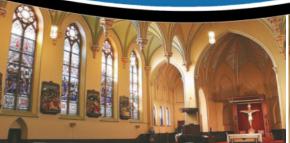
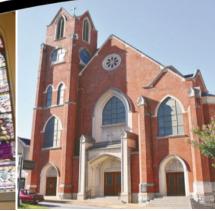


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January 1 2024 — Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Holy Family celebrated at 11:30 Mass)

MASS SCHEDULE

5:30 PM SAT. VIGIL English Mass (spoken)

7:00 AM SUN. Spanish Mass (spoken) 9:00 AM SUN. English Mass (sung)

11:30 AM SUN. Missa Cantata in Latin (sung)

1:30 PM SUN. Spanish Mass (sung)
7 AM WED & FRI English Mass (spoken)
12 PM MON-FRI English Mass (spoken)

♦ Church open 7:30 am-5:30 pm daily

♦ Morning Prayer 7:30 am Wed. & Fri.

♦ Vespers 5pm Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri

♦ Nursery open 8:45am - 12:45pm Sun. (as staff are available)

♦ Our sung Masses often include incense.

♦ The Missa Cantata is celebrated *ad orientem*, whereby the priest and people together face *liturgical east*, the symbol of the Church awaiting Christ's return in glory.



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Access the Basilica's **FORMED** Catholic media subscription on our website or at **stspeterandpaulbasilica.formed.org**.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 1st Friday and Lenten Fridays following the noon Mass to 5:30 pm and 9 pm - 7 am

Baptisms: Saturdays 10:30 am, contact the parish office **Confessions:** 30 min. before each Mass except 7 am

Marriages: Contact the parish office at least 4 months in advance

RCIA: Sun. 10:15-11:15 am Dan Pacitti rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com

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Youth Ministry: admin@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com

Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan 6	5:30pm Carol Dale
Sun. Jan 7	7:00am People of the Parish
	9:00am 🕏 Rick Zeisig
	11:30am 🕆 Kristi Sahm
	1:30pm 🌣 Mary Alice Flores Vera
Mon. Jan 8	12:00pm Healing for Sue Shramko
Tue. Jan 9	12:00pm ♥ Jeff McDaniel
Wed. Jan 10	7:00am 🕏 John, Bootie & Frank Varallo
	12:00pm The Haywood Family
Thur. Jan 11	12:00pm 🕆 James and Corinne Swanson
Fri. Jan 12	7:00am ♥ JoAnn Bonura Steiner & Charles "Buddy" Raley
	12:00pm The Lisy Family
Sat. Jan 13	5:30pm 🕆 Erma & Roy Hilgeman
Sun. Jan 14	7:00am People of the Parish
	9:00am Tokchin Kim Easter
	11:30am ♥ Josephine Rose
	1:30pm All Parish Benefactors

Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/

Mt 2:1-12

Mon: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11 Tue: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thur: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45 Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1

Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Readings for the Latin Mass: Visit missalemeum.com

Discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? Learn more at dioknox.org/vocations or call the vocations office 865-584-3307.

To Give Online stspeterandpaulbasilica.weshareonline.org OR text keyword basilica to 800-950-9952

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year-to-date 7/1/23– 12/31/23

Envelopes & Loose	269,369.00				
Online	196,720.00				
Total	466,089.00				
	932,178.00				
YTD Funds Required	513,945.00				
	-47,856.00				
Year-to-Date Variance	e -47,830.00				

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Donations may be made on Weshare or sent to the parish office.

January 7: Haiti Collection

January 23: Church in Latin America

Haiti Special Projects (ongoing—turn in envelope any day)

