



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

**June 15, 2025**

**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**

**Proverbs 8:22-31**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 8: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**“Oh Lord, our God,  
how wonderful  
your name in all  
the earth”**

**Second Reading**

**Romans 5:1-5**

**Gospel Reading**

**John 16: 12-15**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH****MASS SCHEDULE**Saturday, June 14

9:30 A.M. - EUCHARISTIC MINITER TRAINING

4:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS

5:00 P.M. - MASS

KNIGHTS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Sunday, June 15

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. & ESPAÑOL

1:00 P.M. - MASSES

9:30 A.M. - OCIA LAST CLASS

10:00 A.M. - BIBLE STUDY

2:00 P.M. - AD. ED

6:00 P.M. - AD. ED

KNIGHTS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Monday, June 16

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

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

3 P.M. - DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Tuesday, June 17

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

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

7:00 P.M. - CHOIR

Wednesday, June 18

9:00 A.M. - 33 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC GLORY

6:00 P.M. - MASS

Thursday, June 19

8:30 A.M. - MASS

9:30 A.M. - SEWING

6:00 P.M. - ADORATION

6:30 P.M. - AD ED

Friday, June 20

8:30 A.M. - COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, June 21

4:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS

Sunday, June 22

PROCESSION FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

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

10:00 A.M. - BIBLE STUDY

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

Saturday, June 14 - 5:00 P.M.

+Heliodoro Cueva & +Donnie Freeman

By Roxanna Freeman & Maggie Cueva

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

Sunday, June 15 - 8:30 A.M.

+Jack & +Marjorie Hennessey By Laura Overmeer

+Rusty Phillips By The Phillips Family

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter & Family

Sunday, June 15 - 11:00 A.M.

+Frank Ruggiero By Mary Pomerance

+Theodore & +Mary Ann Statuto, +Francis & +Helen

Colins By Loving Family

Sunday, June 15 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

Monday, June 16 - 8:30 A.M.

For the poor souls in purgatory By Fr. Manue Pérez

Tuesday, June 17 - 8:30 A.M.

+Do Phong By Kirk & Karen Steely

Wednesday, June 18 - 6:00 P.M.

+Sherry Utter By John & Kathryn Calise

Thursday, June 19 - 8:30 A.M.

+Rob McLean By Priscilla McLean

Friday, June 20 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

Saturday, June 21 - 5:00 P.M.

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

+Marc Simonton & Betty Simonton By Nancy Floyd

Sunday, June 22 - 8:30 A.M.

Respect Life from Conception to Natural Death

Jeff & Karen Ingles By Pat Riecke

Sunday, June 22 - 11:00 A.M.

+Michael Love & +Miranda Godena By Pam Love

+Jonathan Murshbury By Ann Quigley

Sunday, June 15 - 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 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 July 6, 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:** 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)  
423-892-1261 X2

*Gary Brinkworth, Deacon*                      [deacon@ststephenchatt.org](mailto:deacon@ststephenchatt.org)

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

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*Sherry Ferguson, Church Secretary*                      [secretary@ststephenchatt.org](mailto:secretary@ststephenchatt.org)  
423-892-1261 X4

*Sharon Vannucci, Bookkeeper*                      [bookkeeper@ststephenchatt.org](mailto:bookkeeper@ststephenchatt.org)  
423-486-9909

*Karen Underwood,*  
*Christian Formation Coordinator*                      [cre@ststephenchatt.org](mailto:cre@ststephenchatt.org)  
423-892-2957

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*Russ Ferguson, Maintenance*                      [facmgr@ststephenchatt.org](mailto:facmgr@ststephenchatt.org)  
423-486-9914

### [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

6/1/2025

Offertory	\$ 7,213.80
Loose	\$ 1,371.00
YTD Offertory - Actual	\$670,083.94
YTD Offertory Budget	\$700,000.00
Renovation & Repair	\$1,397.50
YTD R & R - Actual	\$155,596.10
R&R YTD Budget	\$150,000.00

