



## A WORD FROM THE PRIEST

“Ain’t No Sunshine” was Bill Withers 1971 ballad to domestic love. After I moved to Michigan in early November of this year, the song became a tune that began to live rent free in my head. However, for me, the words, “ain’t no sunshine when she’s gone”, came to symbolize less romantic love per se and more the sun itself as she took shelter behind the clouds: “ain’t no sunshine when she’s gone, and she’s always gone too long, anytime she goes away.” You get the idea. Obviously, Michiganders are accustomed to a frost-colored sky. It has formed your character, sharpened your wit, and defined your intrepid, collective spirit. However, for the newly minted Floridian the sudden departure of Apollo, the Greek god of sun and light, can initially at least, disconcert the sanguine soul. Luckily, for me, I have some prior experience with this kind of environment. After all, I am a native of the Badger State, born in Milwaukee and raised in the Lake Country of South-East Wisconsin. I am familiar with cold weather, overcast days, and the seasonal change that marks the ebb and flow of the mid-western mood: from fall melancholy to summer delight.

But why, you may ask, would I leave the flora and fauna of Florida or the mist and spray of the coastal sea? (continued on pg. 7)



### ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION

SING OUT for joy  
FIND OUT about a life of faith  
CRY OUT among friends  
BURST OUT laughing and  
REACH OUT to those in need

### ST. STEPHEN'S CORE PILLARS

- DOING CHRIST'S WORK IN THE COMMUNITY
- A NURTURING AND ACCEPTING FAMILY
- A GOOD LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
- TRADITION WITH A DIFFERENCE

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## WHEN THINKING ABOUT FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Donna and Bob Brokenshire recently shared this article by a volunteer at a food bank as a good reminder about choosing items for the food pantry (Lighthouse, etc.) People in line getting food shared the following comments:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac & Cheese in the box; most families can't use it because it requires milk and butter which are not always available at a food pantry. Try the Velveeta pouch type instead.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure. It is needed by kids who need it for cereal, which they get often.
3. Everyone donates pasta and sauce.
4. Awesome canned veggies and soups cannot be used unless you can include a can opener or buy pop top lids.
5. Oil is a luxury—needed for Rice a Roni, which is donated quite often.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real gift, rarely donated.
7. Tea bags and coffee make the recipients feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are real treats.
9. Seeds for veggies and greens are a great idea in the spring

because folks can grow fresh, edible food .

10. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
11. Hamburger Helper is useless without the hamburger.
12. Lots of PB&J are donated but no bread.
13. Cake mix and frosting can make a child's birthday special. Also need eggs and oil.
14. Dishwashing detergent is expensive to buy and appreciated.
15. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
16. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

Remember people are still in need after the holidays are past.



### A MONTHLY MEDITATION TO PONDER ON

“Undeniably, in heaven we shall see, we shall love, and we shall praise. Our vision will never fail, our love will never end, and our praise will never fall silent. Love sings now; then, too, it is love that will sing. But now it is a yearning love that sings, then it will be an enjoying love.”— Sermon 254

Prayer:

O Lord, my God, You alone do I love. You alone do I follow. You alone do I seek. You alone am I prepared to serve, for You alone justly rule, and under Your authority I long to be.

Saint Augustine, p. 176

An excerpt from

Augustine Day by Day



THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET....  
LOVE IS THE WAY: HOLDING ON TO HOPE IN TROUBLING  
TIMES BY BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY by Kris Fuhr

At the October 31st Morning Prayer service, I presented a sermon on the greatest commandments—*Love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and being; Love your neighbor as yourself.* The sermon was written by Rev. Kathleen Walker. Two books that she mentioned in her sermon were books I knew. One, *Why Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Kushner I read years ago after we found out our first child was profoundly impaired and wouldn't live very long. (That's a story for another time) The second book, *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Curry, I was currently reading. It is Bishop Curry's book that I want to challenge you to read.

I know most of you remember when Bishop Michael Curry gave the homily for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding in London. Who could have missed the stir it caused in the media. Here was an African-American, Primate of the notorious Episcopal Church of America, giving a sermon to the Queen of England and the British people at the bequest of the royal couple being joined together in Holy Matrimony. Would wonders never cease? If you never heard that sermon, go to YouTube and give it a good listen as it is the basis for the life Michael Curry has lived and the message that he continues to bring to the world.

