetings, GPC; during class
- Aug. 28: Sunday School begins

### Summer Office Hours:

Monday: 9 AM - 1 PM  
 Tuesday: 9 AM - 1 PM  
 Wednesday: 9 AM - 1 PM  
 Thursday: 9 AM - 1 PM  
 Or by appointment

You can also call us at 896-5683.  
 Messages will be checked daily.  
 Fax number: 861-4590

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Want to add something to the newsletter?  
 Contact Eileen at: 861-4513,  
[e.smith@stephen.org](mailto:e.smith@stephen.org)

## St. Stephen the Martyr Parish Festival

Parish Festival 2011 — If you have not received your raffle tickets, please watch for the Raffle Committee handing out and selling Raffle tickets in the Dining Room and/or outside the North and South Church doors after masses over the next several weekends. We are offering three great cash prizes this year. If you are the seller of the winning \$10,000.00 raffle ticket, you will receive \$250.00.

So start selling those tickets and make sure your name as seller is on every ticket. If anyone is needing additional raffle tickets to sell, contact the Special Events Office.

If you have not turned in your Family Sponsorship forms, it's not too late. All monies received in Sponsorships goes to help Underwrite the Parish Festival. Your support is greatly appreciated.

There are still some vacancies in Parish Festival Committee that we need to be filled soon. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents this year, please give the Special Events office a call at 402-861-4507.

Also if you have any gently used Stuffed Animals we could use them for the Festival. Drop offs are in the Special Events Office. We are also accepting 2-Liter Bottles of Pop and any kind of Movie Size candies to use as prizes at the Parish Festival. Keep that in mind when shopping.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Parish Festival in 2011.

## Catechists Needed

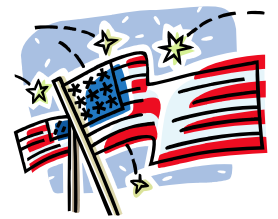
We have teaching opportunities for pre-school through high school. Our catechists teach in teams of two with a class of 15 students. All lesson plans and materials are provided for you and tuition is waived for your children. Stop by the Religious Education Office to see what opportunities are available.

Please call the office at 402-896-5683 or email Eileen Smith at [e.smith@stephen.org](mailto:e.smith@stephen.org) or Mary Maguire at [m.maguire@stephen.org](mailto:m.maguire@stephen.org) for more information.



## Project HOPE

You can make St. Stephen the Martyr a better place just by shopping!



Business owners, locally and around the country, sell gift cards to SSM at a discount which we sell to our parish families at face value.

The customers receive the full value of their purchase and St. Stephen the Martyr retains the difference.

In addition to faithful tithing, your participation in our scrip program helps St. Stephen the Martyr continue to fulfill its mission. Monies earned through this program are used to help pay the costs of maintaining our building and grounds and providing educational and spiritual programs open to all.

Stop by the Project HOPE table in the gathering space after weekend liturgies or visit the parish office to see how you can put the power of Project HOPE to work for St. Stephen the Martyr.

## Fall Altar Server Training Dates

Any students who are in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade or older are eligible to become Altar Servers at our weekend liturgies.

To provide a smoother and well-organized training session we are offering three sessions to divide the future Altar Servers into smaller groups.

We will begin in the Gathering Space. We will be signing up servers for the 5:00 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. Sunday; Noon and 6:00 p.m. masses. You will be scheduled at the 9:00 or 10:30 if you have another family member already serving in a liturgical role at that mass.

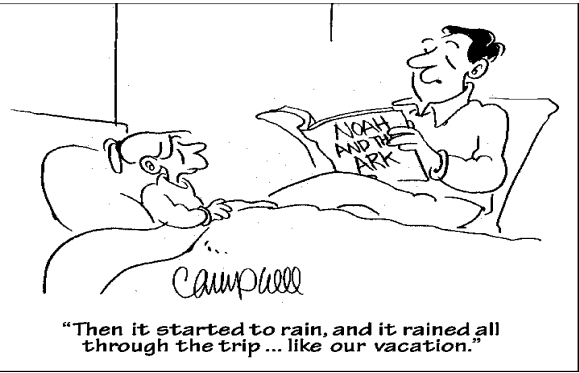
### Training sessions will be held on:

**Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (Parents should plan on staying for the first 20 minutes.)

**Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (SSM 5-Day School Students with Last Name A-K) (Parents should plan on attending the last 20 minutes)

**Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (SSM 5-Day School Students with Last Name L-Z) (Parents should plan on attending the last 20 minutes)

If you have any questions regarding the training sessions please contact Karen Hardy at [k.hardy@stephen.org](mailto:k.hardy@stephen.org) or 402-861-4537.



