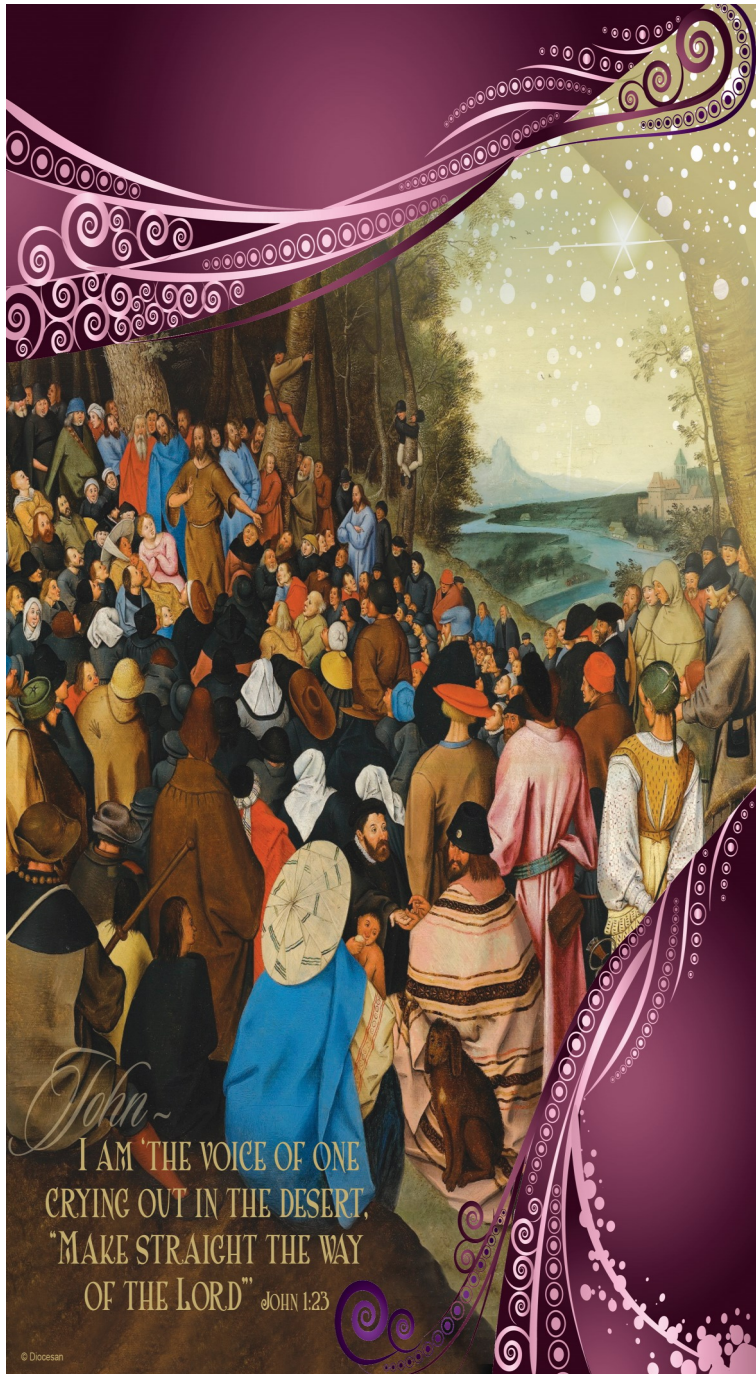


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Parish Goal:

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

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

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What's Happening This Week

Saturday, Dec. 16

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

*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

*LADIE'S AUXILIARY COOKIE WALK:

In the Administration Lobby after Mass

Sunday, Dec. 17

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

ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M.

*LADIE'S AUXILIARY COOKIE WALK:

In the Administration Lobby after Mass

*BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 A.M.

*ADULT ED: 2:00 P.M.

Monday, Dec. 18

*DAILY MASS: 8:30 A.M.

*GAME DAY: 1:00 P.M.

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

*PENANCE SERVICE: 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

*DAILY MASS: 8:30 A.M.

*ADULT ED: 9:30 A.M. & 1 & 6:30 P.M.

*CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

*HEALING HEARTS: 10 A.M.

*DAILY MASS: 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, Dec. 21

*ST. PETER CANISIUS

*DAILY MASS: 8:30 A.M.

***ADORATION: 6 - 7 P.M.**

Friday, Dec. 22

*COMMUNION SERVICE: 8:30 A.M.

*OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, Dec. 23

*ST. JOHN OF KANTY

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

*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 24

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

ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M.

***CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

*** 5:00 P.M. CHILDREN'S**

***8:00 P.M. ESPAÑOL**

***10:00 P.M. MIDNIGHT**

Monday, Dec. 25

***THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

***CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - 10:00 A.M.**

***OFFICE CLOSED**

Mass Intentions this week

Saturday, Dec. 16 - 5:00 P.M.

+James & +Corinne Swanson By The Von Peters Family

+Marge & Ervin Romans By Cliff & Patti Crownover

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

Sunday, Dec. 17 - 8:30 A.M.

+Rusty Phillips By The Phillips Family

Sunday, Dec. 17 - 11:00 A.M.

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter & Family

+Nicole Berros By Mom & Dad

+Roy Jackson By Debbie Jackson

Sunday, Dec. 17 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

Monday, Dec. 18 - 8:30 A.M.

Danielle Riecke By Pat Riecke

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - 8:30 A.M.

