

**OCTOBER 8, 2023 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **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.**

**Church Office: 423-892-1261**

**Church Fax: 423-892-3242**

**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, Oct. 7

\*OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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

\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

### Sunday, Oct. 8

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

\*KNIGHT'S CHOIR: 8:30 A.M.

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

\*ESPAÑOL BAPTISM PREP: 11 A.M.

\*DOMINICANS: 2 P.M.

\*ADULT ED: 2 P.M.

### Monday, Oct. 9

\*STS. DENIS & JOHN LEONARDI

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

\*GAME DAY: 1 P.M.

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

### Tuesday, Oct. 10

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

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

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

### Wednesday, Oct. 11

\*ST. JOHN XXIII

\*PRIMETIMER'S BOARD MEETING: 9:30 A.M.

\*LUNCH BUNCH: 11 A.M.

**\*NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

\*COMMUNION SERVICE: 6 P.M.

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

### Thursday, Oct. 12

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

\*SEWING: 9:30 A.M.

\*RESPECT LIFE: 10:15 A.M.

\*LADIE'S AUXILIARY: 5:30 P.M.

\*ADULT ED: 6:30 P.M.

### Friday, Oct. 13

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

### Saturday, Oct. 14

\*ST. CALLISTUS I

\*ROSARY RALLY: 12 P.M.

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

\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

\*COAT DRIVE

### Sunday, Oct. 15

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

\*COAT DRIVE

\*BREAKFAST F.I.R.E.: AFTER 8:30 & 11 A.M. MASSES

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

\*RCIA: 9:40 A.M.

\*ADULT ED: 2 P.M.

### Mass Intentions this week

#### Saturday, Oct. 7 - 5:00 P.M.

+Alice Hennell By Jim & Liz Barham

+Joan Lord By John & Sharon Vannucci

+Louise McAvoy By Tony & Janie Duke

#### Sunday, Oct. 8 - 8:30 A.M.

+Jim Scally By Kit Scally

+Casimir Wanczyk By John & Sharon Vannucci

+Jack Vandergriff By Donna Cox

+Mary Ignatius By Zacharias & Mariamma Ignatius

#### Sunday, Oct. 8 - 11:00 A.M.

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter & Family

+Johnny Cranfield By Bob & Phyllis Chaousy

+Warren White By Respect Life

#### Sunday, Oct. 8 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

#### Monday, Oct. 9 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

#### Tuesday, Oct. 10 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

#### Wednesday, Oct. 11 - 6:00 P.M.

Communion Service

#### Thursday, Oct. 12 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

#### Friday, Oct. 13 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

#### Saturday, Oct. 14 - 5:00 P.M.

+Greg Decicco By Ralph Decicco

+Warren White By Ron & Myrtle Englert

#### Sunday, Oct. 15 - 8:30 A.M.

+Al Burzese By John & Sharon Vannucci

+Norma McCollum By John & Sharon Vannucci

+Warren White By Mike & Phyllis Horten

#### Sunday, Oct. 15 - 11:00 A.M.

+Rosalie Decicco By Ralph Decicco

+Nicole Berros By Mom & Dad

+Anne Sanfilippo By Rob & Phyllis Chaousy

#### Sunday, Oct. 15 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE  
SOCK DRIVE THIS YEARS! WE COLLECTED 1880  
PAAIRS OF SOCKS! THE RELIGIOUS STORE.

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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:*

*Asher Baker, Ronnie Barnes, James Bevil, Frank Bradley, Debbie Brown, John Joseph Bruno, Veronica Cabrera, Lisa Calkins, Ryan Clark, Peggy Conway, Mia Corte, Mia Crownover, Rita Dalton, Whitten & Brenda Davis, , Nancy Diwan, Clare Donahue, MacKenna Duke, Colleen Economos, Douglas Fontenot, Laterria Green, Darlene Goins, Pat Halenar, Lorrie Levitt-Haufe, Rick Hirko, Joanne Hotchkiss, Nancy Humberger, Peggy Humphreys, Jeff Ingles, Herb Katzman, Don Krupp, Elizabeth Levine, Carmen Lopez, Mike Milewski, Kelly Nast, Sam Nechvatal, Emily Powell, Carmelita Ordonez, Hien Pham, Sr. Mary Raphael, Reed Rawlings, Jan Reynolds, Mary Lou Riddle, Alan Robinson, Jan Rodriguez, Richard Runyon, Sylvia Scaruffi, Ron Schleifer, Sandy Schnur, Chuck & Suzi Sadowski, Maverick Soracco, Peggy Ann Sorrells, Pat Strebeck, Sarah Lyons Sturm, Ryan Sawyers, Jim & Ann Simms, Bob & Pat Smelas, Katie Smith, Mary Stroop, Jeff Terrell, John Turner, Michael Thompson, Roger Trudell, Dee Vaughan, Audrey Wiemer, Jerry Williams, Irene Williams, Lynn Williams, Maggie Williams, Doreen Wirchansky, Brad & Patricia Wood, and Isabel Zaragoza-Bermúdez.*

