

**St. Stephen's  
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# FYI 2025

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**The Third Sunday in Lent**



## LENTEN REFLECTIONS

- **DON'T MISS OUR DAILY 90-SECOND SERMONS ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE AT 10AM**
- **YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONAL CARDS**
- **THIS YEAR WE ARE ADDING "FAMILY PRAYERS" TO OUR LENTEN REFLECTIONS.**



### **Easter Flowers Dedication Sheets in Your Worship Area**

Look for forms marked "Easter Flowers" and fill out a form with your dedication. Your attached \$20 payment may be placed in the collection plate or sent to the church office. Please have your form turned in by Palm Sunday, April 13th in order to have your dedication in the Easter FYI. Flowers will be planted on the church grounds afterward to beautify our property.



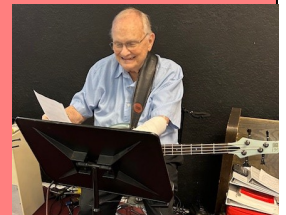
The Lunch Bunch met last Thursday at Ling's Buffet and had a great time.

Next month, April 17th, we will be at Ruby Tuesday's in Bartow at 11:30am, please join us.

**RUBY  
TUESDAY**  
RESTAURANT

### **Bill Heath's Birthday**

A great deal of St. Stephen's history was made possible due to Bill and Marcia's involvement. It was a privilege to help celebrate Bill's 81st Birthday with them.



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



2025-Nancy Wenham, Major Kight, Liz Barham

2026-Betty Pratt, Juliana Walker, Karen Spiller-Sr. Warden

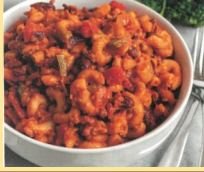
2027-Joyce Brock, Stephen Gaydosh, Jack Vonesh

Treasurer: Bruce Goers—Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski

Secretary: Karen Beasley

## Chili-Mac Dinner

The first Chili-Mac dinner fundraiser was a success thanks to all the volunteers and patrons who participated. Last weeks dinner was not as well attended due to Spring Break and other things but the team is still fired up to provide a great tasting dinner and a great price next month. Please come out and support our 50th Anniversary fundraiser and enjoy the dinner and company.



### Calling all Bakers!

We are preparing to take trays of Baked Goodies to a few of our neighbors the 1st week in April. Please bring in your donation by next Sunday 3/30/25. The 3 trays will go to the following:

- Valleyview Elementary School
- Fire House #28 on Club House Rd
- Scott Lake Health & Rehabilitation

We will be doing this on a regular basis to show our appreciation for the community support over the last 50 years.



### NEEDED: CANDY (NOT CHOCOLATE) AND VOLUNTEERS TO STUFF EASTER CANDY BAGS April 16th

We will meet Wednesday, April 16th, 10am in the Small Group Room to stuff Easter candy bags and assemble plastic eggs for the Easter morning egg hunt. If you're interested in participating, just call or email the office to volunteer!



### Pictorial Directory

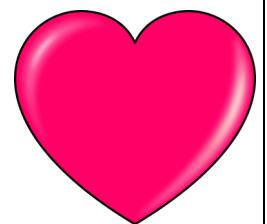
St. Stephen's is going to produce an "inhouse" pictorial directory this year so that we will all know each other by sight and name. We are fortunate to have a professional portrait photographer in our congregation, Jim Heal, and Karen Beasley has agreed to head the project up. Karen will need a lot of help with scheduling other duties so let us know if you can help. This should start after Easter.



### DECIDE TO FORGIVE

By Robert Muller

Decide to forgive  
For resentment is negative  
Resentment is poisonous  
Resentment diminishes and devours the self.  
Be the first to forgive,  
To smile and to take the first step  
And you will see happiness bloom  
On the face of your human brother or sister.  
Be always the first  
Do not wait for others to forgive  
For by forgiving  
You become the master of  
fate  
The fashioner of life  
A doer of miracles.  
To forgive is the highest,  
Most beautiful form of love.  
In return you will receive  
Untold peace and happiness.





