## ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Goal:

To Establish An Assembly Of
Believers Who Remain In The Word.
Mission Statement:

To Live And Proclaim The Good News Of Jesus Every Day. Parish Staff
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Mon. - Thurs., 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Address:

7111 Lee Hwy., Chattanooga, TN 37421

## What's Happening This Week

Saturday, November 19

\*CONFESSIONS: 4:00 - 4:50 P.M.

\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

Scapular Weekend

Sunday, November 20

**CHRIST THE KING** 

\*MASS TIMES: 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. (Live Stream)

& 1:00 P.M. español

\*ADULT ED: 2 P.M.

Scapular Weekend

Monday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

\*DAILY MASS: 8:30 A.M.

\*GAME DAY: 1 P.M. upstairs

\*DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: 3:00 P.M. in the Chapel

Tuesday, November 22

St. Cecilia

DAILY MASS: 8:30 A.M.

\*NO ADULT ED

\*CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 P.M.

Wednesday, November 23

Sts. Clement I, Columbian & Miguel Augustin Pro

\*DAILY MASS: 6:00 P.M.

\*NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Thursday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

\*OFFICE CLOSED

\*DAILY MASS: 8:30 A.M.

\*NO ADORATION

\*THANKSGIVING DINNER: 2 P.M.

Friday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

\*OFFICE CLOSED

\*COMMUNION SERVICE: 8:30 A.M.

Saturday, November 26

\*CONFESSIONS: 4:00 - 4:50 P.M.

\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, November 27

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 

\*MASS TIMES: 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. (Live Stream)

& 1:00 P.M. español
\*BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 A.M

Mass Intentions this week

Saturday, November 19 - 5:00 P.M.

+Alice Hennel & +Kenny Shelton By Jim & Liz Barham

+Nancy Kane By Don & Ruth Darragh

Sunday, November 20 - 8:30 A.M.

+Richard Abramowicz By St. Stephen Catholic Church

+Liao King Ho By The Liao Family

+Nancy Kane By Russ & Sherry Ferguson

Sunday, November 20 - 11:00 A.M.

For Respect Life from Conception to Natural Death

+Nicole Berros By Kit Scally

+Al Burzese By Clarence & Pat Bodnar

Sunday, November 20 - 1 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

Monday, November 21 - 8:30 A.M.

+Ted McDermott By Mary McDermott

Tuesday, November 22 - 8:30 A.M.

+John Maher By Cassie Groner

Wednesday, November 23 - 6:00 P.M.

+Nicole Berros By Mom & Dad

+Michael Love & Miranda Godena By Pam Love

Thursday, November 24 - 8:30 A.M.

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter & Family

Friday, November 25 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

Saturday, November 26 - 5:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Music Ministry By Rich & Karen Ryland

Sunday, November 27 - 8:30 A.M.

+Savio Fiore By The Berros Family

+Rosann Farrell By The Oasis Prayer Group

+Pete Lorino By Lorine Lorino

Sunday, November 27 - 11:00 A.M.

+James & Corinne Swanson by The Von Peters Family

+Bill Reynolds By The Dittmar Family

+Tom Langmann By Marilyn Langmann

Sunday, November 27 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members



Congratulations to the following on their Wedding Anniversary:

Glenn & Judy Perry - 49th



Altar Flowers By Manialla Singh In Memory of Iqbal Singh

Holy Famíly Flowers By
Pat Bagley
In Memory of Felícía & Elíc, Je Bozo

Praying for the Sick List

If you would like St. Stephen Catholic Church to pray for you or your family member, please call the office at 423-892-1261 X4 & we will gladly put them on our prayer list. If you see someone on the list that needs to come off the prayer list, please call the office and let us know. Prayers are a powerful thing. They really work and we as Catholics believe in "The Power of Prayer."

Please pray for our sick parishioners, relatives and friends:

Ronnie Barnes, James Bevil, Matthew Birke, Debbie Brown, Joey Chaousy, Ryan Clark, Peggy Conway, Whitten & Brenda Davis, Nancy Diwan, MacKenna Duke, Wynn Eady, Douglas Fontenot, Gladys Grayson, Cody Herron, Rick Hirko, Peggy Humphreys, Jeff Ingles, Herb Katzman, Don Krupp, Emily Powell, Carmelita Ordonez, Truyen Rahm, Reed Rawlings, Mary Lou Riddle, Alan Robinson, Jan Rodriguez, Ron Schleifer, Sandy Schnur, Peggy Ann Sorrells, Larry Skelly, Rodney Smith, Linda Stanfield, Sarah Lyons Sturm, Ryan Sawyers, Brian Simms, Bob Smelas, Katie Smith, Roger Trudell, Arlene & Harry Webb, Warren & Juanita White, Doreen Wirchansky, Brad & Patricia Wood, and M. Isabel Zaragoza-

#### Reminder:

Due to the Privacy (HIPAA) Laws hospitals will not notify us if you or your loved one is admitted. A family member must notify us if you wish for one of the Priests to visit the hospital.

## Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 8:30 AM

> Wednesday: 6:00 PM Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning: 8:30 & 11:00 AM & 1 PM español



The Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship. eGiving is a way to simplify your giving & provide steady, consistent support that helps us be ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and those in our community. Your recurring gifts will help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries throughout the year, even if you need to miss a Sunday service. It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up: \* Visit faith.

Direct/church code: TN510

\*Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757 or call Sharon at 423-486-9909 for more information of help.

Advertiser of the Week: E.J. Pelton Company

#### **THANK YOU!**

This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charges. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be responsible for. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

**BAPTISM** - Parents & Godparents who wish to have their child baptized are asked to register for the class by contacting the parish office at 423-892-1261 x4. Class is held on a Saturday from 2 - 4:30 p.m. and then Mass. Or by appointment.

**RECONCILIATION** - Saturday at 4:00 - 4:50 p.m. & by appointment **MATRIMONY** - <u>Four months notice required</u>. You must be registered parishioners. Contact the Church Office.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - Please call Fr. Manuel Pérez at 423-892 -1261 x2 or Fr. Christopher Manning at 892-1261 x9. Please have a family member call the office and request a visit from one of the Priests.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION** - For K through 12th grade. Classes meet during the school year. Families must be registered parishioners of St. Stephen Catholic Church. Contact Karen Underwood at 423-892-2957.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Explore for yourself what Catholicism is about! R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has resumed meetings on Sundays for 2022. Join us in between the two Sunday Masses starting around 9:40 A.M. in the Meeting Room/Main Floor Administrative Building. For more information contact Tom Cain 423.751.6828 or Deacon Dave Waguespack.

ADORATION - First Friday of the month at 9 - 10 a.m., 2nd Thursday at 9 - 10 a.m., 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 - 7 p.m., 4th & if there is a 5th Thursday 9 - 10 a.m.

**RESPECT LIFE** - For more information contact Theresa Cole 423-432-7007 or Pat Bodnar 423-855-4717.

**ADULT EDUCATION -** For more information contact Drew & Dana Adams 423-280-9159.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY -** Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Call Joan Roueché at 423-635-0857.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** - Every Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. Contact Jeff Roueché at 423-892-1261 x4.

**ROSARY** - Prayed daily after 8:30 a.m. Mass by John Laliberte following Mass in the Chapel.

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS PRAYER GROUP** - Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.. Call Jill Walsh at 423-899-6148.

**SPANISH WEDDING & BAPTISM PREPARATION** - Meets on Sunday's in the Primetimer's Room when needed. Call Manuel & Elizabeth Colmenares at 305-342-4741 for more information.

**HEALING HEARTS** - Meets on the 3rd Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Primetimer's Room. Please call Priscilla McLean at 423-503-3665 or Liz Huntenburg 954-464-7372.

PRIME TIMERS +45 (Call to see if it is going on)

**Dining Out Experience - Contact Cliff & Patti Crownover at 423-344-3575.** 

Casual Cocktails - Contact Daniel & Jeannie Hixon at 423-280-9516 or Art & Dena Vonwerssowetz at 423-667-5550.

November 11th

Sporting Events - Contact Mike Williams at 404-909-6151.

Game Day - Contact Mary Hess at 423-255-4995. Meets

Mondays at 1 - 3 p.m. in the meeting room.

Sewing Group - The Sewing Group meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to make items needed by Ladies of Charity, Hospice, and the homeless. If you can machine or hand sew or measure or cut material or crochet, or just want to come cheer, please call Mary Hess at 423-255-4995.

**BUNCO** - 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the small hall. Contact Dot Durr at 315-657-7484.

Book Club - Last Monday of the month 6:30 p.m. in the Primetimer's Room. Contact Laurene Hirko at 508-446-4529.

Lunch Bunch - Meets at 11 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at a different restaurant. Contact Priscilla McLean at 423-503-3665. RSVP

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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#### PARISH FINANCE BOARD

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#### **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

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Sharon Vannucci	

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINIST	TERS & ALTAR SERVERS
Deacon Gary Brinkworth	ЕМНС
Deacon Dave Waguespack	LectorsAltar Servers

**Ministers List for Next Week** 

#### Saturday, Nov. 26 at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Diane Sullivan
EMHC: Bill Walsh/Ed Cerantonio
Altar Server: Will Bertani/Marianna Melasecca

#### Sunday, Nov. 26 at 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Maria Krysa EMHC: Phyllis Horten/Maggi Bercaw Altar: Rich Krysa/Hermie Ashcraft

#### Sunday, Nov. 26 at 11:00 a.m.

Lector: George Valadie

EMHC: Elaine Williams/Cassie Groner Altar Server: Drew Adams/Soweka Gore

#### Sunday, Nov. 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Elizabeth Colmenares EMHC: Manuel Colmenares/Cindy Chestaro Altar Server: Ilse Sanchez/Litzy Gallardo



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Wed., Nov. 30, 6099 Directors & Officers meeting @ Hall Thurs., Dec. 1, Blood & Food Drive in St. Stephen Parking Lot, 1—5:30 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 5 , 6099 Business Meeting @ Hall 6:30 p.m., Rosary @ 6 p.m.

