



*THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 31, 2017*

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Church Hours: Mon.-Thur., 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Sun., 12/31
8:30 a.m.

Sun., 12/31
11:00 a.m.

Mon., 1/1
10:00 a.m.

Tue., 1/2
8:30 a.m.

Wed., 1/3
6:00 p.m.

Thur., 1/4
8:30 a.m.

Fri., 1/5
8:30 a.m.

Sat. 1/6
5:00 p.m.

Sun., 1/7
8:30 a.m.

Sun., 1/7
11:00 a.m.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH
by Ellen Lennon

✠ **BEVERLY HUNTER**
by Mike Hunter & Family

A.C. SEBASTIAN
by Sheeba Sebastian

DENNIS DONOVAN
by St. Stephen Parish

✠ **CORINNE SWANSON**
by The Von Peters Family

MAUREEN PAAR
by St. Stephen Parish

✠ **BUD THORNTON**
by Vince & Kathy Hotton

✠ **DONNA LEE KRUPP**
by The Krupp Family

✠ **ELIZABETH MORRISON**
by Ebon & Cecile Grubb

✠ **ANGELA SCHAFFER**
by The Manes & Schnur Families

ELIZABETH MORRISON
by Vince & Kathy Hotton

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

READINGS

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/ Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-14, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6



ADULT EDUCATION - For more information contact George Bercaw at 309-1798



ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Call Joan Roueche at 635-0857.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Please call Fr. Manuel Pérez at 892-1261 ext. 2 or Fr. Christopher Floersh at 892-1261 ext. 9. Please have family member call the office and request a visit from one of the Priests.



BAPTISM - Parents who wish to have their child baptized are asked to register for the class by contacting the parish office at 423-892-1261 x 4.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION- For K through 12th grade. Classes meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. during the school year. Families must be registered parishioners of St. Stephen. Contact Karen Underwood for information at 892-2957.



CHOIR PRACTICE - Every Tuesday from 7:00- 8:00 p.m. Contact Cynthia Spangler at 802-7192.



MATRIMONY - Four months notice required. You must be registered parishioner. Contact the parish office.



ANNULMENTS - Contact Fr. Manuel, Fr. Christopher or Deacon Gary at 892 -1261.



MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LUNCH PROGRAM provides lunch to families the first Wednesday of the month. For more info, call Cecile Grubb at 892- 8051.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION after 6:00 p.m. Mass, **RESPECT-LIFE** First Wednesday of the month. For more information contact Theresa Cole 423-432-7007 or Pat Bodnar 423-855-4717.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) . Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, in the **Library/ Conference Room**, Administrative building. For

October before each weekend Mass. **SACRAMENTS** - There are special requirements for sacramental preparation (Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation) For eligibility, questions, for information call Karen Underwood at 892-2957.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PRAYER GROUP - Meets the 2nd and 4th Wed. from 6:30 –7:00 p.m. Call Jill Walsh at 899-6148.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Gary Griffin, Chair Person 593-0976
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Karen Underwood, Education 238-4075
Mary Wurm, Social Action 902-4837
George Bercaw, O.P., Adult Education & Spiritual Formation 309-1798

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John DiPrima 344-8211
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Ron Schleifer 499-0249
Robert Sullivan 718-8308
Paul Wurm 902-4836

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Sharon Vannucci 296-0537

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George Bercaw, O.P. Readers 309-1798
Victor Williams, Altar Servers 645-0745

PRIME TIMERS (50+)

Bill Reynolds 893-8300
Patti Crownover 344-3575

CURSILLO ULTREYA

Micheline Parkey 893-9832

HEALTH MINISTRY

Pat Bagley 899-7722

URGENT PRAYER LINE

- YEAR'S EVE**
Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
- Jan. 1** - **SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
Mass 10:00 A.M.
Office Closed
- Jan. 2** - **Office Closed**
- Jan. 3** - **Respect Life Meeting 9:15 a.m.**
NO Christian Formation
Mass 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 4** - **Sewing** 10 a.m.
R.C.I.A. 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 5** - **1st Friday Adoration** 9 a.m.-noon
Sacred Heart Adoration
Communion Service 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 6** - **Confessions** 4-4:45 p.m.
- Jan. 7** - **Adult Bible Study** 9:30 a.m.
Adult Ed 12 & 6:30 p.m.
Vietnamese Mass 6:30 p.m.
Health Ministry Meeting—
Living Will 12:p.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Gourmet Cocktails - Contact Liz & Rusty Phillips at 894-4600 for info.

Sporting Event - Contact **Bill Reynolds** at 893-8300.

Game Day - Chair **Mary Hess** 855-0237. Meets Mondays, 12:30- 2:30 p.m.

Sewing Group - Sewers, cutters, ironers needed on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - noon to make **PRAYER BLANKETS**. Contact **Mary Hess** 855-0237.

BUNCO - First Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Hall. Contact **Sharon Vannucci** 296-0537.

Book Club - Last Wednesday of the month 6:30 p.m. in The Prime Timers Room. Contact **Myrtle Englert** 812-449-6104.

Line Dancing - (Not until January 2018). Contact **Pris McLean** 503-3665.

