



**St. Stephen Catholic Church**  
**7111 Lee Hwy. Chattanooga, TN 37421**  
**423-892-1261, Office 423-892-3242**

**www.ststephenchatt.org**

**August 10, 2025**

**19th 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**

**Wisdom 18:6-9**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 33: 1,12 18-19,20-22**

**"Blessed the people  
the Lord has  
chosen, chosen to  
be his own."**

**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19**

**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 12: 32-48**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH****MASS SCHEDULE**Saturday, August 9

8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. - DEANERY EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ST. JUDE

4:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS

5:00 P.M. - MASS

Sunday, August 10

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

10:00 A.M. - BIBLE STUDY

2:00 P.M. - DOMINICANS

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

Monday, August 11

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

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

3 P.M. - DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Tuesday, August 12

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

9:30 A.M. & 1 & 6:30 P.M. - AD ED

10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. - MOBILE ULTRASOUND HERE



7:00 P.M. - CHOIR

Wednesday, August 13

11:00 A.M. - LUNCH BUNCH

6:00 P.M. - DAILY MASS

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

Thursday, August 14

8:30 A.M. - DAILY MASS

9:00 A.M. - ADORATION

9:30 A.M. - SEWING

6:00 P.M. - LADIES WELCOME

Friday, Aug. 15**THE ASSUMPTION**

8:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M. - MASS

Saturday, Aug. 16

8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. - DEANERY EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ST. JUDE

4:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS

5:00 P.M. - MASS

Sunday, Aug. 17

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

MASSSES

9:30 A.M. - BISHOP MARK BECKMAN'S RECEPTION IN THE SMALL HALL

1:30 P.M. - LOOKOUTS GAME

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

3:00 - 5:00 P.M. - DEANERY EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ST. JUDE

Saturday, August 9 - 5:00 P.M.

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

+J.P. Bunch By Rich & Karen Ryland

+Pat Wright By Ellen Lennon

+Dave Fehrenbacher By Ron & Myrtle Englert

Sunday, August 10 - 8:30 A.M.

Ronnie Barnes By Russ & Sherry Ferguson

Sunday, August 10 - 11:00 A.M.

Dr. & Mrs. Allan Labrador By Mom & Dad

Sunday, August 10 - 1:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Church Members

Monday, August 11 - 8:30 A.M.

For the souls in purgatory By Fr. Manuel Pérez

+Robert Amico & +Edward Sheredy

By Barbara Amico

Tuesday, August 12 - 8:30 A.M.

+Bill Davidson By Vince & Kathy Hotton

Wednesday, August 13 - 6:00 P.M.

Sarah Jean Lana by Cassie Kokoszka

+Roland Lee By Linda Lee

Thursday, August 14 - 8:30 A.M.

+Michael Love & +Miranda Godena By Pam Love

Friday, August 15 - 8:30 A.M.

+Asucion Pérez By Fr. Manuel Pérez

Friday, August 15 - 5:30 P.M.

For Fr. Manuel's Family By Fr. Manuel Pérez

Saturday, August 16 - 5:00 P.M.

+Louise McAvoy By Don McAvoy

+Ted McDermott By Mary McDermott

+Henry & +Bettie Ryland By Rich & Karen Ryland

+Dave Febrenbacher By Ron & Myrtle Englert

Sunday, August 17 - 8:30 A.M

+Chacko & +Theresa By Joe & Susie Alexander

+Rusty Phillips By The Phillips Family

+Beverly Hunter By Mike Hunter & Family

Sunday, August 17 - 11:00 A.M.

+Rita Gallimore By Jeanette Craig

+Ed Merritt By Vince & Kathy Hotton

+Jaime Fernandez By Luz Zuluaga

Sunday, August 17 - 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 the church office 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 Donna Snuggs 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. (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.

**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 September 7, 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

### PARISH FINANCE BOARD

Trina Hicks, Chair Person

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John Vannucci, Parish Life

Myrtle Englert, Family Life

Donna Snuggs, Ad Education

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Al Henry

### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Sharon Vannucci

### LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Deacon Dave Waguespack

#### Parish Staff

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423-892-2957

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423-486-9914

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



St. Stephen Registration for  
2025-2026 Christian Formation (K-Confirmation)  
& Youth Ministry

will be held only on the following Dates:

Sunday, August 17th at 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20th at 6 - 8 p.m. and Sunday, August 24th  
at 12 - 2 p.m. in the Administration Building.

