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The Second Sunday of Advent**



Advent Quiet Service Tonight December 6th, 7pm

Join us for uplifting music, solemn prayers and beautiful candlelight. Find peace for your soul as we prepare our hearts for Christmas and the coming King.

In person in the Worship Center and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



Cookie exchange 2020 Version!

Dec. 20th

There are colorful Christmas-y cookie bags available to pick up at your convenience in the kitchen. Take what you need in order to share 3-4 cookies per bag, then bring those sealed cookie bags back to the kitchen on Saturday, Dec. 19 or early the next morning so they can be set out for our annual Cookie Exchange on Sunday the 20th. Rather than open plates of cookies, everyone may help themselves to the pre-bagged cookies after morning services or during Drive-Thru Communion later that day.

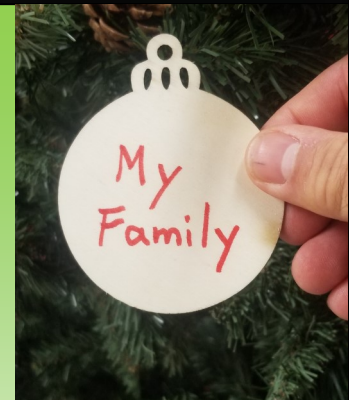
For anyone interested in sharing or exchanging their Christmas baking, we'll be trying out a new socially distanced version.

New! Especially for 2020! A Christmas Blessing Tree

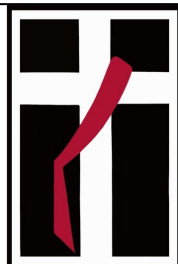
With a year like 2020, it seemed like the time to remember our blessings.

Please pick up a plain wooden ornament in either worship space, and use one of the colored Sharpies to write the name of a person who has been a blessing to you—whether someone still with us or someone you have lost—and hang it on our Christmas Blessing Tree set up in the Parish Hall.

If you are worshipping at home, but wish to participate, please call or email us your name for the Christmas Blessing Tree.



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



2020-Mike Whitt, Bill Baggett, Carol Reynolds

2021-David Dresser, Liz Barham, Debbie Powell

2022-Charles Bradford, Steve Meyer, Missy Sabine

Treasurer: Charles Bradford

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski



4 Ways To Give This Christmas

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—2 Peter 3:11

What kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS



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
Confirmation Day
Christmas Collections conclude

December 20
Christmas Cookie Exchange after svcs &
during drive-thru (bring cookies Sat.)
12-12:30pm Drive-Thru Communion

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 29, 2020

Attendance:	9am:	18
	10am:	29
	11am:	<u>27</u>
Total:		74
Income:		\$5,830.00

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

THANKS, DEACON DOUG!

We had a little "collapsible" shelf problem in the Sanctuary robing sacristy. Thanks to Deacon Doug for rebuilding our shelves!



This Tuesday, December 8th is Talbot House Chili Night



CLERGY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

With so many folks still worshipping online, our "secret" Clergy Christmas gift collection will look different this year. You may put your gift in the collection plate clearly marked as "Clergy Christmas Gift" with recipient's name, bring it to the office or mail it to the church.

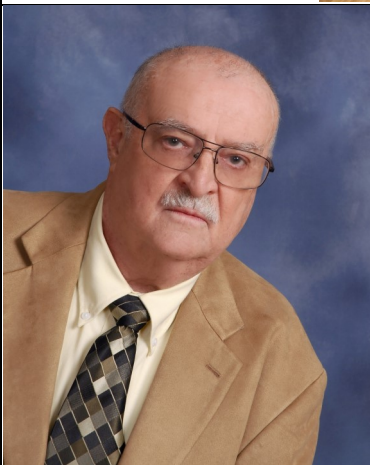
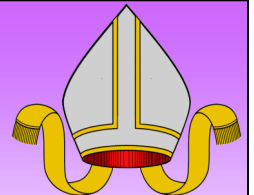


Our Christmas Love Offering to Father David, Father Rob & Deacon Doug will be presented to them on Christmas Eve.

Two Services Only
NEXT SUN., DEC 13th

Bishop Brewer Visits Confirmation Day

9am Worship in Sanctuary
(No 10am Worship or Sunday School)
11am Worship in Worship Center



Rest in Peace Ben Cochran

We are sad to report the death of our friend Ben Cochran, who died Tuesday, December 1st following several hospitalizations. Funeral arrangements are still in the planning stages.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

**The Greenery on the Altar has been
given by the Parish of St. Stephen's
in memory of Ben Cochran**



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, John Englert family (**Michael Englert's** uncle), **Sally Flanagan, Michele Giberson, John Gove, Bill Heath**, Lauren Hunt (**Michael Englert's** friend), 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 Knight, Rick Rahn, Rick Roach, Mavis Walker, Jo Willey

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9am Worship, Wctr & online 10am Worship, Sanct 10am Sunday School 11am Worship, Wctr 7pm Advent Quiet Service YOUTH AT QUIET SVC	7 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	8 8am Morning Prayer at Circle B & online 8:30am Eucharist & Bible Study at Circle B 5pm Talbot Hs. Chili Night 8pm Online Compline	9 8am Online Morning Prayer 9am Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, Sanct. 12noon Book Study, WC 8pm Online Compline	10 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	11 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline Office Closed	12
13 BISHOP'S VISIT & CONFIRMATIONS 9am Worship, Sanct. 11am Worship, Wctr 6:30pm Youth Group	14 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	15 8am Morning Prayer at Circle B & online 8:30am Eucharist & Bible Study at Circle B 8pm Online Compline NO VESTRY MTG.	16 8am Online Morning Prayer 9am Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, Sanct. 12noon Book Study, WC 8pm Online Compline	17 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	18 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline Office Closed	19