

MARCH 12, 2023 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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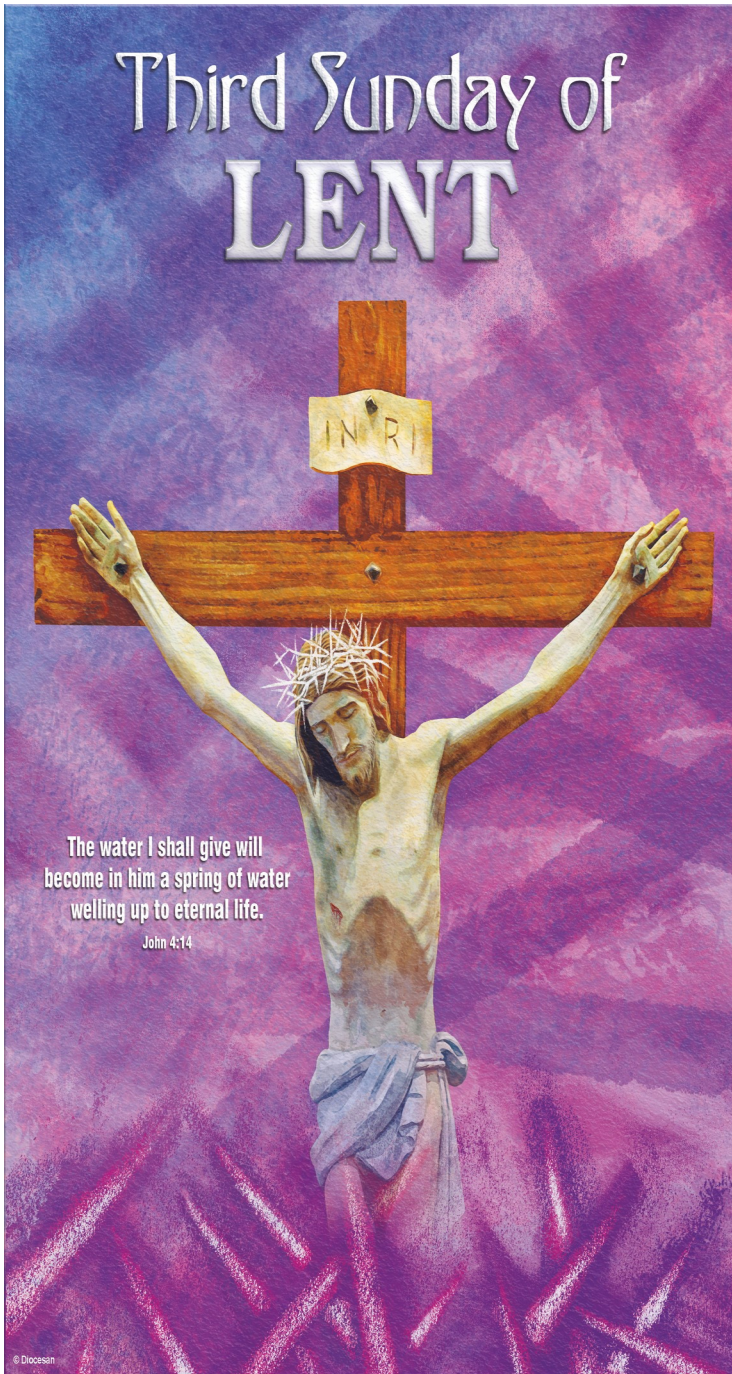
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Parish Goal:

**To Establish An Assembly Of
Believers Who Remain In The Word.**

Mission Statement:

**To Live And Proclaim The Good News Of Jesus
Every Day.**

Church Office: 423-892-1261

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Church Email: Info.ststephenchatt.org

Church Website: www.ststephenchatt.org

Church Office Hours:

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

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What's Happening This Week

Saturday, March 11

*BAPTISM CLASS: 2-4:30 P.M.

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

*MASS 5:00 P.M.

*BOEHM BINGO: 6 P.M.

*KNIGHT'S MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Sunday, March 12

*MASS TIMES: 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. &

ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M.

