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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHED-

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday— 5 p.m. Vigil

Sunday— 8:30 a.m. and
11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon—Sat* 9:00 a.m.

(Rosary after Mass)

*Thurs 9 a.m. Communion Service

Reconciliation

Every Saturday after the
9:00 a.m. Mass or
by appointment.

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Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday
9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

(Closed daily for lunch
from 1-2 p.m.)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18, 2016



Saturday December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00PM - Children's Pageant & Mass

6:30PM Mass

10:00PM Mass

Sunday December 25, Christmas Day

10:30AM Mass

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of God of St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, united in One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism celebrate and are nourished and sustained by Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and in His Holy word. Brought together by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit we fulfill His command to go into the whole world and proclaim the good news of salvation by sharing our faith through Prayer, Evangelization, and acts of Charity.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Sunday, December 18, 2016
 8:30 a.m. Fr. Richard Kieran ✠
 11:00 a.m. Carlos da Silva ✠
Monday, December 19, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Bob Fister ✠
Tuesday, December 20, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Richard Ferris ✠
Wednesday, December 21, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Catherine Wahlmeier (L)
Thursday, December 22, 2016
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
Friday, December 23, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Rebecca and Ross Brandt (L)
Saturday, December 24, 2016 (Christmas Eve)
 4:00 p.m. The Children of the Parish (L)
 6:30 p.m. The Deceased Members of the Parish ✠
 10:00 p.m. The People of the Parish (L)
Sunday, December 25, 2016 (Christmas Day)
 10:30 a.m. For Our Country

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2016

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
Monday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday I Sm 1:24-28; I Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday Saint John of Kanty, Priest
 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday The Nativity of the Lord
Vigil 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
10:00 pm: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Sunday The Nativity of the Lord
10:30 am: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



The Parish Office will close at noon on Friday December 23 and will reopen on Tuesday December 27, 2016. Fr. Brian and the Parish Staff wish everyone a Blessed and Holy Christmas.

There will not be Confessions on Saturday December 24, 2016.

There will not be any Religious Ed classes on Sunday December 25th or Sunday January 1st, 2017.

RCIA and EDGE classes are cancelled for Wed. Dec 28th and Wed. Jan. 4th.



DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

END TO CHILD SOLDIERS. That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

EUROPE. That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.



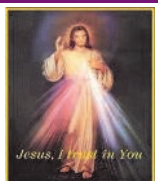
"Thank You" to all of you who participated and helped with our Angel Tree; from preparing the angels, buying and wrapping the gifts, sorting them and helping families when they picked them up. Your generosity living the

gospel message of sharing with others is so appreciated. May you and your loved ones have a Blessed and Holy Christmas.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us the first Saturday of each month following the 9:00am Mass



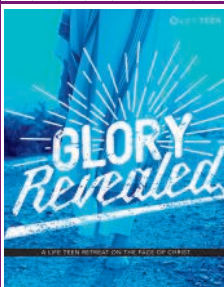
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Every Friday at 3:00pm
 also the 2nd Sunday of each month after the 8:30am Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet.
 All are welcome.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Stephen's every Tuesday from 9:30am to 7:00pm
 Evening Prayer at 4:30pm and Benediction at 6:45pm



Our Annual Life Teen

Retreat is coming!!!

"GLORY REVEALED" is a great opportunity to bring all the teens of St. Stephen's together for a fun spirit filled weekend, January 13-15, 2017. More information is available in the Narthex at the Church Information Center.

EVENTS BULLETIN BOARD

Please visit our Events Bulletin Board located on the wall next to the Parish Office door. When we don't have enough space to put all of the announcements we receive from various parishes in our bulletin, we will post them on the Events board.

Bulletin Announcements and Room Reservations:
 Please submit in writing to secretary@sstmcc.org

DECEMBER 18, 2016



Offerings

On-line giving is available
through our website
www.ststephenthemartyr.info



December 10 & 11 2016

Offertory \$9,134.03
Online \$ 1,710.50
\$ 10,844.53

Second Collection

Christmas Food Bskts \$3,116.45
Online \$ 170.00
\$3,286.45

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Our weekly budgeted expenses are \$13,583.00

Future Second Collections

December 18, Christmas Altar Flowers Offering
December 17 & 18, SVdP will be collecting after all Masses
December 25, Christmas Offering
January 1, Debt Reduction

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



There is a **mandatory** rehearsal Monday Dec. 19 at 6pm. All singers and actors for our Christmas Pageant need to be at this rehearsal. This is a **closed** rehearsal. Visit with St. Nick after rehearsal at 7pm. All are invited to listen to the story of St. Nicholas (as told by himself) followed by a pot luck dessert party in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sweet or drink to share.

The Saint Stephen the Martyr parish family is invited to the celebration of the Mass for Taylor Halbig, as she enters her year of discernment with the Daughters of the Virgin Mother in Charlotte, North Carolina. Please join us on December 29, 2016 at 6 PM at Saint Stephen the Martyr for Mass, with a dinner reception to follow in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP to Debra Halbig at halbig06@bellsouth.net.

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Has Abortion affected your life? Have you lost a child,
grandchild, or sibling through abortion? Is there a deep
sense of loss in your life because of abortion? There is
no grief like that of unspoken grief. You are not alone.
Post Abortion Treatment and Healing (PATH) is here
to help. PATH will be facilitating a Rachel's Vineyard
Weekend Retreat, January 27-29, 2017. This weekend
retreat helps women and men, who are struggling with the grief of
abortion, find peace and inner healing. Start your New Year in a
New Light. For more information please visit our website at:
www.healingafterabortion.org or call Jody at 404-717-5557.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

If you, or someone you know, are in need of emergency assistance, please contact the SVdP Help Line at 770-381-7488, ext. 251. If you can assist for a couple of hours a month, please come to one of our meetings held the Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday January 10, 2016 in the Our Lady of Fatima room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses on January 21 & 22.

Baptism Classes

Parish families who wish to have a child baptized should be registered in the parish before taking the class. Both Parents must attend the Baptism class which is usually held the second Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon in Our Lady of Fatima room. Please make arrangements for a babysitter as we do not provide babysitting services. Please contact the Parish Office at 770-381-7488 to register for the class. Parents will need to select Godparents for their child who are active, practicing Catholics.

Baptisms are scheduled AFTER you have taken the class. Parents must be active, practicing members of St. Stephen the Martyr for at least three months before scheduling a baptism for their child.

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