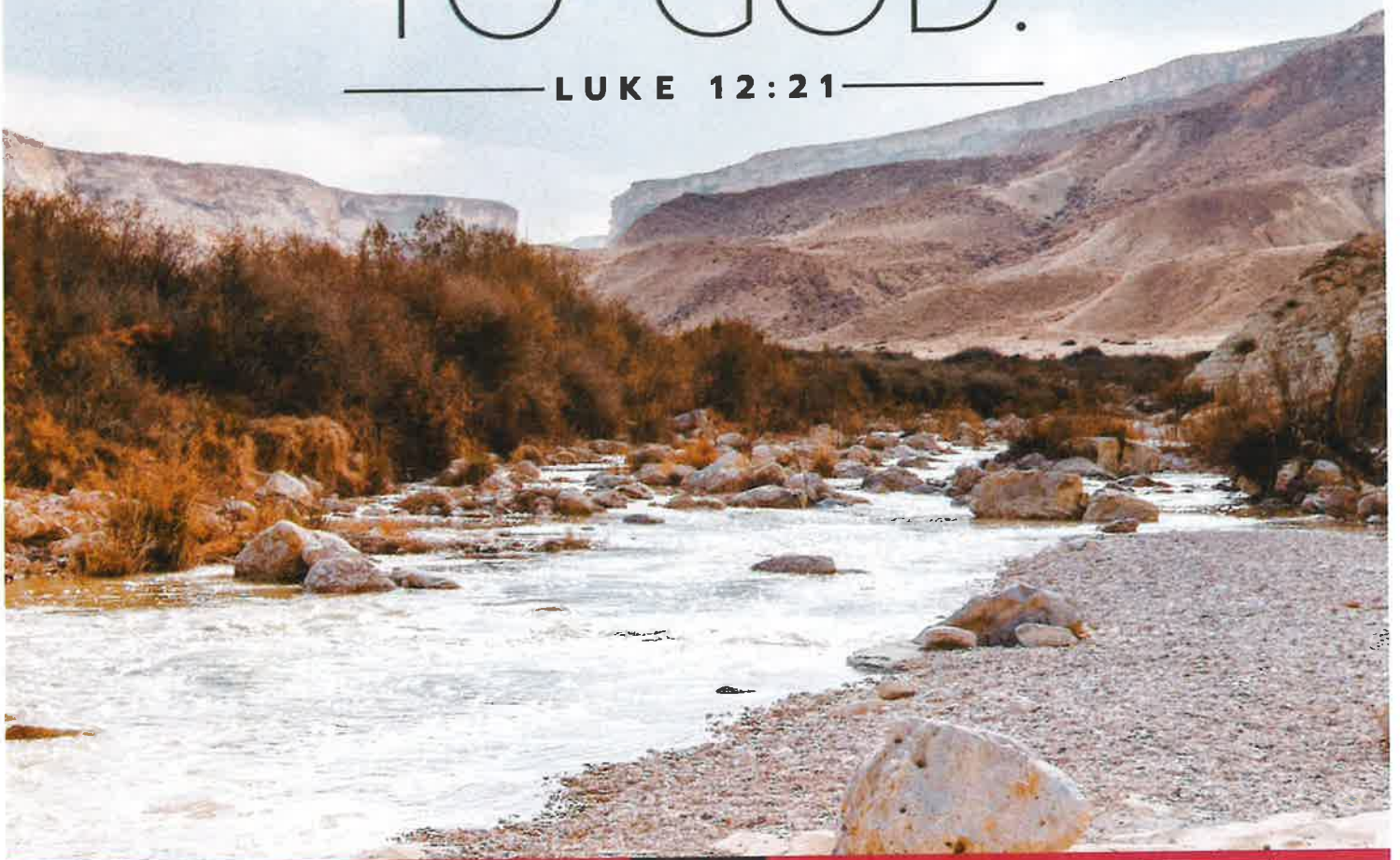


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD.

— LUKE 12:21 —



CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

August 4th - 7p – Knights of Columbus Meeting – Anyone interested in becoming a KOC, or existing members please attend the monthly meeting to discuss upcoming plans.

August 5th - 7p – Grief Support Meeting - Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.

August 9th - 11a-2p- Crafts and Fellowship – We invite all the crafty individuals to join us for our monthly meeting and craft time. We meet in the social hall and welcome everyone to attend.

August 10th – 9a-12p- Registration for Faith Formation in the Social Hall – Please come register your children for classes. If they are in need of First Communion please bring a copy of their Baptism certificate if they need Confirmation please bring a copy of the Baptism and First Communion certificates. There will be a meet and greet August 17 at 9a for all to attend.

August 11th – 5:30p – Respect Life meeting – Please join us for a general meeting. All are welcome!

