



St. Stephen Catholic Church
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July 20, 2025

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. MANUEL PÉREZ, PASTOR

REV. ALEXANDER "A.J." HOUSTON, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

DEACON GARY BRINKWORTH

DEACON DAVE WAGUESPACK

Thank you for attending Mass with us today, we are glad you came! Fr. Pérez & Fr. Houston 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

Genesis 18:1-10a

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15: 2-3, 3-4, 5

"He who does justice will live in the presence of the

Lord."

Second Reading

Colossians 1: 24-28

Gospel Reading

Luke 10: 38-42

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**MASS SCHEDULE**Saturday, July 19

9:30 A.M. - PARISH LITURGY MEETING

4:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS

5:00 P.M. - MASS

Sunday, July 20

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

Monday, July 21

8:30 A.M. - COMMUNION SERVICE

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

3 P.M. - DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Tuesday, July 22

8:30 A.M. - COMMUNION SERVICE

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

7:00 P.M. - CHOIR

Wednesday, July 23

6:00 P.M. - DAILY MASS

Thursday, July 24

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

9:00 A.M. - ADORATION

9:30 A.M. - SEWING

Friday, July 25

8:30 A.M. - COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, July 26

9:30 A.M. - PARISH LITURGY MEETING

4:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS

5:00 P.M. - MASS

Sunday, July 27

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, July 19 - 5:00 P.M.

+Frank & +Marie Ruggiero By Mary Pomerance

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

+Ted McDermott By Mary McDermott

+Theresiamma Podavupackala By Akash Alexander

Sunday, July 20 - 8:30 A.M.

+Judi Hamill By Mike & Phyllis Horten

Deceased Members of the Tran's & Nguyen Families By Joe & Truyen Rahm

Sunday, July 20 - 11:00 A.M.

+Rita Gallimore By Jeanette Craig

+Ed Merritt By Marianne Schultz

+Shuda Bhattachrjec By Kumar & Corrine Gopel

Sunday, July 20 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

Monday, July 21 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 22 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

Wednesday, July 23 - 6:00 P.M.

+Miranda Godena & Michael Love By Pam Love

+James & +Corinne Swanson

By The Von Peters Family

Thursday, July 24 - 8:30 A.M.

+Michael Sullivan By Ken & Laure Buss

+Katheen Smith By Tom & Marci Smith

+Dominador Ceberra By Irene Salenda

Friday, July 25 - 8:30 A.M.

Communion Service

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

+Rosalva Santos By Roxanne Freeman & Maggie Cueva

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

+Marc & +Betty Simonton By Nancy Floyd

+Mike Brower By Kirk & Karen Steely

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

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter & Family

+Vincentte James Hung Nguyen Mann By Truyen & Joe Rahm

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

Respect Life from conception to natural death

+Ed Merritt By Clarence & Pat Bodnar

Sunday, July 27 - 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 **Sept. 13, 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**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOBILE ULTRASOUND - **NEW** Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month, we will have the Mobile Ultrasound here at 10 a.m.—3 p.m. in the upper parking lot. Services offered: Pregnancy Tests, Ultrasounds, Prenatal Vitamins and STI testing. Call 1-865-864-3002 to schedule an appointment and Walk-ins are welcome.

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. (Break for the summer)

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 Aug. 3, 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
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Karen Underwood, Education

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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

7/6/2025

Offertory	\$ 4,999.50
Loose	\$ 4,116.00
YTD Offertory - Actual	\$ 9,115.50
Renovation & Repair	\$ 2,758.50
YTD R & R - Actual	\$ 2,758.50

7/6/2025

Mass Attendance: 1,230

Number of Families: 1,272

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

Ross & Diana Reyes-Hixon - 3rd

Marco & Irene Salenda - 26th

Al & Sharon Henry - 34th

Alfred & Evelyn Barnes - 35th

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

ALTAR FLOWER'S



Altar Flowers
By
Marilyn Brown

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



Women's Welcome Retreat Experience

Do you ever feel like something is missing?

Join your fellow parishioners for the Women's Welcome Weekend, an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it.

WHEN: September 20 - 21, 2025

WHERE: St. Stephen Catholic Church

RSVP: There are THREE WAYS TO REGISTER or to get more information!!

Stop by the Information Table in the Vestibule after Mass, Call one of the following: Lindsey Smith, Formation Leader (417-415-2177)

Vanessa Lara, Retreat Leader (423-803-7203)

Or Scan:



The moment we open ourselves up to God's plans is the moment miracles begin to happen in our lives.

COME JOIN US!

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Ronnie Barnes, James Bevil, Irene Bucci, 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, 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 von Clef, Dee Vaughan, Jill Walsh, Ann & Thomas Wheeler, Audrey Wiemer, Lynn Williams, Maggie Williams, and Doreen Wirchansky

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



PARISH BOOKKEEPER'S POSITION

St. Stephen Catholic Church is accepting Resume's with Cover letters at this time for the Parish Bookkeeper's Position. Please email these to Deacon Gary Brinkworth @ deacon@ststephenchatt.org, or Sharon Vannucci @ bookkeeper@ststephenchatt.org. More details will be coming soon. Please no phone calls.

KNIGHT'S & LADIES AUXILIARY



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Wed., July 30, 6099 Directors & Officers Meeting @ Knight's Hall , 6 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 2, National Eucharistic Congress Meal Support.

Mon., Aug. 4, 6099 Membership Meeting, Knight's Hall 6:30 p.m., Rosary 6 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 5, Knights Choir practice @ St. Stephen 6-7 p.m. Congratulations to Brother John Schopper - "Knight of the Month" and Clarence & Pat Bodnar & Tim Bodnar - Family of the Month" Our mission is to call Catholic men back to a sense of brotherhood, unity, and family in the church. Join the Knights of Columbus today! Call 423-899-9989 or go to kofc.org/joinus.



Ladies Auxiliary

No meeting in August! Our next meeting is on Thursday, 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.

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Notre Dame is thrilled to present "Summer Theater Camp", happening July 21-25 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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