



By: Principal Roseanne L. Williby

It is in gentleness that the heart is most like the Heart of Jesus.

One of the most inviting virtues that can be observed by the strong is **gentleness**. We invite our students to approach one other with gentle inquiry rather than judgment and condemnation when they have a disagreement. St. Francis de Sales summed up this approach in this advice: "Always be as gentle as you can, and remember that more flies are caught with a spoonful of honey than with a hundred barrels of vinegar". Rather than sapping our strength or making us weak, gentleness, in Pius XI's words, "**possessed the power to attract hearts** in that very measure of success which Christ himself has promised to the meek—"Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land". If we all trust that each is intending to do us good rather than harm, we can all be Christ to one another.

The courageous spirit of St. Stephen is alive at our school. Just this week at St. Stephen the Martyr School:

- ⇒ Our 7th graders participated in their *Courage Retreat*. This retreat helps our students take a deep look inward to examine the times they could do more to speak up for someone wronged and work toward peaceful resolution of difficulties. A rockin' good time was had by all.
- ⇒ Our students worked on their standardized Terra Nova and Explore tests in grades 3, 5, 7, & 8 and writing assessments in grades 2, 4, & 6. Thanks to teachers and teacher aids for their expert delivery of this special instruction.
- ⇒ We took our first steps to identify our counselor, Jeff Keogh, as our TEAMMATES facilitator. TEAMMATES, started in 1991 by Tom & Nancy Osborne, is an caring adult mentoring program dedicated to making a difference in the life of a young person by giving them a sense of hope, purpose, and vision.

- ⇒ We will be making available through email **Parents First**, a resource for parents made available through the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. This resource has been created in response to the directive by Archbishop Lucas to assist parents in their education and formation of their children and youth regarding Catholic teaching on sexuality. Each grade has their own two page document that is to be accessed by parents as students are taught the *Circle of Grace* curriculum lesson each year. Soon, we will be making these documents easily accessible electronically for use with your students.
- ⇒ The mission of Catholic Schools is to nurture spiritual, academic, and character development in our students. A new *Spirit of St. Stephen Award* and a *Leadership Award* will be given quarterly to students at our Monday assembly to support their continued spiritual and character development. Each teacher can submit students' names for both awards who has extraordinarily demonstrated they are virtuous and a student leader.
- ⇒ Have you done your daily duty to VOTE in support of our Home and School **US Cellular Campaign?** To continue their mission TO WIN, please be sure to pick up a new voting card this weekend so that special prizes, including a free dress day next week, might be in your grasp. Please see the multiple pages ahead for more details on this opportunity.

In the days ahead....

- Sept 23 - Progress Reports, Kim Brown address 8th grade on Peer relationships
- Sept 26 – Free Dress Day for All/ Assembly
- Sept 30 – 8th Grade Retreat 6-9pm
 No School – Fall Conference at Creighton Prep for Teachers
- Oct 1 – 8th Grade Retreat, 8-1am & 1-4pm
- Oct 3 – Assembly QSP Magazine Kick Off
- Oct 4 – Picture Retake Day, RESPECT Play for 4th, 5th & 6th grade
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Project HOPE

Have you heard the latest?

You can now help SSM when shopping at Costco, picking up lunch at McDonald's or visiting thousands of retailers here at home or across the country with Discover gift cards.



No matter what you do during the week, we have a card for that!

Stop by the Project HOPE table following our weekend masses for a complete list of vendors. Make it a family tradition to stop by the Project HOPE table weekly, send a Project HOPE order form to school with your child on Monday morning or place an order via our website at www.stephen.org.

If we all work together, we can do great things in our parish and our community.

Skutt Catholic Chic Boutique

Saturday, October 8th, 2010

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission - \$1.00

• Over 100 crafters

• Breakfast and lunch available

- A craft show you don't want to miss this fall!

Help St Stephen's School win \$150,000 in the U.S. Cellular "Calling All Communities" contest! We are currently in Eighth Place - in line to win \$50,000. If we can move to First Place we will win \$150,000! Winning funds will be dedicated to Art Education at SSM!!

Help us reach First Place!!

St Stephens parishoners are allowed to vote on behalf of family, friends and co-workers. In order to place as many votes possible for SSM, we have created a Survey Monkey as a means to collect voter information. Help us out...please forward the following Survey Monkey link to family and friends so they can provide us with their voting information. It's very easy.....open the link and simply provide the necessary information. Once their information is provided, a group of H&S volunteers will with voting codes will vote on their behalf every day. Remember to tell them that their demographic information and email addresses will only be used for this cause and will not be distributed or forwarded to anyone during or after the US Cellular campaign has ended. Important note: If you are already voting on behalf of family and friends, please don't include their information on Survey Monkey as voter information can only be used once. Thanks for your help!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NNXNMQ9>

Good weather, positive attitude, and a will to succeed are important ingredients for any activity. In school, we are asked to perform every day in the classroom, on the playground, and in front of our peers. In PE class, we are anxiously preparing for the mile run. We are scheduled to run the race the week of October 3rd through 7th.