6/1/2025

Mass Attendance: 1,153

Number of Families: 1,264

*Would you like to invest or donate to St. Stephen Catholic Church? Please contact Fr. Manuel Pérez.*

## ANNIVERSARY



*Congratulations to the following on their Wedding Anniversary*  
*Jerrell & Rebecca Laster - 4th*  
*Jacob & Lia Creel - 7th*  
*Trace & Elizabeth Cline - 7th*  
*Dave & Michelle Pestillo - 32nd*  
*John & Sharon Vannucci - 46th*  
*Glenn & Mary Pomerance - 49th*

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*  
*By*  
*Steve & Terrie Weiss*  
*In Honor of our*  
*Father's*

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



### HEALING HEARTS

The St. Stephen Healing Hearts Ministry has been meeting monthly for over 3 years now. This ministry is a support group for the widowed of our parish. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month, which provides a time when you can share your feelings (voluntarily, of course) in a supportive and understanding environment. Discussion of the Grieving Stages plays an important part of our meetings and it's also a time to pray together. Occasionally, we also go out to lunch. Please consider joining us on Wednesday, June 18th, in the Prime Timers Room, from 10am-11:15am. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Huntensburg at 954-464-7372.

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

*Ronnie Barnes, James Bevil, Dale Carney, April Chapman, Theresa Cole, Chad Clark, Peggy Conway, Jeanette Craig, Mia Crownover, Rita Dalton, Mary Ann Decker, Clare Donahue, Katy Duke, Mark Andrew Germaine, Sandra Goettl, Pat Halenar, Rick & Elle Hamdy, Lorrie Levitt-Haufe, Rick Hirko, John Holland, Jr., Hans & Nancy Humberger, Rick Hunter, Marty Kropf, Aaron Love, Dennis Lowe, Ed Merritt, Mary Najberg, Sam Nechvatal, Marjorie Nelowet, Mary Ann Norman, Carmelita Ordonez, Glenn Perry, Sr., Wendy Quick, Richard Runyon, Ron Schleifer, Sandy Schnur, Laura Sherrick, Marybeth Shirley, Chuck & Suzi Sodowski, Peggy Ann Sorrells, Kenn & Mary Stroop, Sarah Lyons Sturm, Ryan Sawyers, Bob & Pat Smelas, Katie Smith, Gary Swager, Betty Ann Tedesco, Bruce Tripp, Cindy VanDuyne, Pat vonClef, Dee Vaughan, Jill Walsh, Audrey Wiemer, Lynn Williams, Maggie Williams, Doreen Wirchansky, and 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.*

## 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 (Ends 5/15)
- **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 6:30 p.m. Meeting Room

## FLOCKNOTE

### 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 x 4 and let us know that you would like to receive information this way. We will need your name, email address and your cell number to set you up.

## KNIGHT'S & LADIES AUXILIARY

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Sat/Sun., June 14 & 15, Knights Membership Drive @ all Masses.

Thurs., June 19, Knights Adoration @ St. Stephen 6 - 7 p.m., Parish Invited!

Sun., June 22, Feast of Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession, 9:45 a.m.

Congratulations to Brother Bob Caccimelio, Knight of the Month and Brother John Vannucci and wife Sharon, Family of the Month. The Knights of Columbus Tennessee State Council promises to provide men with opportunities to serve Christ in his Church. Call 423-899-9989 or go to [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).



Sun., June 22, Assembly 3250 Officer Installation, 6 p.m. RSVP to Terry Duffy, text or call 423-605-1092 [tduffeykofc@gmail.com](mailto:tduffeykofc@gmail.com).



### Ladies Auxiliary

Our next meeting is on Thursday, June 12th. 5:30 p.m. On September 11th we will meet at a NEW TIME 6:30 p.m. Call Laurene Hirko to get info about the Ladies Auxiliary @ 508-446-4529.

## FORMED.ORG

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***Sponsor of the Week:***  
***Tricia Heider Affiliate Broker***

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