

**MARCH 10, 2024 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY**

# **ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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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:**

**7111 Lee Hwy., Chattanooga, TN 37421**

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

### Saturday, March 9

\*STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 6:00 P.M.

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

\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

### Sunday, March 10

\*2ND SCRUTINY: 8:30 A.M. Mass

\*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.

\*DOMINICANS: 2 P.M.

\*AD. ED: 2 P.M.

### Monday, March 11

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

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

\*DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: 3 P.M.

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

\*BUNCO: 6:30 P.M.

### Tuesday, March 12

\*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, March 13

\*CHILDREN'S CHOIR: 5:30 - 6:25 P.M. PRIMETIMER'S ROOM

\*MASS: 6:00 P.M.

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

### Thursday, March 14

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

\*ADORATION: 9:00 A.M.

\*SEWING: 9:30 A.M.

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

\*AHG: 6:30 P.M.

### Friday, March 15

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

\*FISH FRY: 5 - 7 P.M.

### Saturday, March 16

\*ESPAÑOL RETREAT: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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

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

\*MASS: 5:00 P.M.

### Sunday, March 17

\*3RD SCRUTINY: 8:30 A.M. Mass

\*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.

### Mass Intentions this week

#### Saturday, March 9 - 5:00 P.M.

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

+Bill Cornwell By John Sopko

+Carmen Gomez By Angelo Gomez

#### Sunday, March 10- 8:30 A.M.

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter & Family

+James & +Corinne Swanson By the Von Peters Family

+Glenn Wright & +Ursula Wodnick Wright

By Ursula Jenkins Turner

#### Sunday, March 10 - 11:00 A.M.

Cueva Family By Maggie Cueva

Kenn & Mary Stroop's 61st Anniversary

By the Stroop Family

#### Sunday, March 10 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church

#### Monday, March 11 - 8:30 A.M.

Marceina Martinez By Thomas Arcinega

#### Tuesday, March 12 - 8:30 A.M.

Theresa Cole by Joe & Cathy Burriesci

#### Wednesday, March 13 - 8:30 A.M.

Pat Halenar By Joe & Cathy Burriesci

#### Thursday, March 14- 8:30 A.M.

+Earl Riecke By Pat Riecke

#### Friday, March 15 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

#### Saturday, March 16 - 5:00 P.M.

+Louise McAvoy by Don McAvoy

+Ted McDermott By Mary McDermott

+Theodore & Mary Ann Statuto By Loving Family

#### Sunday, March 17 - 8:30 A.M.

+Michael L. Folz By Ron & Myrtle Englert

#### Sunday, March 17- 11:00 A.M.

+Carmen Gomez By Angelo Gomez

+ \_Richard Larson By Loraine Lorino

#### Sunday, March 17 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

Carlos Eduardo Mora By Luz Helena Mora & Family

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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.

**Thank you so much for your support!**

**If you want to invest at St. Stephen, please call Fr. Manuel Pérez.**

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Sharon Vannucci, Chair Person.....	280-6043
Priscilla McLean, Secretary.....	503-3665
John Vannucci, Parish Life.....	309-5133
Nancy Powell, Communication.....	770-363-6952
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Karen Underwood, Education.....	400-4075
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Ron Schleifer.....	499-0249
Robert Sullivan.....	718-8308
Tom Smith.....	315-1737
Al Henry.....	667-3822

### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Sharon Vannucci.....	280-6043
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### LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Deacon Dave Waguespack.....	EMHC, Lectors, Altar Servers
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***Please pray for our sick parishioners, relatives and friends:***

***Karen Adney, Asher Baker, Ronnie Barnes, James Bevil, Debbie Brown, John Joseph Bruno, Lisa Calkins, Ryan Clark, Theresa Cole, Peggy Conway, Mia Corte, Jeanette Craig, Mia Crownover, Rita Dalton, Whitten & Brenda Davis, Nancy Diwan, Clare Donahue, MacKenna Duke, Leo Duncan, Douglas Fontenot, Laterria Green, Darlene Goins, Pat Halenar, Lorrie Levitt-Haufe, Rick Hirko, Joanne Hotchkiss, Nancy Humberger, Peggy Humphreys, Herb Katzman, Don Krupp, Elaine Larmer, Elizabeth Levine, Sara Jane Locke, Carmen Lopez, Dennis Lowe, Mike Milewski, Mary Najberg, Kelly Nast, Sam Nechvatal, Emily Powell, Sydney Strebeck O'Leary, Carmelita Ordonez, Wendy Quick, 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 Sadowski, 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 & Harry Webb, Audrey Wiemer, Jerry Williams, Lynn Williams, Maggie Williams, Doreen Wirchansky, Brad and Patricia Wood.***

