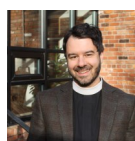


## THE WITNESS



The Sundays of Easter have concluded. The Day of Pentecost has come. We have entered ordinary time or what is otherwise called the “green season” — a time for living out the Christian faith in ordinary life. The time after Pentecost is also a time, typically, when parish life slows down for the summer months. For us as Michiganders it means weekends at the cottage, baseball games at Tigers stadium, and Sunday barbecue with the family. Indeed, there is a certain pattern to parish life that ebbs and flows according to the church calendar. Summer is the time for sabbath, the time for rest, the time for joy with family and friends.

While we may take time away from church in the summer months for the purpose of vacation, family gatherings, or other weekend events, there are several things we can do to nurture our spiritual life in this season of the church year. When we do travel on vacation in the United States or abroad it is a wonderful opportunity for us to seek out a parish and to pray with fellow Episcopalians or fellow Anglicans within the worldwide Anglican Communion.

When I visited Israel in 2020, one of the opportunities I experienced was the chance to attend service at St. George's Cathedral. It just so happened that when I visited, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, along with the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, Suheil S. Dasani, also happened to be in attendance. And when I visited Dominica, I worshiped in an Anglican parish in Portsmouth, a parish located within the Anglican Diocese of Northeast Caribbean. During the service I experienced our prayer book tradition in a new key as both similarity and difference became manifest in the Anglican liturgy. *continued on page 4)*

### ST. STEPHEN'S

GROUNDING IN PRAYER  
EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT  
MOTIVATED FOR LOVE IN ACTION

### 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
- MULTIGENERATIONAL AND DIVERSE

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## THE SENIOR WARDEN'S THOUGHTS



### AROUND THE DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN

End Gun Violence in  
Michigan—Saturday,  
June 15th 10am to 3pm  
Holy Cross Episcopal  
Church, Novi—free gun  
lock giveaway

All Saint's Episcopal  
Church, Detroit Street  
Fair, Saturday June  
22nd 9am to 4pm

The Church at Cross-  
roads: Volunteers need-  
ed this summer.

Contact Rev. Teresa  
Wakeen  
Tersamwakeen  
@gmail.com

Summer 2024 Camp  
Updates see the  
edomi.org website for  
the link to register for a  
camp.

Hello Family!!!

I am humbled to once again be the Senior Warden for our parish family, although I am not sure how it happened. Oh yeah, when we were at the Vestry Retreat in February and all lined up, Fr. Brian asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be Senior Warden and if so to please step forward so everyone else in the room took one step BACK ... God has quite the sense of humor!

You are such a great blessing to me. Our St. Stephen's family brings me such joy, love, and understanding. I am very blessed. The activities of our church family astonish me! Outreach, Hospitality, Adult Faith, Youth Education, Choir, Lay Ministers, Lay Visitors, Pastoral Care, Finance Committee, Altar Guild, Crafting Kindness, Greeters, Ushers, Vestry, Buildings & Grounds, Witness, Stewardship, Endowment, The Ladies Lunch Bunch, Ole Guys, GEM Dinners, Coffee Hour, and so much more... I bet some of you did not even realize how much we have going on and the opportunities to get involved!!! All this amazing activity does not just happen – so I ask you to take some time to pray and consider where the Holy Spirit is moving you to get involved in the plethora of opportunities available at our church home. You may even have a calling to something new that we as a church family can rally around and support – like the Rise Against Hunger event going on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May --- bringing local high school students together, in our church home, to prepare food for the hungry!! The amazing thing to me, as with all families and households, there never seems to be a lack of projects or activities to be involved with ... many hands make for quicker work!

How blessed are we?! The Holy Spirit is at work at St. Stephens. I know as we enter the summer months, many of you are looking forward to working in the yard, going on vacation, or just relaxing a little more while reading a good book in the warm summer breeze. We will be engulfed in the hustle and bustle of summer activities --- graduations, weddings, bridal or baby showers, Independence Day celebrations, completing those long put off winter projects or enjoying a relaxing round of golf.

