

**MAY 21, 2023 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

# **ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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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.**

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**Church Website: [www.ststephenchatt.org](http://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, May 20**

**\*ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

**\*WELCOME MEN'S RETREAT**

**\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.**

### **Sunday, May 21**

**\*THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**\*WELCOME MEN'S RETREAT**

**\*MASSES 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. &  
ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M.**

### **Monday, May 22**

**\*ST. RITA OF CASCIA**

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

**\*GAME DAY: 1 P.M.**

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

**\*BOOK CLUB: 6:30 P.M.**

### **Tuesday, May 23**

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

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

**\*CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:00 P.M.**

### **Wednesday, May 24**

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

**\*SACRED HEART : 6:30 P.M.**

### **Thursday, May 25**

**\*BEDE THE VENERABLE, ST. GREGORY VII,**

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI**

**\*ADORATION: 9-10 A.M.**

**\*SEWING: 9:30 A.M.**

### **Friday, May 26**

**\*ST. PHILIP NERI**

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

### **Saturday, May 27**

**\*ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

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

**\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.**

### **Sunday, May 28**

**\*PENTECOST**

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

**ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M.**

### **Mass Intentions this week**

#### **Saturday, May 20 - 5:00 P.M.**

**+Rudolph Bergeron By Ed & Florence Cerantonio**

**+Diane Felice By Fan & Lyn Grillo**

#### **Sunday, May 21- 8:30 A.M.**

**+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter & Family**

**+Norma McCollum By Laurence & Sandy Schnur**

**+Emily John By Joe & Susie Alexander**

**+Jim Scally by Kit Scally**

#### **Sunday, May 21 - 11:00 A.M.**

**The Protection & Preservation of All Life  
By The St. Stephen Respect Life Committee**

#### **Sunday, May 21 - 1:00 P.M.**

**St. Stephen Church Members**

#### **Monday, May 22- 8:30 A.M.**

**+Francisco Go Salud By Elizabeth Liao**

**+Ted McDermott By Mary McDermott**

#### **Tuesday, May 23 - 8:30 A.M.**

**For Our Daily Mass Attendees**

#### **Wednesday, May 24 - 6:00 P.M.**

**+Dennis Machalick By Gerard Machalick**

#### **Thursday, May 25 - 8:30 A.M.**

**For Our Daily Mass Attendees**

#### **Friday, May 26 - 8:30 A.M.**

**Communion Service**

#### **Saturday, May 27 - 5:00 P.M.**

**+Ruldolph Bergeron By Polly & Joe Bouch**

**+Jack Carney By Dale Carney**

**+Donnie Drew By Betty Anne Neal**

#### **Sunday, May 28 - 8:30 A.M.**

**Roger & Donna Fiske 51st Anniversary**

**By The Fiske Family**

**+Larry Vannucci By John & Sharon Vannucci**

#### **Sunday, May 28 - 11:00 A.M.**

**+Nicole Berros By Mom & Dad**

#### **Sunday, May 28 - 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:*

*Ronnie Barnes, James Bevil, 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, Douglas Fontenot, Darlene Goins, Pat  
Halenar, Lorrie Levitt-Haufe, Rick Hirko, Nancy  
Humberger, Peggy Humphreys, Jeff Ingles, Herb  
Katzman, Don Krupp, Elizabeth Levine, Carmen  
Lopez, Emily Powell, Carmelita Ordonez, Hien  
Pham, Sr. Mary Raphael, Reed Rawlings, Mary Lou  
Riddle, Alan Robinson, Jan Rodriguez, Ross Roy,  
Sylvia Scaruffi, Ron Schleifer, Sandy Schnur, Peggy  
Ann Sorrells, Pat Strebeck, Sarah Lyons Sturm,  
Ryan Sawyers, Brian & Jim Simms, Bob & Pat Sme-  
las, Katie Smith, Mary Stroop, Jeff Terrell, Michael  
Thompson, Roger Trudell, Warren White, Jerry  
Williams, Maggie Williams Doreen Wirchansky,  
Brad & Patricia Wood,  
and M. Isabel Zaragoza-Bermúdez.*

*Advertiser of the Week:*

*CHI Memorial*

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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



*Congratulations to the  
following on their  
Wedding Anniversary:*

*Jonathan & Sarah Powell—5th  
Vince & Kathy Hotton—16th  
Robert & Tammy Sullivan—35th  
Michael & Joanne Jobe—38th  
Richard & Nancy Powell—38th  
Joe & Susie Alexander—43rd  
Charles & Betty Anne Neal—47th  
Robert & Connie Aaron—52nd  
Robert & Joanne Hotchkiss—52nd*

### 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.*



*Altar Flower By  
Joe & Susie Alexander  
In Celebration of their 43rd  
Anniversary*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEW & EXISTING ALTAR SERVER TRAINING ON JUNE  
3RD AT 10 A.M.—1 P.M. INCENSE TRAINING ALSO. WE NEED ALTAR SERVERS!**



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## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Sharon Vannucci, Chair Person.....296-0537  
 Priscilla McLean, Secretary.....503-3665  
 John Vannucci, Parish Life.....296-0537  
 Nancy Powell, Communication.....770-363-6952  
 Myrtle Englert, Family Life.....812-449-6104  
 Karen Underwood, Education.....400-4075  
 , Adult Education.....

