

August 30, 2024

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SERVICES

SUN 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I

SUN 10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II

Live streamed on YouTube

TUE 11:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I and

Healing Service in St. Alban's Chapel

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

· Sunday School Begins – Sep. 8th at 9:30 AM

ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

· Sunday · Coffee, Treats, Fellowship

Parish Hall – Post 8:00 AM Service

· Lemonade in the Grove (Weather

Permitting) – After 10:30 AM Service

· Tuesday · Bible Study

Pollard Room 10:00 AM

· Wednesday · Men's Group

Pollard Room 8:30 AM

· Thursday · Contemplative Prayer

Via Zoom 4:00 PM

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK!

The **Acolyte Ministry** is one of the most visible ministries in the St Stephen's worship service! It includes youth as young as nine years through adults. They serve in the processional as torchbearers, crucifers, and thurifers, and assist the priests and other servers with the gospel, offertory, and communion.

Acolyte Masters Sandi Robertson and Teddy Dantzler are always in need of new acolytes, so contact the St Stephen's office, 865-483-8497, if you're interested in joining this exciting and very important ministry at our service!

Beautiful robes, crosses, candles, and fire are also involved.



Lectionary Study for Adults

Ever have questions about the reading on a given Sunday? Want to take a deeper dive into the Sunday lessons? Come and join the Lectionary Study each Sunday at 9:30. This class allows each participant to ask questions and explore the words of the gospel a little more deeply. The Lectionary Study will meet in the Pollard Room.



Growing in Storytelling: How to Deepen One's Faith and Community through the Art of Storytelling

Led by Fr. Bailey

Storytelling has been the thread linking generations of humanity to each other through time, creating community, and helping us to better understand ourselves. Running concurrently with the Lectionary Study, this class is a conversation that will explore the ways in which we can better understand our own stories, claim them with confidence, and learn how we can engage

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with and share the story of the Gospel through learning about ourselves. Storytelling is a dormant gift in many of us, but we all possess it. Be prepared to talk, as this is not a lecture series! But I promise it will help you grow in your own faith and provide the tools to help you grow the spiritual vibrancy of your family, St. Stephen's, and all the communities that mean something to you. Growing in Storytelling will meet in the Parish Hall.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 AM

Catechesis (Pre-K 3 through 1st grade)

We are proud to continue offering the enriching program Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our little ones. Catechesis is a Montessori-based curriculum that allows children to learn the faith through exploring their environment and enrichment of the senses. We are proud to say that we have been offering Catechesis at St. Stephen's for over 25 years! Catechesis is led by Linda Twohig and meets in the Catechesis classroom (room 108) right by the elevator on the 1st floor.

Tween Study (2nd through 5th grades)

Our older elementary and early middle school kids will be engaged in a lively conversation based on the lessons for each Sunday. This class is led by Brittany and Josh Tipton and will meet in room 204 on the second floor just past the Pollard Room.

Middle/High School Study (6th through 12th grades)

Our older kids will also be engaged in conversation on the Sunday lessons, but they will be focused more on discussing things in the light of current events. This class is led by Craig Brent and will meet in the EYF room (202) on the second floor.



PARISH DIRECTORIES!

If you would like an electronic version (**PDF**), please contact the parish office (865-483-8497) and we will send one to you via email. If you would like a paper copy, we will have them available on request from the hospitality volunteers during office hours.



First Sunday's **Loose Offering** is the **Clergy Discretionary Fund** and the **Blessing Box Requested Items** this week are: **Canned fruit, fruit cups, and jelly.**



Do you have news for an upcoming issue of The St. Stephens's Messenger (e-News)?

Please send fully edited articles with all pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s), and contact information, to editor@ststephensor.org by NOON on Wednesday. Content for The Messenger is determined in consultation with clergy and staff