+Allen Kuehn By Bette Kuehn

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - 6:00 P.M.

+Mrs. Cuca Alvarez By Fr. Manuel Pérez

Thursday, Dec. 21 - 8:30 A.M.

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Petrone By Joe & Cathy Burriesci

Friday, Dec. 22 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

Saturday, Dec. 23 - 5:00 P.M.

For The Protection & Preservation of All Life

By The St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

+Jerry Nawojski By Gary & Mary Swanger

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 8:30 A.M.

+Frank Overmeer By Laura Overmeer

+Jim Scally By Kit Scally

+John Turner & +Jerry Jenkins By Ursula Jenkins-Turner

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 11:00 A.M.

+Dr. Daniel P. Labrador By Dr. Irene Labrador

+Carolyn Bart By Vince & Kathy Hotton

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 8:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 10:00 P.M.

+Dean Curtis James Larson By Vince & Kathy Hotton

Monday, Dec. 25 - 10:00 A.M.

+Ferguson's, Sullivan's & Runge's Family By The Ferguson's

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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, Douglas Fontenot, Laterria Green, Darlene Goins, Pat Halenar, Lorrie Levitt-Haufe, Rick Hirko, Joanne Hotchkiss, Nancy Humberger, Peggy Humphreys, 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, Mary Alice Ruhman, Richard Runyon, Sylvia Scaruffi, Ron Schleifer, Sandy Schnur, Laura Sherrick, Chuck & Suzi Sadowski, 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, Lynn Williams, Maggie Williams, Doreen Wirchansky, Brad & Patricia Wood, and Isabel Zaragoza-Bermúdez.

Congratulations to the following on their Wedding Anniversary:



*Frank & Lynette Bradley - 5th
George & Maggi Bercaw - 37th
Steve & Karen Underwood - 42nd
Walter & Bonnie Skiba - 46th
Bill & Patricia Wood - 56th
Norman & Joyce Shelton - 63rd*

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

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Mon., Dec. 18, St. Stephen Penance Service, 6 p.m.
 Thurs. Dec. 21, Knights Adoration @ St. Stephen 6-7 p.m. Parish invited.

The Knights of Columbus provide Family Fraternal Benefits, Scholarships, Leadership Development, Members/Spouse Fraternal Benefits, and Brotherhood. To join the Knights call 423-899-9989, enter kofc.org/joinus.



Ladies Auxiliary

Annual Cookie Walk in the Administration Building on December 16th & 17th following ALL MASSES! Come and get all your Holiday Baked Goods!

Call Dot Durr to get information @ 315-657-7484. Come and join us!

Ministers List for Next Week

Saturday, Dec. 23 at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Robert Sullivan

EMHC: Karen Adney, Trish Burk, Larry Skelly, Marylynn Casula

Altar Servers: Diane Sullivan, Open, Open, Open
Sunday, Dec. 24 at 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Pat Bagley, Maria Krysa

EMHC: Phyllis Horten, Tom Bruno, Jim Costello, Augustino Gore

Altar Servers: Steve Horten, Brendan Jennings, Gerard Machalick, Open

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 11 a.m.

Lector: Larry Skelly, Mike Williams

EMHC: Steve Christenson, Cassie Groner, Chris Humkey, David Morias

Altar Servers: Jerry, Jolie, Noelle & Luc Hardy

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Barbara Casas

EMHC: Manuel Colmenares, Cindy Chestaro

Altar Servers: Litzy, Andrea, Isabella, Trinidad

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Christine Roque, Emily Hardy

EMHC: Katie Clark, Betty Manes, Steve Horten, Tom Bruno

Altar Servers: Jerry, Luc, Noelle & Jolie Hardy

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m.

Lector: Open

EMHC: Open

Altar Servers: Open

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10 p.m.

Lector: Lorrie Levitt Haufe, Karen Underwood

EMHC: Phyllis Horten, Donna Snuggs, Elaine & Victor Williams

Altar Servers: Raphael, Zharkov & Angel Vadil & Diane Sullivan

Monday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.

Lector: Linda Schneider, Robert Sullivan

EMHC: Open

Altar Servers: Open

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.
- AHG** - American Heritage Girls NEW here at St. Stephen, For more information, please contact Kristen Connell 615-483-3944.
- 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 January 13th.
- 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**
- DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** - Meets every Monday at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel to pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet. Contact: Joe & Cathy Burriesci at 865-567-1822
- 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.
- 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 January 4th at 11 a.m. in the Administration building.
- SPORTING EVENTS** - **Primetimer's Event** -open at this time.
- SUNSHINE BASKET MINISTRY** - Contact Myrtle Englert at 812-449-6104.

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BAKE SALE TODAY AFTER ALL MASSES!!!!

**Ladies Auxiliary Annual Christmas Cookie Bake Sale
Walk is waiting for you.**

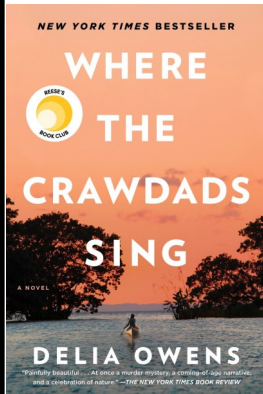
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Thank you for all your support!



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Msgr. Al's next Book Study on Where the Crawdads Sing will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Parish Hall. For those who would like we will stop at 1:15 p.m. to share a covered dish lunch and continue the discussion. Please call the office (423) 332-5300 to register to make sure we have enough handouts prepared.

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