August 14th - 1p - St. Vincent DePaul meeting – Join us for our monthly meeting to discuss the upcoming Holiday's and our pantries goals to help the community.

DATE	MASS TIME	MASS+ INTENTIONS
Mon 8/4	7:00PM	†Souls of the Ganaway Family ~Al & Berta Ganaway
Tues. 8/5	12:00PM	†Soul of Joann Rottigen ~Bonny Carreker
Weds. 8/6	12:00PM	†Souls of the Farace Family ~Pat & Wendy Farace
Thurs. 8/7	12:00PM	Birthday Blessings for Annette Miller ~Taylor-Miller Family
Thurs. 8/7	7:00PM	For the Sick ~Martha Rakes
Sat. 8/9	5:00PM	†Soul of Pat Sippel ~Annette Miller
Sun. 8/10	8:00AM	Pro Populo ~For the People
	10:00AM	Special Intentions for the Routh Family ~Michelle Routh
	12:00PM	†Souls of the Gutierrez Family ~Arturo & Olga Medina



8/4- Juan Lopez, Natasha Poertner

8/5-Carlos Rodriguez

8/6- Bonny Carreker, Christopher Kosmopolis, Trang D. Nguyen

8/7- Deborah Clark, Curtis Hanna, Wesley Hardin

8/8- Linda Blanchard, Michele Hendricks, Annette Miller

8/9- Evelyn Collins, George Edward Michel, Michael Spurgeon Jr.

8/10- Matthew Benavides, Jaydan Ong



June Holt, Leslie Shaw, Stacy Fletcher, Sandra Powell, Joice Elliott, Laurie Elliott, Doug Walker, Hettie Johnson, Dillion Bovinger, Summer Jones, Robert JoVan, Lounell Scott, David Weeks, Walter Helmick, Andre McCall, Kathy Keune, Nellie Orta, Baby William Henry Rittenberry, Angela Wheeler, Sara Wheeler, Merle Stroud, Renee Millner, Larry Harris, Dottie Cozier, Fred Hand, Iris Potett, Mary Huffman, Joan Rambach, Chambers Family, Jane Chatman, Gudrun Poertner, Cindy Gray, Ethin Nettle, Bonny Pecenak, Amy Smith.

(Names remain on the list for 30 days unless notified)

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SERVANT OF THE POOR.

"Then he said to the crowd, 'Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.' Then he told them a parable. 'There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest... But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'" (Lk 12:14-21)

WORD OF LIFE

We must renew our faith in Eternal Life. It is a very important truth, one of the key points of our religion. It alone gives us the true measure of things and helps us to relativize so many problems to which we give excessive importance. It is with this eternal dimension that we can confront our present difficulties, without losing peace and hope. Everything in this world will pass away; however, the world to come, eternity with God, will never pass away. With this perspective, we must also be charitable to our neighbor in need.

Although the first reason for our love of God and neighbor is gratitude to the Lord, Who has loved us so much, we must not forget the other reason, which the Lord reminds us of in this Sunday's parable: the reward for good works. Christ warns us that there is a hereafter, crossing through the narrow door of death, in which we will be judged by the love we have had in our earthly life. If we had that measure, that judgment, before us, we would not hesitate to serve the poor, because we would consider it a magnificent investment in our future, an investment that will provide us with the highest interest rates just when we need it the most.

Therefore, first out of gratitude, and second in order to receive from God the gift of Eternal Life, let's take care to guard against all kinds of greed. It is obvious that we have material needs and that it is advisable to be prudent and to save for possible future bad times. But do we have to save so much, while others can't even make it to tomorrow?

Purpose: Demonstrate your gratitude to God with good works. Give generously of your time or money to those in need.



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DOMINGO XVIII DEL TO : "SERVIDOR DE LOS POBRES"

"Guardaos de toda clase de codicia. Pues, aunque uno ande sobrado, su vida no depende de sus bienes. Y les contó una parábola: 'Un hombre rico tuvo una gran cosecha... Pero Dios le dijo: Necio, esta noche te van a exigir la vida. Lo que has acumulado, ¿de quién será?'" (Lc 12, 14-21)

