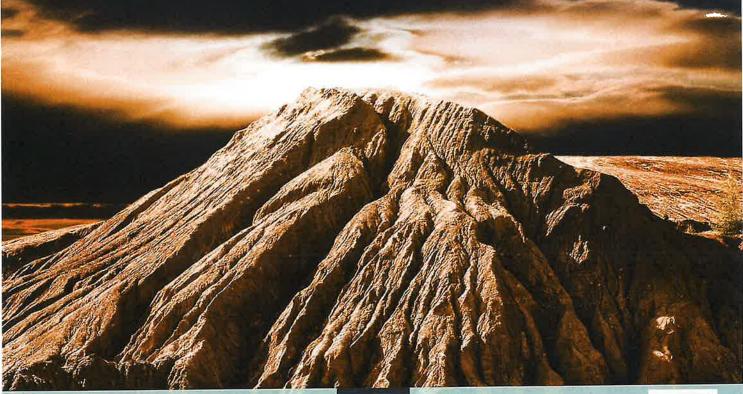
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# YOUR PERSEVERANCE WILL SECURE YOUR PERSEVERANCE TO TO THE PERSEVERANCE

— LUKE 21:19





# SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

# St Stephen First Martyr

**Upcoming Events:** 

**November 18<sup>th</sup> - 7p – Grief Support Meeting** - Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.

**November 22-23** – Please return all Food donations for the Thanksgiving St. Vincent DePaul food boxes no later than this weekend.

November 26-27 – Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 27 – 10am – Bilingual Thanksgiving Day Mass

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - 7p – Knights of Columbus Meeting** – Anyone interested in becoming a KOC, or existing members please attend the monthly meeting to discuss upcoming plans.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7p – Grief Support Meeting** - Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.

**December 5**<sup>th</sup> - **First Friday Mass** - **12p English and 7p Spanish** — There will be Eucharistic Adoration starting an hour and a half before Mass and Rosary will begin thirty minutes before Mass.

December 6th - 10:30a - First Saturday Rosary - Join us for Rosary in the Church

December 6<sup>th</sup> - 2p-8p – Knights of Columbus Rib pick up and sales, please see information in the inserts.

**December 6**<sup>th</sup> - **6p-9p** - **St. Vincent DePaul Carol-Oke** - Join us in supporting the food pantry and for some Karaoke fun, more information is in the inserts.

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTIONS	
Sat. 11/15	5:00PM	†Souls in Purgatory ~Christine Williams	
Sun. 11/16	8:00AM	†Soul of Pete Hinley ~Bonny Carreker	
	10:00AM	Special Intentions for Roger & Barbara Archambault ~Bonny Carreker	
	12:00PM	Pro Populo – For the Community	
Mon 11/17	5:30PM	†Soul of Michael Dushner Jr. ~Dushner Family	
Mon 11/17	7:00PM	Our Parish Community	
Tues. 11/18	12:00PM	†Soul of Ramon Gomez ~Ms. Conchita	
Weds. 11/19	12:00PM	Our Parish Community	
Thurs. 11/20	12:00PM	Our Parish Community	
Thurs. 11/20	7:00PM	Dedicated to Virgin of Providence	
Sat. 11/22	5:00PM	†Soul of Thomas & Dinah Johanson ~Eric & Rita Johanson	
Sun. 11/23	8:00AM	†Soul of Samuel Bernades ~Vincent Bernades	
	10:00AM	†Souls in Purgatory ~Christine Williams	
	12:00PM	Pro Populo – For the Community	



11/17- Bill Bob Covey, Shellee Gumataotao

11/18- Alec Evans, Zanell Ouattara, Marysol Ramirez Ayon

11/19- Noel Guillermo, Maddex Jenkins, John Rourke

11/20- Sheyeena Wildman

11/21- Berta Ganaway, Inez Manning, Mackenzie Taylor

11/22- Manuel Maez, Kyle Scott, Barbara White



Janice Robertson, Nancy Hill, Tom & Jeannine Wing, June Holt, Leslie Shaw, Stacy Fletcher, Sandra Powell, Joyce Elliott, Laurie Elliott, Doug Walker, Hettie Johnson, Dillion Bovinger, Summer Jones, Robert JoVan, Lounell Scott, David Weeks, Walter Helmick, Andre McCall, Nellie Orta, 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)

# 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Do not worship anyone else

"And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, "I am He,' and, "The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them." (Luke 21: 8).