What are the goals for our students this year? To be honest during the race and run the entire distance is a good one. To finish the race doing our very best is another goal that most students just take for granted. **What IS YOUR CHILD`S GOAL FOR THIS YEAR?**

Turning in all their homework on time and complete? Running the mile under 10 minutes? Helping or doing a kind deed once every day! Being a better person through trial and error using the resources available to Me? Going to Mass once, twice or three times each week? As you can see, goals can be general or individualized. Now is the time to set some good goals for the day, week, month and year.

Let`s work together and make this a place of learning to do the best we can do each and every day .

May God Bless
Mr. Lebeda



Here are a few good reasons for families to continue to pick up cards and vote! Families will submit the bottom portion of their voting cards for a random drawing for the following if we **WIN**:

If St. Stephen's Wins The \$150,000:

- 3 students (one per family) will each win "1" paid tuition for the 2012-2013 school year

If St. Stephen's Wins The \$50,000:

- 1 Student will receive \$1000 off of tuition for the 2012-1013 school year

This award will be funded by the prize money

Other Prizes **REGARDLESS** If We Win:

- A lunch bunch with your child's favorite teacher and friends
- A lunch with Dr. Williby and two friends at their favorite local restaurant (i.e. Burger King) during school
- Free Dress Passes
- More to be announced!!!



U.S. CELLULAR.....CALLING ALL COMMUNITITES

Can you hear us now??????????????

.....It will take our entire parish and Omaha Community to pull forward for the win.....

WE NEED YOU DAILY

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- **KEEP COLLECTING CARDS DAILY. We have people who NEED MORE CARDS to match up with family and friends email addresses!!!!**
- **Have Extra Cards & Codes? Please email to one of the following:**

Julie Moritz, julie.Moritz@hchsne.com ; Jeanna White, jwhite2910@aol.com
Maureen Scheutte, moschuette@cox.net ; Kim Anderson, kanderson@NCHS.ORG

****Email the codes daily as you get them.....time and votes are of essence!****



**U.S. CELLULAR.....CALLING THE
ST. STEPHEN'S COMMUNITY**



**Come to US Cellular (Lakeside) 17392 W Center Road
(Next to Starbucks)**

Saturday, September 24th (10 am - 2 pm)

- **Grab a card – Grab a Tall Starbuck's Coffee!!!**
- **Students register to win*:**
 - ✓ **\$20 Movie Theater Gift Card**
 - ✓ **\$20 Scheels Gift Card**
- **Students Receive a Free Dress Coupon**
 - ✓ **1 voting card = 1 Free Dress Coupon**
 - ✓ **2 voting cards = Free Dress for Family**



Sunday, September 25th (Noon - 2 pm)

- **Calling all Creighton University – Blue Jay Fans!!!**
- **Each Voting Card = 1 registration to win:**
 - ✓ **(4) Men's Basketball Tickets**
 - ✓ **(4) Women's Basketball Tickets**
 - ✓ **(4) Men's Baseball Tickets**
- **Students register to win (AGAIN!!!)*:**
 - ✓ **\$20 Movie Theater Gift Card**
 - ✓ **\$20 Scheels Gift Card**

***Student Gift Card Drawing at Assembly on Monday!!!!**

7th Grade Courage Retreat



Celebrating Mary's Birthday!





***DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN BOX TOPS TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM
BY THURSDAY, SEPT. 29TH!!***

- Did you know that... every class that submits 500 Box Tops in one month will receive a free dress day?
- Did you know that... each teacher can use HALF of their classroom earned credit for supplies or other classroom needs?
- Did you know that... 50% of the total monies received from the Box Tops program will be used by the Home and School Association for school-related projects?
- Did you know that... the classroom who submits the most Box Tops in any one month will be recognized at the school assembly and be awarded a small treat and the **Box Top Traveling Trophy** to be displayed in their classroom for that month?
- Did you know that... the classroom within each grade that submits the most Box Tops for the entire year will be invited to a **HOT DOG LUNCH** at the end of the school year?
- Did you know that...you can earn Box Top credits for our school by shopping online?
- Did you know that... since 2003, St. Stephen the Martyr School has earned nearly \$52,500 from the Box Top program?
- Did you know that...the online Box Tops program has **numerous promotions** to help our school earn money?
- Did you know that...St. Stephen the Martyr School is **#1 IN NEBRASKA** for collecting Box Tops?