"Lunch Bunch" - Meets at 11:15 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at different area restaurants. Contact **Pris McLean** 503-3665.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth." Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the norms of their religion. Today's Gospel describes the event we call "The Presentation." Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home. And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, his formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of his home. How important this home was, where his parents raised him in their faith and helped him live in such a way that "the favor of God was upon him." May we too, in our homes and our families, remember that although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #6099 & #3250 & LADIES AUXILIARY

Merry Christmas to all our Council and Parish families!

Jan. 3 - 6099 D & O Meeting, @Hall 6 p.m.

Jan. 6 - Mid Year Meeting in Nashville
 8:00 a.m. CST

Save the Date - Valentine's Dance
 @ St. Stephen on Feb. 10th



The Ladies Auxiliary meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall on Lee Highway. Call 423-605-5795 for info.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Andres Alisago, Ronald J. Appel, Mark Bianculli, Frank Bradley, Phyllis Burzese, Margaret Bluhm, Ryan Clark, MaryAnn Coco, Bill Cornwell, Donna Coughlin, Tom Craig, Marilyn Dyer, Kathleen Edwards, Hubert & Darline Goins, Beth Gross, Billy Helton, Tim Holland, Frances Holsonback, Lydia Kate Ireland, Don Krupp, Katie Beth Lunny, Barbara Mahoney, Ronald & Diann Mellon, Cyrillas Meyer, Jackie Myers, Martiel Mohr, Betty Naylor, Richard Obsitnick, Sue Ondercin, Joy Parsons, Paul Phillips, Rusty Phillips, Emily Powell, Vivian Stone, Shirlee Sullivan, Nicholas Thorp, Henry Tipton. Carol Holland Tripp and

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to
Eduardo & Elisiane Campos

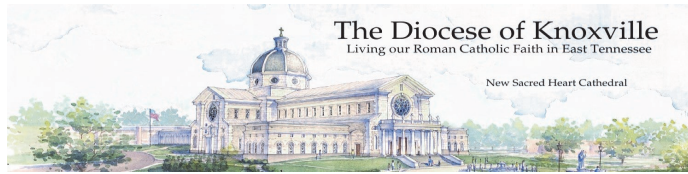
On their Wedding Anniversaries!

HEALTH MINISTRY

Did you know that giving and receiving hugs can help boost your immune system? Give a hug today.



the Chattanooga Convention Center. This popular annual event brings together more than 300 of the region's most passionate and dedicated members of our community for an evening of fun, fellowship and inspiration. Proceeds from this event support the Chattanooga programs of Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. The evening includes a cocktail reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Betty Anne at 423-267-1297 or bettyanne@ccetn.org.



The Diocese of Knoxville Offices will be closed on December 22, 2017 through January 2, 2018.



**Chattanooga Catholic Deanery
"Picture of Love"
Engaged Couple's Retreat**

This marriage preparation retreat is a **supplement** to the couple's marriage formation with their parish priest or deacon. The program is designed to help the couple gain a better understanding of the joys and challenges of living the sacrament of Matrimony in their day-to-day lives. The program will help the couple gain insights into their relationship, as well as give them practical ideas and tools to help smooth their journey and become the **"Picture of Love"** to one another.

- Will teach life skills with emphasis on the sacrament of Matrimony
- Offered 3 times a year
- Cost is \$135.00 per couple (Retreat certificate will get the couple a \$60.00 discount on their marriage license.)
- The Retreat will start on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m. On Saturday the program will start at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 7:00 p.m. Mass, snacks, a light breakfast, lunch and Saturday night's dinner are included. You must attend the entire program to receive your certificate.

RETREAT DATES FOR 2018:

Friday/Saturday, St. Stephen Church- January 26/27, 2018

(7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Friday Evening and 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday)

St. Stephen Parish Life Center
7111 Lee Highway
Chattanooga, TN 37421

For more information contact:

Marian Christiana – Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment at:
423-892-2310 or mchristiana@dioknox.org

This program is sponsored by the Diocese of Knoxville Office of

or sign the poster in the church vestibule.



CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

Call the church office at 892-1261, X 4 or secretary@ststephenchatt.org at least 3 week prior to anniversary date.



Look for the new Flower Charts in the Vestibule. The Altar Flowers are \$50.00 and Mary's Flowers are \$35.00.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
DAILY: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 AM, Wednesday 6:00 PM, First Friday 8:30 AM
DAY CHAPEL: Open daily for prayer. Closed at night.

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR BULLETIN DEADLINE IS THURSDAY AT NOON. (10 DAYS PRIOR TO PRINT DATE)

The bulletin is sent to the printer on the Monday prior to the weekend coming up to allow for printing, packing, and shipping for arrival at St. Stephen on Thursday. The deadline for holidays may be up to a week earlier. Please call the office if you need clarification for a specific date.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

FY 2017-2018	7/01/2017 - 6/30/2018	FY 2017-2018
	12/24/2017	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$	\$225,441.40
Faith Direct	\$	\$54,119.00
Loose	\$	\$40,768.20
Children	\$	\$226.33
Renov./ Repair	\$	\$62,131.35
		Amount
		\$625,000.00
		Included above
		\$82,000.00
		\$468.00
		\$110,000.00

NO FINANCIALS DUE TO HOLIDAYS!

St. Stephen is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all that you do. THANK YOU.

Registered Families: 696

FINANCIAL PLANNING