

## ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, March 29, 2026

The Sunday of the Passion — Palm Sunday

### WELCOME!

If you are worshipping at St. Stephen's for the first time today, you are welcome to share in the Holy Communion. Please fill out a "Visitor" card at one of the Greeters tables and/or the guest book on the podium before you leave and get a welcome packet.

### COMMUNION

If you are in need of a gluten free wafer during Communion, please let an usher know before the offertory or let one of the persons serving the host know. If you have a mobility problem, please let an usher know before the service begins and communion will be brought to you.

### LOOKING FORWARD



#### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

**Palm Sunday, March 29th**

7:45 AM & 10:30 AM

(child care available at 10:30 AM)

**Holy Eucharist @ 12:30 PM**

Monday -Thursday of Holy Week

**Tuesday in Holy Week, March 31st**

Tenebrae / 7 PM

**Interactive Stations of the Cross, April 1st**

Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 PM

**Maundy Thursday, April 2nd**

Foot Washing & Holy Eucharist / 7 PM

**Good Friday, April 3rd**

12:30 PM (In-Person & Livestream)

7 PM (In-Person only)

**Saturday, April 4th**

The Great Vigil of Easter / 7 PM

**Easter Sunday, April 5th**

Festival Eucharist / 9 AM & 11 AM

Easter egg hunt after each service

(child care available)

For more information about the Holy Week experience go to [st-stephens.org](http://st-stephens.org)

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### *A Personal Journey*

Join us Wednesday evening, April 1<sup>st</sup>, between 6:00 and 7:30 pm for a spiritual pilgrimage through our sanctuary, stopping at each of the fourteen Stations of the Cross. You'll have the opportunity to experience **interactive "stations"** that add visual, sensory, and meditative elements to the telling of Christ's last hours on earth.

A thought-provoking Christian practice, the Stations of the Cross have been followed for decades in churches and homes around the world.

The goal is to help you contemplate the self-giving sacrifices of Christ and draw you into deeper engagement with the Lenten-Easter story. Your personal journey may take 30 to 40 minutes as you spend time reading and reflecting, moving from one station to the next.

Everyone is welcome! For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Higginbotham at [maryjohigg@gmail.com](mailto:maryjohigg@gmail.com)

### Vigil at the Altar of Repose

From Maundy Thursday evening at 9:00pm through Good Friday at Noon, we keep watch before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose. This commemorates for us the disciples being asked to watch and pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before He was crucified.

So that we can make certain there are at least two people keeping watch for each hour of the Vigil, sign up for half hour increments (you may sign up for more than a half hour).

This way we can be certain that there is always someone before the Blessed Sacrament, and we can ensure people's safety as no one will be there by themselves.

Sign up in the parish hall, use this QR Code, or call Tracy in the Church office at 661-259-7307.

If you have any issues with the sign up page, please contact Tracy in the Church office.

<https://tinyurl.com/472xayss>



## Easter Flowers

We would like to have abundant flowers for Easter Sunday, April 5th. If you would like to make a contribution as a Thanksgiving or a Memorial, please fill out the form which can be found in the Narthex. For your Thanksgiving or Memorial to be included in the Easter bulletins, please turn your contribution in no later than **Sunday, March 29th**.

You may also fill out the form and pay online by using this QR Code



Thank you, St. Stephen's Altar Guild

<https://tinyurl.com/3wj5afvt>



# laundry love.

Wednesday, April 1st from 5:30-7:30pm

Coin & Drop Off Laundry

24725 Railroad Ave. in Newhall



**CALL FOR SPONSORSHIP**

**St. Stephen's Table  
at SCV Child and Family's  
Taste of the Town  
1-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- Suggested Donations:
  - Seat - \$150 per person (*seat can also be donated*)
  - Drawing \$25 for a seat at the table

Become a sponsor and help us provide crucial services for SCV's vulnerable men, women & children

Google Form Sign-up **due April 12**  
Questions? Contact Cheryl Sena  
mizsena@sbcglobal.net or  
call/text 661-309-2412

SCAN ME

<https://bit.ly/3MGRXts>

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Lay Eucharistic Care Ministry (LEM)

If you or someone you know is unable to come to church on Easter, please contact Tracy in the Church office.

Also, if you or someone you know is unable to join our community for communion on Sunday and you, or they, would like communion brought to them, please contact Tracy in the Church office. LEMs offer confidential, comforting presence for people facing challenges of illness or other issues that make it difficult for the person to come to church services. LEMs bring sacrament from the Sunday altar the same week.

If you would like to participate in the LEM ministry, please contact Michael Branda ([Michael.branda@yahoo.com](mailto:Michael.branda@yahoo.com)) or Cathy Gero ([crgero2@att.net](mailto:crgero2@att.net)).

**DINNERS  
for  
EIGHT**

**SAINT  
STEPHEN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

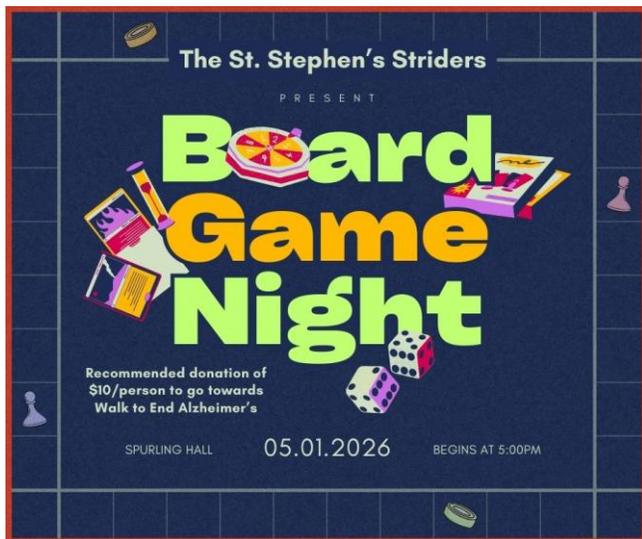
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**Dinners for 8 — Sign-Ups Now until April 12**  
It's time for a new round of Dinners for 8! We invite both new and returning participants to sign

up for the coming year. Groups will be arranged after the sign-up period closes on April 12, and participants will receive their new group assignments by email. We look forward to another year of good food and fellowship!

