

# St. Stephen's E-Scene

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## TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. STEPHEN'S 2010

*And now . . . send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord*

**GIFTS THAT HAVE KEPT ON GIVING.** Door prizes at the recent Stewardship Luncheon have turned out to be very special **shared** gifts. \$25 cards for Target, Safeway and Food City were awarded to 18 people whose "lucky" raffle tickets were drawn by Rebekka Czernik and Cameron Emrie.

Among the prizes that have been re-gifted: **groceries** were purchased for the Chaplain's Food Locker, **diapers** will go to St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales, and humble foodstuffs will magically appear as **pazole** at the upcoming Holiday Bazaar Soup Luncheon. Those generous luncheon door prizes have continued our **Stewardship Ministry of Time, Talent, and Treasure** with OUTREACH to others. Well done St. Stephen's!

INGATHERING & BLESSING OF OUR 2010 PLEDGES is  
All Saints Weekend - Saturday & Sunday - October 31-November 1

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### ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH GROUP - FALL BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND AFTER SERVICES

*Lots of Goodies - To go with Your Coffee or To Take Home and Share  
And, orders taken for Handmade Christmas Cards to be available December 1  
P.S. "Fear Factor Nite" for Middle School Youth, hosted by High School  
Is Wednesday, November 4, 5:00 to 7:30*

### COMING ON SATURDAY, THE 31ST OUR ANNUAL "EARLY IN THE SEASON BAZAAR"

Setup time - Friday the 30th beginning at noon.

Lunch is served from 11:00 to 1:00: delicious homemade soup, roll and beverage for \$5.

Raffle tickets for fabulous door prizes will be received or may be purchased until the time of the drawing.

A sign up sheet for helpers is on the large bulletin board.

**BABY IT IS COLD OUTSIDE!** San Carlos Apache reservation in Bylas (about 1/2 hour from Safford) gets mighty cold in November thru March. We are once again asking for gently used blankets or flannel sheets to be delivered with the Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes. They will be delivered the weekends before the holiday. Please be generous and leave your donations on the side pews in the church. I will pick them up each Sunday and store them until delivery time. For more information on this project, please call Dottie Gutwein (515-0679).

*Love God! Love one another!*

*This is how we are commanded and how we are blessed.*

Here's an opportunity to join in becoming outward symbols of this grace.

**A QUIET MORNING EUCHARIST WITH INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

**First Wednesday of Each Month - Beginning November 4 - 9:00 to 9:45**

All other Wednesday mornings, Intercessory Prayer is at 9:30 to 10:00

Followed by Bible Study at 10:00 - Reading, Listening, Discussing the Old Testament

**THE BISHOP WRITES:** “Dear Victor. Just a note to thank you and the folks at St. Stephen’s for keeping current with your Diocesan Mission Share. I know that it has not been easy during these difficult financial time, but your faithful generosity has helped to keep the mission of the larger church moving forward. Please convey to your leadership my deep appreciation. Yours, +Kirk”

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*To Remember in our Prayers*

*Rolf Kreitz - Memorial service at St. Stephens on Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Barbara Gondor - Memorial Eucharist here on Saturday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m.*

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**Fr. Vic’s Notes from Diocesan Convention**

On the last day of convention, Bishop Smith gave the assembly some long term planning dates.



Our diocese will be host to the House of Bishop's meeting in September of 2010. This provides us at St. Stephen's with an opportunity to have a bishop of our church come and preach for us on the Sunday they are in Arizona. This is an exciting chance to hear a voice we would never have the opportunity to hear otherwise. I will be quickly getting on this project so we can be sure to have our "reservation" in place.

Also, the Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, will be visiting our diocese in February of 2011. The diocese will be planning various events to go with her visit. I will pass on information on these plans as it comes my way. Hopefully, we can have a representative delegation from St. Stephen's attending the activities.

Peace to all,

Victor+

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