# 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

**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

# What's Happening This Week

Saturday, Nov. 11

\*ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

\*AHG CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

\*KNIGHT'S KIND WEEKEND

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

CONFESSION: 4 - 4:50 P.M.

\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

<u>Sunday, Nov. 12</u> \*MASSES 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. &

ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M.

\*AHG CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

\*KNIGHT'S KIND WEEKEND

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

\*DOMINICANS: 2:00 P.M.

\*ADULT ED: 2:00 P.M.

Monday, Nov. 13

\*ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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

\*GAME DAY: 1:00 P.M.

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

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

Tuesday, Nov. 14

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

\*ADULT ED: 9:30 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.

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

\*LADIE'S WELCOME: 7:00 P.M.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 15

\*ST. ALBERT THE GREAT \*DAILY MASS: 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Thursday, Nov. 16

\*STS. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND & GERTRUDE

\*DAILY MASS: 8:30 A.M. \*SEWING: 9:30 A.M.

\*ADORATION: 6-7 P.M.

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

\*AHG: 6:30 P.M. Friday, Nov. 17

\* ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

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

Saturday, Nov. 18

\*THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF STS. PETER & PAUL

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

\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

\*AHG CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Sunday, Nov. 19

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

ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M.

\*AHG CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

\*BIBLE STUDY: 9:40 A.M.

\*RCIA: 9:40 A.M. \*ADULT ED: 2:00 P.M. Mass Intentions this week

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

+James Holsomback By Michael & Phyllis Horten

+Heliodoro Cueva

By Rosanna Freeman & Maggie Cueva

+Frank Overmeer By Laura Overmeer

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

In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

By The Alexander Family

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

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter & Family

+Nicole Berros By Mom & Dad

+Warren White By Vince & Kathy Hotton

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

St. Stephen Church Members

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

Joe Burriesci By The Respect Life Ministry

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

Cathy Burriesci By The Respect Life Ministry

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

+Mrs. Cuca Alvarez By Fr. Manuel Pérez

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

Sherry Ferguson's Birthday By Judy Shirley

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

Communion Service

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

+Warren White By Kirk & Karen Steely

+Dr. Andres Alisago, Jr. By Cliff & Patti Crownover

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

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

+Michael Love & +Miranda Godena By Pam Love

+Alice Economos By Steve Economos

+Ken Decker By The Decker Family

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

+For the Protection & Preservation of All Life

By The St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry

Sunday, Nov. 19 - 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, 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, Danielle Riecke, Jan Reynolds, Mary Lou Riddle, Alan Robinson, Jan Rodriguez, Richard Runyon, Sylvia Scaruffi, Ron Schleifer, Sandy Schnur, Laura Sherrick, Chuck & Suzi Sodowski, Maverick Soracco, Peggy Ann Sorrells, Pat Strebeck, Sarah Lyons Sturm, Ryan Sawyers, Jim & Ann Simms, Bob & Pat Smelas, Katie Smith, Kenn & Mary Stroop, Jeff Terrell, John Turner, Michael Thompson, Roger Trudell, Dee Vaughan, Arlene Webb, 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.



St. Stephen Religious Store has all your needs for your Advent Season. Come & get your Advent Wreath, candles & calendars. We have some wonderful gifts

for all your needs. You can find all you may need right here in our store for your Christmas list. Stop by now for the best selections!

Advertiser of the Week: Residential Window Cleaning & Pressure Washing

#### **Church Bulletin Advertising**

Mark Mazza, representing our Bulletin Publisher, Diocesan, is currently seeking new advertisements. Support our parish while you promote your business in print and digitally through social media. If interested, please contact Mark directly or call the parish office. Only a third down ayment is required to reserve an ad.



Thanks to you and Diocesan, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish!

Congratulations to the following on their Wedding Anniversary:

James & Marjorie Goller - 58th



Altar Flower
By Margaret Horten
In Memory of
Judy Hamil

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Sharon Vannucci, Chair Person	280-6043
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#### **PARISH FINANCE BOARD**

Trina Hicks, Chair	899-3755
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Ron Schleifer	499-0249
Robert Sullivan	718-8308
Tom Smith	315-1737
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#### **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

#### **LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS**

Deacon Gary BrinkworthEN	ИΗС
Deacon Dave WaguespackLectorsAltar Serv	vers

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, Nov. 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Rick Ridder

**EMHC: Cathy Quick, Karen Steely** 

Altar Servers: Will Bertani, Larry Skelly, Diane Sullivan

Sunday, Nov. 19 at 8:30 a.m. Lector: Jim Costello, Lori Fox

EMHC: Gerard Machalick, Priscilla McLean, John Phan,

Hermie Ashcraft

Altar Servers: Augustino, Kaje & Soweka Gore

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

Lector: Dana Adams, Mary Hess

EMHC: Chris Humkey, Tonya Lee, Larry Skelly, Donna

Snuggs

Altar Servers: Brady Christenson, Hope & Faith Dann

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

Lector: Elizabeth Colmenares

EMHC: Manuel Colmenares, Cindy Chestaro Altar Servers: Jesus, Isidro, Isabella, Trinidad, Litzy

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. Nov. 13, 3250 4th Degree Assembly Business Meeting @ Hall 6 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 16, Knights Adoration @ St. Stephen 6 - 7 p.m., Parish Invited.

The Knights of Columbus promise to help provide opportunities for all Catholic men to serve Christ in his Church. To join the Knights call 423-899-9989, enter kofc.org/joinus.



#### **Ladies Auxiliary**

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be on December 7th for our Christmas Party. Baking will start on Dec. 14th & 15th and selling on the 16th & 17th of Dec. for our Annual Cookie Walk in the Administration Building. Jam is selling fast!...get yours while they last...Call Dot Durr to get your @ 315-657-7484. Come and join us!



St. Stephen Catholic Church will have a Thanksgiving Day Dinner On: Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023

At: 1:00 p.m.

In: The Small Hall

Please sign-up: In the Church Vestibule For more information: Please call Mary Hess

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

**ANOINTING 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 Baptism Class is on December 3rd at 11 a.m. in the Administration building.

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

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



# St. Stephen Healing Hearts Ministry

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, November 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Prime Timers Room, from 10am-11am. We will be discussing suggestions for making it easier to get through the holidays. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Huntenburg at 954-464-7372.

#### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**

#### A CAR IS NOT A HOLSTER







Chattanooga has the second—highest rate of guns stolen from cars in the country (relative to its population), according to recent study from New York—based nonprofit Everytown for Gun Safety.

386 guns were reported stolen from cars across the country in 2022. Many of these firearms are later used to commit violent crimes. If you have a firearm, don't leave it in your car or truck, unless it is in a SECURED lock box.



We need your help videoing the 11 a.m. mass! If you are able to volunteer, please call Larry Skelly at 703-624-0498. Thank you for your services!!!



Congratulations to
Kathy Hotten, winner of the
Respect Life Ministry Rosary
Give-Away!
Generous gifts, totaling \$1,720,
will support activities such as
our: Annual Rosary for Life at
the National Memorial for the
Unborn; Annual Novena for Life
& Spiritual Adoption; activities
to support the passage of

legislation to protect and defend life from conception to natural death; and give-aways for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Month of the Holy Rosary, and to our youth at Christmas, among other activities in support of our parish. A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed! ~The Respect Life Ministry.



Second Collection for Catholic Schools Weekend of November 11th & 12th