So, as we prepare for the warmth and activity summer brings, let us remember ... to make time ... to come together as a family ... to worship and thank God for all the many blessings we enjoy as we continue to love and support one and other and our church home.

Now I am going off to have a chat with God.

Blessings & Much Love,

Scott Armstrong, Sr. Warden

# OUR PARISH CELEBRATES

## BIRTHDAYS

### IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

HANNAH DeCIANTIS	6/9
EVAN DeCIANTIS	6/9
BRENDAN GERARD	6/9
JOHN MORLEY	6/12
KAMSI EZEUGWA	6/18
JUDY McCLENDON	6/25
CONNIE JOSE	6/26
LIZ GOLDING	6/27
PAUL KISH	6/30
GARRET FRAGNOLI	6/30
ERINMA EZEUGWA	7/3
NORAH O'NEILL	7/5
DARREL MIDDLEWOOD	7/9
KATHY DeCIANTIS	7/10
ADRIAN BROKENSHERE	7/11
ANN WILLIAMS	7/15
JIM McQUISTON	7/17
KATHY DAVIS	7/19
BRIAN THIEL	7/20
ALEX EZEUGWA	7/20
BRIAN INGERSOLL	7/22
DANIEL GERARD	7/26
CHLOE INGERSOLL	7/26
AUDREY BROKENSHERE	7/29
ELIZABETH THIEL	7/31
ROBERT BROKENSHERE	8/2
LIZ SINKOVICH	8/3
OLIVIA DeCIANTIS	8/4
SHARON SANDS	8/7
PAUL McCLENDON	8/8
JAN HOPPER	8/11
LINDA LAMBERT	8/11
JOE HOPPER	8/14
RICHARD KENEFIC	8/21
HELEN GILES	8/21
LYDIA THIEL	8/21
JOAN KNAPP	8/25
AMI O'NEILL	8/26
KATHRYN HASSEL	8/27
BOB WESTBURY	8/29
JON BURRELL	8/30
CATHRYN HARDY	8/31

## ANNIVERSARIES

### IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

KATIE & MIKE SOBOLEWSKI	6/2
KATHY & COLIN DAVIS	6/11
KRISTI & DAVE GRUBB	6/12
DONNA & ROBERT BROKENSHERE	6/18
PEGGY & GEORGE KLEMAPY	6/19
MELISSA & PAUL HARDY	6/24
GINNY & LEE BENNETT	6/26
JILL & DAVE STEIN	6/30
ALICE & CHUCK MOSS	6/30
ERIN & MIKE BROKENSHERE	7/8
DONNA & ROD JOHNSON	7/11
CONNIE & SANDY JOSE	7/12
BARB & RICK SPINA	7/15
CORINNE & STEVE FRAGNOLI	7/21
ERINMA & ALEX EZEUGWA	8/3
ELIZABETH & BRIAN THIEL	8/6
HELEN & ALAN GILES	8/24
CATHY & BOB HOFFMAN	8/31





## PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY JUNE 9TH!

The people of St. Stephen's will once again gather for the annual parish picnic following the 10am service on Sunday, June 9th. Rain or Shine.

This will not be a Youth Sunday as in the past, but our graduates will be honored at the 10am service along with our Sunday school teachers and leaders.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream will be provided. A sign up will be posted in the Gathering area for May 19th for the salads, sides and other desserts. Plan your favorite recipe for picnic food now!

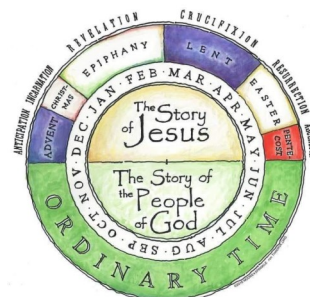
As always a wonderful event to kick off the summer and enjoy fellowship with our parish family. Bring a friend or friends to have fun along with us.