****WE NEED YOU TO HELP OUR SCHOOL CONTINUE TO EARN BOX TOP MONEY****

Please visit www.boxtops4education.com for more information about how you can help our school!



Our Annual Fall Magazine Fundraiser is just around the corner!

Each fall, we kick-off our Magazine Subscription Fundraiser to benefit our students. The success of the program depends on your participation.

We will be kicking off our fundraiser on **Oct. 3rd**, so be on the lookout for your student's packet. Inside will be all the information on the 3 ways that students can participate.

However, you can get started right now!

Save Time. Go Online.

Go to www.qsp.com.

Enter **St. Stephen the Martyr School** code **1083864**

Renew your current magazine subscriptions and/or order new subscriptions on-line.

While at www.qsp.com you can also spread the word to further support **St Stephen the Martyr School**. Email friends and family anywhere in the country and inviting them to take advantage of our special offers.

Although the kickoff is not until Oct 3rd, starting **TODAY**, all internet orders will count towards prizes!!!

St Stephen the Martyr School earns 40% profit on your purchases. The funds raised will help support educational, academic and extracurricular programs for our students.

Your support is met with much gratitude and appreciation.





VOLLEYBALL

Come support the Hawks!

WHAT: Skutt Catholic Volleyball's 1st Home Game of 2011!

WHEN: September 27, 2011

Freshman:	5:00 p.m.
Junior Varsity:	6:00 p.m.
Varsity:	7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Skutt Catholic Gym

Wear a shirt with *your* school name and you will receive FREE admission!

GO

UNDERGROUND

Matthew 5: 11-12

**AN "ALL PARISH
EVENT" FOR 7TH
& 8TH GRADERS**

**EXTREME HIDE
& SEEK
THE EARLY
CHURCH VERSION**

We take our religious freedom for granted. Come and experience what it is like to have to hide out to share faith.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
2:00PM - 6:00PM
- MASS INCLUDED
ST. ROBERT'S CAFETERIA
11900 PACIFIC STREET**

EVENT COST: \$15 includes t-shirt & snack

REGISTRATION REQUIRED through your parish contact.

SPONSORED BY:
The Omaha area Youth Ministers
and DRE's.

**TOP
SECRET**

GO UNDERGROUND

**AN "ALL PARISH EVENT" FOR
7TH AND 8TH GRADERS**

Underground Church is a fun game (like hide and seek but more intense), that opens the door to discuss persecution of the early and current church and talk about the value of faith that we have so often taken for granted.

Event Details:
Date: Sunday, October 16th
Time: 2:00 - 6:00pm (check-in starts @ 1:45 pm)
Location: St. Robert's Bellarmine (119th & Pacific)
Cost: \$15.00 includes T-shirt and snack
Return Registrations to: Laura Bogue in the Religious Ed. Office
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 4th
Contact Laura Bogue at l.bogue@stephen.org or at 402-861-4509 with any questions!

Participant's Name: _____ Grade: _____

PARENT PERMISSION

I, _____, grant permission for my child _____, to participate in this Youth Ministry event that requires adult supervision and is off campus. As parent or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named participant. I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, our heirs, successors, and assigns to hold harmless and defend St. Stephen the Martyr, its officers, directors, and agents; the Archdiocese of Omaha; chaperones or representatives associated with this event.

In case of an emergency, I give permission for medical treatment to be sought for my child.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact # _____ Parent Email: _____

T-shirt Size: ___ Adult Small ___ Adult Medium ___ Adult Large ___ Adult X Large ___ Adult XX Large

Chaperones are needed for this event: ___ Yes, I am available ___ No, I am not available

Please return this form and payment by Tuesday, October 4th to Laura Bogue in the Religious Ed. Office.

Checks may be made out to St. Stephen the Martyr Parish.

The Underground Church is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Omaha 's Youth Ministers and Directors of Religious Ed.

Bible Study-The Bible Timeline

"We are offering a "Quick Journey", a eight week journey through the Bible based on the Great Adventure Bible Timeline concept. The Great Adventure Bible Timeline provides the student with the materials you need for enriching Bible study. The Bible Timeline is foundational to all other Bible studies because it focuses on the 14 narrative books of the Bible while it helps you learn the overarching story of God's plan of salvation and gives you an understanding of how the people, places, events, and themes of Scripture fit together. The Quick Journey through the Bible is offered on Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm beginning Sept. 13th. Please contact Bob or Wendy Synowicki at wendysynowick@aol.com or [click here](#) to register."