This short book, only 264 pages on my Kindle, has left a profound impact on my heart and the way I wish to live the rest of my life. Through stories of Curry's amazing journey in life, this reader was able to grasp the importance of community, God's love that never ends, and "making do." Bishop Curry invites us to dream big and to see that the world can be made new and better by the beloved community of which we dream. As he says, "To be a person of faith is to be the one who says, *Why not?*"

The way of love is essential for addressing what seems to be the most challenging issues facing our world today. In 12 short chapters, Bishop Curry gives hope, help, and a road map to changing the world. He also issues a challenge to us...I issue the same challenge to you. Read the book and, in February during Lent, meet me in the Emmerich room for a discussion on *Love is the Way*. Date and time TBA.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

### Long Term Prayer Concerns:

Joe Arant, Meghan Armstrong, Mary Bandsuch, Virginia Bennett, Tyler Braidwood, Alice Brandon, Bonnie Broadhead, Steve Brokenshire, Marge Coughenour, Betty Feighner, Ron Goetzke, Sherry Hyrkas, Greyson Ingersoll, Kenneth Ingersoll, Barb & Dick Jackson, Charles Jackson, Helene Livitsky, Rick Lowery, Michael Monterosso, Dylan Moose, Kim Morrow, Kenny Nelson, Zoey Rose, Sallie Salanty, John Spates, Diane Staudacher, Michelle Walter, Sophie Wasik, Jerome Wojas, Julie Wojas, Katie & Tristyn Yant, Ed Yates

### Military List:

Ian L'Hommedieu, Stephen L'Hommedieu, Jim Sands, Kyle Rogowski, Nathan Cremeans, Gordon Bagley, and Capt. John Zimmer

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

12/5/2021

Amy Redmer  
Jered & Rachel Rich

12/12/2021

Pat & Elizabeth Roberts  
Vergil & Sharon Robosan

12/19/2021

Norma Ross  
Susan Russell

12/26/2021

Lucinda Sabino  
Cheri Salanty

1/2/2022

Indira and Nalini Samuel

1/9/2022

Sathi Satyanathan  
Vickie Saylor

1/16/2022

Sheryl Schmidt  
Liz Sinkovich

1/23/2022

Mike & Katie Sobolewski  
Paula Somerville

1/30/2022

Miranda & John Spates  
Rick & Barb Spina

## THANK YOU, MOTHER SHARON!

I am “old school” when it comes to how I think about my relationship to my priest. That is, I still believe in the intimate relationship between myself and my priest.

When Mother Sharon joined us as our Long Term Supply Priest in June of 2019, I already had some idea of who she was from her work as a supply priest with us. But once she was “on board” as our priest, I began to get to know the person Sharon as well as the Priest Sharon. In her I have found the best of the vocation of being a Priest. Mother Sharon brought a calming voice and steadying influence much needed upon her arrival. She is both spiritual and pragmatic in her faith—and in her expectations of us. Sharon first helped us to find peace, then to discover a path forward as Disciples of Christ.

Mother Sharon not only helped us heal from past wounds, but also guided us through the pandemic. She found ways to keep us connected and in spite of social distancing and shut downs found ways to bring us closer to our faith.

I have had the privilege of being Senior Warden in service with Sharon and have come to love her as my sister in Christ—and considered it a privilege to refer to her as my Priest.

I know I have been made a better person and Christian for having lived, worked, and worshipped with her. I will miss her quiet leadership but cherish our continued friendship.

Dave Stein

## A VIEW FROM THE PEW *By Norma Ross*

### THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE AREN'T THINGS....

John Ruskin (1819-1900)

I was first drawn to this quote on a picture of an adorable kitten, probably an ad for cat food. Pondering about it, I realized that the saying was not just about furry cuteness, but about contentment and love, priceless rewards shared by all who care for others. My children have asked me what I want for Christmas; I always say “peace and tranquility.” I said that when they were little, hoping they would please take a nap. I say that now so they won't buy me more fuzzy slippers or another woolly hat with matching gloves. “If you must buy me a *thing*, please make it chocolate” : - ).

Ruskin's motivation about the best things stemmed from his attitudes about the relentless move toward materialism and consumerism. His prolific writings changed what people thought about industrialization and ultimately influenced the American Craftsman style in the U.S. Today, I think he would add technology to his list of influences shaping our values and beliefs.

So, what's on my list of the best things? Start with family, the solid, steady rock of my life; friends, immeasurable source of caring and kindness –also relaxation, fun, and laughter; health, and courage to cope with the challenges of aging; reading and learning—passage to experiences unlimited; and faith, prayer, and service—the firm connection to God, Almighty, through church membership. In this season of giving, I hope that joy and peace are the *best things* you all receive.