You just never know who or what you will find when you make the effort to pray with fellow Episcopalians or Anglicans when you are in another city, town, or country. It is an opportunity to experience our rich tradition in a new way, to make new friends, and to experience the character of the larger church.

Another thing we can do while we take time for sabbath in the summer months is to attend service when we are in town. Time away for sabbath is good but so is making time for sabbath amidst our busy summer activities. Remember, your parish family loves to see you!

Finally, remembering that there are ways to remain in touch with St. Stephen's while away is also helpful. When you are away you can always tune in to our livestream broadcast by clicking the link on our website. While on vacation you can also make use of our online giving portal to manage your annual pledge. And finally, you can always check in with your fellow parishioners via our private Facebook page. Your parish family will be happy to hear from you!

The most important thing to do this summer, however, is to find ways to take sabbath. Summer is a time for joy, contemplation, fun, and living out the Easter faith. May you have a blessed summer and may the Spirit of the Father and of the Son renew your heart, mind, and soul.



## GEM

GEM is back! At St. Stephen's it stands for Greet, Eat and Meet. In a nutshell, GEM provides opportunities for folks to gather in small groups 3 or 4 times during the year to enjoy

meals, pleasant conversation, make new friends and enrich ongoing friendships.

Folks who sign up will be put in a groups of 6 or 8 people (couples and singles). Each group decides when and where to meet. You can do your meal at a home or even consider a restaurant.

More details and a signup sheet are available in the Gathering Area, or call or email Jackie or Don Ingersoll (don@doningersoll.com, 248-515-9646)

# MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings and Salutations!

It's Spring in Michigan! What a wonderful stretch of spring like weather we have experienced. All my (well Ken's actually) hard work in the garden is coming up and looks like all, but one, has survived the winter months. Much like my little plants, I'm looking forward to warm and sunny days ahead.

The picture on the front page is one that I particularly embrace for Pentecost (May 19th). Pentecost as you will recall is the birthday of the Church of Christ on earth. The apostles received the Holy Spirit, and went on to proclaim the Good News. It is traditionally a day that parishioners will wear red. I love this picture because if you look closely you will see that these are not old Jewish men, but people of all walks of life and faith and color. A true representation of what we are to do with our time here on earth. Be the light for someone else, spark the faith in someone else, proclaim the Good News of Love to someone else. Pass it on, as the saying goes. Love is the answer to it all.

May the road rise to meet you as you travel this summer, but remember to always keep looking forward.

*Kris Fuhr*, editor



## Book Nook

The Book Nook in the Fellowship Hall has recently been restocked for your summer reading pleasure. The top three shelves have recent copyrights 2020-2024. There is something for everyone at the low price of \$1.00 per book. All money goes to support youth programming.

Looking for a certain title? Contact me and I will keep my eye out for it. I am a Friend of the Library volunteer at two libraries and handle hundreds of books every week. Looking for a place to donate books? Leave them by the Book Nook and I will take care of them. A big thank you to both the Auburn Hills and Oxford Public Libraries for donating the books to us.

Jackie Ingersoll



**The St. Stephen's Novels & Nibbles Group** met on April 15th (Tax Day!) to discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife* (2007) by Diane Ackerman. We had a very lively discussion led by Alice Moss, and ate "zoo treats" like animal crackers, monkey bread, goldfish, and teddy graham bears. Our May book meeting is scheduled for May 20th when Mary Bishop will lead us in a review of *Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife* (2012) by Eben Alexander, MD. We would expect to have some heavenly desserts for sure. Our May meeting is our last until we come back together in the fall. Summer, the club has decided, is for frivolous beach reads!

Anyone is welcome to join us at any time whether you've read the book or not. If you are wondering what is up for September we will be reading *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor (2019). We read her *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* (2017) and *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith* (2017) during the between services gathering pre-Covid. Kathryn Hassel is the leader for discussion. After that, Judy McClendon will lead us for the book *Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams (2022) about six weeks later from *Holy Envy*.

