

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, August 16, 2026

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME!

If you are worshipping at St. Stephen's for the first time today, you are welcome to share in the Holy Communion. Please fill out a "Visitor" card at one of the Greeters tables and/or the guest book on the podium before you leave and get a welcome packet.

COMMUNION

If you are in need of a gluten free wafer during Communion, please let an usher know before the offertory or let one of the persons serving the host know. If you have a mobility problem, please let an usher know before the service begins and communion will be brought to you.

LOOKING FORWARD

The first day of Sunday School
will be on August 23rd
on the Stage in Spurling Hall.



Sunday School
Registration
2026-2027

www.st-stephens.org



Paper
applications
are available
in the parish
hall



Registration

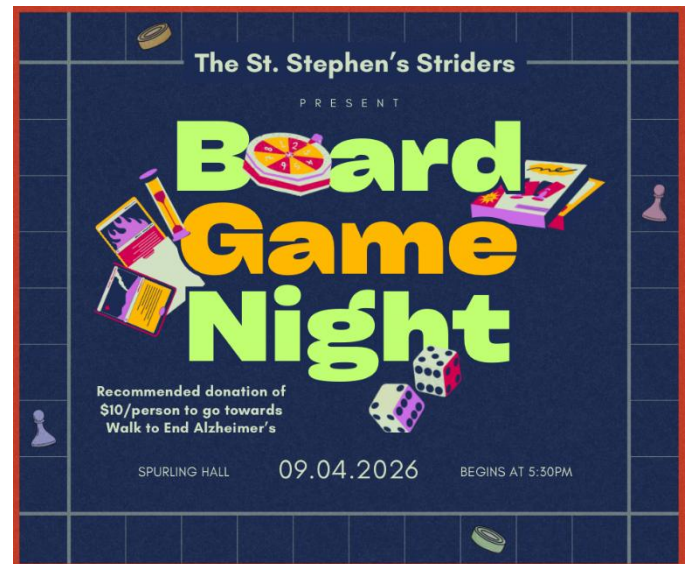
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Complete and return to
shannon@st-stephens.org or
to the church office

**SIGN UP
NOW**

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The Gospel of John Study

Mondays 7:00–8:30 PM
July 6th – Sept. 14th
Chapel

The Gospel of John study is a 10-week study. Topics covered during the study include the Samaritan woman at the well, Christ the Bread of Life, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. Handouts will be provided. No charge. Led by Fred Chavez.





Communications Committee Meeting

Want to get involved with the Communications Committee at St. Stephen's? It's as easy as jumping on Zoom! Meetings every 1st Monday of the Month at 3pm on Zoom. Use the QR code to join the meeting



Sunday, September 27, 2026

Join us following one 9 AM service to learn about St. Stephen's many ministries and opportunities for involvement! Explore ways to share your time and talent, play some games and plan to stay for some fun snacks. Ministry leaders, we will be setting up on Saturday the 26th between 10 and 12 am. For more information contact Kathleen Jensen, jensencurl@gmail.com or Michael Branda, michael.branda@yahoo.com.



Why EfM?

Why should I sign up for EfM?

While the answer may be different for each individual, having your own "why" is an important part of your decision! Making the decision to sign up for EfM could begin with questions that hint at your own learning desires.

For more information, contact Mary Jo Higginbotham at: maryjohigg@gmail.com

2026-27 EfM Registration begins Sunday, August 9th and continues through Sept. 4th.

EfM sessions at St. Stephen's meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00pm. Our tentative start date is Sept. 9th, with breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Year & Holy Week.

St. Stephen's will provide a scholarship for any participant who completes an application and is approved for one year. Applications will be available Sunday, Aug. 9th and must be completed and submitted for approval by email before Sunday, Aug. 23rd (may be done by email).

Each participant completes registration individually and pays tuition by computer through the EfM Pathwright program. Pathwright is the online learning management system that houses and distributes all EfM formation products, through the University of the South, Sewanee, TN. Participants must purchase their own books and materials determined by their year of participation. Books can be obtained in print, digital, or audio format from any distributor of your choice. In addition, some books are available for loan from St. Stephen's bookstore.



If you wish to have your birthday or anniversary prayed for during Sunday services or if you would like a white rose to signify a death in your family or a red rose to signify a birth in your family, please email Tracy in the Church office at office@st-stephens.org no later than 5:00pm on Thursdays with all of the relevant details.

St. Stephen's Prayer List

Current Needs: Joanne, Innocent victims of global and domestic conflicts and wars, especially involving the U.S. involvement in the Middle East, Jim and Judy, Lisa and Lou, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Marie, Lilly and husband, Patrick, Amy, Dolores and family, Steve, Maria, Moses, Jerome, Debbie, Ron, Jose Manuel, Sandy H., Peggy, Barbara, Jenny, Kevin, Brisa, Sandra, Claudia, Keith, Mary, Mehar, Marionette, B.J., Rae, Susan, Claudia, Bob, Jerri, Jeff, Susan, Phyllis and Stu, Linda and Charlie, Madelyn, Maria, Pastor Clarence and children, Greg, Neville, Jeff and Helen, Tom and Desiree, Jim and Donna, Greg and Cathy, Jim, Cathy, Doris, Gia, Caroline, Carolyn, Karen, Angeline, Judy, Laurie, Karen and Jim, Malcolm, Reverend Lynn, Stephen, Cathy, Berta, Sue, Stacy, Lily, K. C. David, David, Brendan, the Barlow Family, Rebecca, Raye, Richard, Collette, Nicole, Judith, Vince and Fran, Nadine, Vickie, Rebecca, Dennis and Joy, Mike, **Daniel, Nancy, James, Carole and Hal**

Rest in Peace:: Susanna Saulog, David Hoskey, Linda Lott, Ellen Ardman, Diana F., Jeff Krueger, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, Joan Sebastian Guerrero, Jeff Barlow, John Domeniccuci

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at pstable@pegasus2.net or call the church office at 661.259.7307. Please be aware that your prayer request content will be shared with the members of the prayer chain. If you wish for Peggy to hold your prayer request in confidence, please clarify that in your submission. Prayer requests remain active for 4 weeks and must be renewed thru



GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S

If you are able to continue supporting the mission and ministry of St. Stephen's, you

can pay your pledge or make a new or recurring donation online here st-stephens.org/giving. You can also text your donation by texting the word GIVE to 661.228.8909 and following the prompts. Click here for an easy [How To Use Text Giving guide](#). We are deeply grateful for your commitment and support.

St. Stephen's Week		August 23, 2026 to August 30, 2026	
TODAY'S SERVICE		7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 8/23		VPOD: Nick Vestuto	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
5:00pm		Den Meeting / Spurling Hall	
MONDAY 8/24			
6:45pm		Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall	
7:00pm		Gospel of John Study / Chapel	
TUESDAY 8/25			
6:00pm		Vestry Meeting / Spurling Hall	
WED. 8/26			
7:00am		Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast	
9:30am		Circle of Gratitude / Zoom	
7:00pm		PFLAG / Spurling Hall	
THURS. 8/27			
9:00am		Book Study Group / Sacristy	
1:00pm		SAGES Movie Day	
6:30pm		Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall	
FRIDAY 8/28			
5:30pm		Pack Meeting / Spurling Hall	
SAT. 8/29			
2:00pm		Krueger Memorial Service / Chapel	
NEXT SUNDAY 8/30		VPOD: Nick Vestuto	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	

During the month of August, the Church office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays the office will be open from 9AM to 3PM. Jared Simmons will be filling in while Tracy is on vacation.