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish, especially: Trudy Blake Medley, Brian Blatchford, Keely Briggs, Joyce Ann Campbell, Christina Cone, Jim Cooper, Morgan Cordell, Marion Davis, Geraldine DeBoer, Madeline Eve Doyal, Laura Duford, Jay and Omar Duggan, Lynn Elverd, Ryan Elverd, Rosie Exum, Sherri Fava, Richard Fleming, Lori Fountain, Mark Gerry, Fr. Bertin Glennon, James Virgil & Johnnie Gomez, Eva Goza, Carlos Guerra, John Hilgeman, John Holland, Jr., Jacob Holub, Ann Hunter, Jesse Hurst & Family, Alexis Ippolito, Charles Johnson, Charles Jones, Reginald Kimbell, Jackey King, Haylee Kirchner, Zoann Manners, Jason McCulley, Simon Anthony Moss, Cate Mueller, Denise Nelligan, Jim Oakes, Powell Partridge, Toni Powell, Christopher Prince, Charlene Reynolds, Jan Rodriguez, Cardinal Rigali, Pam Rudd, Kimberly Russell, Daniel Sharkey, Joseph Shramko, Sue Shramko, Joan Spears, Jim Stewart, John Anthony Street, Jeff Terrell, Andrea & Brian Tierney, Kristen Turner, Marie Turner, Frank & Jerry Villegas, Elizabeth Wilhoit, James Waters, Jim & Barbara Wright, Nicole & baby Nalayva Wright Visit our Pray for Us page to learn of some of their needs.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

<u>Safe Haven Certification Required for Basilica Volunteers</u> In order to be allowed to volunteer in any capacity, adults age 18+ must be certified under the Diocese of Knoxville's "Safe Haven" program. Access the online training from the Diocese menu of our parish website.

Children must be accompanied by a PARENT or ADULT guardian at all times while on the Basilica campus. This includes every visit to the restroom, the nursery, the parking lot, the sidewalk, and even walking to class and leaving class.

Mass Attendance	<u>5:30</u>	<u>7:00</u>	9:00	11:30	1:30	<u>Total</u>		
Dec. 23-24, 2023	263	331	241	264	245	1344		
Dec. 30-31, 2023	103	323	320	333	474	1553		
Christmas 5:30pm Vigil: 604 12am: 408, 10am: 237, 12pm: 388, Total: 1637								

Under One Roof Campaign

Total Pledged: \$1.94 million Total Received: \$1,658,132 (86%)

Please contact the parish office if you would like to pledge. We encourage you to set up Online Giving for your recurring donations.

God, our Father, our ancestors in the faith built this beautiful edifice that You might be worshiped here with dignity and reverence, that Your children might have a shelter from the storms of this world, and that it might be a refuge for sinners and the lost who come under its protection. We are now called to continue our mission to proclaim Jesus Christ the font of all Truth, Beauty, and Goodness and to bring all the nations under the one roof of Your Church. May our goal of preserving this Basilica be realized through the generosity of this present generation and make it a lasting legacy, so that our children's children may continue to be united Under One Roof in our Catholic faith, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,

forever and ever. Amen.

PAID PARKING AT ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

We are doing a trial of offering paid parking to the public at All Saints Academy, to see if it is a good use of our property. If you park there to attend Mass or another Basilica event, you will not have to pay during the event. However, you will need to immediately validate your parking at the Basilica with your smartphone by taking a picture of the QR code displayed at each entrance of our buildings, and enter your license plate number and phone number. Note that on evenings and weekends, you may park in the UTC lot or at the Carnegie building with no validation required. See the Parking Map on our website for details.

Father Ryan: A Higher Call DVD, Medals, Mugs, Pens and Pencils are available in our Gift Shop and Parish Office. Your donations for these items go toward his Cause for Sainthood.

CATHOLIC MOTHERHOOD

LADIES NIGHT at Shannon Hinson's Sunday, January 13 at 5:30pm

Mothers of all ages are invited to join us in front of the fire! There will be appetizers, wine, and hot chocolate. 39 Brown Rd., Rossville, GA 30741. As you come up the driveway, stay left at the split, and look for the older farm house next to the red barn. RSVP 423-991-8352.

Join Our Email and Google Chat!

Visit the **Catholic Motherhood** page on the Basilica website to participate in our meal trains, prayer intentions, and more, and contact basilicamotherhood@gmail.com to be added to the list. Download the Google Chat app and send your email address to basilicamotherhood@gmail.com

Reception Ministry Recruiting Volunteers!

We host parish dinners, receptions after funerals, Confirmation, concerts, and more. We need help planning, cook, serving, and cleaning. But we also just need donations of food and drink for each event. It is not expected for everyone to help every time. Contact Florence Porter flomporter@yahoo.com to join!