Our design is a book every six weeks or so, meeting on Mondays from 2-4 pm. Tea, coffee and nibbles will be served. For more information see Susan Russell (our group organizer).



The Witness editor is looking for contributors for the upcoming issues beginning with the Welcome Back issue in late August. It would be nice to be able to feature some of these wonderful trips our parishioners have taken with pictures and interesting facts. You don't have to be a perfect student of English grammar. We can fix that as that is one of the jobs of the editor.

Also, it would be nice to see some new recipes as I am sure you are getting tired of mine. Articles on your own faith journey and your view from the pew are always appealing. It would be wonderful to include some archives of St. Stephen's (memories of our life together in church). I know we are all thinking, I'm too busy or I'm not that great at writing, but trust me, everyone is capable.

The Witness is designed to inform, enhance, and celebrate OUR life together as a parish family. Please contribute your ideas, articles, pictures, to enhance it even more. See Kris Fuhr for more thoughts on how you can help.

## GUIDELINES FOR ARTICLES SUBMITTED TO THE WITNESS

Want to help make *The Witness* more meaningful to all? Please consider these social media guidelines that were created to ensure the integrity of our Christian messaging on social media platforms that are open to the public. In our written form, i.e. *The Witness*, the following content is not allowed by St. Stephen's:

1. Stories about a parishioner without their consent
2. Political or social commentary—including diocesan politics or opinions
3. Promotion of commercial items or services
4. Profanity, hate speech, etc.

The editor of *The Witness* reserves the right to exclude any article or submission that does not conform to these guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact Kris Fuhr, editor, or Scott Armstrong, senior warden, or Father Brian Alberti, priest. We want *The Witness* to be a witness to our life as a parish community, our spiritual growth as individuals, and as a source of news and events.

Areas that need regular contributors are A View from the Pew, Getting to Know You, From the Kitchen of ?, Thy Word is a Lamp, and Parish Happenings and Events. Please send a plethora of contributions to keep *The Witness* vital to us all. Welcome back fall will be the next issue, and this editor would love to have some new contributors.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

**Long Term Prayer Concerns:**  
Stewart, Michelle, Marie Elton, Meghann Armstrong, Georgiana Badalow, Mary Bandsuch, Lucy Beall, Virginia Bennett, Mary Bishop, Sara Broadhead, Bob Brokenshire, Steve Brokenshire, Scott Carruthers, Colin Davis, Ed DeCiantis, Jim Elwarner, Jane Essian, Terry Flynn, Ray Gardiner, Ron Goetzke, Liz Golding, Mike Goldwasser, Claire Grutta, Dean Hyrkas, Greyson Ingersoll, Kenneth Ingersoll, Robert Jackson, Diane Jarvis, Connie Jose, Rick Lowery, Kenny Nelson, Pema O'Neill, Sharon Pruitt, Zoey Rose, Sallie Salanty, John Spates, Sara Sundaeson, Aggie Thompson, Dante Vannelli, Virginia Wagner, Roy Waters, Sophie Wasik, Katie Yant, Ed Yates

**Those we pray for serving in the military:**

Joren Moos, Nate Adkins, Ian L'Hommedieu, Jim Sands, Kyle Rogowski, Nathan Cremeans, Gordon Bagley, Capt. John Zimmer

*Thank you for your service!*



## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

### Cycle of Prayers

### A VIEW FROM THE CHOIR LOFT PEWS BY *KEN FUHR*

St. Stephen’s Choir has been a fixture on Sunday mornings, special feast and fast days and occasional other presentations over the life of our parish. As a member of this group, I see the dedication of this “family” and am always inspired and humbled. Whether it be rehearsals on Wednesday nights, arriving early on Sunday for warm up and a run through, or the emails, cards and chats with other choristers, the overall support provided by these folks is an ongoing blessing in my life. Over the years, directors have changed, the service music has changed, types of pieces we sing have changed, and the personnel have changed, but the support of our worship and of one-another has been a constant.

