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The First Sunday after Christmas

Special Worship Schedule This Sunday, Dec. 26th

Single Service at 10am in the Sanctuary

Services return to 9am & 11am on January 2nd

The Order of the Daughters of the King

DOK will meet today in the Parish Hall following the 10am Worship Service

Get Involved in Ministry!

serve
Being God's hands and feet

Fill out a bright green Ministry Volunteer form today and place it in the collection plate or bring/mail it to the church office. There's a job for everyone and it's a great opportunity to use your time and talents while getting to know your fellow parishioners.

Save Your REAL Christmas Trees for our Bonfire

When you take them down, please bring your leftover real Christmas trees to the field behind the Worship Center for our Sunday, January 9th Epiphany bonfire. Call the church office if you need someone to transport your tree.

Save the date—**Sunday, January 9th, 5pm**. We're in the process of planning a dinner and 12th night festivities.

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

The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's December 27th—31st

Please call Father David, 863-397-5337, if you need emergency pastoral care.

Each year a sense of momentum builds through November and December hurtling people towards Christmas Day. People rush around buying presents, attending parties, seeing lights, Christmas caroling, travelling to see family, and so on - all aimed at the celebration on Christmas Day. After this storm of preparation and activity, it's all over. But is it?

The Church celebrates Christmas for 12 days, the approximate amount of time it took the three wise men to travel to Bethlehem. The Church does not recognize the "post-Christmas let-down," but enjoins us to feast and rejoice till Twelfth Night, just before Epiphany, the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Savior and Son of God.

Happy 2nd Day of Christmas!

Ways to Donate to Tornado Relief

As relief efforts continue for recent tornado victims across the American South and Midwest regions, our diocese invites us to show our generosity to those most in need:

Check payable to "Diocese of Central Florida"
Memo: Tornado relief
Mail to: Diocese of Central Florida
1017 E. Robinson St., Orlando, FL 32801

Online credit/debit card
go to www.cfdiocese.org & click on "donations"
Select "DR:Tornado Relief Fd" from menu

Updates to Your October 2021 Directory

Delling, Annie
(moving up north to be near family)

Dickie, Scott &
Beasley, Jami
Dickie, Marshall
969 Classic View Dr. *(new mailing address)*
Auburndale, FL 33823

Ferguson, Michael & Christine,
Dallas, Carter
5070 Highlands by the Lake Dr.
Lakeland, FL 33812
C: 863-660-0629
M: mfergusondad@gmail.com
C: cfergusonfl@gmail.com
M birthdate: March 1st
Chr birthdate: July 28th
D birthdate: April 24th
Car birthdate: December 29th
Anniv: September 5th

Heffley, Robin *(new address/phone)*
720 S. Lake Ave., #210
Lakeland, FL 33801
Hm: 863-603-8166
Cell: 386-338-2261
robinheffley@gmail.com
Birthdate: June 21st

Negus, Thomas
222 Palm Dr.
Mulberry, FL 33860
401-318-6379

2022 Altar Flowers Needed

We especially need your **January** flower dedications. Just grab a dedication form and reserve your special date to honor loved ones in 2022. (Sunday dates are listed on a wall poster near your worship entrance.)

Christmas Carolers Made Sweet Music

Thanks to the group of Christmas carolers who visited some of our homebound parishioners Saturday, December 18th with cheery Christmas singing!

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."

December 19, 2021

Attendance:	**9:00am**	**44**
	11:00am	**57**
		101

Month of Nov. Income	**$35,562.87**
Month of Nov. Expenses	**31,381.04**

THESE WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES ON PAUSE THIS WEEK

9am Eucharist Service
9:45am Bible Study
12noon Book Study
6:30pm Bible Study

There will be no Holy Hike this week—

Next hike will be Thursday, January 6, 2022

No Weekly Chanting the Psalms this week—
Next one will be
Tuesday, January 4th, 4pm

Verse of the Week—Isaiah 61:10

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God.