## CRAFTING KINDNESS SPREADS TABLE CHEER

Placemats, placemats! Over 750 placemats of the 950 total placemats were delivered to Meals on Wheels in Troy and Meals on Wheels in Rochester. These two organizations service many cities in Oakland County.

The balance were delivered to soup kitchens at a local church in Clarkston and an assisted living facility in Southfield. Many seniors and those who have food insecurities can now have their Thanksgiving meal brightened by these machine washable placemats.

The placemats were handmade by the women of Crafting Kindness from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Ortonville United Methodist Church, Great Lakes Heritage Quilters, and the Oakland County Quilters Guild. They share a common goal of trying to brighten the world one stitch at a time.

Crafting Kindness had a December meeting on Monday, December 6 from 10 AM until 2 PM. A Christmas lunch was provided. No sewing machines were required. We stuffed Christmas stockings for charity. Details for the 2022 will be forthcoming from Jill Stein.



## ST. STEPHEN'S LADIES LUNCH BUNCH MEETS

After a Covid hiatus, the St. Stephen's Ladies Lunch Bunch finally met on November 11th for the first time in 2021. It was a delightful gathering of women who enjoyed a great lunch and lively conversation at McVee's Pub and Grub . Thanks to Mary Ann Kish for organizing the event. If you are interested in hosting a lunch bunch (not much to it—pick a date and find a venue, announce at church, get a sign up sheet and make a reservation) please let Mary Ann know. We are all hoping to get back to the new normal in 2022!



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## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE NEEDED

WE ALL ENJOY A BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS.

Please help make this year as wonderful as ever. You can donate in someone's memory, to commemorate, honor, or just to the Glory of the coming of our Lord.

See forms in the bulletin and in the church office.

Please put "Altar Flowers" on the note line of your check.

Please plan to stay after the 12/19 10am service and help decorate our church for Christmas!

THANK YOU—St. Stephen's Altar Guild



## ST. STEPHEN'S FIRST "ANNUAL" COOKIE EXCHANGE SUNDAY DECEMBER 12 AFTER 10 O'CLOCK

In place of Advent by Candlelight this year, the first Cookie Exchange is planned after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday, December 12th (The Rose Sunday). Fellowship Hour will be a Cookie Monster's delight. To participate, please bring the following to make this a very special event:

1. 5 dozen cookies. (Two dozen will be shared for fellowship hour and three dozen will be exchanged with those participating. ***It is important to indicate if the cookies contain nuts*** . Bakery cookies are acceptable if you're not able to bake. Please deliver your cookies to the kitchen before the 10am service.
2. An empty container to fill with your exchanged cookies. Which means the hostesses will put out two dozen on the treat table, and then take your container with the 3 dozen to the exchanging table. Gloves will be provided for you to them select from those delectable items for your own cookie container.
3. An attitude of fun, as we shall be sharing cookies, drinking coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and singing Christmas Carols with Sue Gore! Don't want to bake? Enjoy the festivities anyway! All are welcome!
4. A basket for monetary offerings for Haven will be available. This is the traditional outreach for Advent by Candlelight.

If you have any questions, please see Jill Stein, Linda Pierce, or Corrine Fragnoli

## A WORD FROM THE PRIEST (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Of course, there is a simple answer for the people of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! In offering me the opportunity to be your pastor and priest, you have given me reason to embrace a new horizon. Consequently, I'm delighted to be here with you, in the state of Michigan, with all the wonderful things that this place has to offer, both cultural and geographic—things like pine trees, snowflakes, and cold, crisp air! Moreover, I am delighted to embark on a journey of ministry with you here in Troy and in our neighboring community. And maybe, as we embark on this journey of ministry together, we can, so-to-speak, bring some sunshine into each other's lives and into the life of our community.

After all, at the end of the day, we do not worship Apollo or Helios, but the one who made "Pleiades and Orion ... the Lord is his name" (Amos 5.8). And this Advent we await his coming again. "Like the rose-colored dawn, it is," as the Anglican Priest, John Wesley once said, "Christ and the Spirit of the Father that truly warms the heart." And so, on that note, I wish you a most Holy Advent and Christmastide, when the Son of God indeed dawns upon us.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Brian Alberti

Priest-in-Charge

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Friday, December 24th, 2021

5:30 PM Family Service w/Christmas Pageant

10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 25th, 2021

10:00 AM Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 26th, 2021

Normal 8 and 10 AM Services



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Several musical events for Christmas are planned. On December 12th during the morning Fellowship Hour (cookie exchange), we will sing carols to help get us in the joyous mood of the Christmas season.

