

**St. Stephen Catholic Church**  
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**April 27, 2025**

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



**REV. MANUEL PÉREZ, PASTOR**

**DEACON GARY BRINKWORTH**

**DEACON DAVE WAGUESPACK**

**Thank you for attending Mass with us today, we are glad you came!**  
**Fr. Pérez and the parish family of St. Stephen would like to welcome all of**  
**our visitors and new members.**

### 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.**

**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH**  
**OFFICE FOR INFORMATION**  
**REGARDING:**

- \*ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
- \*HOMEBOUND VISITS**
- \*MASS INTENTIONS**
- \*ALTAR FLOWERS**
- \*TRAVELING CHALICE**
- \*BAPTISMS /REPARATION**
- \*MARRIAGES**
- \*FUNERAL/MEMORIAL**  
**MASSES**

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**

**8:30 A.M.**

**Wednesday**

**6:00 P.M.**

**1st Friday**

**8:30 A.M.**

**Other Fridays**

**Communion Service**

**8:30 A.M.**

**Saturday**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Sunday**

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

**1:00 P.M. ESPAÑOL**

### CONFESSIONS

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

**OR BY APPOINTMENT**

### PARISH OFFICE

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**

**8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**FRIDAY**

**8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

### **Today's Schedule**

#### **First Reading**

**Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16**

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

**“Give thanks to the**  
**Lord for he is good,**  
**his love is**  
**everlasting.”**

#### **Second Reading**

**Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13,**  
**17-19**

#### **Gospel Reading**

**John 20:19-31**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH****MASS SCHEDULE April 26 - May 4, 2025**Saturday, April 26

11:00 A.M. - 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

4:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS

KNIGHTS KIND DRIVE

5:00 P.M. - MASS

Sunday, April 27

8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. &amp; ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M. - MASSES

9:40 A.M. - OCIA

10:00 A.M. - BIBLE STUDY

2:00 &amp; 6 P.M. - AD ED 1:30 P.M. - LOOKOUTS BASEBALL GAME

3:00 P.M. - DIVINE MERCY ADORATION &amp; CHAPLET

KNIGHTS KIND DRIVE

5:00 P.M. - AHG PICNIC

Monday, April 28

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

1:00 P.M. - GAME DAY IN THE MEETING ROOM

3 P.M. - DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

6:30 P.M. - BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 29

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

10 A.M. &amp; 1 &amp; 6:30 P.M. - AD ED

6:30 P.M. - MEN'S WELCOME

7:00 P.M. - CHOIR

Wednesday, April 30

6:00 P.M. MASS

6:30 P.M. - CF &amp; YM PICNIC

Thursday, May 1 ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

9:30 A.M. - RESPECT LIFE MEETING

9:30 A.M. - SEWING

6:30 P.M. - AD ED

6:30 P.M. - LADIES WELCOME

Friday, May 2 ST. ATHANASIUS

8:30 A.M. - 1st FRIDAY MASS &amp; ADORATION

Saturday, May 3 STS. PHILIP & JAMES

8:00 A.M. - ST. STEPHEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

4:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS

KNIGHTS KIND DRIVE

Sunday, May 4

8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. &amp; ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M.- MASSES

AFTER 8:30 A.M. &amp; 11 A.M. MASS - BREAKFAST ON FIRE

9:40 A.M. - OCIA

10:00 A.M. - BIBLE STUDY

11:00 A.M. - SPANISH BAPT PREP

2:00 &amp; 6 P.M. - AD ED

Saturday, April 26 - 5:00 P.M.

+Frank Overmeer By Laura Overmeer

+Guadalupe Cueva By Roxanne Freeman

&amp; Maggie Cueva

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

Sunday, April 27 - 8:30 A.M.

+James &amp; +Corinne Swanson By the Von Peters Family

Sunday, April 27 - 11:00 A.M.

+Roger, +Sheila &amp; +Jennifer Trudell By Clarence &amp; Pat

Bodnar

Sunday, April 27 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

Monday, April 28 - 8:30 A.M.

For all the Priest in the Diocese of Knoxville

Tuesday, April 29 - 8:30 A.M.

+Veronica Cabrera By Irene Salenda

Wednesday, April 30 - 6:00 P.M.