The Ombrellino Gift Shop open Sundays between the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses! We would like to train volunteers so that we can open the store more often. Please contact the gift shop and take the Safe Haven training available via our website.

Email: giftshop@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com.

ASSISTED HEARING at Mass available!

We now have assisted hearing devices available in the vestibule, and a WiFi system, that broadcasts pristine sound to smartphones with the "Listen Everywhere" app. Instructions are in the vestibule and on our website. Look for the

"Assistive Listening" display. Contact Marc Aramian, marc@aramian.com, for further information, tech support, and volunteer opportunities.

<u>The Deacon's Table Adult Bible Study</u> <u>discussing and learning about All Things Catholic</u> Sundays from 10:15-11:15am in the Dcn. Tom McConnell

Room at the back of Varallo Hall. See The Deacon's Table page on our website or contact Brenda at brendahartmcconnell@gmail.com

MARRIED AND ENGAGED MINISTRY—All ages welcome!

Join the "Basilica Married and Engaged Ministry" group on

Facebook to keep up with events. For info, email

birdkatiec@gmail.com; or amelia.smith4815@gmail.com.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

- ADOPTION Services now offered by Catholic Charities of East TN! Visit https://ccetn.org/adoption-services for info.
- Please join in support of our pro-life efforts by praying the prayers on the Pro-Life Ministry page of our website.

Our St. Mary Magdalene Bereavement Ministry provides accompaniment to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Our grief support program includes prayer partners, and coping resources. To learn more, visit our website or contact the parish office.

"Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul (TN) - Buy Nothing Group" on Facebook - Parishioners are encouraged to join and post items or services to give away/receive for free providing a convenient channel for practicing charity and solidarity within the Basilica community. https://www.facebook.com/groups/2513393815633781

HIRING Head of School for Notre Dame High School Start Date: July 1, 2024

The Diocese of Knoxville is seeking a new Head of School for Notre Dame High School located in Chattanooga, TN. We are committed to providing a supportive learning environment for our students rooted in the love of Christ. Job Description: The Head of School will serve and be responsible for the operational vitality of the school, including advancement, enrollment, marketing, finances, and future projects. This position will lead and articulate the school's mission and vision, create and implement strategic plans, and build and nurture relationships on and off campus. The position bears the responsibility for fostering and being a proponent of Catholic identity. Please submit cover letter and resume to Jennifer Mills jmills@dioknox.org and visit myndhs.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive January 20-21

St. Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic ministry that promotes the spiritual growth of its members through service to the poor. Call 423-463-8324 to become a trained volunteer. Their food pantry at OLPH is always in need of restocking. Most needed items TBA.

Place food items in our Basilica vestibule.

Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery

Where will your mortal remains will lie until the day when Christ comes again and our bodies are raised? You are invited to consider purchasing a plot or a niche at **Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery** alongside generations of Chattanooga Catholics. Visit <u>mountolivet.net</u> and call David Hale at (423) 622-0728 for more information.

WAYS TO GIVE AND RECEIVE HELP

- CHATT Foundation serve meals or get help 423-756-4222.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society get help/donate 423-999-6332.
- Ladies of Charity call 423-622-3222 to get help/donate.
- <u>St. Alexius Outreach Ministries</u> serves seniors in isolation. Give/receive help: 423-755-3446 or stalexiusoutreach.org
- Chattanooga Food Bank: visit ChattFoodBank.org.
- Pregnancy Help Center: call 423-826-0673 to volunteer.
- <u>Catholic Charities of East TN</u> offers "Telehealth" online counseling for mental health at counseling@ccetn.org.
- <u>Chattanooga Workforce Development</u> Employment, training, education, & social services. Submit request at wfdchatt.org or wfd@chattanooga.gov or 770-548-5997.
- <u>Meals on Wheels and MY Ride for seniors/disabled</u>—To volunteer, contact Janet Sullivan, 423-424-4286 or jsullivan@sedev.org. To get help, visit setaaad.org/www
- <u>Paid Job Training for People 55+</u> Call 423-629-2501 x3130 Kimberly Crider; offered by Goodwill Industries.
- RiseUP Cooperative works to engage and equip teens
 and young adults, all over the Chattanooga area, with life
 & leadership workshops. There are many ways to support
 RiseUP and the youth they serve riseupcooperative.org
- Volunteers in Medicine primary care clinic for the needy; apply at vim-chatt.org.