### **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.**

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*Congratulations to the  
following on their  
Wedding Anniversary:  
Zharkov & Angelica Vadil - 18th*



*Altar Flower  
By  
Margaret Horten  
In Celebration of Life*

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## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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 Ron Schleifer.....499-0249  
 Robert Sullivan.....718-8308

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Sharon Vannucci.....296-0537

## LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

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

Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30 AM  
 Wednesday: 6:00 PM & 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 8:30 AM  
 Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
 Sunday: 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM (Spanish)

## Ministers List for Next Week

Saturday, Oct. 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Robert Sullivan

EMHC: Ellen Lennon, Cathy Quick

Altar Servers: Will Bertani, Larry Skelly, Diane Sullivan

Sunday, Oct. 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Jim Polizzi

EMHC: Liz Phillips, Debbie Sopko

Altar Servers: Hermie Ashcraft, Augustino Gore, Brendan Jennings

Sunday, Oct. 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Claudia Dasburg

EMHC: Tonya Lee, Carli Zeh

Altar Servers: Jerry, Emily, Noelle & Jolie Hardy

Sunday, Oct. 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Lorena Quintero

EMHC: Manuel Colmenares, Cindy Chestaro

Altar Servers: Ashley, Andrea, Isabella, Joan, Ilse



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 AM in the Library, which is down the first set of steps  
 Administrative Building. For more information contact Tom  
 Cain 423.751.6828 or Sherry at the Parish Office 423-892-1261



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Mon. Oct. 9, 3250 Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at 5 p.m. at the back of the building. All Knights, spouses & public are invited for this special Patriotic ceremony with presentations by uniformed 4th degree Knights of Columbus. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the after ceremony meal in the hall, no charge, RSVP to Mike Williams at 4004-929-6151 or jmikewms@comcast.net.  
 Oct. 14, Begin "Coats for Christmas" collection at St. Stephen  
 Sun., Oct. 15, 3250 4th Degree Social/Flag Retirement Ceremony @ Hall, 5 p.m.  
 Thurs., Oct. 19, Knights Adoration @ St. Stephen, 6 - 7 p.m. All invited  
 Sat., Oct. 21, Knights Hall Kitchen clean-up, 9 a.m. till 3 p.m.

Our mission is to call, especially Catholic men, back to a sense of brotherhood, unity, and family within the Church. To join call 423-899-9989, enter kofc.org/joinus.



## Ladies Auxiliary

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be on October 12th at 5:30 p.m. For any more information, please contact Dot Durr at 315-657-7484 our President of the Ladies Auxiliary.



The Respect Life Ministry will begin accepting donations now for a chance to win a beautiful handmade "wire-wrap" Rosary; \$1 donation per chance. The Rosary will be on display before & after all Masses through November 5th.

Join us in the small hall on Nov. 5th, after the 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses, for Coffee & donuts & a silent auction of hand crafted wooded items made from beautiful & exotic woods. The winner's name will be drawn on that day, from among all donors after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

All proceeds benefit St.  
 Stephen's Respect Life Ministry.

## 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** - Please call Donna Snuggs at 678-772-3833 for more information about our Adult Education.

**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 November 11th.

**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**

**CARING HEARTS & 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.

**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 11 a.m. & slice & butter the homemade bread baked by parishioners for this occasion. We also assist in other duties and serve lunch at 11 a.m. until 12:30 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 Huntenburg 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.

**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 Library in the 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.