## OFFERTORY

8/3/2025

Offertory	\$ 11,360.50
Faith Direct	\$
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YTD Loose	\$ 8,410.00
YTD Offertory - Actual	\$ 82,343.30
Renovation & Repair	\$1,117.50
YTD R & R - Actual	\$ 92,475.88

8/3/2025

Mass Attendance: 1,150

Number of Families: 1,277

*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*

*John & Thuy-Le Phan - 33rd  
Zbigniew & Elzbieta Zdunek - 43rd  
Raymond & Leslie Fox - 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



Answer the Call to Be a Catechist!

Christian Formation is in need of faithful,  
committed Catechists and adult assistants to help share  
our Catholic Faith with the children and youth of our  
Parish. No teaching experience is necessary —just a love  
for Christ and a desire to share His message. All support  
and materials are supplied. Classes start Wednesday,  
September 3rd. For more information and to volunteer,  
please contact Donna at 423-892-2957 or  
[cre@ststephenchatt.org](mailto:cre@ststephenchatt.org)

## ALTAR FLOWER'S



*Altar Flowers  
By  
Vince Hotton For  
Kathy Hotton*

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

### PARISH BOOKKEEPER'S PART-TIME POSITION



This position will maintain the financial bookkeeping records of the parish in accordance with parish and diocesan guidelines and provide back-up assistance to the Administrative Assistant, as needed. This hourly position will report to the pastor and is expected to work in the office as needed to perform job duties, approximately 20 hours.

Candidates should have the following qualifications: at minimum an Associate's degree in accounting or five years equivalent bookkeeping experience; good understanding of cash receipts, disbursements, payroll, general ledger, financial reporting processes and positive pay bank process; experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook and Publisher; knowledge of the Parish Data System bookkeeping system or equivalent; ability to type and perform routine mathematical computations; have communication and computer skills; willingness to undergo a background check, follow diocesan policies, and become bonded, if necessary. Candidates should also provide references demonstrating personal integrity and the ability to properly maintain confidential information.

Position requires sitting and standing associated with a normal office environment, including communications via phone and email. Manual dexterity using calculator, computer keyboard is required, and ability to analyze financial data.

Please send a cover letter, with resume and salary requirements, including education, previous experience, and personal and professional references to: Deacon Gary Brinkworth, Trina Hicks, Sharon Vannucci to St. Stephen Church 7111 Lee Highway, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

*Ronnie Barnes, Pat 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, Don Meagher, Mary Najberg, Sam Nechvatal, Marjorie Nelowet, Mary Ann Norman, Carmelita Ordonez, Mitch Parker, Glenn Perry, Sr., Wendy Quick, Ethan Reed, Richard Runyon, Ron Schleifer, Sandy Schnur, Laura Sherrick, Marybeth Shirley, Chuck Suzi Sadowski, 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.***

## HEALING HEARTS MINISTRY



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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, August 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Prime Timers Room, from 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Huntentburg at 954-464-7372.

## OCIA



**Are you wondering what Catholicism is and want to explore joining? Find out for yourself! O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will resume on Sunday August 24, 2025. Join us after the 8:30am Mass on Sunday in the Library/Administrative Building (on 8-24-2025). Please tell anyone you know who would like to explore the Catholic Church. For more information contact Tom Cain 423.718.0619 or Sherry at the Parish Office 423-892-1261 ext. 4 or chat with one of the Deacons after Mass.**

# KNIGHT'S & LADIES AUXILIARY



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Thurs., Aug. 21, Knights Adoration @ St. Stephen, 6-7 p.m., parish invited!

**SAVE THE DATE! Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament September 6th @ Brainerd Golf Course.**

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The next social meeting of the Fourth Degree for our Knights of Columbus will be a dinner (spouses definitely invited) that will be held at the Miller's Ale House on Gunbarrel Road, Monday, August 11th at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to Terry Duffy, text at 423-605-1092. Special invitation is made to Third Degree Knights who would like to learn more about becoming a Sir Knight and potentially joining the Patriotic Degree of the Order. The patriotic degree is now collecting US flags for our annual retirement ceremony to be held this year. If anyone has any damaged or worn out flags that are in need of proper retirement, please forward them to one of our knights.



### Ladies Auxiliary

No meeting in August! Our next meeting is on Thursday, 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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## SIZZLIN' SUMMER STEAK OUT



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