## Aug. 3 Catechist Meeting

Catechists and coordinators for all grade-levels will meet on Wednesday, August 3 at 6:00 pm in the Dining Room. This meeting is required for all catechists, so please mark your calendars!



## Rummage Sale

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR Rummage sale — July 14, 15, 16. Each days starts at 08:00am with some great deals to be found. So gather up your friends and neighbors and bring them up to the Sale.

This is the last weekend for drop offs of items for the Rummage Sale. We are accepting gently used items, nothing stained, torn or worn out. As our volunteers would say, "If your sister wouldn't take it, then neither will we."

We are NOT accepting any Office supplies such as Monitors/CPU's, Printers, Fax Machines, or Telephones.

We are also looking for volunteers to work the actual dates of the Rummage Sale. If you are interested, give the Special Events Office a call at 402-861-4507.

## CHANGE IN TUES. AT 4 PM CLASS TIME

In response to the change in ending time for the Millard Public Schools next fall, Religious Education classes that were scheduled to begin at 4:00 pm on Tuesday (only) will now have at 4:15 pm start time. This should help give parents enough time to pick their children up after school and bring them to R.E. The Tuesday at 5:30 pm class time will remain the same. Because of the early dismissal times in M.P.S. on Wednesdays, no other class times will be changed.

If this causes an inconvenience for anyone who has already registered for the Tuesday at 4:00 pm classes, please contact the R.E. Office at 896-5683 and we will help find another class time that works for you and your family.

## 7th & 8th Graders

### Confirmation Parent Meeting (Grades 7 and 8)

Aug. 21, 2011

Parents of students in both 7th and 8th grade will meet for a Confirmation Parent meeting on Sun., Aug. 21st at 7:30 pm in the Worship Space.

Confirmation preparation and information (including retreats, stewardship hours, how to choose a patron saint and sponsor) for students in both 7th and 8th grade will be discussed.

## Gospel Reflection for Families

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-23 (shorter form: Matthew 13:1-9)

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

**Family Connection:** Today's Gospel reminds us that in order for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavor to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for "preparing the soil" so that the seeds of God's Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this—family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfill the promises they made at their child's Baptism.



Gather together as a family and reflect together on the Sacrament of Baptism. Tell the story of the Baptism of each child, showing any pictures that were taken. If you have your child's Baptism candle or gown, share these as well. Recall together that one of the promises that parents make at their child's Baptism is to bring them up in the practice of our faith. Talk together about the importance of this promise to your family. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:1-23. Reflect together on the ways in which your family practices your faith (daily prayer, Mass attendance, religious instruction, etc.). Remind one another that we do these things as a family so that God's Word can take root in our lives and produce abundant fruit. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm, Psalm

## EMHC and Lector Training Dates

We are in need of individuals to assist us with our EMHC and Lector Ministries. These individuals must be positive role models, understand how God works in their own individual lives, attend Sunday Mass on a regular basis, possess a spirit of generosity and a willingness to be of service to the community as well as having high moral standards and personal values. We are looking for ministers at all of our mass times, but have a great need at 5:00 p.m. 10:30 a.m.; Noon and 6:00 p.m.

Training involves three steps:

**Archdiocesan Training** (must attend one of three available sessions)

- Tuesday August 16, 2011 at St. Leo's Catholic Church (7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)
- Monday August 22, 2011 at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church (7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)
- Sunday August 28, 2011 at St. Columbkille Catholic Church (1:30 pm to 4:30 pm)

**St. Stephen the Martyr Internal Training** – Tuesday August 30, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Worship Space

**Mandation Ceremony** – Thursday September 1, 2011 at St. Cecilia's Cathedral at 7:30 pm.

You must register with Karen at [k.hardy@stephen.org](mailto:k.hardy@stephen.org) or contact her at phone 861-4537 in order to reserve your spot at the Archdiocesan Training Sessions.

## Youth Ministry News



Be sure to check our website at [www.stephen.org/youth](http://www.stephen.org/youth) for more information on what our youth are up to. Contact Laura at 861-4509 or at [l.bogue@stephen.org](mailto:l.bogue@stephen.org) with any questions!

**Life Teen Movie Night** — Greetings, Teens! Be sure to join us for our special dinner and a movie on Sunday, July 10. We'll meet in the Parish Center from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. Invite your friends, bring your appetites, and get comfy!