For Thanksgiving Prayers answered thru Madonna

Montserrat By Isabella Von Memmingen

Thursday, May 1 - 8:30 A.M.

Aaron Love By Pam Love

Friday, May 2 - 8:30 A.M.

Akash Alexander By Joe &amp; Susie Alexander

Sheiba Sebastian Birthday By Judy Shirley

+Virginia Effley Williams By Mike &amp; Wanda Williams

Saturday, May 3 - 5:00 P.M.

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

+Ted McDermott By Mary McDermott

+Vivian Sharma By The Ladies Auxiliary

Sunday, May 4 - 8:30 A.M.

+Paul Horten, +Mary Frances Holsomback

By Mike &amp; Phyllis Horten

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter &amp; Family

Sunday, May 4 - 11:00 A.M.

+Emily Conforti Henderson By Clarence &amp; Pat Bodnar

Sunday, May 4 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

Adore the Lord in Holy Attire

What we wear says a great deal about what we value. As Catholics, going to Mass is the most important thing that we will do each week. The manner in which we dress is part of the reverence that is shown to the Lord present in the Eucharist as well as respect shown for God's holy people.

## MINISTRIES & CONTACTS

**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 762-887-2118 for more information about our Adult Education.

**AHG** - American Heritage Girls here at St. Stephen, For more information, please contact Kristen Connell 615-483-3944.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - Please call Fr. Manuel Pérez at 423-892-1261 x2. Please have a family member call the office and request a visit from a Priest.

**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. Next class will be on May 10, 2025.

**BOOK CLUB** - Last Monday of the month 6:30 p.m. in the Primetimer's Room. Contact Debby Sopko at 423-463-1060. **Primetimer's Event**

**BUNCO** - 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the small hall. Contact Aimee Gloster 615-400-3743. **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 423-645-5835.

**CASUAL COCKTAILS** - Contact Daniel & Jeannie Hixon at 423-280-9516 or Art & Dena Vonwerssowitz at 423-667-5550. **Primetimer's Event**

**CHATTANOOGA FOUNDATION** - 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 423-314-2887.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** - Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Contact Betty Anne Neal at 423-488-6107.

**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.

**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: Debby Sopko 423-463-1060

**GAME DAY** - Contact Mary Hess at 423-255-4995. Meets Mondays at 1 - 3 p.m. in the Meeting Room. **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.

**O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)** Explore for yourself what Catholicism is about! O.C.I.A. (Order 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 423-718-0619 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 Church.

**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 May 4, 2025** at 11 a.m. in the Administration building. \*Solo para feligreses de San Esteban.

**SPORTING EVENTS - Primetimer's Event** - Contact Larry Skelly at 703-624-0498. **Lookout Games: 4/27 @ 1:30 p.m., 6/1 @ 1:30 p.m., & 8/17 @ 1:30 p.m.**

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

## CHURCH INFORMATION

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Sharon Vannucci, Chair Person

Priscilla McLean, Secretary  
Communication

Karen Underwood, Education

John Vannucci, Parish Life

Myrtle Englert, Family Life

Donna Snuggs, Ad Education

### PARISH FINANCE BOARD

Trina Hicks, Chair Person

John DiPrima    Lorrie Levitt-Haufe

Robert Sullivan    Tom Smith

Ron Schleifer

Al Henry

### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Sharon Vannucci

### LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Deacon Dave Waguespack

#### Parish Staff

**Rev. Manuel Pérez, Pastor**                      [pastor@ststephenchatt.org](mailto:pastor@ststephenchatt.org)  
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**Gary Brinkworth, Deacon**                      [deacon@ststephenchatt.org](mailto:deacon@ststephenchatt.org)

**David Waguespack, Deacon**                      [deacondavewaqs@gmail.com](mailto:deacondavewaqs@gmail.com)

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**Sharon Vannucci, Bookkeeper**                      [bookkeeper@ststephenchatt.org](mailto:bookkeeper@ststephenchatt.org)  
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**Robert M. Sullivan, Contract Administrator**  
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423-486-9914

## ALTAR FLOWER'S

**Please sign-up for the Altar Flowers in the vestibule. A great way to celebrate someone's Birthday or Anniversary!**

## OFFERTORY

4/13/2025

Offertory	\$ 21,609.00
Loose	\$ 1,935.00
YTD Offertory - Actual	\$ 530,495.84
YTD Offertory Budget	\$ 700,000.00
Renovation & Repair	\$ 3,816.00
YTD R & R - Actual	\$ 123,376.60
R&R YTD Budget	\$ 150,000.00

4/13/2025

Mass Attendance: 1,611

Number of Families: 1,240

## DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX - SURVEY

The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Open this Week! Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith. The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Stephen. Take the DMI survey today. <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/c15abc>.



