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OPT-IN FOR "ONE CALL NOW" SSEC TEXT ALERTS

Congregants who have mobile phone numbers on file with the church office can now opt-in to receive text messages from our text alert system called *One Call Now*.



INSTRUCTIONS TO OPT-IN

text "ALERT" (using all caps) to the phone number of 22300

Really. It's that simple. Now you will be set up to receive text alerts from the church. At any time if you choose to no longer receive texts from St. Stephen's, you can text "STOP" to the phone number 22300.

Once you opt-in, this grants St. Stephen's permission to send you important alerts and reminders. Examples of text alerts would be weather-related closures or delays and reminders that services are about to begin. The text messages are another way to keep you informed and meant to supplement the other means of more detailed communication that you are accustomed to receiving in the forms of newsletters, e-blasts, and social media posts.

If you have any questions or concerns contact, contact Lydia, office@ststeve.org.

FAITHFUL FUN DAY

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
TODAY, JULY 17, 10 a.m.

[YouTube streaming](#)
[Facebook streaming](#)

Airing today on St. Stephen's YouTube and Facebook is the third episode of a brand new virtual summer Sunday

School program called "Faithful Fun Day." **Today's episode features the Godly Play Sacred Story of Noah and the Flood.** Storyteller Darelle Jordan wonders what your favorite part of the story will be?



After the initial 10:00 a.m. airing, the recording will be made available through the [church website](#), and may be viewed and enjoyed at any time and as often as you like.

Faithful Fun Day's lineup includes a Godly Play story by Darelle Jordan, music and sing-alongs led by Tom Dawson, and prayers and crafts introductions by Elisa Webster, Family & Youth Minister. Ahead of time, before each episode airs, your young family members are mailed a thematic packet. These packets contain the prayers, song lyrics, and arts & crafts activities. We invite you to gather your young family members around and be sure to have your envelope of activities along with scissors, glue, and coloring crayons or pencils nearby and easily accessible.

We're ready to play and have some fun! Come join us!

For more information, contact: Elisa Webster, elisawebster9@gmail.com.



TAKE 5: Episode 8
Thursday, July 23, 2020, 10 a.m. CDT
[YouTube link](#)
[Facebook link](#)

Join TAKE 5 Host Allen Hennig as he shares the beautiful "Whiter than Snow" with us inspired by King David's prayer for forgiveness found in Psalm 51:7. So, why not go ahead and plan on treating your ears, eyes, and spirit, to a five minute music break on Thursday, July 23, at 10:00 a.m. CDT?

Watch your e-mail's inbox for the [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) links on the morning of each airing. All TAKE 5 episodes will also be accessible through the [church website](#).

VIRTUAL PET BLESSING (ZOOM)
SUNDAY, JULY 26, 12:15 p.m. CDT



St. Stephen's is featuring parishioners and their pets this summer. During COVID-19 our pets, recognized by us as gifts from God, are especially keeping us in good company.

On Sunday, July 26, Fr. Phil will hold a virtual pet blessing and is inviting all pets with the help of their

humans to Zoom in at 12:15 p.m. This is a unique opportunity to have your pets that might ordinarily have been a bit tricky to get blessed at church, instead this time, be included since the pet blessing is being held virtually. Why not bring your iPad, laptop, or smart phone to those outdoor ducks, goats, donkeys, horses, burros, and bees?

All are welcome to join us for the virtual Pet Blessing, whether you have zero or a dozen pets. We invite you to come and enjoy the wildly fun afternoon.

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Note: July 26 is also the last Sunday of the month and therefore has a special family focus which includes the kid's coffee hour equivalent, Donut Sunday, which begins at 12 noon using Zoom. As the kids are catching up with one another on Zoom, it should be an ideal time to gather the family pet for Fr. Phil to bless at 12:15 p.m. on the same Zoom session. Zoom instructions will be sent the morning of July 26.

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