



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

April 16, 2017

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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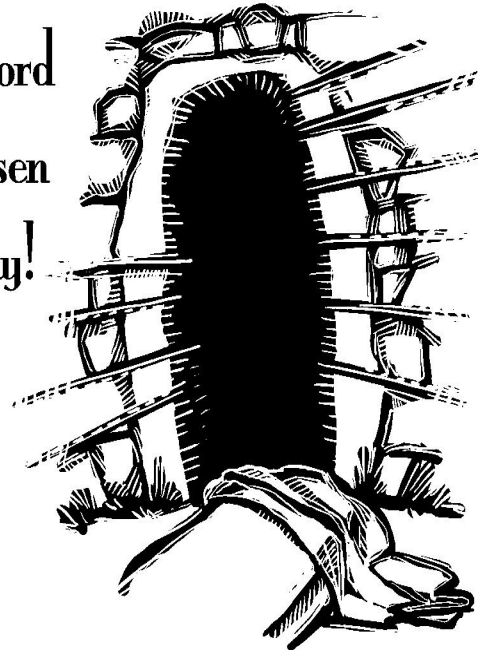
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Christ
the Lord
Is Risen
Today!



Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

Monday Mass 8:30am
Tuesday Mass 5:30pm
Wednesday Mass 12:00pm
Thursday Mass 8:30am
Friday Mass 12:00pm
Saturday Mass 9:00am

Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:45am & 10:00am
Sunday 11:45am – Spanish
Sunday 5:00pm – Life Teen

Please note: any changes to the regular Mass schedule will be posted inside the bulletin.

Reconciliation/Reconciliación

Every Saturday/Cada Sábado
Bilingual/Bilingüe 3:30-4:30pm
30 minutes before each Weekday Mass/30 minutos antes de cada Misa de los días entre semana

No hay reconciliación los domingos

Membership

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian Fellowship. Longtime residents or newly arrived, contact the parish office to register.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 12:00pm (5 days prior to the publication date of the bulletin). Drop off or e-mail articles to the parish office.

Catholic Marriage

Marriage preparation required. Contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance. Two additional months' notice is needed for a wedding in another country.

RCIA

Sessions open to those interested in learning about or renewing their connection to the Catholic Faith.

Infant Baptism

Contact the parish office to schedule. Baptism preparation required. Parents need to be registered members of St. Stephen.
No baptisms in December.

Pre-School Director

Cathy Townzen
preschool@ststephenbentonville.com
Office Hours: M-W-F
9:00am-12:00pm September-May

St. Stephen also attends to St. John the Evangelist Church in Huntsville:

Mass Times
Sunday Mass 9:00am
Sunday Mass 11:00am – Spanish
Reconciliation 30 minutes before Mass

Kids/Youth Faith Formation

Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

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Pre-K – 6th Grade

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9th Grade – 12th Grade
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Parish Office Closed – The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 17. Please hold your visits and calls until Tuesday, April 18.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23 – St. Stephen will celebrate the Feast of Mercy beginning at 3:00pm (the Hour of Great Mercy) in the Church. This Feast was requested by our Lord through St. Faustina Kowalska. It was formalized by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000 during the Canonization of St. Faustina when he declared: “It is important then, that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called “Divine Mercy Sunday.”

The celebration will last approximately 45 minutes. It will consist of the acknowledgment of this Feast with reflections about St. Faustina, the Mercy Stations, and the Chaplet of her Divine Mercy. All are invited and encouraged to attend this special service.

Novena to The Divine Mercy – On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that St. Faustina Kowalska, make a special novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. He, Himself, dictated the intentions for each day. By means of a specific prayer she was to bring to His heart a different group of souls each day and thus immerse them in the ocean of His mercy, begging the Father—on the strength of Jesus’ Passion—for graces for them. (Diary 1209)

This novena will be conducted here at St. Stephen Church on the nine days requested by Jesus—starting Good Friday, April 14 through the following Saturday, April 22. The novena will be held each night in the Chapel at 6:30pm or immediately following services if any are being held.

LifeTeen News – Our last Life Night of the year is April 23 from 6:00-8:00pm!

