

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

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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**

# DECEMBER 31, 2023 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

## What's Happening This Week

### Saturday, Dec. 30

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

\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

\*NO BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

### Sunday, Dec. 31

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

### Monday, Jan. 1

\*DAILY MASS: 10:00 A.M.

\*OFFICE CLOSED

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

\*DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

### Tuesday, Jan. 2

\*STS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY

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

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

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

### Wednesday, Jan. 3

\*THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

\*DAILY MASS: 6:00 P.M.

\*NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### Thursday, Jan. 4

\*ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

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

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

### Friday, Jan. 5

\*\*ST. JOHN NEUMANN

1ST FRIDAY MASS 8:30 A.M.

\*ADORATION: 9 - 10 A.M.

### Saturday, Jan. 6

\*ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

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

\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

### Sunday, Jan. 7

\*THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

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

\*RCIA: 9:40 A.M.

\*ESPAÑOL BAPT PREP: 11 A.M.

\*AD. ED: 2 P.M.

### Mass Intentions this week

### Saturday, Dec. 30- 5:00 P.M.

+Frank Overmeer By Laura Overmeer

+Louise McAvoy By Don

### Sunday, Dec. 31 - 8:30 A.M.

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

### Sunday, Dec. 31- 11:00 A.M.

+Michael Love & Miranda Godena By Pam Love

+Carmen Gomez By Angelo Gomez

### Sunday, Dec. 31 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church

### Monday, Jan. 1 - 10:00 A.M.

Theresa Petrone By Joe & Cathy Burriesci

Peggy Conway's Birthday By Cathy & Joe, Carol &  
Doug

### Tuesday, Jan. 2 - 8:30 A.M.

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Portman By Joe & Cathy Burriesci

### Wednesday, Jan. 3 - 6:00 P.M.

Danielle Riecke By Pat Riecke

### Thursday, Jan. 4 - 8:30 A.M.

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Balla By Joe & Cathy Burriesci

### Friday, Jan. 5 - 8:30 A.M.

Akash Alexander By Joe & Susie Alexander

### Saturday, Jan. 6 - 5:00 P.M.

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

+Ted McDermott By Mary McDermott

### Sunday, Jan. 7 - 8:30 A.M.

+Jim Scally By Kit Scally

+Erin Bagley By Pat Riecke

### Sunday, Jan. 7 - 11:00 A.M.

+Michael Love & +Miranda Godena By Pam Love

+Carmen Gomez By Angelo Gomez

### Sunday, Jan. 7 - 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, Rob Chaousy, Ryan Clark, Theresa Cole, Peggy Conway, Mia Corte, Jeanette Craig, 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, Sydney Strebeck O'Leary, Carmelita Ordonez, 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, 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 Wirschansky, Brad and Patricia Wood.*

**2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

To receive a 2023-end-of-the-year contribution statement, please fill out this form and return in the collection basket or to the parish office. Email bookkeeper directly at: [bookkeeper@ststephenchatt.org](mailto:bookkeeper@ststephenchatt.org).

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**THANK YOU!**

***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.***



**Congratulations to the following on their Wedding Anniversary:**

**Kiran & Roshney Prince - 4th**



# DECEMBER 31, 2023 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Sharon Vannucci, Chair Person.....280-6043  
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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)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Happy New Year to all of our St. Stephen Parish & Knights Families!

Weds., Jan. 3 - Director's & Officer's Meeting @ Hall 6 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 8 - 6099 Membership Meeting @ Hall 6:30 p.m.,  
 Rosary @ 6 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE! Tickets for the Valentine's Dinner Dance  
 (Beater Band) on Saturday, February 10th at St. Stephen's go on  
 sale January 13th. A limited number of tickets will be available.  
 Knights are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend.  
 To join the Knights call 423-899-9989, enter [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).



## Ladies Auxiliary

Thank you so very much for supporting the Annual Cookie  
 Bake Sale. We greatly appreciate who made it all happen!  
 Call Dot Durr to get information about the Ladies Auxiliary  
 @ 315-657-7484. Come and join us!