Although our numbers vary from a dozen to a few, the result on Sundays is always a gift to the real audience – God. Because we are sometimes “small but mighty” it seems we’ve got it covered and it’s true that we always try to, as Sue loves to say, “Make something of ourselves!”. However, that is simply not the reality. As volunteers, our members have other obligations and interests that keep us from being at church on a given Sunday. Sometime this is planned and sometime not.

To continue this wonderful tradition and to provide a joyful “performance for God” on Sundays, the choir needs some help. First, I know that many of you are, in fact, pretty decent singers that have some feel for following along with the music (not just the words) in the hymnal. Please consider that your voice, regularly or just on occasion, could be a welcome addition to our choir. You will notice that Rick Spina helps occasionally when John or I have to miss, several members go South for chunks of the winter or travel at other times, but they come when they can and make a significant difference. Maybe you could too.

However, if that just doesn’t fit into your life, please consider supporting an important fund that was started this year, the Choir Chair, to help provide critical ,compensated musicians for the support of the choir. This year we have been mightily blessed to have Katie Collins supporting our soprano section. In this role she has been at rehearsals, Sunday services and special services regularly to help. [Continue on page 12](#)

**June 2** Liz & Brian Thiel,  
Joan Thunder

**June 9** Michelle & Charles Tisler  
Cindy & Tom Vida,  
Evan & Meghan

**June 16** Sharon Voelker  
Gretchen & Roy Waters

**June 23** Bill Waun  
Sharon Weigant

**June 30** Jane & Mike Wellman  
Sara Sue & Bob Westbury

**July 7** Barb Whitaker  
Ann Williams

**July 14** Inge & Pat Wojas  
Will Wolf

**July 21** Scott Armstrong  
Georgiana Badalow

**July 28** Ginny & Lee Bennett  
Belinda & Robert Berk

**August 4** Mary & Dennis Bishop  
Michelle & Sam Bittar

**August 11** Mike Boland  
Pam Bonkowski

**August 18** Marilyn Borowski  
Nikki Braidwood & Bill Perod

**August 25** Margaret & Steve Brandon  
Erin & Mike Brokenshire



OUR LENT TOGETHER, THE BISHOP'S VISIT AND EASTER WITH AN IRISH NIGHT THROWN IN FOR GOOD MEASURE!



YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!



...

**It's not too  
early to make  
a donation!**



## **Rise Against Hunger Spring Event with Troy High School Students!**

An important goal the Vestry set this year is to reach out and engage in our community. One of the initiatives they decided on was to host a Rise Against Hunger event and invite the local youth to come and participate. Linda Pierce reached out to the Troy High School and 45 Troy teens have signed up to help package 10,000 meals. The event will be held at St. Stephen's on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am till about 2pm including a pizza lunch.

The event is being funded through a grant from the St. Stephen's Endowment Fund. We would like to have about fifteen St. Stephen's members come to help organize and help work with the teams during the event. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.

In case you didn't know, Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that is growing a global movement to end hunger by nourishing lives, empowering communities, and responding to emergencies. They work with groups like ours to package nutritious meals that are then distributed to partners in need all around the globe. Rise Against Hunger work with international partners to create sustainable solutions to hunger and to equip them with agriculture training, business skills, and more, helping them to create and sustain food in their own communities.