LifeTeen is in need of an adult male leader to assist with boys Bible Study, twice a month on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm. Please contact the LifeTeen Director at (479)273-1240 if you feel God may be calling you to this beautiful ministry! If Wednesday evenings do not work for you, but you’d still like to volunteer with LifeTeen, we need several adults (male and female) for core team members for LifeTeen in the fall, and will start training in the summer!

Registration for Fall Classes has opened – Classes for religious education for kids/youth 4yrs through the 12th grade is open for the 2017-18 year. Look for the forms at the registration table located in the Narthex. Please also consider volunteering as a co-teacher or small group leader and all religious fees will be waived.

Inscripción para las clases de Educación Religiosa ha Empezado – Clases de educación religiosa para los niños y jóvenes de 4 años hasta el grado 12 está abierto para el año académico de 2017-2018. Las formas para inscripción están en la mesa localizada en el Nártex. Usted también puede ofrecerse como un co-maestro o líder de grupo pequeño y usted no tiene que pagar el costo para la clase.

Catholic Kids Lenten Drive Winners – The winners of the Lenten Paper items Drive and Pizza party are the Pre-K/Kindergarten classes! Look for your Pizza party in April! Thanks to all the classes’ efforts to help provide for the needy in our community through our own St. Stephen Benevolent Society. Thank you for your compassion.

Three Ways to Obtain an Indulgence for the 100-Year Fatima Anniversary – For the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the entire anniversary year, which began Nov. 27, 2016, and will end Nov. 26, 2017. The Executive Secretary of the Rectory of the Fatima Shrine in Portugal, André Pereira, explained that the plenary indulgence can be obtained during the entire Jubilee Year. To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must also fulfill the ordinary conditions: Go to confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

1. Pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine – Is for “the faithful to make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration or prayer dedicated to the Virgin.” In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke the Mother of God.

2. Prayer before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima Applies to “the pious faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, or oratory anywhere in the world, during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October (2017), and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary.” Those seeking an indulgence must also pray an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

3. Application for the elderly and infirm – To obtain a plenary indulgence applies to people who, because of age, illness or other serious cause, are unable to get around well. These individuals can pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October (2017). They also must “offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.” © CNA All rights reserved

Graduation Mass & Celebration – Our graduate dinner for High School Seniors will be Sunday, May 7 beginning with Mass at 5:00pm (please be there in your cap and gown at 4:30pm) and a dinner following in the Family Life Center. All St. Stephen High School Seniors and their families are invited to attend. We will be celebrating your graduation as we come together for Mass, food & fellowship. We will also be awarding the parish scholarships at this event! Please contact Jessica to RSVP a table for your family by April 28!

Vacation Bible School – VBS will be June 14-16 from 6-8:30pm. Our theme this year is Tracking Mary-Mysteries & Messages Catholic Kidz Camp where campers will track Mary to many places she appeared around the World! They will discover how Mary brings them closer to Jesus through the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Registration is open until May 21. Look for the sign up table in the Narthex.

Boy Scout Troop 525 – They are taking orders for their Smoked Pork Shoulder Fundraiser. The cost for the pork shoulder is \$35 each; pre-orders only and payment due at time of order. The deadline to order is Monday, May 1. Pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 13 from 5:00-7:00pm at First United Methodist Church Parking Lot, 201 NW 2nd St., Bentonville. All proceeds support Boy Scout Troop 525 programs. For information or to order, please call or email Aaron Shoemaker (479)657-3591: ajshoem@gmail.com.

St. Stephen Nursery has an opening for a Nursery Director. The qualifications for this position include: Experience with children, VIRTUS and CPR trained, and 21 years old or older. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at (479)273-1240 or email us at ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com.

The Knights of Columbus will have a rummage sale on April 29 from 10:00am-5:00pm. Location is the Box Barn, near downtown Rogers at 721 N. 2nd Street. If you have any gently used items which can be resold; you can drop them off on Friday, April 28 from 8:00am-5:00pm. Items that can be resold will be accepted just as: furniture, clothing, household goods, tools, bikes, etc. Something large, we will pickup for you. Call Dan at (479)685-3561 at least 3 days before to schedule pickup. We appreciate your support.