● Your input helps strengthen our parish. ● Results help leadership prepare for the future. ● A report of the findings will be shared this summer when they are completed. If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up your survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located in the vestibule. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off in the regular collection baskets. At St. Stephen, we are blessed in so many ways. Together, we will identify our strengths and opportunities in greater detail as we strive to grow in missionary discipleship.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Check your calendar & Flocknote  
Christian Formation & Youth Ministry  
April 30 - End of the Year Picnic

## ANNIVERSARY



*Congratulations to the  
following on their  
Wedding Anniversary*  
*Thomas & Lisa Minchew - 6th*  
*Peter & Jennifer Thomae - 24th*  
*Art & Dena Vonwerssowetz - 47th*

If you would like your Wedding Anniversary in the bulletin, please call the Church Office Three (3) weeks before your special day.  
423-892-1261x4

## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

On April 27, 2025 the American Heritage Girls will be having a Picnic on the grounds of St. Stephen Catholic Church at 5:00 p.m. Rain or Shine!

Just email: [ahgchattanoga@gmail.com](mailto:ahgchattanoga@gmail.com) for more information on how to get involved. For more information, please call Lynette Cabeen at 423-580-2877.

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

*Kari Allen, Ronnie Barnes, James Bevil, Ronald Bogart, Joseph Bouch, Margaret Bray, Natalie Cadwell, Karen Callahan, Lisa Calkins, Dale Carney, April Chapman, Theresa Cole, Chad Clark, Peggy Conway, Jeanette Craig, Mia Crownover, Rita Dalton, Whitten & Brenda Davis, Mary Ann Decker, Clare Donahue, Katy Duke, Leo Duncan, Douglas Fontenot, Mark Andrew Germaine, Sandra Goettl, Latterria Green, Ashley Hafling, Pat Halenar, Rick & Ellen Hamdy, Jackie Hertz, Lorrie Levitt-Haufe, Rick Hirko, Joanne Hotchkiss, Chris Hulbert, Nancy Humberger, Rick Hunter, Kailey Ingels, Melody Kropf, Aaron Love, Dennis Lowe, Kelly McEntire, Ed Merritt, Stacey Meyer, Mary Najberg, Sam Nechwatal, Marjorie Nelowet, Mary Ann Norman, Carmelita Ordonez, Glenn Perry, Sr., Wendy Quick, Ethan Reed, Richard Runyon, Sylvia Scaruffi, Ron Schleifer, Sandy Schnur, Laura Sherrick, Marybeth Shirley, Chuck & Suzi Sodowski, Peggy Ann Sorrells, Mary Stroop, Sarah Lyons Sturm, Ryan Sawyers, Bob & Pat Smelas, Katie Smith, Gary Swager, Betty Ann Tedesco, Bruce Tripp, Cindy VanDuyne, Dee Vaughan, Arlene Webb, Audrey Wiemer, Lynn Williams, Maggie Williams, Doreen Wirchansky, Brad & 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.*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.**

Sat/Sun., April 26 & 27, Knights of Columbus KIND Collection after all Masses

Wed., April 30, Directors & Officers Meeting @ Knights Hall 6 p.m.

Sat., May 3, St. Stephen Golf Tournament @ Brainerd, 8 a.m. Tee Off

Mon., May 5, 6099 Membership Meeting @ Knights Hall 6:30 p.m., Rosary @ 6 p.m.

Knights come from every stage in life, in countless corners of the world. The Knights are men who lead, serve, protect, and defend. Join the Knights of Columbus today! Call 423-899-9989 or go to [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).



## Ladies Auxiliary

Our next meeting will be on May 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Call Laurene Hirko to get info about the Ladies Auxiliary @ 508-446-4529.

