

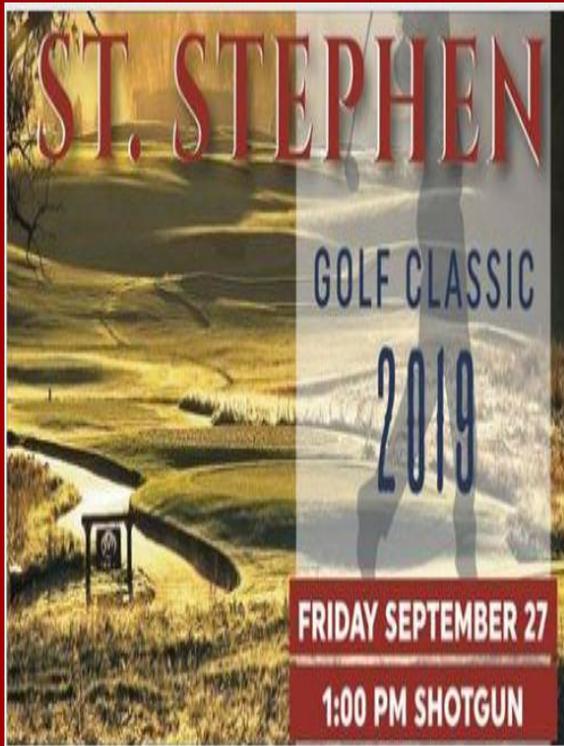


September 13, 2019

We Need Your Kids!!!



The first Sunday of each month, St Stephen students have the opportunity to sing, read, and usher at our Sunday 8 a.m. Children's Mass. We know it can be hard to get out of bed early on the weekend, but it's a wonderful chance for your children to participate fully in a weekend mass and to give back to the parish that supports our school. Two added incentives in participating are that your children get a dress down day during the following week if they come to the Children's Mass in uniform on Sunday, and the Knights of Columbus will be doing pancake breakfasts after the Children's Mass. Please prayerfully consider being a regular participant in this school tradition. Our first Children's Mass is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 6 at 8 a.m.



Upcoming Events

At St. Stephen Catholic School and Parish there are so many ways to join in and be active members of our community.

September

- 9/15 – Parish RE & RCIA begins
- 9/17 – Pizza Lunch, Called to Protect Class at 6:00 p.m.
- 9/20 – Eagle Spirit Day! (jeans & an SSCS shirt)
- 9/24 – Pizza Lunch
- 9/26 – Noon Dismissal – Teacher Professional Development
- 9/27 – No School! Golf Tournament! Teacher PD Day

October

- 10/3 – 8:05 a.m. Children's Mass
- 10/4 – 8:05 a.m. Adoration
- 10/6 – 8:00 a.m. Children's Sunday Mass
9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall!
- 10/9 – Focus 11 – Vocations (6th Grade) in Denver
- 10/10 thru 10/11 Middle School Retreat
- 10/12 – Spaghetti Dinner!
- 10/16 – Report Cards Go Home
- 10/17 & 10/18 – No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/23 – 1:00-1:45 Middle School Vaping Prevention Presentation
- 10/24 – Honor Roll/Virtues Assembly
- 10/25 – No School – Teacher Professional Development

Notice of Student Non-Discrimination Policy

The Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Denver, under the jurisdiction of Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L. and at the direction of the Superintendent, state that all of their Catholic schools admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. Furthermore, Archdiocesan schools admit handicapped students in accord with the policy on Admissions in the Archdiocese of Denver Catholic Schools Administrator's Manual. These schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, age, handicap, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of their educational policies, employment practices, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic or other school-administered programs.

Did you know our Middle Schoolers are coding?



Ask your middle schooler about coding and there's a good chance you will get a smile.

It's done during Math class on the computer and many of the students really like coding.

If you have no idea what it means, you are not alone. Coding by definition is the in-

structions a computer needs in order to function. Our kids at St. Stephen

are actually learning how to use real languages to make apps, websites,

and games. Whether students are playing a simple logic-based game or writing scripts to create the next big app, these tools help students think about what sort of language goes into the technology they use every day.

FREE Catholic Class for Adults!

For one day only, tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 14, the Denver Catholic Biblical School class will be free to anyone who wants to try it out. This is an incredible opportunity to experience firsthand *The Ladder of Ascent: a Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The class is being held at St. Mary of the Crown in Carbondale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have any questions, please visit sjvlaydivision.org.



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Virtues in Practice Program

Ask Your Child About this month's virtue...

Here at St. Stephen Catholic School we use The Virtues in Practice Program, which was created by the Dominican Sisters. The goal of Catholic education is heaven, but knowledge alone will not get us there! Virtues in Practice helps students to live out the faith in their everyday lives. Each year has a virtue/ theme of study; this year's virtue is **Faith** and the theme is **Service**. Faith – Believing in God and all He has revealed.

