

**St. Stephen Catholic Church**  
**7111 Lee Hwy. Chattanooga, TN 37421**  
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**www.ststephenchatt.org**

**May 11, 2025**

**4th 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 13:14,  
43-52**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5**

**“We are his people,  
the sheep of his  
flock.”**

**Second Reading**

**Revelation 7:9, 14b, -17**

**Gospel Reading**

**John 10:27-30**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH****MASS SCHEDULE**Saturday, May 10 - St. John of Avila

9:30 A.M. - LECTOR TRAINING

10:30 A.M. - MOTHER'S DAY ROSARY IN MARY'S GROTTO

2:00 P.M. - BAPTISM PREP

4:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS

5:00 P.M. - MASS

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Sunday, May 11 - MOTHER'S DAY

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

11:00 A.M. - YOUTH MASS

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

2:00 P.M. - DOMINICANS

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Monday, May 12 - World Day of Prayer

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

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

3 P.M. - DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Tuesday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

NO DAILY MASS

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

7:00 P.M. - CHOIR

Wednesday, May 14 - St. Matthias

11:00 A.M. - LUNCH BUNCH

5:00 P.M. - YOUTH MINISTRY

6:00 P.M. - MASS

6:30 P.M. - SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Thursday, May 15 - St. Isidore

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

9:30 A.M. - SEWING

6:30 P.M. - AD ED

6:00 P.M. - ADORATION

Friday, May 16

8:30 A.M. - COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, May 17**MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT****No events in Administration Building**

4:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Sunday, May 18**MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT****No events in Administration Building**

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

11:00 A.M. - YOUTH MASS

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

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

+Marjorie Hennessy By Laura Overmeer

+Ross Roy &amp; +Diana Roy Rolls By Gloria Roy

+Guadalupe Cuellar

By Roxanna Freeman &amp; Maggie Cuellar

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

Sunday, May 11 - 8:30 A.M.

+Kathy Benson By Tom &amp; Marcia Smith

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter &amp; Family

+Sharon Phillips By Liz Phillips

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

+Marie Ruggiero By Mary Pomerance

+Theodore &amp; +Mary Ann Statuto, +Francis &amp; Helen Collins

By Loving Family

For the Deceased Mother's of Clarence &amp; Pat Bodnar

By Clarence &amp; Pat Bodnar

Sunday, May 11 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

Monday, May 12 - 8:30 A.M.

For the Poor Souls in Purgatory By Fr. Manuel Pérez

Tuesday, May 13 - 8:30 A.M.

No Mass

Wednesday, May 14 - 6:00 P.M.

+David Roper By Vince &amp; Kathy

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

Thursday, May 15 - 8:30 A.M.

+George Simms By Connie &amp; Wally Kenney

Friday, May 16 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

Saturday, May 17 - 5:00 P.M.

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

+Darline Goins By Vince &amp; Kathy Hotton

+Joseph Bouch By Ed &amp; Florence Cerantonio

Sunday, May 18 - 8:30 A.M.

+Hendrick Rison By Michelle Rison

Sunday, May 18 - 11:00 A.M.

+Gary Alan Calkins By Liz Phillips

+Michael Love &amp; +Miranda Godena By Pam Love

+Roland Lee By Clarence &amp; Pat Bodnar

Sunday, May 18 - 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 July 12, 2025 at 2 - 4:30 p.m.

**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 Huntentburg 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 June 1, 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.

## 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

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## [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.*

## OFFERTORY

4/27/2025

Offertory	\$ 6,747.30
Loose	\$ 2,124.00
YTD Offertory - Actual	\$ 555,788.59
YTD Offertory Budget	\$ 700,000.00
Renovation & Repair	\$ 1,278.00
YTD R & R - Actual	\$ 128,609.10
R&R YTD Budget	\$ 150,000.00

4/27/2025

Mass Attendance: 1,130

Number of Families: 1,244



**May is a beautiful time to play Golf!**

**Plan to play!**

**TIME TO SIGN UP!**

**RESCHEDULED**



**Golf with your friends!**

### **St. Stephen 17th Annual Golf Tournament**

*Brainerd Golf Course, Saturday, May 31, 2025*

*4-person Select Shot*

*7:30 am Registration, 8:00 am start, Shotgun start  
\$100 per person includes Donuts & Coffee, Green fee,  
Cart, Two mulligans, Hot dogs at the turn, Lunch,  
\$10,000 Hole-in-One prize, Awards for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
place, long drive & closest to the pin contests (men and  
ladies).*

*All are welcome, Singles, Couples, male, female, any level  
of golfer.*

*Sign up in the Vestibule to play, volunteer, sponsor a  
cart or hole, or donate.*

*Donated prizes, gifts, and swag are needed for Doo  
Prizes!*

*For more information see the poster and brochures in  
the Narthex,*

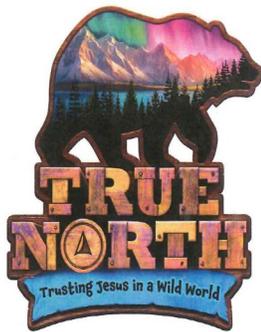
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## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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 Bercau 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, Jill Walsh, 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*

*John & Mary Kay Weaver - 18th  
Fran & Lyn Grillo - 54th  
William & Mary Apps - 56th*

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

## ALTAR FLOWER'S



*Altar Flowers  
For The Deceased  
Mother's of  
Clarence & Pat Bodar*

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

### 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.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES BABY BOTTLE DRIVE



The Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Drive is for the Pregnancy Help Center will start this weekend until May 18th

What does the Pregnancy Center do?  
\*24 hour hotline for abortion-minded women

- \*Monthly mobile ultrasound clinic
- \*Option counseling with referrals to our Adoption as a Loving Option services.
- \*Earn While You Learn program that allows men and women to be mentored while receiving baby item.

## KNIGHT'S & LADIES AUXILIARY INFORMATION



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Thur., May 15, Knights Adoration @ St. Stephen 6-7 p.m. Parish Invited.

Wed., May 21, 6099 Directors & Officers Meeting 6 p.m. @Knights Hall.

The Knights of Columbus are Milites Christi Solders of Christ. Join the Knights of Columbus today! Call 423-899-9989 or go to [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).



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



### Ladies Auxiliary

Call Laurene Hirko to get info about the Ladies Auxiliary @ 508-446-4529.

## BULLETIN INFORMATION

### CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

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***Sponsor of the Week:***  
***May Bros. Automotive***

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