We have set the date for our annual Rise against Hunger Outreach event! It is **September 21, 2024.**

Peace,

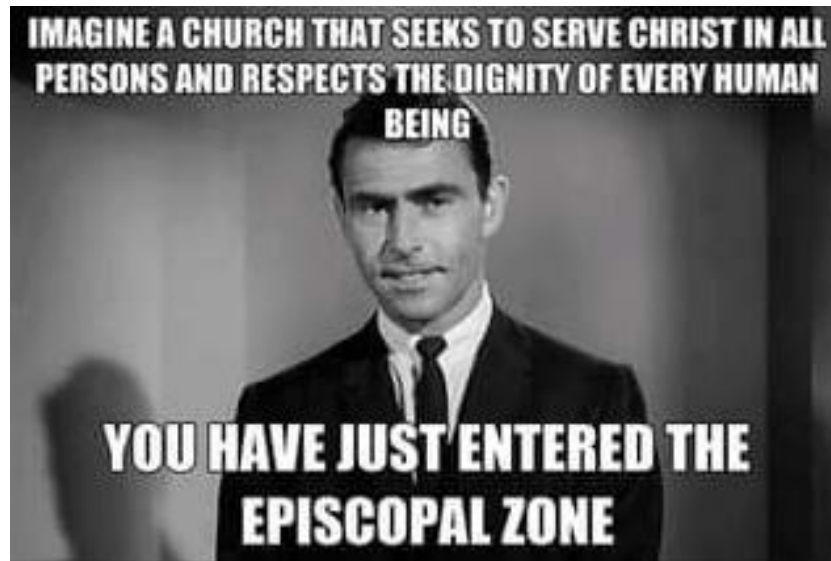
Dave Stein, Rise Against Hunger Chair

Scott Armstrong, Sr. Warden

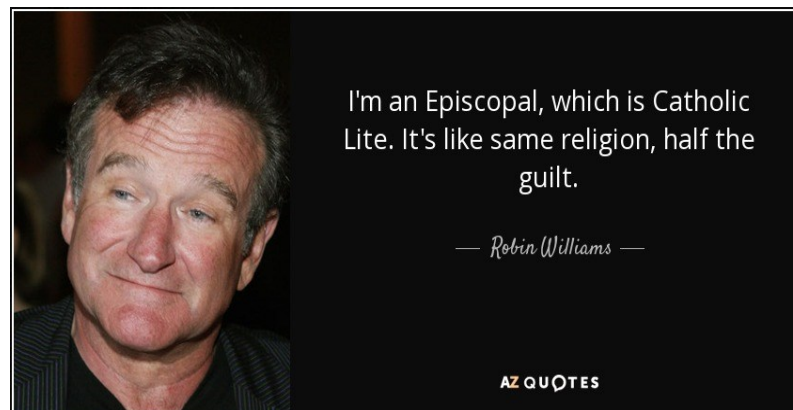
## A BIT OF HUMOR TO LIGHTEN THE DAY

*“I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me...they’re cramming for the final exam.” George Carlin (laffgaff.com)*

*Episcopalians drink coffee as if it were the third sacrament.  
(<https://episcotheque.wordpress.com/>) BTW, fellowship hour hosts are needed, please sign up.*



*All humor posts compliments of The Church Pension Group in this edition, except Robin Williams compliments of A-Z Quotes.*





### PORK 'N BEANS BY DENISE POPE

- 1 lg can Pork n' Beans
- 1 small can Pork n' Beans
- 1 can butter beans
- 1 can kidney beans
- 1/2 to 1lb hamburger
- Onions and celery chopped
- 1/2 lb bacon
- 1/2 to 1 c catsup
- 1/2 c white sugar
- 1/2 to 1 c brown sugar

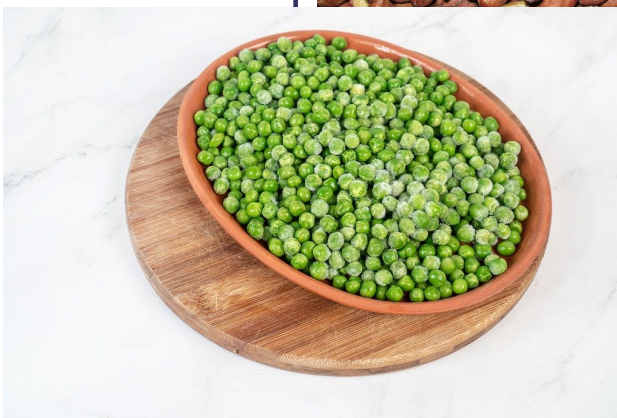
Mix all beans, sugar and catsup together. Brown the hamburger, bacon, onions and celery together. Add two mixtures together and bake at 350 for 1 hour. (pg 188) **Then bring to the parish picnic on June 9th!**