PALABRA DE VIDA

Necesitamos renovar nuestra fe en la vida eterna. Es una verdad importantísima, una de las claves de nuestra religión. Sólo ella nos da la verdadera medida de las cosas y nos ayuda a relativizar tantos problemas a los que damos excesiva importancia. Es con esta dimensión eterna con la que podemos afrontar las dificultades del presente, sin perder la paz y la esperanza. Todo pasa en este mundo, pero en cambio el mundo venidero, la eternidad con Dios, no pasa nunca. Con esta perspectiva debemos afrontar también la caridad con el prójimo necesitado. Aunque el primer motivo de nuestro amor a Dios y al prójimo sea la gratitud hacia el Señor, que tanto nos ha amado, no hay que olvidar otro, que el Señor nos recuerda en la parábola de este domingo: el premio por las buenas obras. Cristo nos advierte de que hay un "más allá", cruzando la estrecha puerta de la muerte, en el que seremos juzgados por el amor que hayamos tenido en esta tierra. Si tuviéramos delante esa medida, ese juicio, no dudaríamos en servir a los pobres, pues lo consideraríamos una magnífica inversión de cara al futuro, una inversión que nos va a proporcionar los más elevados intereses justo cuando más los necesitaremos. Por lo tanto, primero por agradecimiento y en segundo lugar para poder recibir de Dios el regalo de la vida eterna, guardémonos de toda clase de codicia. Está claro que tenemos necesidades materiales y que es aconsejable ser prudente y guardar para posibles malas épocas. Pero ¿hay que guardar tanto, mientras otros no pueden ni siquiera llegar al día de mañana?

Propósito: : Demostrarle a Dios nuestra gratitud con las buenas obras, dándole a los que lo necesitan y con generosidad nuestro tiempo o nuestro dinero.

Email: consultas@frmaria.org
TV: <https://magnificat.tv/>

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil
and anxiety of heart
with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves
but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can
be called before God to face judgment. When
we are, our life will be measured not in dollars
or accomplishments, but in what matters to
God. What do we have to show for our time
spent on earth?

Observances for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. John Vianney, Priest
Tuesday:	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Wednesday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday:	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Friday:	St. Dominic, Priest
Saturday:	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday:

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,
17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday:

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 16:13-23

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48
or 12:35-40



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REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

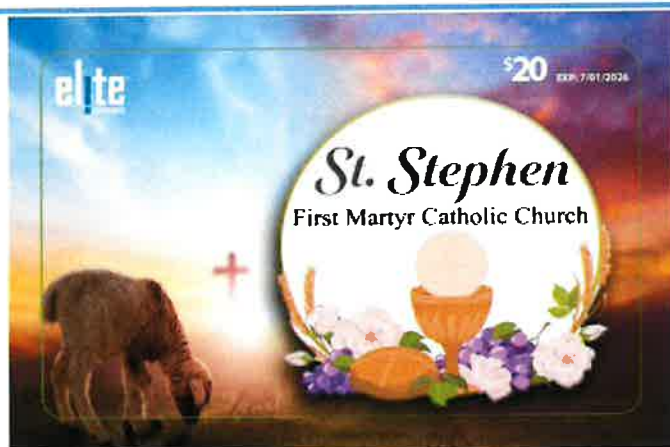


Registration for the upcoming Faith Formation Year has begun!

Sign up forms are in the Narthax and can be turned in with payment to the office or to Berta Ganaway. On August 10th from 9a-12p registration forms can be turned in at the Social Hall.

August 17 is first day of classes, this will be a meet and greet with the teachers! Parents and children should be present.

This weekend the Knights of Columbus are continuing to sell our Discount cards as a fundraiser to offset the costs of the new lights. Each Discount card costs \$20 and allows you to present it to 14 local businesses for discounts for the next year. They will be for sale after all the Masses and can be purchased in the office during normal business hours.
(A Sample of the cards is below.)



13498893 FOR FUNDRAISING INFO: 866-543-5483 FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE: 866-791-3473

flowers 20% OFF W PROMO CODE WINNERS WWW.180FLOWERS.COM	180 \$1 OFF ANY DINNER PLATTER 137 W GENERAL, SCREVEN HWY	Checkers FREE SUB FRY W PUR 147 GENERAL, SCREVEN HWY	FIREHOUSE FREE APP W PUR 1275 S McDONALD ST	FIREHOUSE FREE KIDS MEAL W PUR OF COMBO MEAL 556 W OGLETHORPE HWY
magoo's 10% OFF ANY REG MENU PRICED ITEMS 967 OGLETHORPE HWY	MARCO'S LG PIZZA FOR \$11.99 788 E OGLETHORPE	Panda Express 20% OFF TOTAL BILL 801 W OGLETHORPE HWY	Popeyes FREE TWO PIECE DINNER W PUR OF 3 PIECE DINNER AND 2 BEV DRKS 915 E OGLETHORPE AVE STATE RD 84	Wendy's 10% OFF TOTAL BILL EXCL ALCOHOL AND OTHER OFFERS 304 W OGLETHORPE HWY
SONIC FREE SINGLE PARTY SONIC CHEESEBURGER W PUR OF THE SAME 725 W OGLETHORPE HWY	SURCHEROS PUR OF ENTREE, GET REG SIZED DRK FOR FREE 735 W OGLETHORPE HWY STE 115	1st Choice 10% OFF TOTAL BILL 545 W OGLETHORPE HWY	WAYBACK 10% OFF TOTAL PUR 863 W OGLETHORPE HWY 228	ZACHY'S 10% OFF TOTAL BILL 423 E OGLETHORPE HWY

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Light Fixture Upgrade



As previously announced we have found a company to upgrade the Church lights to LED, the cost savings in electricity will reduce our energy costs by 87% over time. While the Building fund had enough saved to cover the \$20,000, we want to replenish the account! One way we are



hoping to do that is by having a "Sponsor a Light" fundraiser. \$500 Sponsorship will help us reach our goal quickly and give you the opportunity to Memorialize or Honor a loved one. Donations can be placed in the offertory with the slip below in a Building Fund envelope or made online at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ststephenhinesville>

Thank you to those who have made donations! We've raised \$14,331!