# WORD OF LIFE

Believe in only one God has many advantages, among which, that you kneel only to that God. Chesterton said that the problem of the XXI century isn't going to believe in God but believing in many false gods, since when one does not believe in God is capable of believing in anything, such as politics, or in money, or in pleasure. For the Christian, nothing nor anyone can try to take the place of God in the heart and in life. Neither work, nor politics, nor one's country, not even family can be before God, such as the first commandment requires: "To love God above all else".

This does not mean that we shouldn't love our friends, work, our country, our family. This means that, if on some occasion this love tries to compete with God and separate us from him, we will have to remember and remind them that we are Christians and precisely because of this we prostrate ourselves only before God and we worship only him.

At the same time, this strict monotheism that we profess shows us that we can only expect everything from God and only in him can we find happiness. This helps us to be less exacting with the rest, to understand that, since they are not God, it is normal that they are not perfect and, above all, to not try that they make us happy, since at the most they can collaborate so that we are, but they cannot give us total happiness because this is beyond the capability of any human. This as well helps us to not despair of ourselves upon seeing our imperfections; it is enough that we are in the firth to reach sainthood, that we begin each time we have fallen

Purpose: Put God first in your life. Do not make anyone or anything – person, money, or work – a "god", that we consecrate or from which we expect happiness.

# Domingo XXXIII: No adoréis a nadie más

"Cuidado con que nadie os engañe. Muchos vendrán usando n nombre, diciendo 'Yo soy', o bien: 'El momento está cerca'; n vayáis tras ellos." (Lc 21: 8)

# PALABRA DE VIDA

Creer en un solo Dios tiene muchas ventajas. Entre ellas, que sólo ante ese Dios se dobla la rodilla. Chesterton decía que el problema del siglo XXI no va a ser creer en Dios sino creer en muchos falsos dioses, pues cuando uno no cree en Dios es capaz de creer en cualquier cosa, como en la política, o en el dinero, o en el placer. Para el cristiano, nada ni nadie puede pretender ocupar el lugar de Dios en el corazón y en la vida. Ni el trabajo, ni la política, ni la patria, ni tan siquiera la familia pueden estar antes que Dios, tal y como nos exige el primer mandamiento: "Amarás a Dios sobre todas las cosas".

Eso no significa que no tengamos que amar a los amigos, al trabajo, a la patria, a los familiares. Significa que, si en alguna ocasión esos amores pretenden competir con Dios y separarnos de él, tendremos que recordar y recordarles que somos cristianos y que precisamente por eso sólo ante Dios nos postramos y sólo a él adoramos.

A la vez, este estricto monoteísmo que profesamos nos enseña que sólo de Dios podemos esperarlo todo y sólo en Él podemos encontrar la felicidad. Eso nos ayuda a ser menos exigentes con los demás, a entender que, como ellos no son Dios, es normal que no sean perfectos y, sobre todo, a no pretender que ellos nos hagan felices, pues como mucho pueden colaborar a que lo seamos, pero no pueden darnos la felicidad plena pues eso escapa a las posibilidades de cualquier ser humano. También nos ayuda a no desesperar de nosotros mismos al comprobar nuestras imperfecciones; basta con que estemos en la lucha por alcanzar la santidad, con que empecemos cada vez que hemos caído.

<u>Propósito</u>: Poner a Dios en el primer lugar de la vida. No hacer de nadie ni de nada -política, persona, dinero o trabajo- un "dios", al que nos consagramos y del que esperamos la felicidad.



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### **PRAYER**

Jesus, I trust in you.

I know that whatever happens to me is a fruit of your love.

Jesus, I love you.

You are first in my heart.

Jesus, I adore you.

You are more important than my job, my money or any other thing.

# Jesus, I GIVE YOU THANKS

For having created me, for having become man, for having died and risen from the dead, for the Eucharist and Confession, for the Church, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints, for the things that I have had, for the things that I have, because I am able to help others, and for the affection that I receive.

# Jesus, I ask for your forgiveness.

For the evil that I have committed and for the good I have failed to do.

Jesus, I ask for your help.