Confirmation for Adult Catholics

While we have no bishop, pastors have received permission to confirm baptized Catholic adults. See our website under Sacraments, Confirmation, and contact the parish office.

Religious Education Age 3 – Grade 12 Register now on our website.

Sundays 10:15-11:15am during the school year. (Waiting list for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds)

Class attendance required for 1st Holy Communion (2nd grade) & Confirmation (6th grade), encouraged for all grades. Contact Florence Porter dre@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com

2023 State of the Parish Address

Fr. Carter delivered his annual State of the Parish Address on Nov. 15. It is available on our website, YouTube, and Facebook page.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA & Mystagogia)

- If you are interested in **learning more about the Catholic Faith** (whether you're already Catholic or not!) or know someone who is, please contact Dan Pacitti to discuss.
- **Registration is open on our website.** Classes are 10:15-11:15am Sundays. Newcomers are welcome.
- **Mystagogia Classes** meet Wednesdays 7pm in the RE building. Next session will begin January 10.
- RCIA needs volunteers! If you are interested in assisting RCIA as a sponsor, presenting topics, or providing prayer/ worship aids, please contact Dan Pacitti.

Contact Dan Pacitti: rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com 865-335-3076

Forever Young Catholics (age 40+) Upcoming Events

PIZZA & GAME NIGHT

Sat., January 20 at 6:30pm in Varallo Parish Hall

 2nd Wed. Book Club 7-9pm at the Fishers' - The Gospel of Mark. 4th Wed. Book Club 7-8:30pm at Dcn. Gaspar's—"The Imitation of Christ"

RSVP for all events to Todd Kyle: foreveryoungSPP@gmail.com Find out more on stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/forever-young, and join the Forever Young Catholics Facebook Group.

YOUNG ADULTS — Catholic Chatt

If you're a young person looking for community and friendships, Catholic Chatt is a place for young adults ages 18-39 to grow in faith, support each other, and build Catholic community in Chattanooga. We plan hiking, game nights, socials, bonfires and more throughout the year and would love for you to join us. Sign up for event alerts at CatholicChatt.com

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Downtown Youth Ministry w/Fr. Carter (6th-12th graders)
Wed., Jan. 24 6-8pm at the Basilica (meet in Varallo Hall)

Sts. Peter and Paul 8th-12th graders join St. Jude Youth Group Sundays 6:30 to 8pm at St. Jude

929 Ashland Terrace, Hixson, TN 37415 (back entrance)
Regular meetings resume Jan. 7 & Jan. 21 (No meetings Jan.
14 or 28 due to SEARCH retreats.)

Register for Youth Group on our Basilica website to stay informed, and contact admin@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com.

BASILICA PARISH POTLUCKS

Sun. Jan. 7 2-7pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall (313 Sylvan St.)—Bring a dish to share.

See the myParish app or text Jonah 423-424-8616 to confirm address.

Calling Women for the Seven Sisters Apostolate

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call for women to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ. The Holy Hour can be before any Tabernacle for a set day of each week, for one year.

To find out more, visit sevensistersapostolate.org and contact Melissa Wexler: 706-537-8742 wexwoman@hotmail.com

<u>Featured Relics from the Basilica's Collection</u>
Relics displayed on our Mary and St. Joseph Altars are rotated to coincide with the feast days of the saints.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The concluding feast of the Christmas season

Monday, January 8, 2024—Sung Mass in English at 12pm

Chalking of the Door: A House Blessing at Epiphany

The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to Sunday. It is traditional for parish priests to bless chalk for parish families so that they may mark the names of the three Magi over their doors, in the blessing of homes as a witness of their faith and protection against evil.

We invite you to adopt this custom in your family. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, for example:

20 + C + M + B + 24. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and the last two digit number represents the year (20 _ _).



Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 24 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and eighteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."



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