*BIBLE STUDY 9:30 A.M.

*RCIA: 9:40 A.M.

*DOMINICANS: 2 P.M.

*1ST SCRUTINY: 8:30 A.M.

*KNIGHT'S MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Monday, March 13

*DAILY MASS: 8:30 A.M.

*MONDAY MORNING COFFEE W/MOM: 9:00 A.M.

*GAME DAY: 1 P.M.

*DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: 3:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 14

*DAILY MASS: 8:30 A.M.

*ADULT ED: 9:30 A.M. & 1 P.M.

*LADIES PRAYER GROUP: 9 A.M.

*CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:00 P.M.

*WELCOME MENS GROUP: 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, March 15

*HEALING HEARTS: 10 A.M.

*PRAYERFUL PUPPETING: 3:15 P.M.

*DAILY MASS: 6 P.M.

*CF & YM: 6:30 - 7:45 P.M.

Thursday, March 16

*DAILY MASS: 8:30 A.M.

*SEWING: 9:30 A.M.

*ADORATION: 6 P.M.

*LADIES WELCOME: 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 17

*COMMUNION SERVICE: 8:30 A.M.

*MASS: 5:30 P.M.

*STATION OF THE CROSS: 6:00 P.M.

*FISH FRY: 5 - 7 P.M.

Saturday, March 18

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

*MASS 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 19

*MASSES 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. &

ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M.

*BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 A.M.

*RCIA: 9:40 A.M.

*2ND SCRUTINY: 11 A.M.

Mass Intentions this week

Saturday, March 11 - 5:00 P.M.

**Kenn & Mary Stroop's 60th Anniversary By
The Stroop Family**

Sunday, March 12 - 8:30 A.M.

+Bill Reynolds By Tom & Faye Robinson

+Rev. Fr. Jacob Kochupura By Joe & Susie Alexander

Sunday, March 12 - 11:00 A.M.

Mary Naab By Tommy & Jenny Lenger

+Roland Lee By Ed & Florence Cerantonio

Sunday, March 12 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

Monday, March 13 - 8:30 A.M.

Ngoc Quyen By Thai Nguyen

Tuesday, March 14 - 8:30 A.M.

Mary Stroop By Bill & Jill Walsh

Wednesday, March 15 - 6:00 P.M.

**Special Intentions for Enrique & Elena Larios
By Bill Walsh**

Thursday, March 16 - 8:30 A.M.

Doreen Wirchansky By Bill & Jill Walsh

Friday, March 17 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

Friday, March 17 - 5:30 P.M.

Fr. Christopher Manning

Saturday, March 18 - 5:00 P.M.

+Donnie Freeman & +Heliodoro Cueva

By Roxanna Freeman & Maggie Cueva

+Frank Overmeer By Laura Overmeer

Sunday, March 19 - 8:30 A.M.

+Mr. Joseph Boniface By Joe & Susie Alexander

Sunday, March 19 - 11:00 A.M.

+Nicole Berros By Mom & Dad

+Liz Adamick By Vince & Kathy Hotton

+Rico DeoCampo By The Mullin Family

Sunday, March 12 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

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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:*

*Tom Aylward, Ronnie Barnes, James Bevil,
Matthew Birke, Frank Bradley, Debbie Brown,
John Joseph Bruno, Eileen Calise, Dale Carney,
Ryan Clark, Peggy Conway, Rita Dalton, Whitten
& Brenda Davis, Ken Decker, Nancy Diwan,
Clare Donahue, MacKenna Duke, Wynn Eady,
Colleen Economos, Douglas Fontenot, Hubert &
Darlene Goins, Pat Halenar, Rick Hirko, Nancy
Humberger, Peggy Humphreys, Jeff Ingles, Herb
Katzman, Don Krupp, Elizabeth Levine, Emily
Powell, Carmelita Ordonez, Hien Pham, Sr. Mary
Raphael, Reed Rawlings, Mary Lou Riddle, Alan
Robinson, Jan Rodriguez, Sylvia Scaruffi, Ron
Schleifer, Sandy Schnur, Peggy Ann Sorrells, Pat
Strebeck, Sarah Lyons Sturm, Ryan Sawyers,
Brian & Jim Simms, Bob & Pat Smelas, Katie
Smith, Mary Stroop, Jeff Terrell, Michael
Thompson, Roger Trudell, Warren White, Jerry
Williams, Doreen Wirchansky, Brad & Patricia
Wood, and M. Isabel Zaragoza-Bermúdez.*

THANK YOU!

