

## St Stephen's Announcements Oct 12-18 2023

- **Funeral for Tim Ash Jr, son of Tim and Deb Ash.** The Ash family are arranging a viewing at Hatfield Mortuary and funeral service at St. Stephen's Church. The viewing is scheduled for Friday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm. The Funeral is planned for Saturday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at 12pm noon with a reception to follow at Manda Le Restaurant, 3455 Canyon De Flores, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650.
- **We are also sad to inform you of the passing of Phyllis Fortenberry, a long time member of our church.** Phyllis died Thursday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> from declining health due to dementia. Her family plan on a private funeral service at Jensen's Mortuary and her cremains will later be taken to her former home in Ohio.
- **The Digital Organ will be ready for playing following the last bit of installation Thursday Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.** Our accompanist Doreen Oberg is eager to try it out upon her return from vacation.
- **Second Saturday Supper: Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Part 1 of the Diocesan Convention for 2023 will be on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM.** Church Wardens, Delegate and Clergy are obligated to attend. We will meet in the Ed building for the Zoom.
- **Part 2 of Diocesan Convention will be in Phoenix/Scottsdale on Saturday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> in person.** Your Clergy and delegate and other interested folks will travel Friday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> to Scottsdale and return late on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Saturday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> will be Evening Prayer.** Sunday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the usual Holy Eucharist service.
- **Please continue to drop off your aluminum cans and pull tabs –** We will continue to take to Animal Shelter to donate for them.
- **UTO Blue Boxes available with info on what the United Thank Offering is and prompts for November for giving thanks for the many blessings we enjoy.** Please pick up on the back table in the church. We will gather the boxes on Thanksgiving Day and the weekend following.
- **12 Steps for Christians is meeting on Wednesdays at 5pm in the Parish Hall.** We are finishing up reading and sharing about "The Spirituality of Imperfection" and will be starting a new book soon: "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life" by Karen Armstrong. Copies available starting October 25th from Rev. Allison.
- **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 29<sup>th</sup> after worship in the Ed Bldg...** Wear a Halloween costume as we celebrate autumn, harvest, All Souls and All Saints, as well as Halloween. Sign up in Parish Hall to bring something to share.
- **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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!
- **November is Stewardship Month:** Each year we begin to plan for the coming year's budget. Our process begins with your giving to the church. It is your generosity that allows St. Stephen's to be a welcoming, inviting spiritual home for all who worship, study, and celebrate together the love of God and the blessings of God. We ask you to faithfully and prayerfully consider your giving for the coming year and complete a pledge card that indicates your anticipated monetary gifts to our church for the next year. We then tally your intended gifts to establish our expected budget to meet our financial obligations for our buildings, staff, and ministries. More will be shared as we approach November.