

St Stephen's Announcements Sept 22-29 2023

- **Blessings upon Sherry Simon, our deacon in formation, who will be interning at St. Michael and All Angels in Tucson for the next 6 months.** We send her on this next step in her ordination process with prayers and love.
- **First Responder Appreciation Cards** – Due this coming weekend Sept 23-24. Please bring to church by then.
- **Rev. Allison attending the consecration of the next Bishop Suffragan of the Armed Forces in Washington DC Sept 28-Oct 1.** Sat and Sunday worship will be Evening and Morning Prayer with the message given Deacon Dottie
- **Phyllis Fortenbury is at the Life Care Nursing Home, Wilcox Drive, Room 233.** She would love to hear from St Stephen's congregation. Please send her cards and notes to let her know we still think of her and pray for recovery.
- **St. Stephen's will be collecting monetary donations in the Rector's Discretionary basket for Maui between Aug 16 and Sept 30th.** Let our gratitude and blessings be a blessing to the people of Maui. Donations will be sent to Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) Disaster Relief Fund at the end of Sept.
- **First Friday Film Night – Oct. 6th at 5:15 pm** with Season 3 of The Chosen. We will watch two more episodes. Salad dinner. Bring your own beverage.
- **Second Saturday Supper: Oct 14th at 6:30pm** we will eat at Hibachi Grill and Buffet, 465 AZ-90, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, Near the Hobby Lobby. Come eat and share in fellowship with us. Bring a friend.
- **Please continue to drop off your aluminum cans and pull tabs** – We will continue to take to Animal Shelter to donate for them.
- **Change for change** – United Thank Offering (UTO) blue boxes available for your extra change to donate within the Episcopal Church for various ministry projects. We will collect your boxes at Thanksgiving to send to the United Thank Offering organization. Please get your flyer, calendar, and box on the back table in the church.
- **Adult Christian Education** – Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at 12 noon. Coming Soon: Book discussion on "The Road Less Travelled" by M.Scott Peck. The author, a practicing psychiatrist, integrates traditional psychological and spiritual insights aimed at showing the reader how to embrace reality and achieve serenity and fullness in life. To reserve your copy, please let Rev. Allison know of your interest in joining this study. We will begin this fall.
- **Monster Mash** – Church Potluck Sunday October 29th after worship in the Ed Bldg... Wear a Halloween costume as we celebrate autumn, harvest, All Souls and All Saints, as well as Halloween.
- **Annual Hymn Festival** – Oct 29 at 2pm at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Come hear and sing along with your favorite hymns. Community-wide choir, Pastors' chorus, and more.
- **Trunk or Treat at St. Stephen's Parking Lot** – Let's invite our neighbors and their kids to show us their costumes and get some treats. Tuesday October 31st 4 to 6 pm, park your car in our lot, open your trunk where your candies and goodies will be, Give to the kids. Even better if you decorate your car and wear a costume!

IRISH BLESSING

(Blessing Prayer)

Bob Fabing, SJ

Refrain



May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be al-ways with you.



May the sun-shine warm you al-ways 'til we meet a-gain.

Verses



1. May the rain fall soft - ly on _____ you.
2. Christ be - fore you, Christ be - hind _____ you.
3. Christ to shield you, Christ be with _____ you.
4. Christ in ev - ery eye that sees _____ you.
5. Christ in ev - ery heart that knows _____ you.
6. Christ is on your left, Christ on _____ your right.



to Refrain

1. May the hand of God up - hold _____ you.
2. Christ be - neath you, Christ a - bove _____ you.
3. Christ be with you now and al - ways.
4. Christ in ev - ery ear that hears _____ you.
5. Christ in ev - ery word that speaks _____ of you.
6. Christ when you lie down and rise _____ up.