***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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*All women of St. Stephen Parish  
are invited to attend  
our Ladies Recognition Tea  
honoring women of this parish  
for their  
Character, Courage, and Commitment  
on*

*Tuesday, March 23, 2024*

*Mass at 11:00 AM at the Large Parish Hall*

*Followed by a Tea at the Small Parish Hall*

**An RSVP is required for both the Mass and the Tea**

Please call Sherry at the Parish Office 423-892-1261

**The final day for Reservations is Monday, April 15, 2024**

**Recommended attire is "Party Casual" ...a Hat and gloves are appropriate**



**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS**

Nomination Forms to nominate a St. Stephen female parishioner(s) 40 years of age or older for their volunteer service to this parish and/or the community either in the past or at the present time are available on the round table in the narthex. The forms will be available

from

March 9, 2024 thru April 7, 2024

**. THE DEADLINE TO NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL IS SUNDAY, April 7, 2024**

**NO nominations will be accepted after that date**

**NO nominations will be accepted over the phone**

## 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 March 9th.

**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 April 7th at 11 a.m. in the Administration building.

**SPORTING EVENTS - Primetimer's Event** - Contact Larry Skelly at 703-624-0498.

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

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Mon., March 11, 3250 Assembly Business Meeting @ Hall 6 p.m.

Fri., March 15, Fish Fry @ St. Stephen Hall, 5 - 7 p.m.

Sat., March 16, St. Patrick's Day Party @ Knights Hall, 6 - 10 p.m.

Thurs., March 21, Knight's Adoration @ St. Stephen 6 - 7 p.m., Parish Invited.

Fri., March 22, Fish Fry @ St. Stephen Hall, 5 - 7 p.m.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus can provide men with leadership opportunities that they may not be currently offered in their professional careers. To join the Knights call 423-899-9989, enter [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).



### Ladies Auxiliary

Come and see what the Ladies Auxiliary are doing this month. Our next meeting will be on March 14th at 5:30 p.m. Call Dot Durr to get information about the Ladies Auxiliary @ 315-657-7484.

*Congratulations to the  
following on their  
Wedding Anniversary*



*Mark & Angela Vallée - 15th  
Brian & Ann Marie Gray - 21st  
Kenn & Mary Stroop - 61st  
Ebon & Cecile Grubb - 71st*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ST. STEPHEN ANNUAL  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
JUNE 22, 2024**



### 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, March 20th,

in the Prime Timers Room,  
from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

If you have any questions,  
please contact

Liz Huntenburg at 954-464-7372.

### Advertiser of the Week:

*Heritage Funeral Home and Cremation  
Services*

### 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 payment is required to reserve an ad.

### Contact

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**513-392-6768**

**DIOCESAN**

Catholic Life Every Day

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

**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)**

## MARCH 10, 2024 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY



Our pantry is running out of food more often due to the many we are helping to feed. Also our Layette Program is being utilized more often so our Layette supplies are being depleted.

Layette Program, we are in need of baby boy's & girl's clothes sizes 0-3 or 3-6 months. Of course any financial donations for this program are greatly appreciated.

The Pantry, any small self opening cans of meats, meaty soups, crackers, individual fruit cups, individual vegetables, etc. are greatly needed.

Of course any financial donations for these programs are greatly appreciated.

You may drop these items either at the Church office or at Ladies of Charity at 2821 Rossville Blvd. Chattanooga, TN. We have volunteers going there during the week that can take these items down each week.

Thank you Cindy



### Volunteer Opportunity

Do you have a few hours each week or each month to help a mother and baby? The Pregnancy Help Center is looking for English and Spanish-speaking volunteers to assist with office help, sorting & stocking our baby stores and our Earn While You Learn program. We educate parents on pregnancy, parenting and life skills all while earning the supplies they need for their babies. Both women and men volunteers are needed. Training is provided and schedules are very flexible. Your time and talents are truly needed as our Pregnancy Help Centers are rapidly growing to meet the needs of those we have the privilege of serving. For more information, please contact:

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