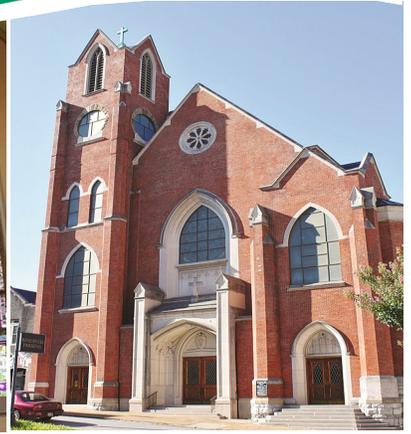
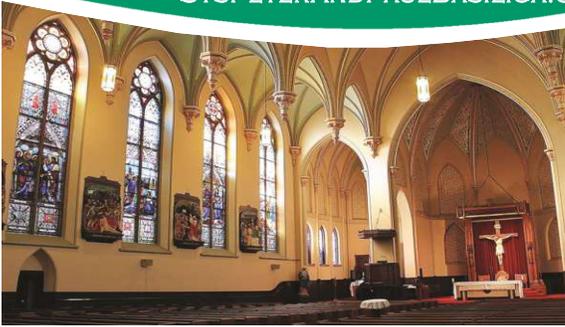




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January 25, 2026 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
- ◆ Vespers 5pm Mon-Fri
- ◆ Nursery open 8:45am - 12:45pm Sun. (as staff are available)
- ◆ All Masses celebrated according to the 2002 Roman Missal.
- ◆ 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.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of love and mercy,
raise up holy priests after Your Own Heart:
humble, pure, and consumed with zeal for souls.
Draw young men to Yourself and enflame their hearts
with desire to make You known through Word and
Sacrament, both in times of tranquility and tribulation.
O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we trust in You.

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Also, "like" us on **Facebook** to see what is happening!

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
- Becoming Catholic (RCIA/OCIA): Inquiry & classes**
Dan Pacitti rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com (contact via website)
- Confessions:** 30 min. before each Mass except 7 am
- Marriages:** Contact the parish office at least 4 months in advance
- Religious Education:** Sundays 10:15-11:15 am
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CATHOLIC MOTHERHOOD

Mom's Swap Sat Feb. 7 10am-12pm at St. Elizabeth Seton, 150 Oxford Dr., Dayton, TN - women's/children's clothing, toys, & household items

[Join Our Email and Google Chat!](#)

Visit the **Catholic Motherhood** page on the Basilica website email basilicamotherhood@gmail.com to be added to the newsletter and/or Google Chat and for event details.

Adult Faith Formation

Book Club studying "Life of Christ" by: Fulton Sheen

Tuesdays 6-8pm or Wednesdays 9-11am

Contact Barb Kaine to sign up: bnbkaine@gmail.com
Both groups meeting in the St. Dominic Building.

The Deacon's Table/All Things Catholic

We will begin studying *The Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant*, by Ascension Press, Jan. 11, 2026

Sundays 10:15-11:15am in the McConnell Room at the back of Varallo Hall. See The Deacon's Table page on our website or contact Brenda: brendahartmcconnell@gmail.com

The Basilica's new **Servant of God Library** for adults is open with books ranging from Theology to Fiction. The library is at the end of the hallway by the elevators. Checkout info is posted in the library.

Men's Inter-Parish Bible Study

Fridays 6:30pm at St. Jude Library. Men of Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Jude, currently discussing apologetics. Contact Michael Tabb at mhtabb.6@gmail.com or text (423) 316-8817

Vocation Ministry at the Basilica

The Vocation Ministry has started with parish-wide prayer for an increase in priestly vocations. The new prayer is on the front of the bulletin and on the Mass Schedule & Prayer page of the website. **Please take a prayer card home with you, and bring it to Mass to pray.** If you are interested in volunteering, contact the parish office.

stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/vocations

The Bishop's Appeal In-Pew Commitment Weekend

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Bishop's Appeal for Ministries information that you received with your bulletin. As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Bishop's Appeal for Ministries, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Diocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you. Each donation makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they fund a significant portion of the work of our Diocese. If you received a letter in the mail and have not sent it in, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew commitment process at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Pro-Life Ministry

