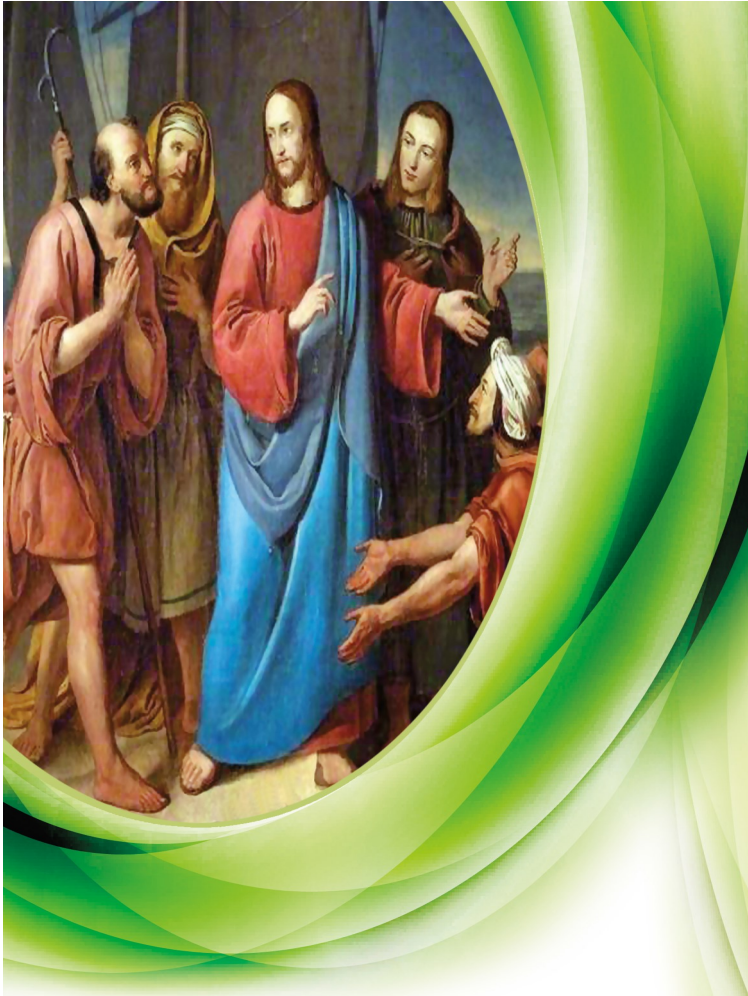


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ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

Matthew 10:32

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Christ Calling His First Disciples by Adam Brenner, 1839

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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Mon. - Thurs., 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Address:

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What's Happening This Week

Saturday, June 24

***THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

***BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS**

***CONFESSION: 4 - 4:50 P.M.**

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

Sunday, June 25

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

ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M.

***BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS**

***BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 A.M.**

***RCIA: 9:40 A.M.**

Monday, June 26

***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, June 27

***ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA**

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

***AD. ED: 1 P.M.**

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

Wednesday, June 28

***ST. IRENAEUS**

***MOM'S COFFEE: 9:45 A.M.**

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

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

***SPORTS NIGHT: 6:30 P.M.**

Thursday, June 29

***STS. PETER & PAUL**

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

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

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

Friday, June 30

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

Saturday, July 1

***ST. JUNIPERO SERRA**

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

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

Sunday, July 2

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.**

***ADULT ED: 2 P.M.**

Mass Intentions this week

Saturday, June 24 - 5:00 P.M.

+Kenny Shelton By Jim & Liz Barham

+Ross Roy By Kirk & Karen Steely

+Henry & +Bettie Ryland By Rich & Karen Ryland

Sunday, June 25 - 8:30 A.M.

The Protection & Preservation of All Life

Sunday, June 25 - 11:00 A.M.

+Mark Gersky & +Brian Wiska By Craig & Kim Bodnar

+Michael Love By John & Sharon Vannucci

Sunday, June 25 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

Monday, June 26 - 8:30 A.M.

+Matt William By The Mullin Family

Tuesday, June 27 - 8:30 A.M.

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter & Family

+Fred Smith By Carolyn Smith & Family

Wednesday, June 28 - 6:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Families

Thursday, June 29 - 8:30 A.M.

Russ Ferguson Birthday By The Shirley Family

Friday, June 30 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

Saturday, July 1 - 5:00 P.M.

+Ross Roy By Kirk & Karen Steely

+Ray Bertani By Rich & Karen Ryland

+Ted McDermott By Pat Riecke

Sunday, July 2 - 8:30 A.M.

+Emily John By Joe & Susie Alexander

+Norma McCollum by Linda Lee

+Jim Scally By Kit Scally

Sunday, July 2 - 11:00 A.M.

+Nicole Berros By Kit Scally

+Michael Love & +Miranda Godena By Pam Love

Sunday, July 2 - 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, Dale Carney,
Ryan Clark, Peggy Conway, Mia Corte, Rita Dalton,
Whitten & Brenda Davis, Ken Decker,
Nancy Diwan, Clare Donahue, MacKenna Duke,
Colleen Economos, Douglas Fontenot, Darlene
Goins, Pat Halenar, Lorrie Levitt-Haufe, Rick Hirko,
Joanne Hotchkiss, Nancy Humberger, Peggy
Humphreys, Jeff Ingles, Herb Katzman, Don Krupp,
Roger Lee, Elizabeth Levine, Carmen Lopez, Mike
Milewski, John Miller, 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 Smelas, 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:

Heritage Funeral Home and Cremation Services

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.