Women's Bible Study

This class meets the 2nd Saturday of the month in the GPC beginning Sept. 11th at 8:00AM. You will be studying two books, "Jesus' Journey to the Cross" by Jeanne Kun and "Heart to Heart with God" by Ralph Torrelli. You may register via the SSM Website under Community Life or by contacting Jan Mitchell at Jan Mitchell janmitchell@cox.net or Janice Dethlefs at 895-9039. (Book cost \$10)

[Click here](#) to register or contact, [Jan Mitchell](#) at 895-3215.

Mass As Prayer

This class will give you an opportunity to see how the mass form your prayer life and how your prayer life enriches your participation in the Eucharist. The different parts of the mass will be studied and You will also learn the changes to the mass that is coming soon. It is a five week class starting August 18 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Register [online](#) email j.broudou@stephen.org.

Introduction to the Spiritual Life

This class will challenge one to look at one's life as a Catholic and how to grow in the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ. You will get practical ways of how to grow in your faith. It will be over five weeks beginning on November 10. Register [online](#) or email j.broudou@stephen.org.

World Religions

Compare and contrast is helping when you teach children or young people. The class on World religions will help you refine your understanding of the Catholic faith. We will cover religions such as Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism and Christianity. The class will begin on September 22. The classes will be from 7:00- 9:00 pm.

Register [online](#) or email j.broudou@stephen.org.

Bible Study -Revelation

"Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come" is the first on-going study of The Great Adventure Bible Study Series. In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the Kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will also learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history. Revelation is offered on Monday evening at 6:30 pm beginning Sept. 12th. Please contact Bob or Wendy Synowicki at wendysynowicki@aol.com or [click here](#) to register."

Bible Study-Genesis

"From the beginning of time, man has wondered 'Who are we? Where do we come from? Are we important? Is there meaning to our existence? Genesis is an ancient book, but it is written for modern times and it contains the answers that mankind asks in every age. As the first book of the Bible, Genesis is the foundation of the Torah, the first 5 books of the Old Testament. In Genesis we have the words of God himself giving us the answers we seek. Genesis will be offered on Wednesday beginning Sept. 14 at 9:30 am, with childcare, and 7:00 pm. The cost of materials is \$50. Please contact Deacon Marty at m.warwick@stephen.org or [click here](#) to register."

Lectio Divina Prayer Group-The Gospel of Mark

We will use the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible "The Gospel of Mark" for this class. (Book cost \$10)

This prayer group will meet in the Daily Mass Chapel every 1st Wednesday of the month from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Babysitting available. The group will also offer additional days of prayer and fellowship as, together, we will visit some of our beautiful Catholic Churches in Omaha and surroundings. The cost of the books is \$9. Contact Eva Winkeler at 964-2331 or Deacon Marty, 402-861-4506 or M.Warwick@stephen.org to register.

Bible Study-Breaking Open the Word

This Bible Study will discuss the Weekend Mass readings as they are presented in the Lectionary. This year is Church Liturgical Year A so we will study/discuss the Gospel of Matthew. We will meet in the GPC at 10:30 AM Thursdays during the summer session in the Board Room. You may register on the SSM website under Community Life or by contacting Deacon Marty at m.warwick@stephen.org or 402-861-4506. You may join this class at any time so just show up and bring your Bible.

Kids Against Hunger®

Omaha Kids Against Hunger is a non profit humanitarian organization that works with the community in the Omaha and surrounding areas to engage volunteers in a hands on service activity that benefits families around the corner and around the world.

Office address: 20940 Dutch Hall Road, Bennington NE 68007
 Warehouse location: 13409 I Circle, Omaha NE – Phone: 402-213-1718
 Email: kah@omahakah.com Omaha Website: www.omahakah.com
 Kids Against Hunger Omaha is a satellite of Kids Against Hunger International
www.kidsagainsthunger.org



**25
cents**

= 1 meal

**1 bag =
6 meals**



**1 box = 216 meals which
will feed a child in a third
world country for
6 months
1 box = \$54.00**



HUNGRY KIDS NEED YOUR HELP

Join in our parish outreach project in conjunction with our Parish Mission. Visit the website—www.kidsagainsthunger.org.

GOAL: Package 20,000 meals at 25 cents per meal = \$5,000.00

OCTOBER 1-2: Opportunity after all Masses to make a donation and sign up to assist with packaging the meals.

OCTOBER 13: Send \$2500.00 to KAH to begin purchasing the food.

NOVEMBER 13: Deliver the remaining \$2500.00 to KAH for food.

NOVEMBER 13: Package the meals at 13409 I Circle in Omaha. Need 40 people from 1:00—3:00 PM and 40 people from 3:00—5:00 PM. Great family event—children as young as five years old can participate.

MAKE A DONATION NOW:

Checks payable to **KIDS AGAINST HUNGER**. Drop off in the Parish Office or GPC.