On Christmas eve, during the annual Christmas pageant, several of our youth will perform Christmas solos, and at the 10:00pm service on Christmas eve, beginning at 9:30pm, the adult choir will perform several Christmas selections, and the congregation will join in with some traditional Christmas carols.

We are always looking for additional choir members, especially sopranos at this time. Choir rehearsals are Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:00pm. Hope to see a full church again at this special time of our Savior's birth.

Yours in God's music,

Sue Gore

## A MESSAGE FROM MOTHER SHARON

Dear St. Stephen's family,

There are no words that can adequately express my gratitude to you! I will always remember and cherish the time I've spent leading you in prayer and praise, drying your tears, listening to your heartaches, laughing with you in Bible study, and making a nuisance of myself in the kitchen. We've had some great times!

I hope that saying "thank you" will convey the gratitude in my heart for all you have done for me and for the lovely parting gifts you have given me. The celebration of my ministry was astounding! It is so true that a church family can't be guided by only one person; many in our church have given of their time and talent to assure that our worship services and social events are top-notch. The list of our willing workers is extensive and I'm thankful for all that each of you has done. During my absence, St. Stephen's was able to continue weekly worship but only because of a team of very dedicated people. I want to publicly thank Scott Armstrong, Kris Fuhr, Linda Pierce, and Miranda Spates for officiating Morning Prayer on Sunday mornings.

Those who know me know that I don't like to say "good-bye," and so I won't. I will always cherish the love and kindness that St. Stephen's has shown me and I will keep you in my prayers. St. Stephen's will continue to occupy a very special place in my heart.

In Christ's love,

Sharon+



### Vestry Updates~

- ⇒ The Outreach Committee is in need of a new chair person or co-chairs to lead the outreach ministry this coming new year. Questions? Please see Judy Lazzaro or Kathy DeCiantis.
- ⇒ Blood Drive at St. Stephen's is Monday December 20th from Noon to 6PM. Please help; there is great need.
- ⇒ Don't miss the Annual Meeting. One service at 10 AM on Sunday January 30th with brunch/lunch provided.

## WHAT IS OUTREACH UP TO THESE DAYS *BY JUDY LAZZARO*

Several volunteers from St Stephen's Outreach Committee recently prepared and served about 350 lunches at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen at 2424 W Grand Blvd. in Detroit. Crossroads is a social service outreach agency that exists to support the community at large by providing emergency assistance, advocacy, and counseling to anyone in need. A goal of the soup kitchen is to provide a hot, nutritious meal to hungry, impoverished individuals and families every Sunday of the year. This in turn creates opportunities for mutual ministry and service among and between the guests and Soup Kitchen volunteers. Sponsors like St. Stephens partner with Crossroads and purchase, prepare, and serve a Sunday meal. Our volunteers served nearly 400 meals on Memorial Day and Halloween. Hold the date for the next St. Stephen's turn is Sunday, June 26th, 2022 . More details to come.

In addition to the Soup Kitchen, Crossroads also provides social services, an employment office, a children's summer lunch program, a parental support program and cooking lessons. Check out the Crossroads Facebook page or <http://crossroadsofmichigan.org> for more information on ways to support this organization. Here is a donation wish list for Crossroads:

- Hotel-Size Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner and Lotion
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Female Hygiene Products
- Clothing (Men, Women And Children)
- Non-Perishable Food
- Adult Diapers (Men & Women)
- Baby Diapers (All Sizes)