This month's focus saints are:

St. Martha, St. Jerome and St. Augustine.

Look these saints up and consider how they lived the virtue of faith in their lives.



Mrs. Christine Godfread – Second Grade Homeroom – Leadership Team



Greetings to you all. I joined the St. Stephen's team last year and I am blessed and grateful to be a part of the school. I am originally from Bismarck, ND. I grew up in Fargo and Grand Forks, ND. I attended the University of North Dakota for a time and then transferred to Minnesota State University. I graduated with a B.A. in Elementary Education in grades 1-6 and a Kindergarten Endorsement. I am also trained in Montessori education and philosophy and hold a Montessori certification in teaching ages 6-12.

Out of college I taught Kindergarten readiness programs in Fargo, ND and Des Moines, IA. I was then the administrator of an early childhood center in Des Moines. Within a year, I decided my purpose and passion remained, with the children, in the classroom. After receiving my Montessori certification I taught multi-age classrooms of 1st -3rd graders in Des Moines and Minneapolis, MN. My husband and I moved to the Roaring Fork Valley, where I took a position teaching 1st-3rd grade at Ross Montessori School.

have found ourselves at home in Glenwood Springs. I am excited to work at St. Stephen Catholic School and be a part of all it has to offer to the students, families and communities it serves.

Spaghetti Dinner - A St. Stephen's Tradition!

Save the Date – Saturday, October 12th

We are grateful to Lowell and Casey Walter for chairing this community event!

Come join in this fun, family event!





Mrs. Rebecca Ramsey –

4th& 5th Grade Language Arts

& Social Studies

-Leadership Team

My Family

Salutations! My name is Mrs. Rebecca Ramsey. My husband, Scott, and I have two wonderful girls. Bailea is sixteen and will be a Junior this year at Glenwood Springs High School. Arabella was our long-awaited blessing and will turn three this autumn. Our family loves this valley and all the wonderful experiences Colorado has to offer.

My Educational Background

I began my career as a substitute teacher at the ripe old age of eighteen! While attending undergrad, I worked in various educational roles such as a tutor, substitute, and a teacher's assistant. I graduated from St. Leo University in Florida in 2004 with my Bachelor's of Elementary Education grades K-6 with an English Speakers of Other Languages endorsement. After graduating, I taught second grade at Belleview-Santos Elementary in Florida for two years.

In 2006, I relocated to Atlanta, Georgia to accepted a position with Henry County Schools. It was teaching first grade and my love of books that inspired me to return to school for my graduate's degree. In 2009, I graduated from Mercer University with a Master's of Education in Reading. After three years of first grade, I entered a district program to learn the co-teaching inclusion model. I spent a year as a fifth-grade special education co-teacher and then returned to first grade as the classroom teacher of the co-teaching model for two years.

One day, I was offered an exciting opportunity to teach abroad for Disney! I received my Teaching English as a Foreign Language to Children from Columbia University and spent fourteen months teaching Chinese students ages two to fourteen English. My time abroad with my family changed my life!

Upon returning to the United States my family moved to Colorado to become a ski family. I worked for three season as the lead teacher for Buttermilk Mountains Cubs on Skis program. In 2016, I was offered a fourth-grade position at Sopris Elementary School where I taught for two years before joining the St. Stephen's family. This is my third year at St. Stephen's Catholic School, and I couldn't be more delighted.

My Educational Philosophy

I was called to teaching as a high school student. I was drawn to teaching because of my desire to help students realize their potential and experience success that will, hopefully, fuel years of academic achievement. Education is the great equalizer and a good education is the key to life opportunities. It is my intention to provide an environment that is academically, emotionally, and socially enriching. I strive to ensure that all students received the best possible education to equip them to chase down their wildest dreams.

My philosophy of teaching is that all students can learn while discovering their unique strengths and challenges with the love and guidance of the adults in their lives. I believe teaching is a craft that is developed through study/research, practice, and reflection. Teachers should be leaders in the learning environment. Students are encouraged to explore, synthesize, and apply knowledge as it relates to what they already know. Through respectful relationships, clear goals and expectations, and a positive spirit every child can have a successful learning experience. I believe that parents, teachers and students must work cooperatively as a team in order to ensure maximum student success. Each acts as a leg on a stool, responsible for fulfilling responsibilities that are necessary for maximum student learning.

I want to be the teacher that helped someone realize their dream or passion, the teacher that changed a student's mind about him or herself and/or their abilities, and the teacher that is remember for genuinely caring about each life I touch.

Let your light
SHINE
before others that
they may see your
good deeds and
glorify your
Father in Heaven

Matthew 5:16



Volunteer Spotlight

We are grateful to Steve & Jennifer Van Dyke, Isabelle Drake and Gina Neuman for being the Chair-people of This Year's Golf Tournament! Thanks all the sponsors, participants and volunteers who are sure to make this day a huge success!

We are grateful for such a supportive community!