

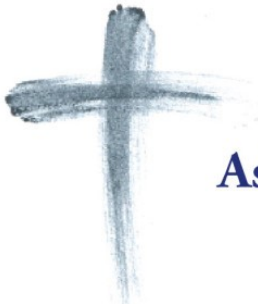
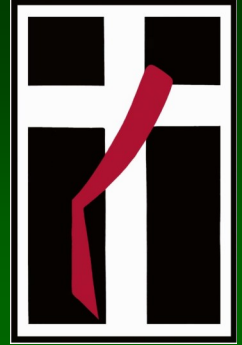
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The Last Sunday after Epiphany**



This Wednesday,
February 17th is
Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

12noon Ash Wed. Worship, Sanct.
12-12:30pm Drive-Thru Ashes
6-6:30pm Drive-Thru Ashes
7:00pm Ash Wed. Worship, Sanct.

We invite you to prepare your hearts and minds to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

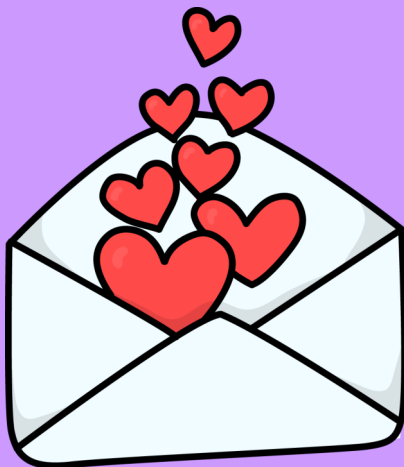
What to do during Lent?

*Daily
Devotions*

Daily Thoughts, Scriptures, and Prayers to Guide You Through Lent

Pick up a pack of devotion cards on Ash Wednesday.

We made these easy to use and included one card for each day until we come to Easter. These will also be available at drive-thru communion Feb. 28th and on Sundays in the worship areas.



Card Writers Wanted During the Season of Lent

Instead of a Worship in Action Sunday this year we will be writing cards of love and encouragement to fellow parishioners, residents of three local long-term care and rehab facilities, and your choice of other persons who need a little extra care this year. We will have 5-packs of church greeting cards available on Ash Wednesday and afterward. Packs of cards will also be available at Drive-thru Communion on February 28th.

So get yourselves ready for a season of spreading God's love to others!



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



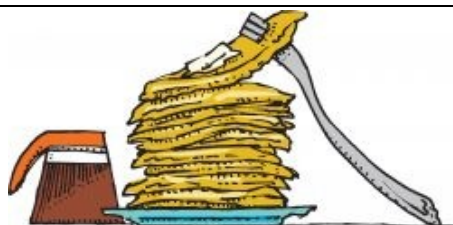
**2021-Liz Barham, David Dresser, Debbie Powell
2022-Charles Bradford, Steve Meyer, Missy Sabine
2023-Karen Beasley, Richard Eijo, Carol Reynolds**

Treasurer: Charles Bradford

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski

What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. It's a day



SHROVE TUESDAY

THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. But there's more to Shrove Tuesday than pigging out on pancakes. The pancakes themselves are part of an ancient custom with deeply religious roots.

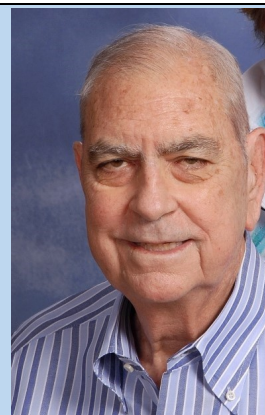
Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing that Christians used to undergo in the past. In the ancient tradition of shricing, a person confesses their sins and receives absolution for them.

Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that weren't allowed in Lent: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shricing Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't still be edible after the forty days of Lent.

The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name Mardi Gras; meaning fat Tuesday. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour. So get out your favorite pancake recipe and whip up a batch for this Tuesday's observance!

**YOUTH GROUP
VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY
TONIGHT 6-8PM**

**Richard Roach
1943-2021**



We are sad to report the death of Richard Roach on Monday, February 8th. Richard suffered a stroke some time ago and his health had continued to deteriorate. We keep his wife, Mary and their adult children, Kristen Roach-Harris and Clifton Roach in our prayers. A small family graveside service is planned for a future date.

*Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine upon him.*



**Zoom Vestry Meeting
this Tuesday,
February 16th at
6:30pm**

Welcome to our three newly-elected Vestry members: Karen Beasley, Richard Eijo, and Carol Reynolds.

Troop 106 Mulch Sale

Remember to order your mulch from our Troop 106 Scouts for delivery Saturday, March 6th:

\$4 per bag for hardwood or pine bark mulch

\$1 extra for spreading the mulch for you

10-bag min. for free delivery, pymt due 2/23

You may email orders to:

troop106fundraising@gmail.com or see Missy & Jarrett Sabine or Graydon Ausmus.



Verse of the Week—1 Corinthians 13:13

**And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.**

February 14 Scout Sunday

February 15 Presidents' Day—Church Office Closed

February 17 Ash Wednesday—Lent begins



12noon Ash Wed Svc

1-1:30pm Drive-thru Ashes

6-6:30pm Drive-thru Ashes

7pm Ash Wed Svc.

February 28 Monthly Drive-Thru Communion



"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."

February 7, 2021

Attendance: 9am: 19

10am: 34

Total: 53

Total Offerings: \$21,550.48

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



2021 Scouting for Food Drive was a success! Two weeks ago 1000 door hangers were hung and last week 1500 lbs of food was collected for those in need in the community. Great job Scouts, Scouters, and parents.



Our Brownies had a great meeting Thursday, February 4th making Valentines for Hope House, a Christian drop in center for people who are experiencing homelessness. The heart notes were attached to anti-bacterial wipes and delivered to the center the next day, just in time to hand out before their Super Bowl luncheon and Bible lesson.



*The flowers on the altar have been given by
Nancy Wenham in memory of Dick Wenham & Robert Bartz
and by MaryLou Garland in celebration of her son,
Pat Magnatta's birthday*



February Birthdays

- 4 Elissia Eijo
- 5 Rachel Workman
- 7 Morgan Goers
- 8 Brouck Boyd
- 15 DeAnn Brown
- 16 Chance Abbey
Everly Enriquez
Dianne Knox
Lenny Paradise
- 18 Carmen Kight
- 21 Allison Westberry
- 22 Victoria Paradise
- 23 Harry Solloway
- 25 Bob Martin
- 26 David Befus
Everly Enriquez
Lula Peoples
Peyton Sale
Glen Zielinski
- 28 Robert Sale



February Anniversaries

- 5 Scott Dickie & Jami Beasley
- 11 Dale & Amy Ling
- 14 Tim & Ellen Irwin
- 27 Bill & Marcia Heath
- 28 Bruce & Morgan Goers

St. Stephen's Prayer List



(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs:

Kevin Ames (**David Dresser's** cousin), Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Stephen Calhoun**, Tomasso Casini (son of **Janet & Italo Casini**), **Deborah Cole**, **Roger Doyle**, Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's** sister), **Evalyn Duncan**, **Kit Duncan**, former member Pat Dupont, **Eileen Fox**, **Michele Giberson**, **John Gove**, **Bill Heath**, Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **Dan Howes**, **Kevin Jackimowicz**, Dorothy Jensen (**Bob Martin's** sister), Scott Johnson (**Judy Horne's** brother), Ken & Clair Jones (friends of **Roger Doyle**), Fronnie LeBlanc (**Morgan Goers's** sister-in-law), **Pat Martin**, Charlie Meade, **Roy Reynolds**, Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister), Mike Robinson (**Kai Richardi's** grandfather), **Marion Stewart**, **Marge Stockwell**, **Carol Vonesh**, **Dahlia Walker**, **Juliana Walker**, **Mavis Walker**, **Bill Warneke**.

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility:

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 9am Worship, Wctr & online 10am Worship, Sanct 10am Sunday School 11am Worship, Wctr 	15 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline  Office Closed	16 8am Morning Prayer at Circle B & online 8:30am Eucharist & Bible Study at Circle B 6:30pm Vestry Zoom Mtg. 8pm Online Compline	17 Ash Wed 8am Online MPryr 9am Euch, Sanct 9:45am Bible Study, Sanct. 12noon Ash Wed. Svc. 1-1:30p & 6-6:30p Drive-thru Ashes 7p Ash Wed Svc 8pm Onl Compline	18 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	19 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline Office Closed	20
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