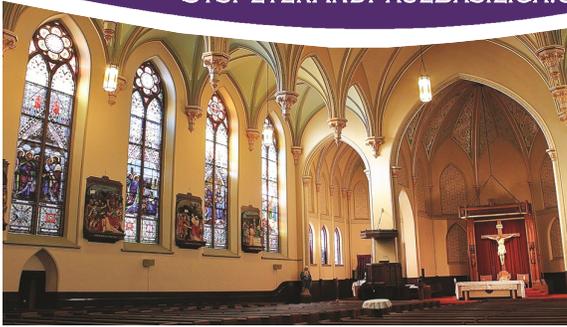




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February 22, 2026 — First Sunday of Lent

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 Sun 7am-3pm, Mon-Thurs 7:30am-4pm, Fri 7:30am-5:30pm, Sat 10am-6:30pm
- ♦ Vespers 5pm Fridays
- ♦ Nursery open 8:45am - 12:45pm Sun. (as staff are available)
- ♦ All Masses celebrated according to the 2002 Roman Missal.
- ♦ Mass is celebrated *ad orientem*, whereby the priest and people together face liturgical east, the symbol of the Church waiting 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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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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- Youth Ministry:** Matt Givens matthew.h.givens@gmail.com

CATHOLIC MOTHERHOOD

Tue. Feb. 24 10am-12pm Rosary Craft hosted by Katelyn Munsey. RSVP 865-722-1588

[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 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

Studying The Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant, by Ascension Press. **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.

stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/vocations

"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.

Coffee Bar Sunday, March 1 10am-11:30am

Please join us on the rectory lawn (weather permitting) for a coffee bar from **10am-11:30am**. Get to know members of the parish and enjoy a cup. You get to decide the price. Donations go to fund the next coffee event to make available for all to enjoy, payable by cash, venmo, paypal, and cash app. We have coffee, teas, hot chocolate, treats, and more, including decaf coffee! Hope to see you!

Retrouvaille: a Lifeline for Marriages

You Can Help Your Marriage -25% of couples surveyed say they are happily married. For everyone else, there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have just stopped talking? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages. For confidential info/to register for the next program weekend in Nashville, TN March 6-8, contact: 931-820-2115, 3043@helpourmarriage.org, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

LENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Adoration** Fridays of Lent 12:30-5:30pm and 9pm-7am
- **Stations of the Cross** Fridays after 5:30pm Benediction
- **Fish Fry** Fridays 6-8pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall 313 Sylvan St.
- **PENANCE SERVICES**

Thu Feb 23	7:00pm	St. Augustine, Signal Mountain
Thu Feb 26	7:00pm	St. Thèrèse of Lisieux, Cleveland
Mon March 2	6:30pm	The Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul
Tue March 3	6:45pm	OLPH, Chattanooga
Wed March 4	7:00pm	Holy Spirit, Soddy-Daisy
Thu March 5	6:30pm	St. Bridget, Dayton
Tue March 10	7:00pm	St. Jude, Chattanooga
Thu March 12	6:30pm	St. Mary, Athens
Mon March 16	6:00pm	St. Stephen, Chattanooga
Tue March 17	6pm CT	Our Lady of Lourdes, South Pittsburgh
Tue March 24	6pm CT	Shepherd of the Valley, Dunlap
- **Lenten Mission** — "Made for More" Mar 4 7pm (adults & 16+)
- **Perpetual Food Drive:** for Ladies of Charities thru 3/8; for Chattanooga Food Bank thru 3/29
- **Ember Days**—fast & pray for vocations : Feb. 25, 27, 28

St. Veronica Ministry for Girls

Sat. March 7 3-5pm in Varallo Parish Hall

Girls ages 4th grade through high school are invited to join our new **St. Veronica Ministry**, to learn about the things used during the liturgy and assist the ladies of our St. Martha Altar Ministry. **Our Lent meeting will be Sat. March 7 3-5pm in Varallo Parish Hall, to learn sewing and ironing.** Contact Florence Porter at dre@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com

Pro-Life Ministry

- **Chattanooga March for Life RESCHEDULED to Sat. March 14 at The Walker Pavilion in Coolidge Park (doors open 11:30am, program at 12:15, walk at 1pm)**
- **PREGNANCY ULTRASOUND MOBILE UNIT** —free tests, counseling, resources offered 10am-3pm on the **1st and 3rd Thursday each month** at St. Stephen's Church (7111 Lee Hwy) and **2nd & 4th Thursday each month** at Ladies of Charity Thrift Store Rossville Blvd. Contact pregnancyhelp@ccetn.org or 865-864-3002 for appointments and visit ccetn.org/pregnancy-help.org
Volunteers needed: Use contact info above to inquire.
- **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.

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

LENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Perpetual Food Drive—When you shop, think of the poor**
Feb. 16–Mar. 8: For the benefit of Ladies of Charity:
To-go food items such as fruit cups, cans with a pull top, and other non-perishable foods that people without a kitchen could eat picnic-style.
- **Volunteer at Ladies of Charity Thrift Shop during Lent.**
Email foreveryoungcatholics@gmail.com to sign up.

MORE 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

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

Confirmation for Adult Catholics

Contact the parish office to discuss the process.

Forever Young Catholics (age 40+) Upcoming Events

- We are signing up 5-person teams to **volunteer at Ladies of Charity Thrift shop during Lent.** See available shifts on our website.
- **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

- **Feb. 23 6:30 | Game Night @ K of C hall (313 Sylan St.)**
- **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

MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT – Wed. Feb. 25—early 6pm start
time to watch "Jesus of Nazareth"

SUMMER Diocese-sponsored youth events now on our website!
stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/youth-group
Register for Youth Group and contact matthew.h.givens@gmail.com

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

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)

Pray Chattanooga and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville Commission on Ecumenism Present:

CATHOLIC & PROTESTANT

Dialogue

Monday, March 9th
Topic: Marriage & Celibacy

6:30 PM
DOORS OPEN
7:00 PM
DIALOGUE STARTS

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CHATTANOOGA MARCH FOR LIFE

NEW DATE: MARCH 14

LOCATION: COOLIDGE PARK - WALKER PAVILION

SCHEDULE

11:15AM: Doors Open 3:00 PM: Memorial Ceremony
12:00PM: Rally Begins at the National Memorial for
1:00PM: Walk Begins the Unborn (6230 Vance Rd)

SPEAKER

Gregory Mayo is the award-winning author of "Almost Daddy: The Forgotten Story" and has spent years speaking to groups around the country about recovery, authentic masculinity, men and abortion and reclaiming authentic relationship with God.



LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays 6:15pm - 8:00pm
313 Sylvan Street

-After 3:30pm Stations of the Cross at The Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul-

Join us for fresh fish filets, seasoned and fried to golden perfection, and served with a side of southern-style green beans, crispy french fries or homemade mac & cheese. Salad, quesadillas, and adult beverages will also be available. All proceeds benefit the charitable efforts of KofC Council 610.



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