## Ministers List for Next Week

### Saturday, Jan 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Andy Simms, Robert Sullivan

EMHC: Patti Crownover, Karen Adney, Marylynn  
 Casula, Larry Skelly

Altar Servers: Diane Sullivan, Will Bertani, Open

### Sunday, Jan. 7 at 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Bob Birke, Matt Lubaway

EMHC: Fraba Akins, Jeanie Hixon, Priscilla  
 McLean, Gerard Machalick

Altar Servers: Thomas Minchew, Julian Vermett,  
 Brendan Jennings

### Sunday, Jan. 7 at 11 a.m.

Lector: Mary Hess, Lorrie Levitt, Haufe

EMHC: Dana Adams, Katie Clark, Steve  
 Christenson

Altar Servers: Kathy Hotton,

### Sunday, Jan. 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Cindy Chestaro

EMHC: Manuel Colmenares, Elizabeth  
 Colmenares

Altar Servers: Isidro, Keyli, Samara, Ilse

## BISHOP'S APPEAL

## for MINISTRIES

Building up the Church in East Tennessee

**PLEDGED \$106,430**

**RECEIVED: \$95,484**

**NEEDED TO MAKE GOAL:**

**\$10,946**

## FLOCKNOTE FOR PARISHIONERS ONLY

We will be sending information to our  
 parishioners by Flocknote. If you are not signed up for  
 Flocknote, please call 423-892-1261 x4 and let us know  
 that you would like to receive information this way. We  
 will need your name, email address and your cell number  
 to set you up.

## 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 7th 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.

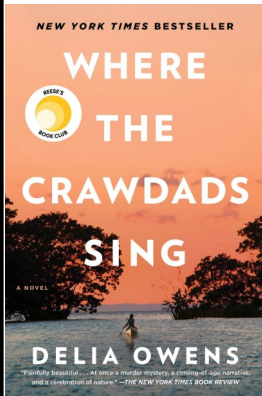
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# January

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	THE LORD SOLEMNITY OF MARY 1	STS. BASIL & GREGORY 2	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS 3	ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON 4	ST. JOHN NEUMANN 5	ST. ANDRE BESSETTE 6
	OFFICE CLOSED MASS 10 AM GAME DAY 3 PM DVM 3 PM	AD ED 9:30 AM, 1 PM CHOIR 7 PM	NO CF & YG	AD ED 6:30 PM	1 <sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY ADORATION 9 - 10 AM	CONFESSION 4 - 4:50 PM
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 7	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 8	9	10	11	12	ST HILARY 13
AD BIBLE STUDY 9:40 AM RCIA SPANISH BAPT. PREP 11 AM AD ED 2 PM	GAME DAY 3 PM DVM 3 PM	AD ED 9:30 AM, 1 PM MEN'S RETREAT MTG 6:30 PM CHOIR 7 PM AD ED 6:30 PM	LUNCH BUNCH CF & YG 6:30 – 7:45 PM AD ED 6:30 PM	ADORATION 9 - 10 AM LADIES AUXILIARY 5:30 PM AD ED 6:30 PM AHG 6:30 PM	COMMUNION SERVICE CASUAL COCKTAILS 6:30 PM	BAPTISM CLASS 2 - 4:30 PM CONFESSION 4 - 4:50 PM
14	MARTIN LUTHER KING 15	16	ST. ANTHONY 17	18	19	STS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN 20
AD BIBLE STUDY 9:40 AM RCIA DOMINICANS 2 PM AD ED 2 PM	GAME DAY 3 PM DVM 3 PM	AD ED 9:30 AM, 1 PM CHOIR 7 PM AD ED 6:30 PM	HEALING HEARTS 10 AM CF & YG 6:30 – 7:45 PM AD ED 6:30 PM	AD ED 6:30 PM AHG 6:30 PM ADORATION 6 - 7 PM	COMMUNION SERVICE	CONFESSION 4 - 4:50 PM LADIES AUXILIARY KARAOKE NIGHT 6 PM
21	22	ST. VINCENT 23	ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 24	THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL 25	STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS 26	ST. ANGELA MERIC I 27
AD BIBLE STUDY 9:40 AM RCIA AD ED 2 PM	GAME DAY 3 PM DVM 3 PM	AD ED 9:30 AM, 1 PM CHOIR 7 PM AD ED 6:30 PM MEN'S RETREAT MTG 6:30 PM	SERRA 5 PM CF & YG 6:30 – 7:45 PM AD ED 6:30 PM	ADORATION 9 - 10 AM AHG 6:30 PM	COMMUNION SERVICE	CONFESSION 4 - 4:50 PM
NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK 28	29	30	ST. JOHN BOSCO 31			
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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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