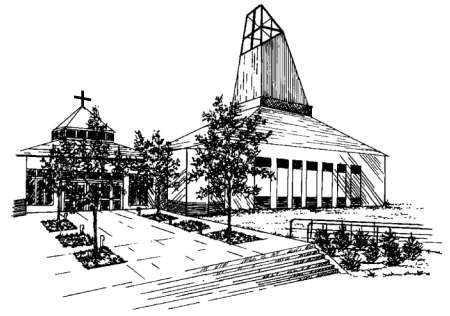


ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

PARISH MINISTRIES 2011-2012

The following are brief descriptions of the many ministries offered at St. Stephen the Martyr. Please contact the ministers listed if you have questions or need further information. Thank you.



FAITH FORMATION – ADULTS (Deacon Marty Warwick, 402-861-4506)

01. Adult Faith Formation Committee

Assist in long and short range planning and implementation of adult faith formation opportunities.

02. Baptism Facilitator

Assist in facilitating Baptism preparation classes for new parents. Training is provided.

03. Facilitator of Adult Faith Formation Study Group

Share your faith with other adults in one of the listings found in adult faith education programs.

04. RCIA/Ministry to the Baptized

Join the group to learn more about the Catholic Faith or to discern becoming Catholic.

05. Parish Library

The Parish Library offers over two thousand books and audio/video materials available for check out in the areas of Spirituality, Prayer, Parenting, Family Life, Catholic Teachings, Grief, Self-Help, etc.

06. Spirituality and Prayer Study

Study and experience a deeper closeness to Christ through the study of various expressions of spirituality found in the Church and various forms of prayer types and exercises.

07. Scripture Study

Study scripture in a group setting (women's, men's or mixed).

08. Catechism Study

Study the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

09. Apologetics

Learn about our Faith and how to use logic and reason to defend it.

10. FISH - Friends in Shared Hope (Sr. Clarice Faltus, 402-861-4508)

Share your faith and experience fellowship in a small group setting twice a year (Fall and Lent). Host a group or be a participant in an existing group.

CARE MINISTRIES (Sr. Clarice Faltus, OSF 402-861-4508)

11. Funeral Dinners

Provide assistance with, and/or food, for funeral luncheons.

12. Human Needs

Assist in serving the needs of parish families and also some of the needs of the broader community - food pantry, home meals, housekeeping, transportation, household duties, etc.

13. Stephen Ministry

Journey one-on-one with persons experiencing different types of life's challenges. Training is provided.

14. Welcome Ministry

Telephone new parish families in your neighborhood and welcome them to St. Stephen the Martyr. Assist in staffing the Welcome Table after one Sunday Mass per month. Provide registration information.

15. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Women gather on the second Wednesday of each month to pray together and work on Prayer Shawls/Blankets to be given to persons who are experiencing a crisis in their life.

16. Rosary Makers

This group meets every third Wednesday of the month in the GPC from 9:30 am-11:30 am. The group makes rosaries for the First Communion Class at Our Lady of Guadalupe, our sister parish. We also make rosaries for St Stephen the Martyr RICA group and for Children's' Hospital and Medical Center.

FAMILY LIFE (Deacon Marty Warwick, 402-861-4506)

17. Little Saints Center SE

Assist in caring for children ages 1-4 during adult formation classes and parish events.

18. Marriage Ministry

Assist in the planning and implementation of marriage enrichment opportunities.

19. Natural Family Planning (Tracie Youell, 402-953-4598)

Attend a class on Natural Family Planning.

20. Divorced/Widowed/Separated Support

Assist with ministry to the divorced, widowed and separated.

STEWARDSHIP, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Tom Jorgensen, 402-861-4515)

21. Stewardship, Planning & Development Committee

Provides formation for the parish community to understand stewardship as a way of life and offers opportunities to share Time, Talent and Treasure according to an equality of sacrifice. In addition, this team cultivates people and offers opportunities for their involvement and investment.

22. Phone-a-thon Outreach Team

Establishes a group of people who communicate by telephone with parish families on an annual basis for the purpose of bringing our SSM community closer together. On average, it involves only six hours of service per year. Calls are generated from the Gonderinger Parish Center.

