

St Stephen's Announcements Nov 9-15 2023

Prayer for Veteran's Day:

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- **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.
- **Installation of St. Raphael's new Vicar, The Rev. Don Bebbler** – Saturday November 11th 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 11th at 9:45am.
- **Second Saturday Supper** – Join us for dinner November 11th 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 Sunday Nov 19th 6pm 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 25th from Rev. Allison.
- **Thanksgiving Day Worship and Dinner** – November 23rd we will have a morning worship service for Thanksgiving Day and then our dinner to follow in the Parish Hall. See the sign up in the Parish Hall for the various dishes we hope to offer that day. Please reserve your spaces by no later than November 16th... so we know how much to prepare for those having dinner.
- **Pledge cards should please be returned by end of November. Thank you.**
- **Advent Begins December 2-3:** Advent devotional books to use in your daily prayers will be available at the end of November. Sat and Sun adult forum will discuss the weekly reflections and share our own thoughts.