

St. Stephen's E-Scene

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THE SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER was a rousing success. Chefs were smiling and our young people were superb waitpersons!

Many thanks to all who contributed sausage, syrup and applesauce. As a result of your generosity the \$269 profit has been designated for Rite 13 (Middle School Youth) and J2A (High School Youth). Andy Anderson sends "*Well Done!*" to all.

Lenten Study Series

Beginning on Friday evening, March 6

Refreshments at 6:30 - Program at 7:00 p.m.

“IS THERE AN ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: Can we do theology in light of biological evolution?”

✓ **IT'S TIN CAN WEEKEND** and the Salvation Army Emergency Pantry especially needs “Brown Bag” items: Individual fruit cups, trail mix, dried fruit, assorted chips and other “snack” foods for those on the road or without cooking facilities.

UNITED THANK OFFERING. If you don't have your **UTO BLUE BOX** yet, there are still some on the table at the back of the church, together with a pamphlet explaining its purpose. Our annual ingathering of the United Thank Offering will be on the weekend of May 16-17.

PROGRESS REPORT for the Development (New Building) Committee

- The week of February 23, invitations to bid for the new administration/education building went out to local builders.
- On March 13, the Development Committee will meet with the contractors who are interested in submitting bids.
- More information will be forthcoming.

Doris Millard for the Development Committee

THE FORUM, an adult study group, meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Fr. Vic's office. We are presently studying the Epistles of John and are looking at suggestions for our next study topic.

Why not join us and help decided what we will be reading next? There is no preparation. We read together and discuss the topic each week at the meeting. You'll really enjoy joining us for this lively and thoughtful discussion.

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A Bit of Computer Humor via Nancy Rea

Jesus and Satan were having an ongoing argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said, 'THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job. So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused • They faxed • They e-mailed • They e-mailed with attachments • They downloaded • They did spreadsheets! • They wrote reports • They created labels and cards • They created charts and graphs • They did some genealogy reports • They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell.

Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed.

Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming: 'It's gone! It's all GONE! 'I lost everything when the power went out!'

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work. Satan observed this and became irate. 'Wait!' he screamed. 'That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?'

God just shrugged and said, '**JESUS SAVES**'