- **CHATTANOOGA MARCH FOR LIFE : Sat. Jan 31 at Coolidge Park—Walker Pavillion 11:15am Exhibition; 12:pm Rally; 1pm Walk.** Sponsored by Greater Chattanooga Right to Life.
- **PREGNANCY ULTRASOUND MOBILE UNIT — free tests, counseling, resources offered the 2nd Tue. of the month Feb 10 at St. Stephen's Church front parking lot (7111 Lee Hwy) and 3rd Thur. of the month Feb. 19 at Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in the Cumberland Title & Guaranty parking lot.** Contact pregnancyhelp@ccetn.org or 865-864-3002 for appointments and visit ccetn.org/pregnancy-help.org
- **ADOPTION Services** now offered by Catholic Charities of East TN! Visit alovingoptionadoption.org for info.
- **Sign the petition to defend the Human Life Protection Act** https://www.tnrtl.org/hlpa_petition (on Basilica Pro-Life page)
- Please join in support of our pro-life efforts by praying the prayers on the Pro-Life Ministry page of our website.

"Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul (TN) - Buy Nothing Group"
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2513393815633781>— Parishioners may join to post items or services to give away/receive for free.

Study is a work of prayer. Saint Meinrad Graduate Theology Program Open House, Feb 14–15. Tour campus, attend class, liturgy, meet professors & students. Learn more about our offerings & register at saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse. All are welcome.

MADE FOR MORE

Wed. March 4 7-9:30pm at Notre Dame High School

Brought to you by Our Lady of Perpetual Help, The Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul, and The Theology of The Body Institute World renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to Notre Dame High School with a beautiful multimedia event called MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND. Bring family and friends, age 16 and up recommended. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event! For more information and to purchase your tickets, go to <https://aftontickets.com/m4mchattanooga>.

Contact: Conor Martin - martinc@myndhs.com
Limited tickets available at the parish office, \$25!

St. Vincent de Paul FOOD DRIVE — January 24 & 25

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. Please check expiration dates. **DO NOT BRING EXPIRED FOOD!**

Most needed food items are: Cereal, Jelly, Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce, rice packets, shelf stable milk, and canned chicken Please place food items

Basilica Vestibule Scan QR code to donate!



Struggling with Same-Sex Attraction? Courage International is a Catholic apostolate that helps men and women who experience same-sex attractions to strive for chastity. **Encourage** is for family and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ, who are looking for help to keep the faith and keep their family bonds intact. Visit couragec.org

WAYS TO GIVE AND RECEIVE HELP

- **Counseling** - stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/counseling has a list of local and online resources
- **CHATT Foundation** serve meals or get help 423-756-4222.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** get help/donate 423-999-6332.
- **Ladies of Charity** 423-660-0837 to get help/volunteer/give
- **St. Alexius Outreach Ministries** 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.
- **Chattanooga Workforce Development** - Employment, training, education, & social services. Submit request at wfdchatt.org or wfd@chattanooga.gov or 770-548-5997.
- **Meals on Wheels and MY Ride for seniors/disabled**—To volunteer, contact Janet Sullivan, 423-424-4286 or jsullivan@sedev.org. To get help, visit setaad.org/www
- **Paid Job Training for People 55+** 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.
- **ABIDE** - Respite care for people with dementia, to help their caregivers. Call 423-756-2021 x3108 to participate/volunteer. Visit firstcentenary.com/abide

Revitalizing our Community Outreach!

We are revitalizing our Community Outreach Ministry and have appointed a new coordinator, Cathy Palisoc. Email cathy.palisoc@gmail.com to be a part of our team to help the poor. More information will be forthcoming.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA/OCIA)

- If you are interested in **learning more about the Catholic Faith**, please submit an inquiry on our Becoming Catholic page: stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/becoming-catholic-rcia
- **Registration is open on our website**. Classes are 10:15-11:15am Sundays. **Inquiry classes are year-round**.
- **Inquiry & OCIA classes in session, Sundays 10:15-11:15** in Varallo Parish Hall
- **Candidacy Classes** for those baptized, catechized, and evangelized Wednesdays 7pm in the RE building. Next session begins May 20, 2026.
- **OCIA needs sponsors!** If you are interested in assisting OCIA as a sponsor, presenter, or other help, please contact Dan Pacitti. rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com 865-335-3076

Religious Education Age 3 – Grade 12

Register on our website.