The Christmas flowers on the altar have been given by the parish of St. Stephen's in celebration of the birth of Christ

December Birthdays

26 Jennifer Latham
28 Peggy Nicholson
29 Susan MacGilvray
Carter Ferguson
Nancy Wenham
30 Ella Chilton
31 Walter Thomas

January Birthdays

2 Sandy Gibson
3 Erin Wenham
8 Ernest Palmer, Betty Pratt
Philip Thomas
9 John Gove
10 Annette Chilton
11 Judy Elam
12 Savannah Dillon, Carol Reynolds
15 Brittany Sale, Gabby Tobgui
17 Landon Binnion
18 Bonnie Rowbotham
20 Lou Alers, Saint Jones
21 Robert Dillon
23 Mary Lankford
25 Steve Meyer, Yolanda Howes, Karolyn Wagner
28 Katherine Leahy

December Anniversaries

31 Judy Elam & Jim Cook

January Anniversaries

1 Roy & Carol Reynolds
7 Jim & Penny Schmidt
10 Charles & Debbie Bradford
Tom & Marion Stewart
13 Brouck & Joanie Boyd

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: Terry Avery (**Joe & Robin Adams**' friend), Kim Birmingham (from **Scout Troop 106**), Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), Rachel Blackwell (**Karen Spiller**'s daughter-in-law), **Betty Calhoun**, **Stephen Calhoun,** Roz Coleman (**Althea Nye**'s friend), Elisa Cross (**Jim Cross'**s daughter-in-law), Clare Cusato (**Sally Flanagan**'s daughter), **Annie Delling,** Martha G. Duncan (**Susan MacGilvray**'s neighbor), **Roger Doyle,** Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's** sister), Lily Dresser (**David & Patricia Dresser**'s granddaughter)**, Evalyn Duncan, Kit Duncan, Eileen Fox, Sandy Gibson, Morgan Goers, John Gove,** Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye**'s friend), **Jim Heal**, Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller'**s sister), **Ginny Hiber**, **Ken Horne**, **Dan Howes**, Aubrey Hutson (Fr. Rob's friend), **Kevin Jackimowicz**, Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle**'s friends), **David Leahy**, **John McArthur**, Sandra Mewborn (from Tropical Doll Study Club), **Steve Meyer**, Cassandra & Hannah Ortner (**Nancy Moses'** cousins), Cindy Racette (from Tropical Doll Study Club), Lou Ann Reckord (from **Trudi Lithgow**), **Janell Repsher, Roy Reynolds,** Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister), Mike Robinson (**Kai Richardi's** grandfather)**,** Stacey Santiago (**Dresser** family friend)**,** Mark Schultz (**Harry Solloway**'s friend), Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Marion Stewart,** Bryan Stockwell **(Marge Stockwell's** son**), Marge Stockwell, Bill Thompson**, **Carol Vonesh, Dailia Walker, Juliana Walker,** Richard Welch (**Marge Stockwell's** brother).

Pregnancy: Eric & Brooke Wortman (**Phil & Gail Wortman**'s grandson)

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Dawn Flynn, Tom Haney, Rick Rahn, Mavis Walker, Jo Willey

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary, FB/YouTube 11:15am DOK Meeting, PH	**27** 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	**28** 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	**29** 8am Online Morning Prayer NO WED AM EUCHARIST OR BIBLE STUDY NO WED NOON BOOK STUDY NO WED EVENING BIBLE STUDY 8pm Online Compline	**30** 8am Online Morning Prayer NO HOLY HIKE 8pm Online Compline	**31** 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	**1**
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2 9:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary, FB/YouTube 10:00am Sunday Schl. 11:00am Contemporary Worship, Worship Center, FB/YouTube 6:30pm Youth Group	**3** 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	**4** 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	**5** 8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, Sanctuary NO WED NOON BOOK STUDY 6:30pm Bible Study, SGR 8pm Online Compline	**6** 8am Online Morning Prayer 9am Holy Hike at Circle B 8pm Online Compline	**7** 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	**8**