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*Advertiser of the Week:
Lee Paint Center*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

*If you would like your Anniversary mentioned
in the Bulletin, please contact the Church Office
three (3) weeks before.
423-892-1261 X4*

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.*



*Congratulations to the
following on their
Wedding Anniversary:*

*Mark & Angela Vallée—14th
Julijan & Mara Dudas—28th
Brendan & Betsy Jennings—33rd
Kenn & Mary Stroop—60th
Ebon & Cecile Grubb—70th*

Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & 1st Friday 8:30 AM

Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM

& 1:00 PM Español

Adoration: 1st Friday 9:00 - 10:00 AM, 2nd, 4th & 5th
Thursday 9:00 - 10:00 AM, & 3rd Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 PM

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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 , Adult Education.....

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 Robert Sullivan.....718-8308

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Sharon Vannucci.....296-0537

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Deacon Gary Brinkworth.....EMHC
 Deacon Dave Waguespack.....Lectors...Altar Servers



St. Stephen Catholic Church will have Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent following Mass (5:30 p.m.) What a wonderful way to spend some time reflecting, praying and spending some wonderful time with God.

EMERGENCY PREPARAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Vehicle Security

- ◆ NEVER leave a child unattended in a vehicle!
- ◆ NEVER leave your car running in the morning to warm it up.
- ◆ Always lock your vehicle no matter how long you will be gone.
 - ◆ NEVER leave anything of value in your vehicle.
- ◆ If your vehicle does not have an alarm, consider having an aftermarket alarm installed.
- ◆ Choose parking spots wisely –choose areas well-lit and away from unmarked suspicious vehicles/vans.
- ◆ Check the back seat before entering a car & under as you approach.

Ministers List for Next Week

Saturday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Rick Ridder

EMHC: Ed Cerantonio/Bill Walsh

Altar Servers: Diane Sullivan/Daniela De Leon

Sunday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Mary Kay Weaver

EMHC: Matt Lubaway/Betty Manes

Altar Servers: Isabella. Matthew & Luke Riggs

Sunday, March 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Lector: George Valadie

EMHC: Tonya Lee/David Morais

Altar Servers: Kaje/Augustino & Soweka Gore

Sunday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Elizabeth Colmenares

EMHC: Manuel Colmenares/Cindy Chestaro

Altar Servers: Ashley. Andrea Lara, Isidro, Samara



K N I G H T S OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Mon., March 13 - Assembly 3250 Business Meeting @ Hall 6 p.m.

Thurs., March 16 - Knights Adoration @ St. Stephen, 6-7 p.m. , Parish invited.

Fri., March 17 - Lenten Dinner @ St. Stephen Small Hall , 5-7 p.m., Fish Fry, Baked Potato/Salad Bar

Sat., March 18 - St. Patrick's Day Party @ Hall

Fri., March 24 - Lenten Dinner @ St. Stephen Small Hall , 5-7 p.m., Fish Fry, Baked Potato/Salad Bar

Why become a Knight? To help family and friends get to heaven. To join call 423-899-9989 , enter kofc.org/joinus , or scan this code:



Ladies Auxiliary

Our next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be on April 13th where we will be having a Baby Shower to help support The Bassinette Program at The Ladies of Charity Thrift Store . For more details, please contact Dot Durr at 315-657-7484.

MINISTRY LIST

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.

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

ADULT EDUCATION - For more information contact the office.

ANOIDTING 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.

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. Our Next schedules one is on **March 11th**.

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

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

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

CHOIR PRACTICE - Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY - Contact Sue Buske 423-593-4356

DINING OUT EXPERIENCE- Contact Cliff & Patti Crownover at 423-344-3575.