# A FAREWELL TO MOTHER SHARON IN PICTURES



# OUR PARISH CELEBRATES

## BIRTHDAYS

<b>Kris Fuhr</b> 12/3	<b>Winifred Lowery</b> 1/8
<b>Steve Brandon</b> 12/6	<b>Nancy Papet</b> 1/8
<b>Jerred Rich</b> 12/6	<b>Kate Roberts</b> 1/12
<b>Joan Morgan</b> 12/7	<b>Dave Stein</b> 1/12
<b>Sudhaker Samuel</b> 12/11	<b>Rod Johnson</b> 1/14
<b>Miranda Spates</b> 12/11	<b>Donna Johnson</b> 1/21
<b>Indira Samuel</b> 12/12	<b>Sathi Satyanathan</b> 1/21
<b>Mardi Maxwell</b> 12/14	<b>Diane Kenefic</b> 1/22
<b>Penelope Baker</b> 12/19	<b>Susan Russell</b> 1/22
<b>Linda Pierce</b> 12/23	<b>Jill Stein</b> 1/23
<b>Rick Spina</b> 12/23	<b>Molly Grubb</b> 1/24
<b>Michael Szott</b> 12/25	<b>Cindy Vida</b> 1/24
<b>Sharon Miller</b> 12/26	<b>Jim Maxwell</b> 1/25
<b>Marilyn Borowski</b> 1/3	<b>Inge Wojas</b> 1/26
<b>Gordon McMullen</b> 1/3	<b>Greyson Ingersoll</b> 1/27
<b>Sharon Voelker</b> 1/3	<b>Chris Herfurth</b> 1/28
<b>Alice Moss</b> 1/5	
<b>Marilyn Gilbert</b> 1/8	

## ANNIVERSARIES

**JAMES & RUTH LUZOD**  
12/4

**INGE & PAT WOJAS**  
12/15

**ELIZABETH & PATRICK ROBERTS**  
12/18

**JANE & MIKE WELLMAN**  
12/26

**DENNIS & MARY BISHOP**  
12/27

**GRETCHEN & ROY WATERS**  
1/7



## THE SENIOR WARDEN'S THOUGHTS

### The Anticipation!

I've written before about feeling a sense of anticipation through the Advent season, and how my mom enhanced it with teases about the coming delights of Christmas. The Advent wreath signaled the beginning, then writing letters to Santa, discussing when to put up the tree, and decorate the house all kept the anticipation building. Even when the nativity scene diorama was constructed, the baby Jesus was not included – not yet!

The anticipation peaked about 6:00 am on Christmas morning. The rule in our house was that no one was allowed downstairs till we all came downstairs together. So, when my parents heard us, they would prepare the living room. The tree was lit, and we were called to come down. The look on my parents' faces as they watched our reaction to the revealed bounty before us was something I'll never forget. Amid the "oohs" and "aahs," we were reminded to take a look at the nativity and see that the baby Jesus had arrived. And again, the tease—we could open one present and then had to get ready for church.

Even before Advent began, I've sensed we have all experienced a bit of heightened anticipation these last couple months. We've called a new priest! What is he like? Where did he come from? Will there be a lot of changes? What if? Yes, I think we are also a bit anxious, as well. What will the next chapter of our faith together at St. Stephen's look like? What are we being called to do as missionaries of Christ? How will we? And so on.

We cannot let our anticipation, certainly not our anxieties about the next chapter in the story of St. Stephen's sidetrack us from preparing for Christmas. I encourage everyone to grasp childhood anticipation and leave our adult anxieties aside. Jesus' birthday is coming! We should embrace that feeling of awe we experienced as a child, as the bounty of Christ's love is revealed to us—and believe that HE came to show us the way. HE understands our feelings of anticipation and our anxiety. All he asks is that we trust in kindness and love.

Merry Christmas to all!

Peace,  
Dave Stein  
Sr. Warden



## MILESTONE BIRTHDAY GALS!

In November, three of our darlings celebrated milestone birthdays. Joan Thunder celebrated her 95th on Thanksgiving Day! Then on Sunday, November 28th, Claire Grutta celebrated her 97th and the very next day Val Thompson celebrated her 101st! Happy birthday to three special ladies who keep us all young at heart. Your St. Stephen's family wishes you many more!



JOAN THUNDER



CLAIRE GRUTTA



VAL THOMPSON

## REMEMBERING HELEN BY JOY JAMES WILLIAMS

HELEN was my friend.

Shortly after I came to Michigan, I visited St. Stephen's and left only when my health problems required my move to Florida in 2005. Until my move, I taught a Bible study class at St. Stephens, to which all were welcome.

I loved teaching this class and enjoyed this ministry because of the people of God who participated in it. Helen was one of those loving, faithful, supportive, members of the class. Unless she was travelling the world, Helen never missed the class! I appreciated her presence, her comments and questions, and her wry sense of fun.

She expressed her affection, loyalty, and support to me in her actions. Advice attributed to St. Francis said "preach Christ; sometimes use words" Helen was the embodiment of this; there was a certain strength of character to her that was unmistakable.