If you are unfamiliar, groups of 8 are formed - this could be couples or singles - and, over dinner, gives you an opportunity to meet, socialize, and get to know some new people you may not know. Each group would meet at least 4 times per year, and each couple or single would take turns hosting dinner which can be at your home, in the park, at a restaurant, etc. Generally, the host provides the main course, and others bring side dishes, appetizers, and dessert.

Please sign up by either using the QR code or emailing Sheri Flay at [ybandsf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ybandsf@sbcglobal.net) by April 12 so that we can form the groups and get the information out to everyone by the end of October. Question? Sheri Flay: (805) 660-7811 or email to address above.



The St. Stephen Striders are hosting their first board game night to raise money for the Walk to End Alzheimer's! All are welcome to join in Spurling Hall on Friday, May 1st at 5pm. Please bring your favorite board and card games to share! Pizza will be provided; please feel free to also bring dishes and drinks to accompany. There is a recommended donation of \$10/person to support the cause. Questions can be directed to Sarah Simmons: 618-292-7407. We hope to see you there!



**Sat., APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 —11am**  
 St. Stephen's  
 Parking Lot

**CRITICAL NEEDS: (Changes Monthly!)**

- **Laundry & Dish Detergent**
- **Toilet Paper & Paper Towels**
- **Canned Fruits & Fruit Cups**
- **Pasta Meals-Ravioli, Beefaroni, etc.**
- **Chunky Soups**
- **PB & Jelly (sm-med size)**
- **Tuna & Canned Chicken**
- **Vienna Sausage & Spam**
- **Cereal & Nutrition Bars**

**NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:**

Mac & Cheese; Rice & Pasta  
 Pasta Sauce (NOT large)  
 Can'd Vegetables (NO Beans)

**OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:**

Shampoo, Hand Soap  
 Baby Diapers & Wipes  
 Deodorant, Shave Cream, Razors  
 Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

**Recycle Day- Sat., APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>**



RECYCLABLE "CRV" plastic, cans, bottles.

Bring pull tabs from cans of soda & food.

***THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!***



### St. Stephen's Prayer List

**Current Needs:** Joanne, Vickie, Innocent victims of global and domestic conflicts and wars, especially in the U.S., Israel, Iran war, Jim and Judy, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Lisa and Lou, Lella, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Summer, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Marie, Lilly, Nevelle, Jess, Patrick, Amy, Dolores and family, Steve, Heather, Maria, Jerome, Joy and Dennis, Nancy, Peggy, Angela, Brendan, Avery, Don, Ms. Monica, Greg, Debbie, Linda, Theresa, Terry, Hank, and their family, Haley, Moses, Roger, Kira, Delfred, Rosemary, Trish, Duke, Ron, Jim, Rebecca, Tom, Colleen, Eve, Roger, Jennie, Gina, Jose Manuel, **Jeff B., Shireen, Peggy, Ken, Sara,**

**Rest in Peace:** Sharon Legg, Judy Putnam, Michael Audino, Lella Dvorak, **Maria Borelli**

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at [pstable@pegasus2.net](mailto:pstable@pegasus2.net) or call the church office at 661.259.7307. Please be aware that your prayer request content will be shared with the members of the prayer chain. If you wish for Peggy to hold your prayer request in confidence, please clarify that in your submission. Prayer requests remain active for 4 weeks and must be renewed thru Peggy or the office to be on the list again.



### GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S

If you are able to continue supporting the mission and ministry of St. Stephen's, you can pay your pledge or make a new or recurring donation online here [st-stephens.org/giving](http://st-stephens.org/giving). You can also text your donation by texting the word GIVE to 661.228.8909 and following the prompts. Click here for an easy [How To Use Text Giving guide](#). We are deeply grateful for your commitment and support.

St. Stephen's Week	March 29, 2026 to April 5, 2026
<b>TODAY'S SERVICE 7:45 &amp; 10:30 AM</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 3/29</b>	VPOD: Shari Schlaman
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Baptism Class / Lounge
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
<b>MONDAY 3/30</b>	
12:30pm	Holy Eucharist / Chapel
<b>TUESDAY 3/31</b>	
12:30pm	Holy Eucharist / Chapel
7:00pm	Tenebrae / Church
<b>WED. 4/1</b>	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude / Zoom
12:30pm	Holy Eucharist / Chapel
5:30pm	Laundry Love / Coin Op
6:00pm	Interactive Stations of the Cross / Church
<b>THURS. 4/2</b>	
9:30am	Book Study Group / Sacristy
12:30pm	Holy Eucharist / Chapel
7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service / Church
<b>FRIDAY 4/3</b>	
12:30pm	Good Friday Service / Church
7:00pm	Good Friday Service / Church
<b>SAT. 4/4</b>	
8:00am	Men's Group Breakfast / Dink's
9:00-11:00am	Food & Recycling Collection / Parking Lot
10:00am	Baptism Class / Church
7:00pm	The Great Vigil of Easter Service / Church
After service	Chocolate & Champagne / Spurling Hall
<b>NEXT SUNDAY 4/5</b>	
9:00 & 11:00am	VPOD: Nick Vestuto
	Easter services/Celebrations Each followed by an Easter egg hunt in the courtyard (only 11:00am service will be livestreamed via Facebook live)