GAME DAY - Contact Mary Hess at 423-255-4995. Meets Mondays at 1 - 3 p.m. in the Small Hall.

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.

HEALTH MINISTRY - We will be taking Monthly Blood Pressure Checks the last weekend of the month after all masses. For more information contact Allison Runyon at 678-371-0677. **(March 25th & 26th)**

HELPING HANDS - "To comfort families of our parish in their time of need by providing a luncheon for their guests after a funeral or memorial Mass". Contact Elaine Williams at 899-3811

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

MATRIMONY - Four months notice required. You must be registered parishioners. Contact the Church Office.

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) 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.

RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 4:00 - 4:50 p.m. & by appointment

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

ROSARY - Prayed daily after 8:30 a.m. Mass by The Rosary Group 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.

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. Call Mary Hess at 423-255-4995.

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.

SPORTING EVENTS - Contact Mike Williams at 404-909-6151. **Next Outing Chattanooga Lookouts May 7, 2023.**

SUNSHINE BASKET MINISTRY - Contact Myrtle Englert at 812-449-6104.

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St. Stephen Healing Hearts Ministry

The St. Stephen Healing Hearts Ministry has been meeting monthly for over a year now. This ministry is a support group for the widowed of our parish. We've had social workers, a nutritionist, volunteer coordinators for the Chattanooga area, and an author of a self-help book share with us aspects of the grieving process. We've shared names of people who can assist us with odd jobs around our homes. Occasionally, we also go out to lunch together. Our hour-long meeting, the 3rd Wednesday of each month, provides a time when you can share your feelings (voluntarily, of course) in a supportive and understanding environment. It's also a time to pray together. Please consider joining us for our next meeting on Wed., March 15th, in the Prime Timers Room, from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Huntensburg at 954-464-7372.



PRAYERFUL PUPPETTING

WHEN: WEDNESDAY'S

TIME: 3:15 P.M.

WHERE: LARGE HALL @

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT EMILY HARDY AT

emily407@me.com



Monday Morning Coffee with Moms!

Calling all Moms!



Come start your week right! Have some Joe and fill your cup with Fellowship!

Mondays – 9 a.m. Prime Timers Room

(Park in main lot by church office & ring bell! Toddlers welcome. We'll have a movie for entertainment. Feel free to bring toys)



Msgr. Al Next Book Study at Holy Spirit Church

To You We Shall Return by Joseph M. Marshall, III is the text for our book study on April 22, 2023, from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church led by Msgr. Al. The author is a member of the Lakota Sioux tribe. The book is subtitled: Lessons About Our Planet from the Lakota. Beside this Native American spirituality of the environment we will also interject parts of Pope Francis encyclical On Care for Our Common Home. An internet savvy book shopper can help you locate a good deal on this book. To register please call the church office at (423) 332-5300.

NEW PARISHIONER/CHANGES

___ New Parishioner

___ Moving out of Parish

___ Information has changed

Name _____ Address _____

City, Zip _____ Phone _____

Email Address: _____

Please pick up a registration form from the Church Office or by the TV in the vestibule. You may also register online at www.ststephenchatt.org.

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GIVE THANKS FOR THE SACRAMENT AND COMMITMENT OF MATRIMONY!



Bishop Stika to celebrate [bilingual Mass in thanks for the sacrament of matrimony!](#) Couples will have the opportunity to renew their vows during Mass and continue to celebrate with family and friends at a reception following the Mass.

Sunday April 30, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. EST

Register by Thursday, April 20

[Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus](#)

711 S. Northshore Drive

Knoxville, TN 37919

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment will provide a commemorative certificate and photo booth opportunity with Bishop Stika.

To register online -[Marriage & Anniversary Mass Celebration with Bishop Stika - Diocese of Knoxville - Knoxville, TN \(dioknox.org\)](#) or contact: Deacon Al Forsythe aforsythe@dioknox.org or 865-806-1343 or Carolyn Krings ckrings@dioknox.org or 865-584-3307 ext. 5739.

At time of registration provide:

- Your names as you want them to appear on the certificate.
- How many years you have been married.

How many people in your party for the reception.