23. Capital Campaign Leadership and Volunteer

Provides financial support to fund the cost of building and grounds maintenance and improvements, campus security, worship space sound system and debt reduction-volunteer intensive on all levels of capital campaign structure.

24. Planned Giving & Memorial Giving

Expands the parish base of support through regular and consistent gifts: wills, life insurance, trusts, annuities, and other planned gifts. In addition, provides a perpetual remembrance vehicle — “Donor Tree of Life” — that honors individuals and families.

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

25. Adults Serving A Purpose (ASAP) - (Fr. Jeff Mollner, 402-896-9675)

Assist in planning and implementing of young adult (19-34 years of age) faith and social opportunities.

26. Prime Timers - Age 55+ (Nancy Griswold, 402-895-9087)

Sponsors social activities and assists with special projects. They also serve as a support group for those within their membership.

27. Cub Scouts (Chris Shackelford, 896-5629)

Provides a year-round program designed for boys in grades one through five.

28. Boy Scouts (Ken Kilzer, 402-896-3902 or Paul Tomaso, 402-894-1850)

Provides a great opportunity for boys 11 through 17 years of age to experience leadership and character building through service, activities and outdoor events.

29. Council of Catholic Women (Gigi Stamp, 402-895-6818)

A women's organization whose purpose is to unite the women of our parish, to aid in the development of spiritual life and aid the parish in meeting its needs. The group meets on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

30. Knights of Columbus (Hank Hardy, 402-895-6135)

Offers various activities and opportunities for fellowship to promote charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

31. Vocation Committee (Ron Bobka, 402-895-9391 or Mark Bonkiewicz, 402-339-7955)

Promote religious vocations and support those who express an interest in becoming a priest, deacon, sister or brother.

LITURGY (Deacon Marty Warwick, 402-861-4506 & Karen Hardy, 402-861-4537)

↳Scheduling and Assignments

32. Environment (Karen Hardy, 402-861-4537)

Help design, create or change seasonal settings in the worship space. Assist with care for all flowers and plants. Help is especially needed at Christmas and Easter.

33. EMHC

Assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Masses.

34. EMHC - Homebound

Take Holy Communion, on a regular or as needed basis, to parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized.

35. Greeters

Welcome parishioners at Sunday Masses by opening doors and assisting ushers.

36. Hospitality (Peggy Hoffman, 402-333-2494)

Assist in preparing, serving and cleaning-up coffee, juice and doughnuts after the Sunday morning Masses and at large parish special events.

37. Lectors

Proclaim the Word of God at weekend Masses. They read the announcements and, in the absence of the Deacon, read the Prayers of the Faithful.

38. Linens

Wash, iron and sometimes repair altar linens, albs, altar cloths, stoles, etc.

39. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sandy Kimmey, 402-884-4422) SE

Share the Word of God with young children during weekend Masses.

40. Sacristans

Prepare the worship space for services and coordinate, direct and monitor the various ministry duties at Mass. All mass times available.

41. Servers - Grades 5 through 12

Assist the priest at the altar at weekend Masses and special liturgies.

42. Ushers

Focus on the comfort and safety of those attending Mass by assisting with seating, offertory collection and distribution of bulletins.

43. Music/Choirs – Adults, Teens, Children (Paula Bonkiewicz, 402-861-4536)

Sing or play a musical instrument at weekend Masses and/or special liturgies.

Children's Choir (grades 3-8) provides music on Christmas Eve and once a month at the 12:00 noon Mass.

Praise Teen Choir (grades 8-12) sings contemporary praise music once a month at the 6:00 p.m. Sunday Mass.

Adult Contemporary Choir sings weekly at the 6:00 p.m. Sunday night Mass.

SSM Choir sings weekly at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

PRAYER MINISTRY (Deacon Marty Warwick, 402-861-4506)

44. Eucharistic Adoration

Commit to daily or weekly worship and prayer in the Reservation Chapel.

45. Prayer Line

Pray for the intentions of others, passing the prayer request by e-mail or telephone so that the entire group is praying for the same intention.

46. The Nazarenes — A Praise and Worship Ministry (Fr. Joseph Broudou, 402-896-9675)

Committed to praise and worship the Lord through music in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere of love, fun and joy. Prayer format includes: Eucharist Adoration and Benediction, silent prayer, Scripture Readings, teaching a variety of subjects that help us know God and live better lives, intercessory prayer and sharing of our experience of God's blessings in our lives.

