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The First Sunday of Advent



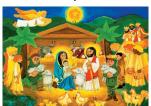
The Season of Advent Begins

Advent, the four weeks of preparation for Christmas, is about *time*. For adults, these four short weeks before the most elaborate holiday in our culture force us to face the limits of



time: there is simply not enough time to finish all that we expect to get done before sunset on Christmas Eve. Instead of waiting for Christmas, we are trying to fend it off; instead of saying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" we want to cry out, "Jesus, wait! I'm not ready!" But for children, Advent seems terribly long. They can hardly wait... with the Advent wreath, they count the Sundays; with the Advent calendar, they count the days till Christmas—not with dread but with eager longing. The Scriptures in Advent tell us to "get ready," but we are to get ready like children, by being eager, alert and watchful—by active waiting, rather than by frantic preparations.

Pick up your Advent calendar, get an Advent wreath, light the candles and wait with us for Christmas, when we celebrate the coming of



the Son of God as Jesus of Nazareth, a human baby, born of a particular woman in a particular stable on a particular night long ago.

Pledge Cards for 2021 Giving

It's not too late to turn in your pledge card!

Fill one out and drop it in the plate or mail it to the church. Your pledge is important in helping us plan our spending for next year. Thanks!



parish Christmas Card Exchange 2020

We Have Lots of Christmas Cards
To be Written to Your Friends

Please Pick up a Pack of Them Today

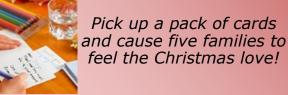
What we need our volunteers to do:

 Write a Christmas greeting inside five cards already pre-addressed, stamped and blank inside



Place them in the mail to be received before

Christmas



St. Stephen's ...
To Love and Serve
God and Neighbor



2020-Mike Whitt, Bill Baggett, Carol Reynolds2021-David Dresser, Liz Barham, Debbie Powell2022-Charles Bradford, Steve Meyer, Missy Sabine

Treasurer: Charles Bradford Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski



Gift Cards and Food Baskets

Drop off Bags of potatoes, carrots, or onions; Fresh apples or oranges; Canned green beans, corn or sweet potatoes; Boxed stuffing; Fruit cups & apple sauce; Cereal; Shelf stable milk; Paper Towels & Toilet Paper; Gift cards to Publix or Walmart. Cash or check to St. Stephen's with "baskets" in notation gratefully accepted.

Jackets for Scott Lake Elementary

SLE needs 20-25 "Florida style"
jackets for students who don't have
winter clothing. Unisex styles are
best, but any color is fine. Sizes from
Youth Small to Adult Medium, with
greatest needs for the larger sizes.
New, gently used jackets, or checks
to St. Stephen's with "jackets" in
notation gratefully accepted.

Blankets for Migrant Workers

Fr. Rob is making preparations for his annual blanket giveaway to migrant farmers as the colder weather approaches. New or gently used blankets may be dropped off at church or in the office. Cash or checks to St. Stephen's with "blankets" in notation gratefully accepted.

Tools for Mulberry High School

The trade programs at Mulberry HS have almost no tools! Auto shop and agriculture have desperate needs for basic tools of all sorts. Help kids learn valuable skills by donating hand and power tools, new or used, dropped off at church or office. Cash or checks to St. Stephen's with "tools" in notation gratefully accepted.

Collecting Until December 13

Verse of the Week-Psalm 80:3

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.



November 29

Pick up Christmas Cards to write Pick up Advent calendars, wreaths, candles Season of Advent begins

December 6

Final Confirmation Class Liturgy Walk-thru 7pm Advent Quiet Service

December 13

RESCHEDULED SVCS THIS SUN ONLY
9am in the Sanctuary
11am in the Worship Center
Bishop Brewer visits St. Stephen's
Christmas Collections conclude