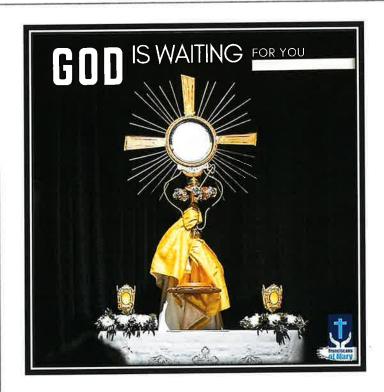
I ask for spiritual graces, such as the overcoming of my defects and for material help, for me, for others and for society.

Jesus, I offer myself to you.

You can count on me for whatever you want.

### LIKE MARY.

With the tenderness of your mother and through Her way of living by living the virtues. Amen.





# Weekly Prayer

# **Sunday's Readings**

# **First Reading:**

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal 3:20)

### Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 98)

# Second Reading:

Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. (2 Thes 3:9)

# Gospel:

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 21:17-19)

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# **Live The Liturgy** Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' words today are filled with fire and brimstone, vivid with images of pain, suffering, confusion — and, ultimately, peace. Do we believe what he promises? Do we have the endurance to stay with him until the end?

# Observances for the week of **November 16, 2025**

Sunday:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Tuesday:

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter

and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine

Duchesne, Virgin

Friday:

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday:

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

# Readings for the week of **November 16, 2025**

### Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/ 2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

### Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

### **Tuesday:**

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

### Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

### Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/ Lk 19:41-44

# Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc. 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

### Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/ Lk 20:27-40

### **Next Sunday:**

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/ Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



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# WE PRAY TOGETHER

Heavenly Father, who in Your providence have brought us together at this time and in this place, we ask You to guide, inspire, and bless our Diocese of Savannah and the Harvest of Hope campaign.

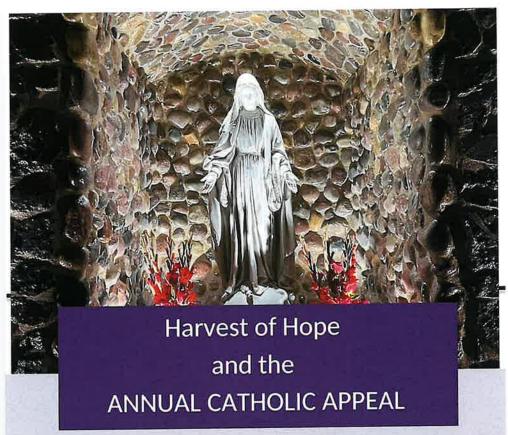
Provide us, Your children, with the rich soil of faith, hope, and love, that the seeds we are planting now will bear abundant fruit for generations.

As we work together for the full coming of Your kingdom, O Lord, may we find a new way of belonging to You and to one generosity.

another, rejoicing always in Your We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

> THANK YOU to all our families who turned in pledge cards during Commitment Weekend! You can fill out a card and leave it in the offertory boxes any time between now & the end of the year if you still need time to pray about your participation.

For more information, please contact our campaign director Iris Bodre at 863-940-1483 or ibodre@guidanceingiving.com



The Annual Catholic Appeal functions as an offertory for the diocese, funding vital programs and ministries on an annual basis. The Harvest of Hope campaign funds specific needs that will enable our diocese to grow in faith, far into the future. The Harvest of Hope funds are specifically directed to Parish Growth and Development, Parish Endowments, an Evangelization Endowment, a Vocations Endowment, Land Acquisition and the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.

# WHAT IS A SACRIFICIAL GIFT?

Our first obligation as Catholics is to support our parish home through our offertory contributions. The Annual Catholic Appeal functions as an offertory for the diocese and is also in need of our support. Harvest of Hope is a sacrificial gift, above and beyond our offertory and Appeal support. As you consider your gift, please pray that across the diocese, hearts are opened and a spirit of generosity prevails.

Planting seeds for the future of the Diocese of Savannah



# **ORAMOS JUNTOS**

Padre Celestial, que nos has reunido hoy y aquí en Tu providencia, te pedimos guíes, inspires y bendigas nuestra Diócesis de Savannah y la campaña Cosecha de Esperanza.

