



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

You Are Welcome Here

PARISH PROFILE



OUR MISSION:

Sing Out for joy,
Find Out about a life of faith,
Cry Out among friends,
Burst Out Laughing and
Reach Out to those in need.

OUR PARISH

We at St. Stephen's are blessed to have a committed and capable lay leadership and a strong passionate lay pastoral care team. While we span the spectrum from liberal to conservative, we think of ourselves as progressive and forward looking in our thinking and mission.

We feel compassionate to others with a passion for outreach work. We see a phenomenal opportunity for bringing people closer to God

and into his service. But to reach our potential, we know we have to do things differently. We have already begun re-inventing our ministries. We are working on how best to invite, welcome and connect with the seekers of "something more in their lives."

OUR STORY

On Advent Sunday in 1956, a small group met at a home in Bloomfield Hills to discuss the establishment of an Episcopal mission. On a glorious Palm Sunday morning in 1961, the congregation marched the quarter-mile to their new church.

Our initial mission created by the founders of St. Stephen's continues to be carried on by today's families of St. Stephen's: a vital, warm, and giving parish. **Together They Did... Together We Will.**

As a congregation our commitment to our Mission remains strong. Despite the limited in-person worship, mission work and socializing last year, our pledges for 2021 were almost 20% higher than 2020. Our 2021 Operating Budget projects revenues of over \$300,000 and a \$20,000 surplus. Coupled with a Mission Development Fund of over \$100,000, over \$115,000 in designated funds and an Endowment Fund of about \$190,000, we are in a sound financial position.



OUR PASTORAL GUIDE

If your leadership style is reflective of a shepherd guiding talented, motivated lay leaders then you might be interested in St. Stephen's. We are looking for a compassionate and caring pastoral leader who is forward thinking about mission and ministries. We seek a close relationship with our priest and want a priest seeking the same. We seek someone warm hearted, open and friendly. A pastoral leader who is comfortable with people of all ages, encouraging diversity and wanting to engage and be involved in the local community.



OUR COMMUNITY

We are located in Troy, Michigan, a northern suburb of metro Detroit. Troy is recognized for its excellent quality of life. Wall Street named Troy as the 7th best city to live in the U.S. and best place to live in Michigan. The Troy School District is A+ rated and recognized nationally for excellence. Troy has unsurpassed city services, a #1 safest city in Michigan ranking, and one of the lowest tax rates in Oakland County.

More about Troy, Michigan at: <https://troy-mi.gov/community/index.php>

OUR DIOCESE

The diocese consists of about 75 congregations in the southeastern region of Michigan, comprising of over 17,000 baptized members. We are organized into seven deaneries, which provide local organization and collaboration for our congregations.

For more information go to <https://www.edomi.org/about/>

For more information about this position, please contact Rev. Ellen Ekevag, the Diocesan Transition Minister at: eekevag@edomi.org or 630-258-8882



CONNECTIONS

Our website: <http://www.ststephenstroy.org/>

2020 Annual Report & 2021 Budget: found on our website, under "SST Vestry"

Our Social Media links:

Weekly Services Livestreamed on YouTube:

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEPVOnvW2OcyxgDtmTgekA>

Public Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ststephensepiscopaltroy>

Private Facebook Group with over 150 members: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123266057767849>

Instagram Page: <https://www.instagram.com/ststephenstroy/>

Pinterest Account: https://www.pinterest.com/ststephensepiscopaltroy/_saved/