**Brush-Up Nebraska** — Our Knights of Columbus and Youth Ministry will again be teaming up to help a home in need! Join us on the Saturday mornings of August 13 and 20 for this year's paint-a-thon. Contact Laura at 402-861-4509 or at [l.bogue@stephen.org](mailto:l.bogue@stephen.org) for more information, or to volunteer. This is a great experience for families to participate in, and also an awesome way to earn stewardship hours!

**Youth Website** — Remember to visit our website at [www.stephen.org/youth](http://www.stephen.org/youth) throughout the summer for information on upcoming events, as well as to learn what we have in store for next year! Registration forms for Edge & Life Teen are also now on-line.

## Parent Meetings-Aug. 23/24, 2011

The first day of classes in the Fall begins on August 23/24, 2011. Please plan on attending the Parent Meeting during your child's class session after taking your child/children to class to meet their catechist.

If you are unable to attend the Parent Meeting when your child attends R.E., please make an attempt to attend one at another time. The meeting times will be as follows:

- Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.
- Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday at 4:00 pm
- Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday at 7 p.m.



**\*Catechists/Child Care Helpers/Office Volunteers:** Please do not attend the Parent Meeting. We need you to be at your assigned station. Information from the meeting will be shared with you at a different time.

Sunday School families will not have a Parent Meeting on Sunday, but feel free to attend one of the Tue./Wed. evening meetings.

## Parish Sport Programs

### JUNIOR HIGH PAL FOOTBALL

St. Stephen/ St. Wenceslaus Knights football registration for the 2010 season is on open the St. Wenceslaus Sports web site ([www.stwenceslaussports.org](http://www.stwenceslaussports.org)). All incoming 6th, 7th & 8th grade boys who's families are parish members are welcome to join the winning tradition (2010 North Division PAL league champions) of the Knights Jr. High football program. There are no tryouts and previous football experience is not required. We will play a minimum of eight varsity games and eight JV games under Nebraska state high school rules. A sports fee of \$145 and a willingness to try is all that is required. For any questions contact John King at 402-880-6946

### SSM VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Limited space available for SSM Volleyball Camp; July 18-21. Registration form at: [www.ssmsportsclub.org](http://www.ssmsportsclub.org)

### SOCCER UPDATE

Late registrations are being accepted for Micro and CYSL soccer. Forms can be found at [www.ssmsportsclub.com](http://www.ssmsportsclub.com). British Soccer Camp is being held July 25-29 at Mission Park. Forms can be found in the kiosk or at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com). Call Greg McHale at 895-0153 with questions.

# Welcome!



## Fr. Joseph Broudou, Associate Pastor

I am Fr. Joseph Broudou (pronounced brew dew). I prefer to go by Fr. Joseph not Fr. Joe. I was born in Republic of Mauritius, an island in the Indian Ocean. I have one brother and four sisters. We live in five different countries namely the US, Canada, Australia, Reunion Island and Mauritius. I have 45 first cousins and most of them live in Australia.

I left Mauritius in 1988 and migrated to Australia. I left Australia in 1989 to join the Society of the Sons of the Father (Patristics) in Singapore. I did my philosophical studies at St. Francis Xavier Major Seminary in Singapore.

The community moved to Tintern, Oakdale Nebraska in February of 1992. In 1993 the community was disbanded and I joined the Archdiocese of Omaha and continued my studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus Ohio. During three summers I went to Creighton to study Christian Spirituality. I have also taken the classes for priests offered by the Institute of Priestly Formation.

I was ordained to the priesthood June 1st 1996. I have been assigned as an assistant at St. Joan of Arc, St Thomas More, St. Bernadette and a chaplain at Gross Catholic High School. I was the administrator at St. Joseph in Springfield. I was a pastor at St Rose of Lima, Crofton, St. Joseph in Constance and St. Andrews in Bloomfield.

In 2008 I spent a few months with the Community of the Beatitudes in Denver Colorado. Coming back to the archdiocese I spent the summer of 2009 at West Point Ne helping during the recovery of Fr. Gongringer. I was assigned to St. Vincent de Paul in June of 2009.

I like to visit the classrooms for the 5 day school or the religious Ed. I also visit the homebound and those in the hospital. I especially enjoy leading Adult Faith formation classes. Pope Benedict XVI is talking about the New Evangelization and this is one important component.

I am please to be at St. Stephen the Martyr. I come to serve God's people and will do my best to do God's will here.