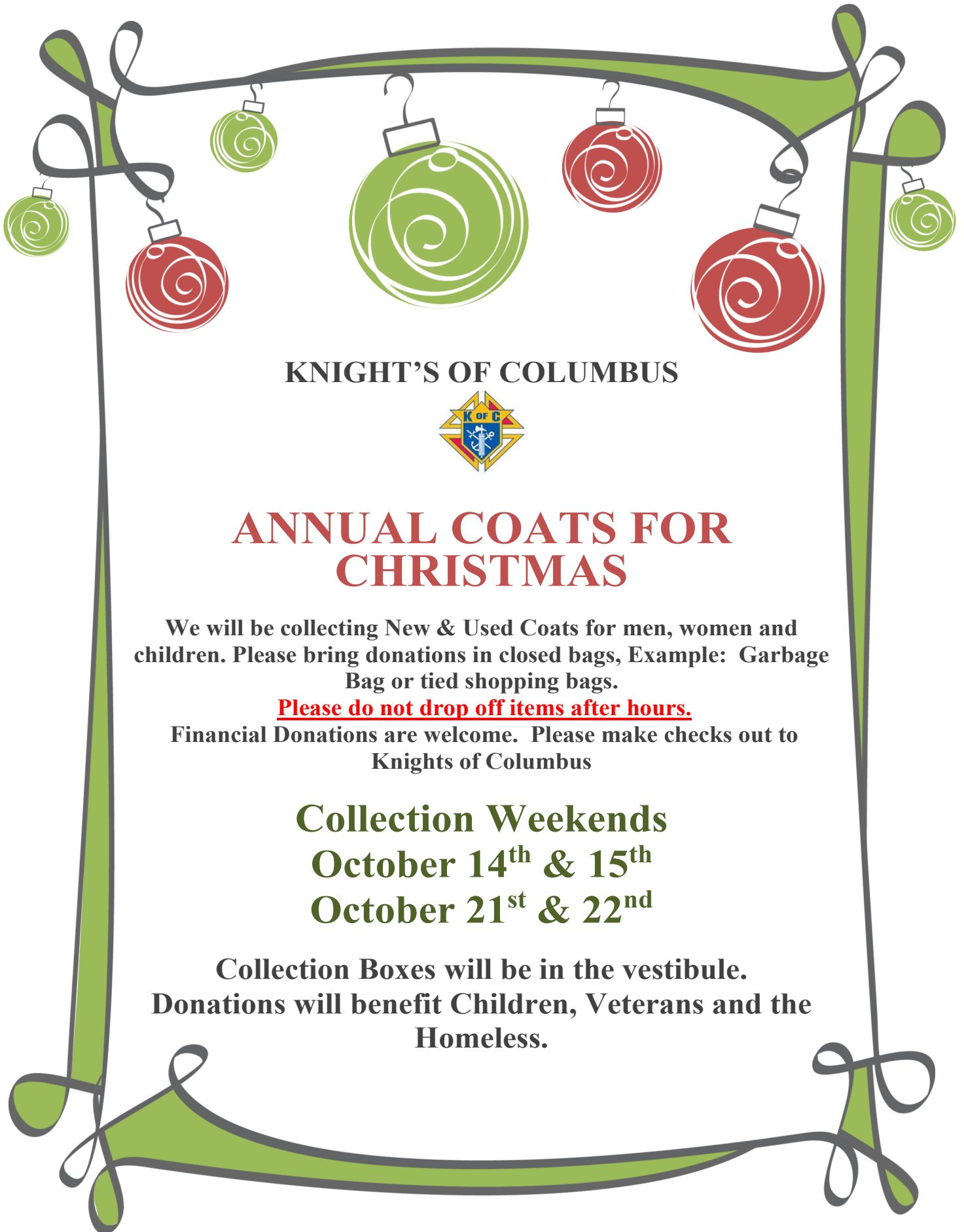
**SEWING GROUP** - The Sewing Group meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to make items needed by Ladies of Charity, Hospice, and the homeless. Call Mary Hess at 423-255-4995. **Primetimer's Event**

**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. Next Class is on October 8th at 11 a.m. in the Administration building.

**SPORTING EVENTS** - Contact Mike Williams at 404-909-6151. UT Chattanooga MOCS VS. Furman on November 4, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

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

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**KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS**



## **ANNUAL COATS FOR CHRISTMAS**

**We will be collecting New & Used Coats for men, women and children. Please bring donations in closed bags, Example: Garbage Bag or tied shopping bags.**

**Please do not drop off items after hours.**

**Financial Donations are welcome. Please make checks out to  
Knights of Columbus**

**Collection Weekends  
October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Collection Boxes will be in the vestibule.  
Donations will benefit Children, Veterans and the  
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The St. Stephen Healing Hearts Ministry is a support group for the widowed of our parish. We offer a supportive, understanding and prayerful environment as we walk through the grieving journey. Please consider joining us for our next meeting on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, in the Prime Timers Room, from 10 a.m.- 11a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Huntensburg at 954-464-7372.

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