



May 2026: Discernment and the Great Outdoors

Check out what's going on in Catholic Chatt this month, and how to get involved!

A few reminders:

- Our **Google Chat** channels include 'Main Space', 'Women', and 'Guys Night': if you need to be added to any of these channels, contact Laura (865) 556-9663
- Connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), in addition to **Google Chat**! We regularly update these platforms with the latest Catholic Chatt events, and we want to keep you in the loop!
- To support Catholic Chatt's events and fellowship through a donation, click [here](#)!
- If you have an event that you want to host or plan for Catholic Chatt, contact Jonah at (423) 424-8618 or Laura (865) 556-9663

Fellowship: Upcoming Events



April 25th @ 6:30 pm | Catholic Chatt PowerPoint Night: Got a favorite pastime, niche obsession, or a deep dive you're wanting to tell people about? This is your moment.

Join us for **PowerPoint Night at St. Jude's parish hall**, where anyone can present on literally anything (appropriate) from oddly specific hobbies to passionately defended rankings. Each presenter gets 7 minutes to share their topic using a PowerPoint (or equivalent), and then we move on to the next presenter!

Snack food (pizza rolls, bagel bites, taquitos, etc.) will be provided!

Come to present or just watch! [Click here](#) to sign up to present a PowerPoint!



May 3rd @ 3:30-5 pm | Vocations Panel: Are you asking God what He desires for your life, or seeking encouragement in your vocation? Join Catholic Chatt in the **Basilica's parish hall** for an afternoon of vocational testimonies and Q&A with representation from religious, married, and single states of life. Come with your questions and an open heart!



May 15-16th | Savage Gulf Campout and Hike: Catholic Chatt will camp overnight on Friday at the Savage Station group campsite, and then hike to Savage Falls at 10 am the next morning before packing up to depart! Everyone is welcome to join the Saturday 10 am hike, even if they didn't camp the night before: since there isn't cell service in the woods, **RSVP to Laura by noon on Friday the 15th** so she knows to wait for you (865)-556-9663. Hope to see everyone there!



Guys Night | Tuesdays @ 7pm: This weekly men's group meets in downtown Chattanooga, and includes ongoing prayer, social, and formation/Bible study events. Want to come? Contact Jonah at (423) 424-8618



Women's Small Group | Wednesdays @ 7 pm: We have a weekly women's small group that meets downtown that will be continuing our series on Women of the Faith during April and May. If you are interested in joining our women's small group, please let Libby know at (616) 485-3961

Community Events:



May 31st @ 5-6 pm | Basilica Choral and Organ Concert: The Basilica's Gloria Dei Schola will be presenting a concert of sacred music including choral pieces, vocal and instrumental solos, and organ performances. Join in for an evening of beautiful music shared for the glory of God!



May 18th @ 6 pm | Nerd Night with Father Andrew: Join in for fun and fellowship over board games, hosted by Father Andrew in Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Parish Life Center every 3rd Monday of the month. Bring a board game and some friends to share the fun!



First Tuesday of Each Month | Theology on Tap at OLPH: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish hosts Theology on Tap at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise indicated). Check out their [Facebook page](#) to stay up to date on their monthly topics!

From Our Leaders:

Friends, May brings lots of comings and goings, and sometimes the goings can be difficult to bear. But in remembering that God draws people in and out of our lives in His own timing, and to His greater glory, we can reflect on these beautiful words from Chiara Lubich:

“God was like the sun. And a ray of this sun was reaching out to each one of us, the divine will for me, for my friends, for everyone. There is a single sun, different rays, but always ‘rays of sun’. A single will of God different for each person, but always will of God. Our task was to walk within our ray without ever departing from it. And we had to follow along this ray in the time that was allotted us. No wandering into the past or fantasizing about a future. It was better to abandon the past to the mercy of God, since it was no longer in our possession; and the future would only be lived once it became present.

Only the present was in our hands. And this was where we had to concentrate our mind, heart, and strength in doing the divine will, so that God would reign in our life.”

-Tyler, Jonah, Libby, and Laura



See a need? Organize a work day or volunteer day! Let us know and we can spread the word.



If you'd like to share an event going on at your local parish, we'd be happy to pass the info along. We are a city-wide group!