

**JANUARY 7, 2024 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

## **ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

– Matthew 2:11b

### **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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**Church Office Hours:**

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

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

**Address:**

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## **What's Happening This Week**

Saturday, Jan. 6

*\*ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE*

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

*\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.*

Sunday, Jan. 7

*\*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.*

Monday, Jan. 8

*\*THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

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

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

*\* DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET*

Tuesday, Jan. 9

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 10

*\*LUNCH BUNCH: 11 A.M.*

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

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 11

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

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

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

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

*\*AHG: 6:30 P.M.*

Friday, Jan. 12

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

*\*CASUAL COCKTAILS: 6:30 P.M.*

Saturday, Jan. 13

*\*ST. HILARY*

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

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

*\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.*

Sunday, Jan. 14

*\*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.*

*\*AD. ED: 2 P.M.*

*\*DOMINICANS: 2 P.M.*

*Mass Intentions this week*

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*

Monday, Jan. 8 - 8:30 A.M.

*Mrs. Jackie DeLucia By Joe & Cathy Burriesci*

*Judi Shirley Birthday By The Dominic Family*

Tuesday, Jan. 9 - 8:30 A.M.

*+Dean Curtis James Larson By Kirk & Karen Steely*

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - 6:00 P.M.

*+Norman Morais By The Morais Family*

Thursday, Jan. 11 - 8:30 A.M.

*Cathy Burriesci By Mary McDermott*

Friday, Jan. 12 - 8:30 A.M.

*Communion Service*

Saturday, Jan. 13 - 5:00 P.M.

*+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy*

Sunday, Jan. 14 - 8:30 A.M.

*In Thanksgiving for Sherry Ferguson By Glenn & Judy  
Perry*

*Judi Shirley's Birthday By The Ferguson's*

Sunday, Jan. 14 - 11:00 A.M.

*+Dean Curtis James Larson By Lorine Lorino*

*+Officer Mike Russ By Dave & Joyce Harvey*

Sunday, Jan. 14 - 1:00 P.M.

*St. Stephen Church Members*



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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, 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, Michael Thompson, Roger Trudell, Dee Vaughan, Arlene Webb, Audrey Wiemer, Jerry Williams, Lynn Williams, Maggie Williams, Doreen Wirchansky, 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**  
**Robert & Madeline Aaron - 1st**  
**Rich & Karen Ryland - 15th**

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## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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 & 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.

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

Mon. Jan, 15, 3250 Assembly Meeting @ Hall 6 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 20, Ladies Auxiliary Karaoke Night @ St. Stephen Hall  
5:30 - 10 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.  
Order your Pork loin from the Knights for Super Bowl Sunday  
and support the Pro Life causes in the area. The Knights of  
Columbus believe that protecting your family is one the most  
important roles of Catholic men. To join the Knights call 423-899  
-9989, enter kofc.org/joinus.



## Ladies Auxiliary

Join the Ladies Auxiliary on Jan. 20th for Karaoke Night  
at St. Stephen Hall for lots of fun! Call Dot Durr to get  
information about the Ladies Auxiliary @ 315-657-7484.

## Ministers List for Next Week

### Saturday, Jan 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Karen Steely, Diane Sullivan

EMHC: Marylynn Casula, Ed Cerantonio, Larry  
Skelly, Open

Altar Servers: Raphael , Zharkov & Angel Vadel,  
Open

### Sunday, Jan. 14 at 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Vincinetta Brown, Daniel Hixon

EMHC: Gerard Machalick, John Phan, Truyen  
Rahm, Sharon Vannucci

Altar Servers: Kaje Gore, John Vannucci, Soweka  
Gore, Open

### Sunday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m.

Lector: Emily Hardy, Bill Lopez

EMHC: Hannah Holcomb, Chris Humkey, Tonya  
Lee, Cassie Groner

Altar Servers: Jerry, Jolie, Noelle & Luc Hardy

### Sunday, Jan. 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Lector: Elizabeth Colmenares

EMHC: Manuel Colmenares, Cindy Chestaro  
Altar Servers: Isidro, Keyli, Samara, Ilse

## 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  
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will need your name, email address and your cell number  
to set you up.

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7111 Lee Hwy. Chattanooga, TN Next Put their name and  
email address in, then search for what they want to  
watch.

## 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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### St. Stephen Healing Hearts Ministry

The St. Stephen Healing Hearts Ministry has been meeting monthly for over two years now. This ministry is a support group for the widowed of our parish. We've had guest speakers who have helped us along our stages of grieving. We've also considered tasks we need to consider now, as individuals, as we journey toward our final earthly chapters (such as Living Will, Power of Attorney, Health Surrogate, Trust, Will, getting rid of unnecessary things/paperwork, etc.). We've shared names of people who can assist us with odd jobs around our homes. Occasionally, we also go out to lunch together. Our hour-long meeting, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, provides a time when you can share your feelings (voluntarily, of course) in a supportive and understanding environment. It's also a time to pray together. Please consider joining us for our first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Prime Timers Room, from 10am-11am. We'll begin the New Year with a review of the Stages of Grief. (Consider arriving 15 minutes earlier for refreshments!) If you have any questions, please contact Liz Huntenburg at 954-464-7372.



### ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH GROUP

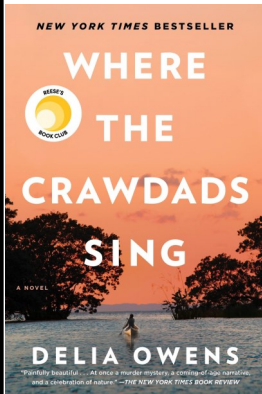


St. Stephen's youth group will be collecting money and donation items for our Annual Backpacks for the Homeless Ministry. Our goal is 50 backpacks to distribute to the Chattanooga community with the support of the Parish. The youth will be collecting donations after masses the Weekends of January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. A donation box will be set up in the back of the church for the items needed. Items needed to fill the backpacks include toothpaste, toothbrushes, bars of soap, deodorant, ChapStick, travel size Kleenex, mouthwash, antibacterial wipes, hand lotion, unisex socks, hand warmers, small blankets, and gloves. We also need prepackaged snacks like granola bars, trail mix and peanut butter crackers. No refrigerated items please.

Thank you for your continued support of our youth ministry and community!



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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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