## PARISH FINANCE BOARD

Trina Hicks, Chair.....899-3755  
 John DiPrima.....344-8211  
 Lorrie Levitt-Haufe.....815-409-0717  
 Ron Schleifer.....499-0249  
 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

## Ministers List for Next Week

### Saturday, May 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Diane Sullivan  
 EMHC: Karen Steely, Ellen Lennon  
 Altar Servers: Larry Skelly

### Sunday, May 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Steve Horten  
 EMHC: John Phan, Truyen Rahm  
 Altar Servers: Matthew, Isabella & Luke Riggs

### Sunday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Tonya Lee  
 EMHC: Chris Humkey, Elaine Williams  
 Altar Servers: Kaje & Soweka Gore

### Sunday, May 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Lorena Quentero  
 EMHC: Manuel Colmenares, Cirina Ramirez  
 Altar Servers: Ashley, Andrea, Isidro, Samara



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Wed., May 31, Director & Officers meeting @ Hall, 6 p.m.  
 Mon., June 5, Monthly Business Meeting @ Hall, 6:30 p.m.,  
 Rosary 6 p.m.

Local Knights of Columbus Councils can provide men leadership opportunities that they may not be currently offered in their professional careers. To join call 423-899-9989, enter kofc.org/ join us, or scan this code:



A simple "Thank You" does not seem adequate to express our appreciation for the overwhelming generosity of our St. Stephen Parish and Community. The Knights of Columbus Family Council 6099, which represents and supports the St. Steph Community, Priest and Deacons, collected over \$1,800 at St. Stephens two weekends ago. These monies will all be donated to needy Charities in Tennessee, most of which is in the Chattanooga area. St. Stephens Parish has always been known as a Parish with a "Heart". Our Parish family demonstrates that every day with gifts of time, talent, and treasure; all received from our Heavenly Father.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

How should we protect the Personal Security for Senior Citizens who alone? (PART 1 of 3)

- Your loved one should have access to a cell with Large Numbers
- They should use a Life Alert Badge with visible medication bracelet.
- Provide a secure location for medication and utilize daily pill boxes.
- Monitor their use of medication, make sure medicines are being taken correctly.
- Either remove or securely lock up all cash, jewelry, and firearms if there are cognitive issues.
- Keep access to money and finances controlled.
- Have Social Security Checks direct deposited.

## 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 coming soon.

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

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

**CASUAL COCKTAILS** - Contact Daniel & Jeannie Hixon at 423-280-9516 or Art & Dena Vonwerssowetz at 423-667-5550. **Primetimer's Event**

**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

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN BREAD** - The 2nd Sunday of each month St. Stephen's helps the Community Kitchen serve lunch to their guests. We arrive at 10 a.m. & slice & butter the homemade bread baked by parishioners for this occasion. We also assist in other duties and serve lunch at 10:45 a.m. until 12 p.m. Call Lori Fox at 314-2887

**DINING OUT EXPERIENCE**- Contact Cliff & Patti Crownover at 423-344-3575. **Primetimer's Event**

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

**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 Huntensburg 954-464-7372. **Primetimer's Event**

**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.

**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 **Primetimer's Event**

**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. **Primetimer's Event**

**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. **Primetimer's Event**

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

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**Let your Summer  
SHINE  
At  
St. Stephen's!**

**“ALL ARE WELCOME WEDNESDAYS!!**

**JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER 6 PM MASS  
*\*ON THE FIELD OR IN THE HALL!\****

Wednesday, May 31st—SPORTS NIGHT  
Wednesday, June 7th—BRING YOUR PET NIGHT  
Wednesday, June 14th—WATER NIGHT  
Wednesday, June 21st— OUTDOOR GAMES  
Wednesday, June 28th—SPORTS NIGHT  
Wednesday, July 5th—MOVIE NIGHT  
Wednesday, July 12th—CHALK the WALK  
Wednesday, July 19th—BEACH BLANKET BINGO  
Wednesday, July 26th—MUSIC & MOVEMENT NIGHT  
Wednesday, July 31st—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL K-5TH GRADE

**ALSO JOIN US FOR THESE EXCITING EVENTS:**

- **EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING 9:30—11:30 - Mom's Coffee**  
Children of all ages welcome - in the Large Hall
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 31st K—5 grade student**  
Look for Sign Up info in the Bulletin & Church Vestibule
- **GOD CAMP - WEEK OF JULY 23RD—28TH—5TH—8TH GRADE STUDENTS**  
Call to Sign—up: 423-892-2957. Limited number of scholarships available

## **MAY 21, 2023 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**



### **ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS**

Nomination Forms to nominate a St. Stephen female parishioner (s) 45 years of age or older for their volunteer service to this parish and/or the community either in the past or at the present time are available on the round table in the narthex. The forms will be available the weekends of May 6 and 7, May 13 and 14, and May 20 and 21, 2023

**THE DEADLINE TO NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL IS SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023**

**NO nominations will be accepted after that date**

**NO nominations will be accepted over the phone**



**The Home Place is looking for someone or a group of people to mow and trim the lawn on a weekly basis. Our grass grows fast! We have all the supplies onsite, but need able bodies to do it.**

**If interested, please contact:**

**Kristie Long-Withey,**

**kristie@ccetn.org or 423-698-9079**

**Catholic Charities in Chattanooga**