December 24

Family Service at 7pm Midnight Mass at 10:30pm

December 25

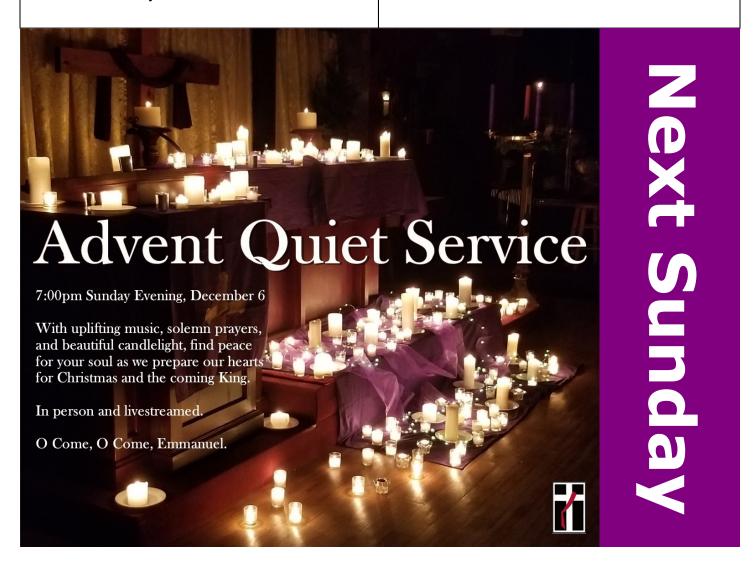
Christmas Day Service at 10am



"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

November 22nd statistics
were not available
for our early printing
of this issue of the FYI.
We will update you next week.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness during this time of personal separation.





The Greenery on the Altar has been given by the Parish of St. Stephen's in celebration of Father Rob's birthday



December Birthdays

- 1 Kim Jackimowicz
- 2 Fr. Rob Moses
- 3 Henry Chilton Carol Harris Rick Yenney
- 7 Linda France Jessie Gomez Ian Millican
- 9 Tim Irwin Ellen Simms
- 10 John MacGilvray Dale Reinert
- 12 Mariela Brink
- 13 Victoria Naples
- 17 Missy Sabine
- 19 Enid Alers Melissa Getman-Powell
- 21 Suzanne Rosenberger Marty Tallent
- 23 Marianne Hodges Maggie Latham Nathan Peoples
- 24 Michele Giberson
- 26 Jennifer Latham
- 28 Peggy Nicholson
- 29 Susan MacGilvray Nancy Wenham
- 30 Ella Chilton
- 31 Walter Thomas



December Anniversaries

- 8 Kevin & Kim Jackimowicz
- 11 Scott & Carla Sauve
- 15 Lou & Enid Alers
- 31 Judy Elam & Jim Cook

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs:

Adriana (friend of Bill Warneke), Shannon Black (from Kathy Leahy), Stephen Calhoun, Roger Doyle, Laurie Dresser (David Dresser's sister), Evalyn Duncan, Kit Duncan, former member Pat Dupont, Sally Flanagan, Michele Giberson, John Gove, Bill Heath, Nicole Hernnkind (Karen Spiller's sister), Dan Howes, Sadee Jackimowicz (Kim Jackimowicz's daughter -in-law), Dorothy Jensen (Bob Martin's sister), Scott Johnson (Judy Horne's brother), Ken & Clair Jones (friends of Roger Doyle), Fronnie LeBlanc (Morgan Goers' sister-in-law), Pat Martin, Mary Katherine Nevels (Morgan Goers' sister), Roy Reynolds, Mike Robinson (Kai Richardi's grandfather), Marion Stewart, Marge Stockwell, Carol Vonesh, Dahlia Walker, Juliana Walker, Mavis Walker, Bill Warneke.

Pregnant:

Tyler & Sadee Jackimowicz (Kim Jackimowicz's son)

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility:

Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Tom Crawford, Dawn Flynn, Tom Haney, Carmen Kight, Rick Rahn, Rick Roach, Mavis Walker, Jo Willey

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9am Worship, WCtr & online 10am Worship, Sanct 10am Sunday School 11am Worship, WCtr 12noon Scott Barham interment, Mem. Gdn. NO YOUTH GROUP	30 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	1 8am Morning Prayer at Circle B & online 8:30am Eucha- rist & Bible Study at Circle B 8pm Online Compline	2 8am Online Morning Prayer 9am Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, Sanct. 12noon Book Study, WC 8pm Online Compline	3 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	4 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	5
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