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:*

*Omar Roberto Alvarez Bermudez
& Irma Carina Lopez Palomino -
15th*

*Dave & Michelle Pestillo - 30th
Jimmy & Gloria Whitener - 32nd
Ralph & Vicki Runge - 38th
George & Nancy Valadie - 46th*

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*

*Barbara Graham
In Memory of Bob Graham*

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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

Ministers List for Next Week

Saturday, July 1 at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Rick Ridder

EMHC: Alexandra DeLeon, Ellen Lennon

Altar Servers: Daniella DeLeon, Raphael Vadil

Sunday, July 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Steve Economos

EMHC: Tim Runyon, Debby Sopko

Altar Servers: Brendan Jennings, Gerard Machalick

Sunday, July 2 at 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Kathy Hotton

EMHC: Pat Bodnar, Matt Lubaway

Altar Servers: Brady Christensen, Jerry Hardy

Sunday, July 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Cirina Ramirez

EMHC: Cindy Chestero

Altar Servers: Isabella, Trinidad, Ashley, Andrea, & Isidro



K N I G H T S OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

June 28 , Wed., 6099 Directors & Officers Meeting @ Hall, 6 p.m.

Note!!! July Monthly Meeting Business delayed till July 10th!

The Knights are men who lead, serve, protect, and defend. To join call 423-899-9989, enter kofc.org/join us, or scan this code:



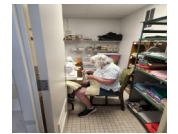
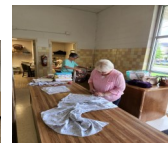
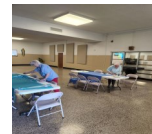
Ladies Auxiliary

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be on July 13th at 5:30 p.m. For any more information, please contact Dot Durr at 315-657-7484 our President of the Ladies Auxiliary.



A book study on **The Time Is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage** by Sister Joan Chittister will be led by Msgr. Al at **Holy Spirit Church** on July 22, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will end by sharing a brown bag lunch to continue the discussion. This book is about prophetic spirituality offering the tradition that begins with the prophets in Sacred Scripture. Please call the Church office 423-332-5300 to register.

ST. STEPHEN SEWING MINISTRY



Did you know that we have a group of ladies that meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. down by the end of the large hall and sew all kinds of things each week? They make the nicest prayer blankets that we give out to those who are sick in our community. In fact we are at 199 blankets as of 6/19/2023 that we have given away. These blankets are made by our ladies and then they are blessed by Fr. Manuel and held by our own parishioners while being blessed. Then a parishioner and/or Fr. Manuel take them to our parishioners, families and friends with a little cards on them from our church letting them know our story. What a great ministry we have here at St. Stephen Catholic Church. Want to know more about this great group: Call Mary Hess at 423-255-4995.

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 scheduled class is on July 8th.

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. **No Spanish Baptism Class in July.**

SPORTING EVENTS - Contact Mike Williams at 404-909-6151.

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

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"ALL ARE WELCOME WEDNESDAYS!!

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

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

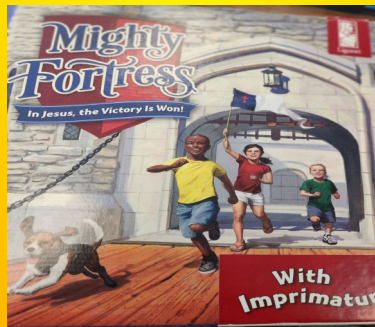


Let your Summer

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At

St. Stephen's!



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

What You Need To Know About Sun Safety

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the U.S. Excessive exposure to the sun can lead to skin cancer, although this can be prevented by protecting ourselves while outdoors.

UV rays are an invisible type of radiation that comes from the sun and tanning beds. These rays can cause skin damage, as well as damage to our eyes. Summit Medical Group, in Knoxville, TN, states that even on a cloudy day, whether it is winter or summer months, about 80% of the UV rays can pass through the clouds and affect our skin and eyes. Therefore, it is extremely important to protect our skin and eyes while outdoors.

Here are a few tips for outdoor sun safety from the American Academy of Dermatology Association and Summit Medical Group:

- Seek shade when available

- Wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen of at least 30 SPF or higher-apply generous amounts of sunscreen.

- When swimming or sweating, use a water-resistant sunscreen and apply at least every two hours.

- Wear sun-protective clothing

- Wear sunglasses with 100 percent UV protection, preferably wrap-around style

- Wear a broad-brimmed hat, in addition to your sunglasses

- Never look directly at the sun, UV rays can damage your eyes

Keep in mind that the sun's UV rays are the strongest between the hours of 10am and 4 pm. By following these suggestions for sun safety, we may be able to decrease our chances of skin cancer and damage to our eyes.

Allison Runyon, RN

St Stephen Parish Nurse