Donor Name: _____ Phone : _____

In Honor/In Memory of: _____

PARISH SUPPORT

DONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – July 20

Min. of \$10,000 needed weekly to operate

Offertory	\$5,033
Building Fund	\$41
Online Giving	\$609
Total	\$5,683
Light Fixtures	Raised:
\$20,000 Goal	\$14,331



3 great ways to support our Parish

1. **USE THE ENVELOPES** Located in the Pews.
2. **TEXT 'GIVE' TO 912-551-5553**
3. **GIVE ONLINE**—Scan QR Code or go to:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ststephenhinesville>



Are You Certified to Volunteer? VIRTUS training; background check; code of conduct. If you would like to volunteer in any way within the church go to virtusonline.org to register. (912) 201-4074.

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal will kick off after August 1 and more information will be shared later this year. See Bishop Parkes' latest video on the diocesan or parish Facebook page more information.



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Video links:

English: <https://youtu.be/OtWljZwg8HQ>

Spanish: <https://youtu.be/-9D78ewalE4>



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Active Parishioner Status

Each year we receive many requests from parishioners to qualify for weddings, be godparents or sponsors for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Communion and Baptism. When a request is made, we must be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of St. Stephen's Parish.

An active member is one who 1) Is properly registered with the Parish office and gives regular to the offertory through envelopes or online giving. 2) Faithfully attends Mass on Sunday's and Holy days of Obligation.

Even though you attend Mass, if you are not registered with the Parish, we have no information about you and you are not eligible to be Sponsors, God-parents, etc. While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making that determination. Please be sure to register with the office and keep your information up to date! You can easily send an email to ssfmcc399@gmail.com to make changes.

Parish Membership: Whether you are a longtime resident or have recently arrived in our parish -Welcome! Please use the form below to register or update your information. You may place this form in the collection basket. (We may call you for additional information.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parish Staff

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Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Modeste Seloukou,
FM

Deacon:

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Annette Miller
(912)876-4364

Office Assistant:

Diana Young

**Parish Catechetical
Leader:**

Berta Ganaway
saintstephenfaithformation@gmail.com

Parish Council**President:**

Tom Wing

Office Hours:

Tues-Thurs: 9AM-2PM

Gift Shop Hours:

August 2 after Mass &
August 3 9a-12p

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Mass Times

English Weekday Masses- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12pm.

(Exposition and Holy Hour start at 10:30am followed by Rosary at 11:30am)

Spanish Weekday Masses- Monday and Thursday at 7pm.

(Exposition and Holy Hour start at 5:30pm followed by Rosary at 6:30pm)

Saturday- Vigil 5:00 pm; 7pm Spanish in Jesup

Sunday- 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish); 2:00pm Spanish in Jesup.

Confession- Weekdays during Holy Hour, Saturday 4:15-4:45pm & By Appointment.

Bible Study

Every Tuesday from 10-11:30am all are welcome to come to the social hall for Bible Study discerning on the liturgy for the upcoming week.

RCIA Classes

For Catholics and non-Catholics who wish to gain knowledge and information about the Catholic faith. The classes are also for those Catholic adults and high schoolers that have not completed their sacraments. The classes begin in September and will be completed by Easter. For additional information please call the office.

Religious Education

Saint Stephen the First Martyr Catholic Church provides opportunities for each person to receive the Sacraments and grow in greater communion with our Lord. Classes are available starting with 1st graders and meet Sundays Sept. through May.

Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance of the proposed date. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required. Couples contemplating marriage MUST meet with the priest before setting a date.

Baptism

For a child to be baptized, you must be attending Mass regularly, attend a Baptism class and fill out a registration form. Classes are held the last Saturday of every month at 6pm and must be completed prior to scheduling baptism date. One Godparent must be an active Catholic. A copy of the Child's Birth Certificate is needed at time of registration. Please contact the Office for scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick

Fr. Estrada is offering Anointing of the Sick the First Tuesday at the 12p Mass. If needed at another time please contact the office or Father Estrada directly.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry provides prayer support to our parishioners and to the community. There is a Prayer Intention book at the back of the church for you to write your prayer request or you can make a prayer request, simply email: ssfmccprayerministry@gmail.com

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