### 50th Anniversary Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the mission, ministry, and memories of the first 50 years of St. Stephen's and for your blessings to our parish family still to come. Continue to grow us in faith, in devotion, in numbers, and in stewardship of all the gifts you've given us. Help us always to love and serve both you and our neighbors. May your gospel make a lasting difference in our lives and we make a lasting difference in your world, to the honor and glory of your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen



**Trudi and Dick in 2006 at work in the office.**

# Welcome to our Church

**March 16, 2025**

### Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	47
Worship Center	11:00am	47
<b>Total</b>		<b>94</b>

**Look for the bright yellow BUCK\$ 4 BUILDING or the olive Landscaping Appeal envelopes to donate toward our out of budget building and grounds maintenance expenses.**



- 3/29/25 Boy Scouts Mulch Sale**
- 3/30/25 Baked Good for Trays**
- 3/31/25 Nehemiah Action 6:30pm  
Resurrection Catholic Church  
Lakeland**
- 3/31/25 Deliver Appreciation Trays of  
Baked Goods**
- 4/1/25 VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5 -7pm**
- 4/7/25 Staff Meeting 10:00am to  
prepare for Holy Week**
- 4/13/25 Palm Sunday**



### Verse of the Week: Exodus 3:15

**God said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation."**





### March Birthdays

- 1 Celeste Cooper
- 2 Scott Sauve, Abigail Lankford
- 3 Glenn Brown, Jessica Peoples
- 8 MaryLou Taylor  
Gloria Thomason
- 11 MaryLou Garland
- 14 Dennis Flynn
- 16 Bill Heath
- 22 Richard Eijo, Shirley Rumpel
- 24 Bill Schaal
- 25 Joe Adams
- 29 Mary Trimbath

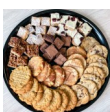


### March Anniversaries

- 6 Richard & Melissa Eijo
- 9 Steve & Beverly Meyer
- 10 Ed & Dianne Knox
- 15 Phil & Gail Wortman
- 16 Bill & Dee Schaal
- 25 Rick & Rita Yenney
- 27 Dan & Michele Giberson

### St. Stephen's Prayer List (Parish Members are in Bold)

**Prayer Needs:** Albert "Joe" Adams, Lou Alers, Kim Birmingham (from **Scout Troop 106**), Charlie Bibb (**Season Barham Hodges** Father in Law) Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), Elizabeth Bradford (**Charlie Bradford's** sister), Bryan Biery (**Judy Elam's** Friend), Rachel Blackwell (**Karen Spiller's** daughter-in-law), **Jim Bowen, Betty Calhoun, Stephen Calhoun, Italo & Janet Casini**, Roz Coleman (**Althea Nye's** friend) **Jim Cross**, Annie Delling, **Roger Doyle**, Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's** sister), Lily Dresser (**David & Patricia Dresser's** granddaughter), Joe Elam & Lillian Elam (**Judy Elam's** Brother & Mother), **Stacy Englert**, Laurens Flanagan (**Sally Flanagan's Daughter in Law**) **Morgan Goers**, Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), Beverly Gull (Matthew Gull's Mother) **Jim Heal**, Bob & Kay Henry (friends of **Betty Calhoun**) Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **Kevin Jackimowicz**, Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle's** friends), Kay Jordan (**Judy Elam's** friend) Karen Kent (**David Dresser's** Relative) David Kight (**Major Kight's** brother) Cynthia Krempel (**Janice Olson's** sister) **David Leahy, Trudi Lithgow**, Mary & Adrian McAleer (**Liz Barham's** sister & Brother in Law), **Beverly Meyer**, Raelyn (daughter of **Sue DeMan's** friend Stephanie), Lucille Pfund, (**Lula Peoples'** co-worker), **Janell & Walter Repsher, Roy Reynolds & Mel**, Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister) **Art & Bonnie Rowbotham, Carla Sauve**, Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), Ed Silveira (**David Dresser's** Cousin), Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **John & Carol Starling, Marion Stewart, Gloria Thomason, Bill Thompson, Dailia Walker, Dennis Vollmer, Lindsay Zielinski.** Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn, Pat Dayton.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>23</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	<b>24</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>25</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>26</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00pm Bible Study 8pm Online Compline	<b>27</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>28</b> Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>29</b> Office Closed Boy Scouts Mulch Sale
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