Classes are Sundays 10:15-11:15am

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

Forever Young Catholics (age 40+) Upcoming Events

- **Game Night Fri. Feb. 20 7pm at the St. Jude PLC**—with the Spiritual Adventurers of St. Jude; bring game and soup/salad
- **Email Bob Mikulka at foreveryoungcatholics@gmail.com** to receive emails and RSVP for events. Visit stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/forever-young.
- **BOOK CLUB** normally 2nd Wednesdays 6:15-8pm at the Swineys' house. We are reading *The Gospel According to Saint Luke* by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch

Adventurous Catholics

HIKES/WALKS & SERVICE Monday walks / Tuesday feed the homeless, Saturday hikes. Special activities each month. Email AdventurousCatholics@gmail.com for announcements.

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 across Chattanooga. We plan faith formation, hikes, game nights, bonfires, and more, and we would love for you to join us. Sign up for event alerts at CatholicChatt.com

- **"Be More Human: Christianity and Artificial Intelligence"**

Talk by Laura McCarty - Jan. 30 7pm in Varallo Hall

- **Guys Nights Mondays 7pm** contact Jonah 423-424-8618

- **Women's Small Group Weds 7pm** contact Laura 865-556-9663

COLLEGE STUDENTS – Catholic Center at UTC

A place for college students to hang out, find community, attend Bible studies, and other activities during the semester.

Sun/Wed 6pm confessions, 6:30pm Mass, & 7:30 free dinner

Visit utccatholic.com and talk to our FOCUS missionaries

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Downtown Disciples Youth Ministry for 6th-12th grade

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm in Varallo Parish Hall

Games, snacks, faith formation, prayer, & fellowship

SEARCH Retreat for 11th & 12th Graders Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2026

(registration link on Youth Group page)

stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/youth-group

Register for Youth Group and contact matthew.h.givens@gmail.com

Confirmation for Adult Catholics

Contact the parish office to discuss the process.

First Friday Adoration with Exposition on February 6

After the 12pm Mass until Benediction at 5:30pm. Adoration will resume through the night from **9pm Friday—7am Sat.**

Help with Scrupulosity

Scrupulosity is the habit of imagining sin where none exists, or grave sin where the matter is venial. Our Basilica priests recommend some resources to help address scrupulosity: stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/confession (scroll to the bottom)

Update on Proposed 12-Story Building to Overshadow the Basilica

At the Hamilton County Planning Commission meeting on Jan. 12, the Commission recommended that the 12-story rezoning of Patten Parkway be denied. The rezoning request now moves to the Chattanooga City Council to consider. **Meanwhile, we are in dialogue with the developer to work out a resolution that would benefit all parties.**



You may voice your concerns to the City Council (423-643-7170 or Council-Clerk@chattanooga.gov), sign and share our online petition, and attend the public hearing (date TBA) at the Chattanooga City Council, 1000 Lindsay St, Chattanooga, TN 37402.

SIGN the PETITION at stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/petition - or on paper

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father daughter dance
February 7

Father Daughter Dance
Sat. Feb. 7 6:30pm

Volunteers Needed

Contact Danielle
Stradley at
mrszapatos@hotmail.com
if you can help with
planning. Everyone can
help with providing
desserts, etc as well.

Winter Blanket Club Meeting

Non-members Welcome to attend

February 7th 12-130pm

Varallo Parish Hall



Light refreshments will be offered Please bring finished blankets to the meeting

Email Us For Info:
basilicablanketsforlife@yahoo.com

Faith and Forgiveness

CCW Lenten Retreat

February 7th 2026

8:00am-12:30pm
Potluck Breakfast
Limited Spacing



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