# MAY 2025 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER <sup>1</sup>	ST. ATHANASIUS <sup>2</sup>	STS, PHILIP & JAMES <sup>3</sup>
				RESPECT LIFE MTG 9:15 AM SEWING 9:30 AM AD ED 6:30 PM LIB AHG 6:30 PM LADIES WELCOME 6:30 PM	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY ADORATION 9 AM</b>	<b>ST. STEPHEN GOLF TOURNAMENT 8 AM</b> CONFESSIONS 4-4:50 PM
4	5	6	7	8	9	ST. JOHN OF AVILA <sup>10</sup>
OCIA 9:40 AM BIBLE STUDY 10 AM BREAKFAST ON FIRE @ 8:30 & 11 AM MASSES <b>SPANISH BAPT PREP 11 AM</b> AD ED 2 & 6 PM	GAME DAY 1 PM <b>DVM 3 PM</b> BUNCO 6:30 PM CHOIR 7 PM	AD ED 10 AM & 1 PM	CF & YM 6:30 PM	<b>ADORATION 9-10 AM</b> SEWING 9:30 AM LADIES AUXILIARY 5:30 PM AD ED 6:30 PM LIB	COMMUNION SERVICE 8:30 AM CASUAL COCKTAILS 6:30 PM WOMEN'S WELCOME 6 PM	<b>LECTOR TRAINING 9:30 AM</b> <b>BAPTISM CLASS 2 PM</b> CONFESSIONS 4-4:50 PM BABY BOTTLE DRIVE
MOTHER'S DAY <sup>11</sup>	STS. NEREUS, ACHILLEUS & PANCRAS <sup>12</sup>	OUR LADY OF FATIMA <sup>13</sup>	ST. MATTHIAS <sup>14</sup>	ST. ISIDORE <sup>15</sup>	16	17
OCIA 9:40 AM BIBLE STUDY 10 AM YOUTH MASS 11 AM AD ED 2 & 6 PM DOMINICAN 2 PM BABY BOTTLE DRIVE	GAME DAY 1 PM <b>DVM 3 PM</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED NO MASS</b> CHOIR 7 PM	LUNCH BUNCH 11 AM SACRED HEART OF JESUS 6:30 PM	SEWING 9:30 AM AD ED 6:30 PM LIB <b>ADORATION 6-7 PM</b>	COMMUNION SERVICE NO EVENTS IN THE ADMIN BUILDING	NO EVENTS IN THE ADMIN BUILDING MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT CONFESSIONS 4-4:50 PM BABY BOTTLE DRIVE
18	19	ST. BEMARDINE OF SIENA <sup>20</sup>	ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES <sup>21</sup>	ST. RITA OF CASCIA <sup>22</sup>	23	24
NO EVENTS IN THE ADMIN BUILDING BABY BOTTLE DRIVE	GAME DAY 1 PM <b>DVM 3 PM</b>	AD ED 10 AM & 1 PM CHOIR 7 PM	HEALING HEARTS 11 AM	<b>ADORATION 9-10 AM</b> SEWING 9:30 AM AD ED 6:30 PM LIB AHG 6:30 PM AWARDS SMALL HALL	COMMUNION SERVICE 8:30 AM	CONFESSIONS 4-4:50 PM
25	ST. PHILIP NERI <sup>26</sup>	ST. AUGUSTIN <sup>27</sup>	28	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD <sup>29</sup>	30	THE VISITATION OF THE BVM <sup>31</sup>
OCIA 9:40 AM BIBLE STUDY 10 AM AD ED 2 & 6 PM	<b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY</b> GAME DAY 1 PM <b>DVM 3 PM</b> BOOK CLUB 6:30 PM	AD ED 10 AM & 1 PM CHOIR 7 PM	SACRED HEART OF JESUS 6:30 PM	<b>ADORATION 9 - 10 AM</b> SEWING 9:30 AM AD ED 6:30 PM LIB AHG 6:30 PM LADIES WELCOME 6:30 PM	COMMUNION SERVICE 8:30 AM FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT AT THE LOOKOUTS GAME	CONFESSIONS 4-4:50 PM

## BULLETIN INFORMATION

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