

**OCTOBER 22, 2023 29TH 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. 21

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

\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

\*COAT DRIVE

### Sunday, Oct. 22

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

ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M.

\*COAT DRIVE

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

\*ADULT ED: 2 P.M.

### Monday, Oct. 23

\*ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

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

\*GAME DAY: 1 P.M.

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

### Tuesday, Oct. 24

\*ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

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

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

\*MEN'S WELCOME: 6:30 P.M.

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

### Wednesday, Oct. 25

\*COMMUNION SERVICE: 6 P.M.

**\* CHRISTIAN FORMATION :6:30—7:45 P.M.**

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

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

### Thursday, Oct. 26

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

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

\*SEWING: 9:30 A.M.

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

\*AHG: 6:30 P.M.

### Friday, Oct. 27

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

### Saturday, Oct. 28

\*STS. SIMON & JUDE

\*LADIE'S WELCOME RETREAT

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

\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

\*OLIVE WOOD SALE

\*BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

### Sunday, Oct. 29

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

ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M.

\*LADIE'S WELCOME RETREAT

\*OLIVE WOOD SALE

\*BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

### Mass Intentions this week

### Saturday, Oct. 21 - 5:00 P.M.

*For the Protection & Preservation of All Life*

*By The Respect Life*

### Sunday, Oct. 22 - 8:30 A.M.

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

**+Rusty Phillips By The Phillips Family**

**+John Turner By Ursula Turner-Jenkins**

### Sunday, Oct. 22- 11:00 A.M.

**+Warren White By Jeanette Craig**

**+Wendelin & +Constancice Eduarte By Marilyn Cruz**

**+Al Chiaruttini By Vince & Kathy Hotton**

### Sunday, Oct. 22 - 1:00 P.M.

**St. Stephen Church Members**

### Monday, Oct. 23- 8:30 A.M.

**Communion Service**

### Tuesday, Oct. 24 - 8:30 A.M.

**Communion Service**

### Wednesday, Oct. 25 - 6:00 P.M.

**Communion Service**

### Thursday, Oct. 26 - 8:30 A.M.

**Communion Service**

### Friday, Oct. 27 - 8:30 A.M.

**Communion Service**

### Saturday, Oct. 28 - 5:00 P.M.

**+Bill Cornwell , +Ray Bertani, & +Warren White**

**By John Sopko**

### Sunday, Oct. 29 - 8:30 A.M

**+Beverly Hunter By John & Sharon Vannucci**

**+Rose Conley By John Domville & Kathryn Calise**

### Sunday, Oct. 29 - 11:00 A.M.

**+ Roland Lee By The Lee Family**

**+Warren White By John Sopko**

**+Margaret R. Adams By Mary Anderson**

### Sunday, Oct. 29 - 1:00 P.M.

**St. Stephen Church Members**



**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, Damielle Riecke, 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:***

*Scott & Madeline Schimp - 2nd  
Patrick & Kacy Doyle - 5th  
William & Theresa Cole - 16th  
Hugo & Banía Montoya - 21st  
Thomas & Marcía Smith - 26th  
Daniel & Jeanne Hixon - 36th  
Melchor & Flocefina de Guzman - 37th  
James & Theressia Costello - 58th  
Larry & Sandy Mullin - 58th*

***Altar Flower***

***By***



***The Phillips Family  
In Memory of Rusty Phillips***

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## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Sharon Vannucci.....280-6043

## 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. 28 at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Diane Sullivan

EMHC: Patti Crownover, Karen Steely

Altar Servers: Raphael, Zharken & Angel Vadil

### Sunday, Oct. 29 at 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Tim Runyon

EMHC: Truyen Rahm, Rick Ridder

Altar Servers: John Vannucci, Rich Krysa, Viet Tran

### Sunday, Oct. 29 at 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Hess

EMHC: Carli & Paula Zeh

Altar Servers: Emily, Jolie, Noelle & Jerry Hardy

### Sunday, Oct. 29 at 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Barbara Casas

EMHC: Manuel Colmenares, Cindy Chestaro

Altar Servers: Keyli, Ilse, Ashley



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.

Sat./Sun., Oct. 21 & 22, Knights Coat Drive @ St. Stephen  
 Weds., Oct. 25, Trunk or Treat @ St. Stephens for Christian Formation  
 6:30 p.m.

Sat/Sun, Oct. 28 & 29, assist with meals for Ladies Welcome Retreat

Weds., Nov. 1, Directors & Officers Meeting @ Hall, 6 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 4, Harvest Fall Dance @ Hall, 6 p.m. Parish Invited

Why become a Knight? To know, love, and serve our Lord. To join call 423-899-9989, enter kofc.org/joinus.



## Ladies Auxiliary

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be on November 9th 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.

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**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 November 12th 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.



# NOVENA FOR LIFE

The 8th Month: Baby's preparing for life outside the womb

## INTERCESSION

May expectant mothers choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option.

## PRAYERS

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

## REFLECTION

Mothers placing their children for adoption often face many challenges along the way. One of the greatest obstacles can be inaccurately perceiving adoption as abandonment. But mothers who make an adoption plan for their children are not abandoning their children. Rather, they are exemplifying the sacrificial love of Christ on the Cross in choosing to do what is best for their children, even at great cost to themselves. Like Christ, they pour out their bodies and souls for the sake of another.

The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that, in the face of fears and trials, we can "hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm" (Hebrews 6:18-19). We pray that each expectant mother choosing adoption will be filled with "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding" (Phil 4:7) as she makes a loving choice for her child. Let us all cling fast to the anchor of hope, for we have received "a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!'" (Romans 8:15).

## ACT OF REPARATION (choose one)

- \* Do you have a sweet tooth? Or do you prefer salty snacks? Pick your favorite kind of treat, and give it up for the day.
- \* Look up one of the Scripture passages from today's reflection and spend some time with it in prayer. What is the Lord saying to you?
- \* Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

## ONE STEP FURTHER

"Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption" suggests nine ways to offer ongoing support to a woman who is considering making an adoption plan for her unborn child ([respectlife.org/mothers-considering-adoption](https://respectlife.org/mothers-considering-adoption)). Many of the tips given are also helpful for supporting a friend who is experiencing a challenging or unexpected pregnancy, even if adoption has not been brought up. Supplemental resources regarding adoption can be found at [usccb.org/adoption-resources](https://usccb.org/adoption-resources).

Thank you for your prayers,  
lives are depending on them!

If you or someone you know is suffering from participation in abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit: [hopeafterabortion.org](https://hopeafterabortion.org)

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