

# St. Stephen's E-Scene

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## HOLIDAY CAFÉ & BAKE SALE

**THIS SATURDAY MORNING - DECEMBER 12 - 8 O'CLOCK 'TIL NOON**  
**Cookies Galore + Traditional Mince Pies + Homemade Fudge and More!**  
*Together with a cup of coffee or tea and a moment to relax on a busy day!*

## ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

**Sunday, December 13 - Beginning at 4 o'clock - A Candlelit Service of Carols & Chants**  
*Organist Matthew Whitehouse will include two of his original compositions*

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL is scheduled for two more Sunday mornings:**  
**December 13, and 20 – And, Wednesday morning, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 o'clock**

**THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** will have a silent auction of gift baskets starting Saturday 12th and ending Sunday the 13th after the 10:30 service. This is our ongoing effort to raise money for outreach and pilgrimage. Each basket will have a starting bid of \$15 and many of them are valued at much more. The themes of the baskets are: Cozy Christmas Day, Movie Madness, Super Hero Super Basket, Music Lovers, Book Lovers, Cherry Blossom Bath and Body Basket, Relax and Rejuvenate and Bundle of Joy. Thank you for supporting our youth

Final Thursday in Advent - **December 17** - Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**DINING WITH PEOPLE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT** - *"Manners & Customs in the Holy Land"*

**OUR HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH** will gather at St. Stephen's on Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. for an afternoon of caroling throughout the community. We are all invited to join them and **can catch anywhere along the way by calling Tim Ash (cell 22-2542)** to find out where they're stopping.

**WASSAIL! WASSAIL!** This will be our 27<sup>th</sup> adult potluck holiday party which has been held at various members homes over the years. This year we'll gather at the McCreery's on Sunday, **December 20**, beginning at **5:00 p.m.**

## CHRISTMAS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

**Saturday, December 19** - Ordination of James Brission at 4:00 p.m.

*Please sign up for a reception treat to share - No 5:00 Eucharist that evening.*

## CHRISTMAS EVE - Thursday, December 24

**At 5 o'clock** - Nativity Pageant & Christmas Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

**Beginning at 10:45 p.m.** - The Carols of Christmas

**At 11:00** - Celebration of the Christmas Eucharist - With Organ, Choir & Incense

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**At 10 o'clock in the Morning** - Christmas Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

**Saturday, December 26** - *No 5 o'clock service that evening*

**THE FEAST OF STEPHEN - Sunday, December 27**

Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 & 10:30 a.m.



**THANKS FOR GIVING** to the San Carlos Apache Thanksgiving Blanket Drive. In cooperation with St. John's, Bisbee, we were able to provide over 70 blankets to 50 families (total people 270). The blankets were put together with the food boxes for each family and delivered on November 21 by other volunteers throughout the diocese. It is such a wonderful feeling to know we reached at least that many needy neighbors with extra warmth before this last weekend of freezing temperatures and snow in the Bylas area. ***Please continue to leave clean used blankets on the rear pews to be taken to at least 50 more families on 12/18 and 12/19 with the Christmas food boxes.***

*2010 Offering envelopes, for those who requested them, will be out in the church on the 27th*