## **St Stephen's Announcements**

- **PAINT PARTY Saturday October 31**<sup>st</sup> at **11am until**.... Any who would like to help paint the Parish Hall and Bathrooms, put on your grubby clothes, grab a paint brush and let's get this done!
- October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> (Saturday and Sunday) All Saints and All Souls Day celebrations. We invite you to bring a photo of your loved one or beloved pet who has died and who you would like to remember and celebrate. We will have a place on/in front of the altar to place pictures.
- **November 8**<sup>th</sup> Stewardship Campaign Kickoff. Thank you for your contributions to our church over the past year. We encourage you to continue giving for the upcoming year.
- **November 11**<sup>th</sup> **(Wednesday)** Veterans Day Service at 9:30am to honor those who have served in our Armed Forces. Tell us about your family member(s) who have served our nation, swearing to defend our constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic.
- Songs of Harvest and Hope: An Autumn Piano Concert Mike Gilman will perform a piano concert
  November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm at the church and on Facebook Live. Donations for Mike's talents on the keyboard
  will benefit the Foster Children's Program of Cochise County. Come in person or watch on Facebook or our
  website.
- Thanksgiving Day 10 am Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate a day of gratitude and thanksgiving with a Thanksgiving Day service at 10am. Put the turkey in the oven and come on over to offer thanks for the many blessings we have in our lives.
- Coming Soon Advent/Christmas book study of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol (Dec 3, 10, 17 on zoom at 5pm to 6:30pm). Please have your own copy of the story. Free downloads of the book are available at: <a href="http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/19337">http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/19337</a>
- **Blood Mobile for Blood drive** December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pass the word to give a pint and give the gift of life for Christmas this year.
- Blue Christmas Service Sunday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm If you have had a loss of some sort that makes the Christmas Season hard to get into the "holly jolly" mood that others enjoy, maybe you would appreciate a special service to have a "Blue Christmas" moment. This service is to recognize that sometimes the holidays are challenging to get through without a special someone.... And that is okay, too.
- December 19<sup>th</sup> We celebrate the ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests of the Rev. Devin Gillespie, Vicar of our neighboring churches of All Saints in Safford and Saints James and Philip in Morenci.
   Ordination will be in the parking lot of All Saints Church Safford. It will be online as well. More info to come.
- **Groceries 4 U** With the holiday season upcoming and the impact of Covid-19 the Groceries 4 U program is in need of a little infusion of funds. If you can find a little extra to give this next few weeks the local people of Sierra Vista thanks you. Just indicate on your check or cash envelope, Groceries 4 U. Thank you very, very much!