### PEA 'N PEANUT SALAD BY KRIS FUHR (BORROWED FROM A COLLEAGUE AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL)

- 1 pkg frozen peas (unthawed)
- 1 can Spanish peanuts
- 1 cup MIRACLE WHIP

That is it! I usually double the recipe and you want about the same amount of peas to peanuts or a little less of the peanuts than the peas. I usually mix in the Miracle Whip a spoonful at a time until coated. Some people add cooked bacon bits. I do if I have them. You cannot use mayonnaise. The peas thaw by themselves after being mixed so don't thaw. I make it in the AM to serve in the PM, but not overnight.

*Do you have a favorite recipe to share, send it to witness@ststephenstroy.org Everyone enjoys a new or old dish. Looking for Easter traditions for next issue.*



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This is critical when other sopranos are gone, and to provide a strong, consistent voice to the most critical section in the choir (no sopranos = no melody!) plus to be the voice for funerals and other times when the choir is not singing. In addition, we occasionally have guest instrumentalists to support certain music or provide solos. These musicians cost money and this is not provided for in our regular operating budget.

If you can help by singing with us, a little or a lot, please contact our amazing director, Sue Gore. If you would like to contribute to this important ministry, please make checks payable to St. Stephen's with the note "Music Fund Choir Chair". Note this as well if you choose to e-give a contribution. Thanks for your consideration and for your continued support of our choir.



## CRAFTING KINDNESS UPDATE FROM JILL STEIN

Crafting Kindness is working on burp cloths and baby blankets for our July baby shower. Contact me if you are interested in patterns or instructions. In the fall we plan to work on some projects that help our senior community. We are always trying to help share love in the world through small acts of service and kindness. If you have an idea for a project, please let me know.



### A Blessing from the Heart of God

May rest find us,  
In the peaceful moments when all is still  
In the quiet times when we pause and breathe  
May rest find us,  
In the chaos of the moment  
In the sorrow we seek to heal  
May it fill our spirit  
and give us joy.  
May we find rest in the care of others,  
In the knowledge of our worth,  
In the value of our service.  
May we, in our very being,  
Be a place of rest for others.  
May our God, who loves us more than we  
can ask or imagine,  
Fill our hearts with a deep peace  
and with compassion for ourselves and for others.

Amen

*Reprinted from Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, OH*

*Editor's Note: My former principal, Sister Theresa Darga is the author and advancement director for this beautiful group of faithful women who serve Christ in all things and follow the legacy of St. Francis and St. Clare. It is also worth a visit to Lourdes Campus in Sylvania, Ohio, to experience the beauty of God's creation being nurtured and enhanced with inside and outside murals, gardens, and walkways, and also a replica of St. Francis' Portiuncula Chapel. 89-acres to explore and enjoy peace and beauty.*

## A MEDITATION TO PONDER ON FROM ST. AUGUSTINE

Love the Church—Receive the Spirit

Accordingly, we too receive the Holy Spirit if we love the Church, if we are bound together by love, and if we rejoice in the catholic name and faith. Let us believe it, brothers and sisters: we will have the Holy Spirit in the same measure that we love the Church when we stand fast in her membership and love.

