

St. Stephen Catholic Church
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May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter



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 5:27-
32, 40b-41

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6,11-12, 13

“I will praise you,
Lord, for you have
rescued me.”

Second Reading

Revelation 5: 11-14

Gospel Reading

John 21: 1-19

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**MASS SCHEDULE April 26 - May 4, 2025**Saturday, May 3 STS. PHILIP & JAMES

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

4:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS

5:00 P.M. - MASS

Sunday, May 48:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. & ESPAÑOL 1:00 P.M. - MASSES
AFTER 8:30 A.M. & 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 & 6 P.M. - AD ED

Monday, May 5

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. - BUNCO

7:00 P.M. - CHOIR

Tuesday, May 6

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

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

7:00 P.M. - CHOIR

Wednesday, May 7

6:00 P.M. MASS

Thursday, May 8

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

9:00 A.M. - ADORATION

9:30 A.M. - SEWING

5:30 P.M. - LADIES AUXILIARY

6:30 P.M. - AD ED

Friday, May 9

8:30 A.M. - COMMUNION SERVICE

6:00 P.M. - LADIES WELCOME

6:30 P.M. - CASUAL COCKTAILS

Saturday, May 10 ST. JOHN OF AVILA

9:30 A.M. - LECTOR TRAINING

2:00 P.M. - BAPTISM PREP

4:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Sunday, May 11 MOTHER'S DAY

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

9:40 A.M. - OCIA

10:00 A.M. - BIBLE STUDY

11:00 A.M. - YOUTH MASS

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

2:00 P.M. - DOMINICANS

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

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 & Phyllis Horten

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter & Family

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

+Emily Conforti Henderson By Clarence & Pat Bodnar

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

St. Stephen Church Members

Monday, May 5 - 8:30 A.M.

Fr. Anil Thomas, SVD By Judy Shirley

Tuesday, May 6 - 8:30 A.M.

+Georganna Mae Klemp Rison By Michelle Rison

+Matthew Williams By Aunt Peggy & Uncle Steve Sorrells

+Rosalie Decicco By Ralph Decicco

Wednesday, May 7 - 6:00 P.M.

Communion Service

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

Peggy Conway Birthday by Peggy & Steve Sorrells

Barbara Ann von Oostenburg By Michelle Rison

Friday, May 9 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

Saturday, May 10 - 5:00 P.M.

+Marjorie Hennessy By Laura Overmeer

+Roy Roy & +Diana Roy Rolls By Gloria Roy

+Guadalupe Cuellar

By Roxanna Freeman & Maggie Cuellar

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

Sunday, May - 8:30 A.M.

+Kathy Benson By Tom & Marcia Smith

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter & Family

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

+Marie Ruggiero By Mary Pomerance

+Theodore & +Mary Ann Statuto, +Francis & Helen Collins
By Loving Family

For the Deceased Mother's of Clarence & Pat Bodnar

By Clarence & Pat Bodnar

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

St. Stephen Church Members

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.

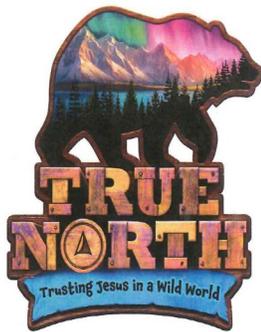
SPORTING EVENTS - Primetimer's Event - Contact Larry Skelly at 703-624-0498. **Lookout Games:** 6/1 @ 1:30 p.m., & 8/17 @ 1:30 p.m.

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



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Looking for mountains of fun?



You otter be here!

New friends › Amazing experiments › Creative games
Super-fun snacks › Surprising adventures › Incredible music

Location: St. Stephen (small & large hall)
(church name)

Save these dates: July 7th-11th (Mon-Fri)
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 6 pm - 9 pm
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: cre@ststephenchatt.org
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: _____
(registration web address)

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ADULT EDUCATION

St Stephen Catholic Church Winter-Spring 2025

Adult Bible Studies Donna Snuggs, Adult Education Ministry, 678-772-3833
Classes and Facilitators:

- **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** ~ Donna Snuggs This 8 Session Video Study Shows You the "Big Picture" of the Story of Salvation History Through 14 Narrative Books of the Bible. Mondays 6:30 p.m. Library
- **Walking with Purpose Women's Study** ~ Kristen Calloway "Touching the Divine". This 22-week Study Examines Jesus' Divine Qualities and How His Love Is the True Satisfaction of Our Souls as Revealed Through the Gospel of John Sundays 2 p.m. Prime Timers Room
- **Biblical Hebrew for Beginners** ~ George Bercaw An Ongoing Study of the Biblical Hebrew Language. Those Interested May Join Any Time. 1st & 3rd Sundays, 2 p.m. Library
- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** ~ Joan Roueché An Ongoing Study of Scripture in a Lively and Engaging Discussion Environment 9:45 a.m. Sundays in the Small Hall
- **Catholicism: The Pivotal Players, Part 1** ~ Steve Economos A 12-Week Video Study From Bishop Robert Barron Exploring Catholic Saints and People of Influence in Church History Thurs 6:30 p.m. Meeting Room
- **The Bible and the Virgin Mary** ~ Matt Lubaway A 12-Week Video Study Which Explains How Mary Has Always Been Part of God's Salvation Plan Mondays

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Kari Allen, Ronnie Barnes, James Bevil, Ronald Bogart, Margaret Bray, Natalie Cadwell, Karen Callahan, Lisa Calkins, Dale Carney, April Chapman, Theresa Cole, Chad Clark, Peggy Conway, Jeanette Craig, Mia Crownover, Rita Dalton, Brenda Davis, Mary Ann Decker, Clare Donahue, Katy Duke, Leo Duncan, Douglas Fontenot, Mark Andrew Germaine, Sandra Goettl, Laterria 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, Aaron Love, Dennis Lowe, Kelly McEntire, Ed Merritt, Stacey Meyer, Mary Najberg, Sam Nechvatal, 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.

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. We will keep them on the list for 4 weeks and you will need to call us to put them back on. Prayers are a powerful thing.

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.

ANNIVERSARY



*Congratulations to the
following on their
Wedding Anniversary*

*Julian & Danielle Coutu - 25th
Steven & Sheila Yolitz - 33rd
Richard & Jean Botto - 39th
Ron & Libby Schleifer - 44th*

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

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Explore for yourself what Catholicism about! O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) **Sunday** starting around **9:40 AM** in the **Meeting Room/Main Floor Administrative Building**). For more information contact Tom Cain 423-718-0619 or Deacon Dave Waguespack.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS



Girl' age 5-17 might be interested in joining American Heritage Girls. We will meet on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Just email: ahgchattanooga@gmail.com for more information on how to get involved. For more information, please call Lynette Cabeen at 423-580-2877.

HEALING HEARTS



Stephen Healing Hearts Ministry

The St. Stephen Healing Hearts Ministry will not be having our monthly meeting in May since we'll be gathering together for lunch instead. We will resume our monthly meeting on Wed., June 18th in the Prime Timers Room from 10 - 11:15 a.m.

KNIGHT'S & LADIES AUXILIARY INFORMATION



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Mon., May 5, 6099 Membership Meeting @ Knights Hall 6:30 p.m., Rosary @ 6 p.m.
Thur., May 15, Knights Adoration @ St. Stephen 6-7 p.m. Parish Invited.

What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God. Join the Knights of Columbus today! Call 423-899-9989 or go to kofc.org/joinus.



Mon., May 12, Assembly 3250 Business Meeting @ Knights Hall 6 p.m.



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.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

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