

## St Stephen's Announcements Nov 2-8 2023

- **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.
- **Sign the Thank You card for the Jewish Temple who donated the organ to our church** – Card on back table near the door of the church. Such a blessing their gift of the organ is to us!
- **New November Newsletter now available** – See online email or pick up copy on church table.
- **New Forward Day by Day Devotional booklets for November, December and January are now available in church** – Please pick up your free copy on the table at the back of the church or in the rack in the Parish Hall
- **First Friday night Film** – November 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30pm. We continue with Season 3 of the Chosen, watching episodes 5 & 6. We will have soup for dinner. Bring your own beverage. Invite a friend.
- **Installation of St. Raphael's new Vicar, The Rev. Don Bebber** – Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am at St. Raphael's Church, 730 S. Hwy 80, Benson, AZ 85602. All welcome to this service to celebrate the newest vicar of St. Raphael's. Carpool with Rev. Allison and Rev. Dottie from church parking lot Saturday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am.
- **Second Saturday Supper** – Join us for dinner November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Vinny's Pizza, 1977 Frontage Rd, Sierra Vista, AZ. Menu link: <https://vinnys-new-york-pizza-sv.business.site/>. Come for a time of feasting and friendly conversation. Invite a friend.
- **Nancy Rea and her realtor group are hosting a movie night Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at the Rothery Educational Center.** The movie is "Pay it Forward." Free with popcorn and candy.
- **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.
- **Coats for Kids** - to help those in the rural areas of Cochise County. Please donate new or gently used clean coats by placing them in the big blue box on the church porch. Coats are collected weekly through the first week of December and will taken to the rural towns in Cochise for kids who need them.
- **12 Steps for Christians meets 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Thanksgiving Day Worship and Dinner** – November 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have a morning worship service for Thanksgiving Day and then our dinner to follow in the Parish Hall. There will be a signup for the various dishes we hope to offer that day. Please reserve your spaces by no later than November 16<sup>th</sup>... so we know how much to prepare for those having dinner.
- **FYI** – According to the Chosen producers, there will be an early release in December in movie theaters for two episodes of Season 4 of the Chosen series... stay tuned for more information as we learn of it to make plans to see those episodes in the theater.