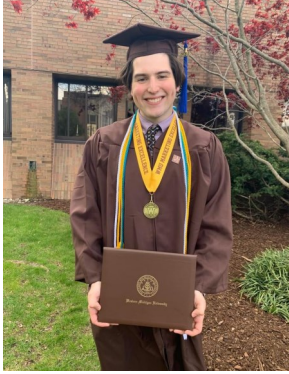
*Sermon on John 32,8*

Prayer:

Lord, I shall hear Your voice and make haste to clasp You to myself. Do not hide Your face from me.—  
*Confessions 1,5*



## 2024 ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



PETER

Peter Burean recently graduated Magna cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Western Michigan University. His Majors are Digital Marketing & E-commerce and Leadership & Business Strategy. His Minor is General Business. He was also awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Marketing Department. Peter is presently interviewing.

Ivy (Chloe) Ingersoll [Preferred pronouns “Their/They”] Ivy has been an integral part of our congregation for most of their life following their sibling Greyson and cousins Peter and David Burean. Graduating from Waterford Kettering High School, and despite the challenges of balancing academics and extracurriculars, Ivy has demonstrated resilience and dedication. Their commitment to excellence is reflected not only in their achievements but also in their passion for music. As a talented cellist in the school orchestra, Ivy has enriched our community with their beautiful melodies and unwavering spirit.



IVY

Besides Ivy’s interest in music, they are also a fantastic cook and baker. They have volunteered for many church activities through the years such as serving as an acolyte and reader, working on Youth Auctions, regularly assisting at social function dinners and supporting outreach such as Rise Against Hunger. Ivy journeyed to Puerto Rico as part of the Youth Group Mission Trip to provide hurricane relief.

Ivy’s decision to take a gap year to work and save money is a testament to their practicality and determination to pursue their goals with intentionality.

Maxwell Burean is the grandson of Sue Gore and the cousin of Peter and David Burean. Max is graduating from Lamphere High School in Madison Heights. His academic interests include language arts and earth and space science.



MAX

An accomplished pianist, Max recently earned his 45-point Achievement Trophy from the Michigan Music Festival. You may have heard him play at Christmas Pageants or during a Sunday service. He works part time at the Red Run Golf and Country Club in food service. In the fall, Max will study general education at OCC with future plans of transferring to Oakland University.

Max is currently part of St. Stephen’s youth group. He was among the group traveling to Puerto Rico on the mission trip a couple of years ago. Painting was a big element of the relief provided, and having been a part-time housepainter, Max took on the most challenging assignments and cheerfully passed on his painting skills to other members of the team.

Max is very thankful to everyone at St. Stephen’s for enabling him to take part in this live-changing trip, and providing him an environment in which to spread his wings.

**ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH HAVING FUN!**



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**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Weekly Opportunities**

Eucharist Service Rite I on Sunday at 8 am

Choral Eucharist Service Rite II on Sunday at 10 am

Live Stream of Sunday 10 am on St. Stephen's Private Facebook page and YouTube Channel

Bible Study-Wednesday 10AM in Bishop Emerich room-all welcome

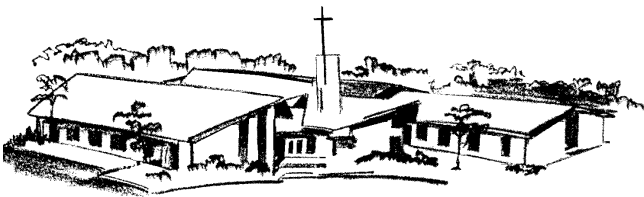
Men's Bible Study-Friday's 9 AM at Leo's Coney Island on Opdyke Rd

The QR Code (right) will take you to our Website, just take a picture of it with your phone or use a QR reader app. See Kris Fuhr if you need assistance doing this.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- \* May 18th, Spring Clean Up 10am
- \* May 19th, Celtic Evensong & Holy Eucharist 6pm
- \* May 25th, Rise Against Hunger HS event
- \* May 26th, Crossroads
- \* June 9, Parish Picnic
- \* SUMMER PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS FOR A CELTIC CONCERT
- \* September 8 WELCOME BACK SUNDAY
- \* Friday, September 13th Bluegrass Mass
- \* Check the Key News for upcoming events and the church calendar on the website.



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