

# STEPHEN MINISTRY *by the* NUMBERS

## Ames Catholic Community

As of April 30, 2017

*Stephen Ministers are servants of Jesus, trained to provide personal and confidential support for people who are facing life's challenges.*

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Since enrollment, we have sent **15** members to be trained as Stephen Leaders at regional training conferences. **12** currently serve in this capacity.

Stephen Ministers have completed a total of **58** caring relationships. Presently, there are **23** Stephen Ministers in ongoing caring relationships.

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To learn more about our Stephen Ministry, email us at [stcomesstephenministry@gmail.com](mailto:stcomesstephenministry@gmail.com)

Since  
2012

Stephen Ministry began at St. Cecilia Parish in April, 2012, when three parishioners attended a Stephen Leader Training in St. Louis. In 2014, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish joined in this ministry, which then became known as the Ames Catholic Community Stephen Ministry. As of 2017, the ministry is expanding to include Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Gilbert.



The Stephen Leader Team estimates that Stephen Ministry for the Ames Catholic Community spent **12,083** hours providing this ministry during the past year. (April 2016-April 2017)

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Our Stephen Leaders have trained **64** lay Stephen Ministers to provide high-quality, one-on-one, confidential Christian care to hurting people in our parishes and the Ames community. **32** are currently serving in this capacity.

With a minimum of a two-year commitment, Stephen Ministers complete **50** hours of training and once active in the ministry, they meet twice monthly for continuing education and peer supervision.

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