

November 15, 2024

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SERVICES

Sunday 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I
Sunday 10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II
Live streamed on YouTube
Tuesday 11:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I
and Healing Service in St. Alban's Chapel

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov. 17 · A Conversation with the Camino Pilgrims · After 10:30 service
- Nov. 22 · Cutoff for Thanksgiving Dinner · (see below)

ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

- Sunday · Coffee and Conversation
Parish Hall · *After Both Services*
- Sunday · Lectionary Study for Adults
Pollard Room 9:30 AM
- Sunday · Inquirers' Class for Adults in the
Parish Hall 9:30 AM
- Sunday · Sunday School · 9:30 AM
- 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

Inquirers Class Continues This Sunday!

Inquirers classes continue this Sunday at 9:30 in the chapel. Whether you are a newcomer to St. Stephen's or looking for a refresher in your faith, the class is open to all to attend! BEFORE YOU COME - Please watch the video titled "How We Worship Together" that is now up on our YouTube channel. It is an overview of some of the content we will be covering on Sunday. We will use this video as a springboard for discussion in our class on Sunday, so it will be extremely helpful for you to have watched or listened to the video (which is about 20 minutes long).

Thanksgiving Dinner – RSVP!!!

St. Stephen's will once again host a parish/community Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM with the meal following at 11:00. As you start making your plans for the holiday season, please consider joining us and your fellow parishioners for this feast. The main courses (turkey and ham) will be provided. Each participant will be invited to bring a side dish to share. This meal is also an outreach opportunity to include those who may be hungry, grieving, or lonely this holiday season. Please feel free to invite anyone who is not a member of St. Stephen's to join us. We simply ask that you RSVP on their behalf so that we make sure we have enough food. A link to RSVP and sign up for side dishes is on our website, StStephensOR.org. Final day for signup is November 22nd!

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A Conversation With Our Pilgrims

After the 10:30 service our pilgrims will have a short presentation about their week spent in Spain walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Beverages and Tarta de Santiago (St. James' Cake) will be served. Please come be a part of our Camino conversation.

Sign Up For Advent Lessons and Carols Dinner

On Sunday, December 15th, our choir will offer their annual Lessons and Carols Service at 6:00. There will be a catered dinner at 5:00 in the Parish Hall prior to the service. The menu is Parmesan Herb Baked Chicken Breast, Herb Roasted Pork Loin, Redskin Mashed Potato Casserole, Sautéed Vegetable Medley, Rolls, and Cake. The cost is \$15 per person and \$45 per family. So that we may provide numbers to the caterer, please sign up sheet by December 12th. The link is on the website.

Open Offering

Offerings for the remainder of November will go to Blanket+. Our special Outreach project has a two-part focus: Firstly, funding the Blankets+ Campaign conducted by Church Women United for Church World Service (CWS), and secondly, collecting new or clean gently used bedding for the Ecumenical Storehouse in Oak Ridge.

Every \$10 will buy a specially made large, durable blanket suitable for the recipients' climate. Collection plates on the second, third, and fourth Sundays will be dedicated to the Blankets+ campaign. You may also donate online (StStephensOR.org) or send a check to St. Stephen's through November; either way, please include the memo "For Blankets."

In addition, we are collecting blankets and clean bedding for Ecumenical Storehouse. Marked containers will be found in the Narthex and the hospitality area.

Flower and Ambry Candle Charts

The 2025 flower and ambry candle charts are now posted on the bulletin board outside of the parish office. You may now sign up for the new year. Flower costs for two arrangements is \$85.00. The cost for ambry candle is \$5.00. This is a lovely way to contribute to our worship services.

Pledge Cards

Please return your pledge cards ASAP. You can mail them back to the church, bring them by the office during office hours or put them in the offering plate on Sunday. All will be blessed on the Ingathering Sunday, November 24th.

Blessing Box Requested Items

This week's requested items are: Canned Foods (Sweet Potatoes / Yams, Corn, Cranberry Sauce) and Boxed Stuffing / Dressing .

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.

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