

**St. Stephen's
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4 Ways To Give This Christmas

Valley View

Elementary School

Valley View is asking for winter gloves and hats (greatest need), snacks for the clinic (fruit snacks, granola bars, goldfish), travel size toiletries (deodorant, body wash, toothpaste), size XS and S underwear and socks. You may also donate cash/check to St. Stephen's with "Elementary" in the notation.

Scott Lake

Elementary School

Scott Lake is asking for kids' shoes in sizes 12, 13, 1, 2, 3, and kid sizes for drawstring shorts/pants (jeans, khaki, and navy). They could also use jackets and solid color sweater shirts in navy or red. You may also donate cash/check to St. Stephen's with "Elementary" in the notation.

Hurricane Melissa Relief

Funds will be collected for organizations offering direct relief and rebuilding efforts in Jamaica after the hurricane. Cash/check to St. Stephen's with "Hurricane" in the notation.

VISTE

Volunteers in Service to the Elderly: personal care or cleaning items easy for the elderly to use, hair care products, lotions, skin care, etc. Also cash/check to St. Stephen's with "VISTE" in the notation.

Collecting Until December 14



**Two old friends catching up at the
50th Anniversary Party**

***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-Jr. Warden, Jack Vonesh
Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski Secretary: Karen Beasley



*The Flowers on the Altar are given by
Trudi Lithgow in Memory of
Millard Robinson Sr.*



On December 6, we will once again hold a Bake Sale at our Annual Christmas Bazaar and **We need your help!**

Last year, our shoppers couldn't get enough of our quick breads. Pumpkin bread, banana bread, eggnog bread, coconut bread—if we baked it, it sold! And we also sold lots of cookies, brownies and cakes.

So, it's time to get out the flour, sugar, eggs and spices and help us make this year's Bake Sale another resounding success, with no hungry shoppers turned away!!

Questions or Comments? Call or text Debbie Bradford at 305-304-2548



**St. Stephen's
Christmas Bazaar**



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



- 1/23/25 Christ the King Sunday and return of Pledge Cards**
- 11/30/25 1st Sunday in Advent**
- 12/06/25 Christmas Bazaar 9-2pm**
- 12/07/25 Advent Quiet Service 7pm**
- 12/14/25 Taste of Christmas 5pm**
- 12/21/25 Cookie Exchange**
- 12/24/25 Christmas Eve: Family Service 7pm**
Midnight Mass 10:30pm
- 12/25/25 Christmas Morning Outside 10am**

Welcome to our Church

November 16, 2025 Attendance

Sanctuary	10:00am	146
Baptisms		4
Confirmations		10
Reaffirmations		13

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



Are you looking for a way to give back to St. Stephen's Church? Do you sound good singing in the shower or in your car? With the Holidays coming up, we need to add to our great Choir. If you are interested please talk to Susie Stewart about joining and help to make our season bright!



Dog Treats for the Christmas Bazaar

We're making homemade dog treats for The Bully Project to sell at our upcoming Christmas Bazaar — and we need your help! Please consider donating:

- *Canisters of Old-Fashioned Oats
- *Cans of Pumpkin Purée
- *Jars of Unsalted Peanuts

Every contribution supports a great cause (and make some pups very happy!).



The Daughters of the King meeting will be this Sunday, 11/23/25, in the Scouts room in between the two services.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Beasley at 863-838-3028



2025 Altar Flowers Needed

Just grab a dedication form and reserve your special date to honor loved ones or special occasions in 2025. Sunday dates are listed on a wall poster near your worship entrance. And dedication forms are available in both the Sanctuary and the Worship Center for your use.



Middle and High School youth are invited to attend. We start with supper together and then the fun and action begin!

Any questions, see Mrs. Lula Peoples, 954-579-1446 or Missy Sabine, 863-608-1179.

Verse of the Week: Colossians 1:13

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**The Flowers on the Altar are given by
Steve & Beverly Meyer in Memory of
William Meyer**

November Birthdays

- 4 Susan Montgrain
Mike Whitt,
Emily Flynn
- 6 Penny Schmidt
- 7 Timmy Peoples
- 9 Rhys Wallace
- 13 Debbie Rattray
- 16 Susan Eapen,
Lola Walker
Victoria Smalling
- 19 David Dresser
- 21 Jim Bosetti
- 22 Karen Beasley,
Janet Casini
Eleanor Thomas
- 23 Jack Vonesh
- 24 Marshall Dickie
- 27 Ginny Martin,
Dugan Wilder
- 28 Helen Jump



November Anniversaries

- 12 Dugan & Judy Wilder

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

Prayer Needs: Amy (Fr. Scott's Daughter) **Albert "Joe" Adams, Lou Alers**, Kim Birmingham (from **Scout Troop 106**), Charlie Bibb (**Season Barham Hodges** Father in Law) Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Louis Bloodworth**, 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, **Stacy Englert**, Laurens Flanagan (**Sally Flanagan's Daughter in Law**) **Morgan Goers**, Ricky Morrison, Becky Sue Morrison (**Stacy & Michael Englert's** Friends), Jeremy Gagne (**Pat Dupont's nephew**) Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), **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) , **Trudi Lithgow**, Mary & Adrian McAleer (**Liz Barham's** sister & Brother in Law), **Donna McLemore**, Raelyn (daughter of **Sue DeMan's** friend Stephanie), Al & Lucille Pfund, (**Lula Peoples'** co-worker), **Janell & Walter Repsher, Roy Reynolds , Glen Richardi**, Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister) **Art & Bonnie Rowbotham, Shirley Rumpel, Carla Sauve**, Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), Ed Silveira (**David Dresser's** Cousin), **Karen Spiller**, Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Carol Starling, Marion Stewart, Gloria Thomason, Helen Vogt, Dailia Walker, Meg Wallace, Lindsay Zielinski.**

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn, Pat Dayton.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	24 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	25 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	26 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Bible Study in the Parish Hall 8pm Online Compline	27 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline <u>Thanksgiving Day</u> <u>Office Closed</u>	28 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	29 Office Closed
30 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	1 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	2 8am Online Morning Prayer VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm 8pm Online Compline	3 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Bible Study in the Parish Hall 8pm Online Compline	4 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	5 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	6 Christmas Bazaar 9-2pm