

St. Stephen's E-Scene

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Menu

Up-Date

Stewardship Dinner

We now have three
entrée choices

Pork Loin

Cornish Game Hen

Baked Sole

Sign up sheets
are on bulletin board!

Nancy Rea's correct
Phone number – **439-3030**

Coming This Weekend and Beyond

Saturday & Sunday September 8 & 9

Introducing The Year of St. Stephen

Honoring the Past - Celebrating the Present - Building the Future

St. Stephen's dedicates the church year 2007-2008 to expanding the way it shares God's grace through four new initiatives:

- Outreach to the Military Community
- Addressing the Needs of Young Adults
- Welcoming & Embracing the Seeker
- Enhancing Communications

On Sunday Mornings

Adult Forum at 9 o'clock

Angels in Training (Grades 1-4) beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Joyful Explorers at (Grades 5-8) at 10 o'clock

On Sunday, the 9th, we're all invited to share hotdogs and ice cream with the boys and girls, following the 10:30 service.



ST. ANNE'S GUILD on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. - Followed by **BIBLE STUDY** at 10:30

Mark your calendar for these Autumn Events . . .

FALL RUMMAGE SALE on **Saturday, September 22**

CELEBRATION OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS - **Saturday-Sunday, September 29-30**

ST. FRANCIS DAY & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - **Saturday, October 6** at 9:00 a.m.

ALL PARISH PICNIC – **Sunday, October 14** at Veteran's Memorial Park

ORGAN RENEWAL

Each Sunday we know the invaluable contribution our organ makes to our worship and liturgy, and as one of only three pipe organs currently in Cochise County, it could have a much greater role in the community if kept in excellent working condition. Like all instruments, it requires regular maintenance, and as it ages, parts need to be rebuilt or replaced. We are now at the point where if this is not done as soon as possible the organ will steadily decline to the point of becoming unplayable. Already there are major air leaks in the main air reservoir and dead notes and ciphers (notes that play even when no key is pressed).

St. Stephen's has recently been in communication with the Marana, Arizona, organ building firm of Michael J. O'Sullivan to develop a plan for rebuilding the organ. The cost of a complete restoration, which will not only address current problems, but improve systems not working well, replacing the aging magnetic valves (the cause of ciphers and dead notes), with a new, much more reliable,

electro-pneumatic wind chest, is \$19,950. We have

approximately \$2,000 in the existing organ fund, and pledges of \$10,500 to the organ restoration project, more than half the funds needed for rebuilding. It has also been proposed that two new stops, which would noticeably enhance the fullness and brilliance of the organ's tone, be added if funds permit.

One of the most remarkable features of the pipe organ is its longevity. Given proper maintenance, a pipe organ can last literally hundreds of years. There are pipe organs in Europe dating from the time of J.S. Bach that are still in regular liturgical use. After the St. Stephen's organ restoration project is completed, the organ can be expected to go at least another twenty to twenty-five years, and possibly longer, without further major work. However, it is imperative that the restoration project begin as soon as possible to ensure the long-term health of St. Stephen's beautiful pipe organ.

**Matthew Whitehouse & Jacquie Kelly
for the Music Ministry**

CORELLE DINNERWARE

Take a moment to check out the beautifully re-done cabinets in the parish kitchen to see the difference our new, light-weight dinnerware has made in storage. The Fellowship Ministry continues to ask us to bring round, white plates, bowls, saucers and cups to complete the make-over. Corelle is available at Wal-Mart, K-Mart and the commissary on base.

GIVE A GIFT OF GRAVEL

RIVER ROCK 3" X 6"
\$33 PER TON
CHIRICAHUA RED 5/8"
\$41 PER TON
\$5 FUEL FOR DELIVERY
\$15 FOR UNDER 5 TONS
BLACK PLASTIC & GARDEN CLOTH ALSO NEEDED



Talk to Henry Dearman and make checks to St. Stephen's noted "Rock"

UNITED THANK OFFERING BLUE BOXES will be distributed on the weekend of September 15-16, to collect our coins in thanksgiving for all of God's gifts. Contents of those **BLUE BOXES** will be placed in envelopes to be ingathered, with our prayers, on the weekend of November 17-18.