47. Prayers for The Engaged

Pray regularly for specific couples preparing for marriage.

48. Shield A Badge

Pray for a specific member of the Police Force, Fire Department and Armed Forces.

49. Votive Candles

Replace the votive candles in the Daily Mass Chapel on a regular basis.

FAITH FORMATION – CHILDREN AND YOUTH (Mary Maguire, 402-896-5683)

50. Catechist (Sunday School) SE

Co-teach a group of 3-5 year olds Scripture, crafts and music. Lessons and activities are prepared for you.

51. Catechist (Kindergarten-grade 8) SE

Co-facilitate prepared lessons and activities and share your faith with a group of students in K— grade 8.

52. Catechist (Grades 9-12) (Laura Bogue, 402-861-4509) SE

High school youth are involved in our Life Teen program — please see #59.

53. Individual Sacrament Preparation SE

Help children in grade 3 and above prepare to receive Reconciliation and First Communion.

54. Substitute Catechist SE

Be on our substitute list for catechists.

YOUTH MINISTRY (Laura Bogue, 402-861-4509)

55. Life Teen CORE Team SE

Join our adult CORE team and help plan Life Nights and lead our high school teens to Christ.

56. Edge CORE Team SE

Join our Edge CORE team and help plan and participate in Edge Nights for our Middle School youth.

57. Life Teen and Edge Hospitality

If you feed them, they will come! Help us provide food for Life Nights and Edge Nights by either donating or preparing a meal, or by joining our ‘Feed Your Faith Squad’.

58. EDGE (Grades 6-8)

Middle School youth meet Tuesday nights in the Dining Room from 6:30-8:00 p.m. What is different about Edge? Come and find out!

59. Life Teen (Grades 9-12)

High School youth are welcome to join us Sunday nights in the Parish Center following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Come experience our faith and fun-filled Life Nights!

60. S.T.O.N.E.S. Drama SE

Share your gifts for drama with children, youth and adults of St. Stephen’s.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY (Sr. Clarice Faltus, OSF 402-861-4508)

61. Right to Life Committee (Fr. Jeff Mollner, 402-896-9675)

Promote respect for life through programs, activities and education.

62. Social Justice Committee

Assist with planning and Implementation of outreach projects. Serve the parish as an information resource and catalyst for the cause of social justice.

PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS (Steve Orsi, 402-861-4507)

63. Parish Festival

Volunteer for and participate in this annual two-day Parish Festival. This event, with activities for the entire family, is our parish's largest fundraiser.

64. Rummage Sale

Volunteers work to organize, sort, price and staff the annual Rummage Sale over a three week period of time each summer.

65. Trivia Night

Help plan and execute an evening of fun, fellowship and friendly competition. New in 2009, Trivia Night was a success! A St. Stephen the Martyr fun-raising event.

66. Chili Challenge for Tuition Assistance

Committee members are needed to help plan the annual Chili Challenge which benefits the SSM Tuition Assistance Program for students in our five-day school and Religious Education program.

67. Golf Outing

Volunteers are needed to help plan the annual golf outing for our parish. A St. Stephen the Martyr fun-raising event.

VOLUNTEERS

68. Project HOPE (Cindie Maddock, 402-861-4502)

In this year-round scrip program, volunteers sell gift certificates before and after Masses and work during the school year to process, fill and distribute orders.

69. Money Counters (Billie Watsabaugh, 402-861-4533)

Count the collection once a month on Sunday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

70. General Parish Assistance (Kathy Stodola, 402-861-4535)

Provide volunteer assistance in a variety of clerical and secretarial duties.

71. Grounds Upkeep (Tom Jorgensen, 402-861-4515)

Assist with beautification of parish property.

72. Professional Services (Deacon Denny Dethlefs, 402-861-4538)

Assist fellow parishioners facing financial and personal challenges caused by unemployment or underemployment by providing your professional services in the areas of human resources, financial planning or family counseling.



Volunteers in ministries bearing this symbol are required to have current Safe Environment Certification from the Archdiocese of Omaha. For information on obtaining or renewing your Certification, contact Cindie Maddock at 402-861-4502 or email c.maddock@stephen.org.

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