In the Epistle to the Hebrews, we are asked to not forget the assembling of ourselves together (NRSV, 10:25). I believe that this was the idea behind Greet, Eat and Meet (GEM), a very active group at St. Stephen's. Richard and Diane Kenefic chaired the group and kept us meeting, greeting, and eating with a lot of Christian love and charity.

One of our hosts for one of our GEM dinners was Helen. These many years later, I vividly remember that night that just bubbled with fun and joy and laughter and good food, with Helen and Alice Brandon at the center of all the unlikely exuberance.

Helen is now gone from our sight. I believe that she has been welcomed by Jesus, the saints and martyrs to the City of Light. May her soul and the souls of all the departed by the mercy of God rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon her.



HELEN SLATER (ON LEFT) WITH ALICE BRANDON



## WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS

### Book Nook-A Fundraiser for the Youth Group

There is now a bookshelf by the couches in the Fellowship Hall full of great up-to-date books to purchase at a very reasonable price. The Book Nook is a fundraiser for the Youth Group's pilgrimage/mission trip to Puerto Rico this July. The books are donated from the Friends of both Oxford and Auburn Hills libraries. The newer books are \$2.00 and the others at \$1.00; leave the money on the jar on the window-sill. Stroll over there and peruse the books when you need a good read. Have a book you are looking for? Write the information down on the clip board and I will try to find it for you. Not a reader or read from an electronic device? Just drop in a couple dollars as a donation. The kids will be very grateful for your support.



### Escape Room Experience

It was a Friday night. They were tired from going to school all day. Energy was low as they ate their pizza. Seemingly bored as the staff person told them the rules. Then off they went into the room. An hour later they came bursting out of the Escape Room, all talking and laughing about this clue and that and how fun it was. They were very proud of themselves as they made it out with 4 minutes to spare. Ah, another successful youth group outing!



### UPCOMING YOUTH CALENDAR DATES

Younger St. Stephen's children meet every Sunday for class from 10am until the peace is exchanged with Gretchen Waters and Kathy DeCiantis.

Rite 13 and YAC meet with Jackie Ingersoll and Scott Armstrong on Sunday December 12th, January 9th and January 23rd following communion.

5:30 Christmas Family Service with Christmas Pageant and Procession to the Creche (If you are interested in being in the pageant please contact Jackie Ingersoll.

Dec. 12th after church at Ingersoll's will be the Christmas Party for Rite 13 and YAC. Don't worry you'll be able to eat cookies and sing carols too!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

#### Weekly Opportunities

Eucharist Service on Sunday at 8 am

Choral Eucharist Service on Sunday at 10 am

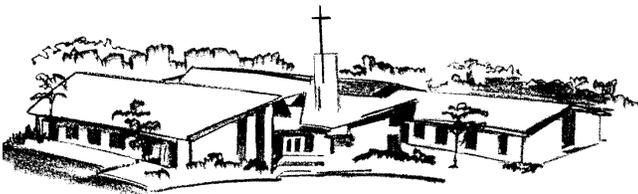
Live Stream of Sunday on St. Stephen's Private Facebook page and YouTube Channel

Bible Study-Wednesday 10AM in

Bishop Emerich room-all welcome

Men's Bible Study-Friday's 9 AM at Leo's Coney Island on Opdyke Rd

- ◆ Advent 2—Dec. 5th Father Brian Alberti joins us as our new priest. Welcome luncheon planned.
- ◆ Holiday Brass Detroit @ St. Matthew and St. Joseph Detroit 2pm (see details pg. 6)
- ◆ Advent 3 Dec. 12th—First St. Stephen's Cookie Exchange (see details pg. 6)
- ◆ Advent 4 Dec. 19th—decorating the church after the 10AM service. Many hands, etc.. Please plan to stay and help.
- ◆ Christmas Services: Friday, Dec. 24th 5:30 PM Family Service, 10 PM Christmas Eve Mass Saturday, Dec. 25th 10 AM Christmas Day Service—then don't forget church on Sunday, December 26th at 8 AM and 10AM
- ◆ Saturday January 8th—Twelfth Night Celebration at 5:30 PM with a Main Meat dish provided, and potluck sides dinner, music, and other hilarious antics. Bring a side, or dessert and a bottle of wine to share. Contact Kathy DeCiantis or Alice Moss for details.
- ◆ Sunday, January 30th the Annual Meeting—following the ONE service at 9:00 AM. No 8AM or 10AM services that day. Let us all join together! Brunch is provided.



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