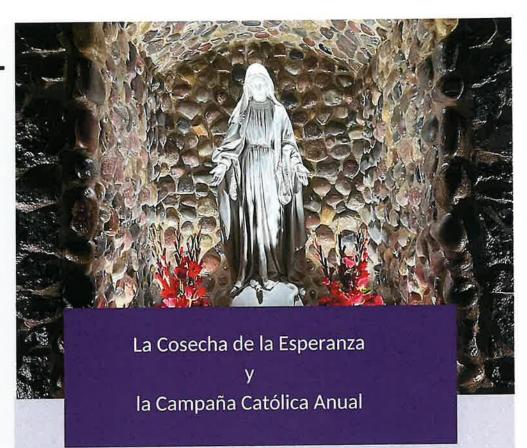
Otorga Señor a Tus hijos, el terreno rico de la fe, esperanza y el amor, para que las semillas que sembramos hoy den frutos abundantes para las generaciones venideras.

Mientras trabajamos juntos por la venida plena de Tu reino, Señor, que encontremos una nueva forma de ser para Ti y para los demás, regocijándonos siempre en Tu generosidad.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.



Sembrando semillas para el futuro de la Diócesis de Savannah.



La Campaña Católica Anual funciona como un ofertorio para la diócesis, financiando anualmente programas y ministerios vitales. La campaña Cosecha de Esperanza financia necesidades específicas que permitirán a nuestra diócesis crecer en la fe, en el futuro. Los fondos de la Cosecha de Esperanza se dirigen específicamente al Crecimiento y Desarrollo Parroquial, a los Fondos Patrimoniales Parroquiales, a un fondo patrimonial para la Evangelización, a un fondo patrimonial para la Adquisición de un Terreno y al Campaña Católica Anual 2025.

# ¿QUÉ ES UNA OFRENDA DE SACRIFICIO?

Nuestra primera obligación como católicos es apoyar nuestro hogar parroquial a través de nuestras contribuciones al ofertorio. La Campaña Católica Anual funciona como un ofertorio para la diócesis y también necesita de nuestro apoyo. La Cosecha de Esperanza es un regalo de sacrificio, por encima y más allá de nuestro ofertorio y apoyo a la Campaña. Al considerar su donación, por favor rece para que en toda la diócesis se abran los corazones y prevalezca un espíritu de generosidad.

*iGRACIAS* a todas las familias que entregaron sus tarjetas de compromiso durante el Fin de Semana de Compromiso! Si aún necesitan tiempo para orar sobre su participación, pueden completar una tarjeta y dejarla en las urnas de ofrendas en cualquier momento de aquí a fin de año.

Para más información, póngase en contacto con nuestra directora de la campaña Iris Bodre en el 863-940-1483 o ibodre@guidanceingiving.com

# Baint Stephen's Knights of Columbus \* Annual

Rack of Ribs Bale



December 6 2p-8p

# Available for Purchase:

- \$12 Rib dinners with sides & a roll.
- \$25 Individual Rack of Ribs.
- \$100 for 5 Racks of Ribs.
- Cash or Credit Card Accepted.

# The Details:

- ♣Cooked Over a Real Wood Fire.
- ♣Proceeds will go to the Church for replacement of AC in Social Hall.
- ♣Pick-up will be at the Social Hall from 2pm until 8pm or until we are sold out on December 6th. This is also the SVDP Karaoke Night, so you could plan to have a rib dinner and stay for the Karaoke.
- ♣Advance tickets on sale after all Masses beginning November 8th by the Knights of Columbus members.
- ♣Tickets can also be purchased in the Office or by contacting POC Rito Arredondo @ 912-391-7084





Are YOU Ready to Fight Against Cancer???

# JOIN ST STEPHEN RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

To Join or Donate to our Team https://main.acsevents.org/goto/ststephenhinesville



### **Any Cancer Survivors**

or if you are going through Cancer Contact Marsha for a Free Survivor's Tshirt

**Relay for Life Liberty County** May 1st 2026

ANY QUESTIONS TEXT OR EMAIL MARSHA CLIFTON 912-737-1344 OR LOOKYOURBESTWITHME@YAHOO.COM



Our Annual Thanksgiving Box food drive will begin Nov. 1st and donations will be accepted until Nov. 23rd. If you want to shop early the following items are what they include in the boxes: canned corn, sweet potatoes and green beans. Boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing and Mac 'n' Cheese. Gravy packets and bags of rice.