Benefit of being a Knight: able to expand on your leadership skills. Join the Knights today! Call 423-899-9989, enter kofc.org/join us, or scan this code:



#### **LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Ladies will have their Christmas Party & Meeting on December 1st at 5:30 p.m. at the Knights Hall.



Just a reminder we will be having our <u>Annual Cookie Walk</u> on Saturday, December 10th and Sunday December 11th following all Masses in the Administration Building!

#### St. Stephen Health/Safety Ministry

The St. Stephen Health/ Safety
Ministry is looking to identify Licensed/
Certifies Medical Professionals to assist in
Health and Safety issues during our mass
schedules. If you are a Licensed/Certified
Medical Professional and are interested in
assisting in the ministry, please contact
Allison Runyon at
678-371-0677. I will explain the goals of
the ministry. Thank You in advance for



your assistance.

St. Stephen Religious Store has all your needs for your Advent Season. Come and get your Advent Wreath, Candles and Calendars. Come and get all your Christmas gifts after you come to Church! Remember we are open after all masses during the weekend and you can call the church office during the week to purchase your items!



The tuition support application for school year 2023-24 has been open since mid October. The deadline is December 31. Anyone who qualifies and is interested in applying for assistance can do so through FACTS Grant & Aid website. Any questions contact Christ J. Curtis at 423-802-3730 or email, curtisc@myndhs.com







# St. Stephen Parish Family Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 3, 2022 after the 5:00pm Mass in the Parish Hall

Join us for our annual Christmas Dinner!

Our Christmas program will include Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, Jesus and Mary, and Christmas carols by our Choir and Parish children.

Donations will be accepted for Charity.

Plan to attend as we usher in the season that celebrates the Birth of Our Lord.

# Volunteers are needed!

We ask our Parish families for the following so proper preparation can be made for this special event. You can sign up in the church vestibule or call the office at 892-1261.

- <u>PLEASE</u> give us your reservation early (the name of each person attending).
- Please volunteer to bring a Dessert (Christmas cake, pie, or cookies).
- Please volunteer as kitchen help, set up of the Parish Hall, serving, and clean- up of the Hall and Kitchen. Call or sign up!

#### **NOVENA FOR LIFE**

The Novena for Life consists of: the Mass (which is the highest form of prayer) offered monthly for nine consecutive months for the sanctity of life, a monthly bulletin announcement with prayer/meditation, information & statistics, and the stage of development of the baby in the womb each of the nine months.

**Novena Intention: For the Sanctity of Life** 

These nine months from the Annunciation until Christmas, we spiritually "journey" with the Blessed Virgin Mary & our Lord during her maternity in petition for respect for the gift of life. May their sacrificial love enlighten us to become good stewards of life & value each & every human being from conception to natural death.

#### NINETH MONTH (Weeks 33 -36)

"Mary you are the White Dawn announcing the rising of your Son." Christian Prayer Just as the unborn Jesus was utterly dependent on Mary, so now the glorified Jesus, in the Eucharist, is dependent on His members on earth. In the fullness of time, God sent his Son.

**We pray:** Holy Spirit, at the dawn of creation, You brought order out of chaos, light out of darkness, life out of nothingness. Breathe on us once again and change this culture of death into a Culture of Life. Inspire in your people a spirit of generous welcome for each and every life no matter how unexpected or dependent that life may be. Holy Spirit, You are the Advocate. As You fill us with Yourself, make us advocates for the unborn and all the vulnerable, until we are all united in the endless life and joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

**Baby's Development 9th month:** Of 45 generations of cell development, 41 have already taken place. The bones of the baby's skull aren't fused yet which allows them to shift as their head squeezes through the birth canal), & won't fully fuse until adulthood. The central nervous system is maturing, as are the lungs. The kidneys are fully developed & the liver can process some waster products. (S)He is gaining about an ounce a day, the brain & lungs continue to develop & labor could begin any day now. The eyes are not fully pigmented so eye color will not be apparent until around the age of one year. By the 39th week, development is complete & the only thing left is to put on fat & grow bigger; from the size of a mini watermelon to a small pumpkin. When the baby is ready, labor is triggered, the baby is born, and life continues outside the womb.