

- **Kids and Youth Coat Drive** – St. Stephen's is helping the Sierra Vista Realtor Association gather coats and jackets for children and youth for the colder season. All donations of sizes appropriate for Kindergarten through 10th grade are acceptable. Please donate new or gently used, clean, in good repair coats/ jackets on or before Dec. 13, the collection will end on December 15. The most needed, and rarely given, are for Boys size large and extra large for 7th-8th graders. These will all be distributed to children in need throughout Cochise County. Thank you for your generous giving. Please put coats/jackets in the red box on the church porch.
- **November 14 – Saturday 11am to 2pm**, Paint Party in Parish Hall to finish the last bits of painting to be done. All helpers welcome.
- **Songs of Harvest and Hope: An Autumn Piano Concert** – Mike Gilman will perform a piano concert November 22nd 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. <https://ststephensaz.org/donations-4-piano-benefit-concert-by-michael-thomas-gilman/>
- **Thanksgiving Day – 10 am Thursday November 26th** 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.
- **Close of Stewardship Estimated Giving Campaign – 30 November.** Please return your pledge cards by Nov. 30th. Our church finance team will be putting the draft budget together for 2021 in December and early January. If you have not received your 2021 Pledge Drive package, please feel free to use the Online version at <https://ststephensaz.org/2021-pledge-drive>
- **Advent Season begins November 29th and continues to Dec. 24th.** Weekly reflections from our members coming soon.
- **Please don't forget the Groceries 4 U program** in your giving this holiday season. For many, this is the best/ only way to make ends meet. Thank you!
- **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: <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/19337>
- **Blood Mobile for Blood drive** – December 3rd. Pass the word to give a pint of blood and give the gift of life for Christmas this year.
- **Blue Christmas Service Sunday Dec 13th 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 19th** – 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.
- **Christmas Eve 5pm and Christmas Day 10:30am** – Be on the lookout for a survey to see which service our members and family are likely to attend. This will help with determining if another service should be added and seating requirements.
- **Dec 26th no 5pm service, Dec 27th Morning Prayer service.**