(Anyone in need of a box must register with SVDP by Nov. 17th)

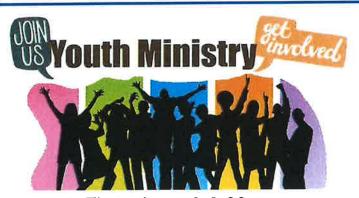
# School of Gratitude

Father Estrada is hosting a School of Gratitude for Young Adults beginning Oct. 20th after 5:30p Mass and a SOG for Adults on Thursday's after 12pm Mass.

Everyone is welcome to join!

Escuela de Gratitud

El Padre Estrada está impartiendo una Escuela de Agradecimiento los lunes después de la Misa. ¡Todos son bienvenidos a unirse!



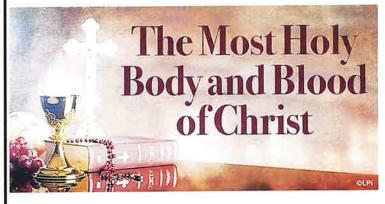
Thursdays 6-8:30pm Saint Stephen Social Hall



Jueves de 6 -8:30 pm Salón Social San Esteban

# Guidelines for Receiving the Eucharist

You are not to eat or drink anything except for water or required medicine, for one hour before actually receiving communion. This is called the Communion or Eucharist fast. It is meant to help us focus on our Lord and what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, candy, mints, etc. during Mass is therefore inappropriate. Both forms for receiving the host are acceptable, in the palm of one hand with the other hand underneath, or on the extended tongue. Extend your hands palm-side up toward the priest and stand as close to the priest as possible when receiving Communion. Never take the host from the priest. After receiving the Eucharist, you say Amen. Proper reverence and respect is most important, hands should be reverently folded while waiting to receive the Sacrament.



# **SCAM WARNING**

Please note: If you receive a request for gift cards purporting to be from your pastor, parish, or the Bishop, it is a scam and should be ignored. If you aren't sure if an email or message is authentic, do not reply. Check with the person or parish using another method.



# TO DONATIONS.

# Weekly Offertory - NOV 2

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

Offertory	\$6,886
Building Fund	\$2,327
Online Giving	\$991
Total	\$10,204

# 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





Address:

**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.

Several Parishioners have already made a Commitment to our Parish for the Harvest of Hope. This past weekend was our Commitment Weekend, if you haven't done so please place your commitment cards in the offertory basket!

We are so thankful to those who have already made commitments and donations and HARVESTATE so grateful to our Parish! This campaign is aimed to bring great things to our Parish and the Diocese!

# **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 <a href="mailto:ssfmcc399@gmail.com">ssfmcc399@gmail.com</a> to make changes.

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

# Parish Staff

# Pastor:

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# **Parochial Vicar:**

Fr. Modeste Seloukou, FM

# Deacon:

Doug Delzeith ddelzeith@yahoo.com (912) 977-5278

### Sacristan:

Sam Beiter beiterrl@yahoo.com

# Office Manager:

Annette Miller

# Office Assistant:

Diana Young

# Parish Catechetical Leader:

Berta Ganaway saintstephenfaithformation @gmail.com

# Parish Council President:

# Office Hours:

Mon: 9AM-6PM

Tues-Thurs: 9AM-2PM

# Gift Shop Hours:

NOV 15 &16 after Mass SACRED GARDEN **GIFT SHOP** 

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# Mass Times

English Weekday Masses- Monday at 5:30p.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12pm.

(Exposition and Holy Hour start at 10:30am followed by Rosary at 11:20am)

Spanish Weekday Masses- Monday and Thursday at 7pm.

(Exposition and Holy Hour start at 5:30pm followed by Rosary at 6:20pm)

Wednesday- 6-7p - Holy Hour with Rosary.

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 Apt.

# 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.

# OCIA Classes Wednesday Evenings: 7-8:30p in Social Hall

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 Sunday of every month at 1pm and must be completed prior to scheduling baptism date. One Godparent must be an active Catholic and attend class as well. 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 during the First Friday's Mass at 12p. 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 by email: ssfmccprayerministry@gmail.com

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