## Fr. Jeff Mollner, Assistant Pastor

"I was born in Omaha, the second of five children (a married sister belongs to St. Stephen's). I attended St. Thomas More grade school and Creighton Prep high school. After graduation I attended Rockhurst University in Kansas City MO and earned a degree in biology. I returned to Omaha and at Creighton University's biology department for two years before I went to the seminary. I spent two years at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus OH studying philosophy. My graduate studies in theology were at Mt. Angel Seminary in Oregon. I was ordained to the priesthood for service in the archdiocese of Omaha in 2008. My first priestly assignment was at St. Margaret Mary parish. I am very excited to be a part of St. Stephen the Martyr Parish and Skutt Catholic High School. For recreation I enjoy watching football, reading, going to movies, and spending time with my family friends."

# THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

# for Teens TRAINING

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Teachers, Priests, Deacons, Religious Educators, Youth Ministers, Counselors, Home Schoolers, Parents, and anyone who works with teens.

## WHEN:

Friday August 5th, 2011 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Check-in from 8:00-9:00 am

Mass is available at St. James Catholic Church  
9025 Larimore Avenue (about 1 mile) at 8:15am on the  
day of the Conference

## WHERE:

Roncalli Catholic High School  
6401 Sorensen Parkway, Omaha, NE 68152-2258

## COST/REGISTRATION:

\$75 to include lunch

## CONTACT:

Peter Kennedy. 402-554-8493 ext 2104

### Register by mail:

Catholic Faith Formation Office, P.O. Box 4130,  
Omaha, NE 68104

### Register Online:

[http://reg131.imperisoft.com/ArchdioceseOfOmaha/  
Search/Registration.aspx](http://reg131.imperisoft.com/ArchdioceseOfOmaha/Search/Registration.aspx)

### Local motel:

Holiday Inn Express Cherry Hills \$85 night (please ask for  
the Archdiocesan Theology Conference rate)

Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body is changing lives around the world through its positive portrayal of our sexuality as a good and essential part of love and life.

The *Theology of the Body for Teens* Training brings this exciting teaching into a practical format of 12 lessons that teenagers will enjoy and understand. Join us for this this timely and important training where you will be introduced to the Theology of the Body as it specifically relates to teens.

## THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS ANSWERS QUESTIONS SUCH AS:

- Why did God give us our sexual desires?
- What is purpose and scope of the Theology of the Body?
- What is the difference between love and lust?
- What does our sexuality teach us about God?
- Can Christ bring healing to me if I've already "messed up"?
- How can I discover my vocation?
- How far is "too far"?
- How can teens remain pure in our oversexed culture?

...and many more.

## ABOUT DAMON OWENS

Damon Owens is an acclaimed speaker on the Theology of the Body, a trainer for the *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* program, as well as a Certified Speaker for the Theology of the Body Institute. Damon and his wife Melanie have been teaching and promoting natural family planning since 1993 and are the founders of the New Jersey Natural Family Planning Association ([www.njnfp.com](http://www.njnfp.com)). Damon has been featured on radio and television programs such as EWTN, ABC World News Tonight, CBS Evening News, and more.



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Join Damon Owens for a Certification training in the exciting *Theology of the Body for Teens* curriculum.

Learn how this new program based on the revolutionary teachings of John Paul II can provide your teens with the knowledge and understanding they desire concerning the meaning and purpose of human sexuality. Discover how the language of the Theology of the Body can help your teens embrace the timeless teachings of the Church. This training is intended for any and all Catholic teen educators.

YES, I WILL BE ATTENDING THE TRAINING

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

ROLE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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Archdiocese of Omaha Presents...

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for Teens and Parents**

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**Doors Open at  
6:30pm  
Presentation begins at  
7:00 pm**

**Questions? Contact Robin:  
ralaird@archomaha.org or 402.551.9003 ext. 1305**



**Registration Form:**

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 per person      Total Enclosed:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Student(s) attending with you \_\_\_\_\_

**Minors must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Group Registration on the back.**

**Make Checks Payable to : Archdiocese of Omaha**  
Mail To: Family Life Office Attn: Robin Laird 3214 N. 60th St Omaha NE 68104

**Group Registration Form**

**Make copies as necessary**

Return this sheet and the non-refundable payment to: Theology of the Body, Family Life Office, Attn: Robin Laird 3214 N. 60th St Omaha NE 68104

Registration deadline: July 29<sup>th</sup> with \$5 per person fee **(including chaperones)**  
**No walk-ins unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian**

Parish/School/Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Group Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**1 chaperone for every 12 students required. Must be Safe Environment certified**

**Chaperones Name (over the age of 21)** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Jr. High/High School Students Name</b>	<b>Grade entering</b>
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