Rice Bowls – Please return your rice bowls to the container in the Narthex. Seventy-five percent of your gifts will go to Catholic Relief and twenty-five percent of your gifts remain in your diocese to support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. To learn more visit orb.crs.org.

Plato de Arroz – Por favor devuelva su Plato de Arroz de CRS en el Nártex. El 75 por ciento de cada donativo se destina a ayudar a los pobres en el extranjero, y 25 por ciento se queda en su diócesis para apoyar proyectos locales para aliviar del hambre y la falta de vivienda. Para mas informacion visite orb.crs.org.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) – "But I will show you a more excellent way." (1 Cor. 13:1) Love never fails. It is so much more than a mere emotion. Love opens our hearts (and our lives) and allows us to selflessly consider others ahead of our own needs, wants and desires. This same selfless love brought Jesus to the cross and it calls each of us to follow Him by reaching out to others that are in need. The Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal is a way for each of us to share in God's incredible love for the world by giving your financial support to others that need it so much more. Become a CASA supporter today. Return your CASA Gift/Pledge in the envelopes provided.

Campana Católica de Arkansas a Compartir (CASA) "Nada hay nada más perfecta que el amor" (1 Car. 13, 1). El amor nunca falla. Es mucho más que solo una emoción. El amor abre nuestros corazones (y nuestras vidas) y nos permite considerar desinteresadamente a otros antes que nuestras propias necesidades y deseos. Este mismo amor desinteresado llevo a Jesús a la cruz y nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a seguirlo y a ayudar a otros que se encuentran necesitados. La Campana Católica de Arkansas a Compartir en una media para que cada uno de nosotros compartamos el amor increíble de Días para el mundo al dar nuestro apoyo económico a otros que lo necesitan mucho más. Conviértase en un colaborador de CASA hoy. Regrese su Ofrenda/Promesa de CASA en los sobres proporcionados.

Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. It has been active in the United States since 1931, has been approved by the last 6 Popes, and endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. For information or questions please call or email Mary Kay at (479)366-1504 or marykay1122@aol.com.

St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) – Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people! Your gift to the SSBC is a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

April is "National Child Abuse Prevention Month," which is dedicated to raising awareness of and preventing child abuse; whether sexual, physical, or emotional. Along with other educational efforts, please plan to attend our first annual "Safe Environment Healing Mass," celebrated by Bishop Anthony Taylor, with a reception following:

*When: Thursday, April 20, at 6:00pm

*Where: St. John Catholic Center in Little Rock (Morris Hall)

*What: Safe Environment Healing Mass, offered for the healing of all victims of child abuse and those impacted by it, with a reception to follow.

Catholics Returning Home is a six-week series that starts April 20. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church.

*Week 1: Welcome, Overview of the Series, Faith Sharing

*Week 2: Sharing Stories of Faith

*Week 3: The Church Today: Changes since Vatican II

*Week 4: Church Tour

*Week 5: Explanation of the Mass

*Week 6: Explanation of the Sacrament of Penance

*Week 7: Explanation of the Nicene Creed

Catholics returning home will be at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 1386 S. West End Street in Springdale starting at 6:30pm. For information call their parish at (479)756-6711.

The Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery will be having a retreat on May 5-7. The retreat is "Walking on Water: Healing the Peter Within Us" presented by Fr. Matt Linn, SJ. The fee for this retreat is residents \$225 and commuter \$175. Registration deadline is April 21. A \$50 non-transferable, non-refundable deposit is required at time of registration.

St. Vincent de Paul's Inaugural Slay the 5K will take place on April 29 at Lake Atalanta in Rogers. Fun Run begins at 5:00pm and the 5k starts at 5:30pm. For more information visit facebook.com/Slaythe5K or to register app.regwiz.io/register/slaythe5k/91.

Summer Camp at Subiaco Abbey is for boys 9 – 13 inclusive, is an active all boys camp with fishing, archery, riflery, go-carts, boating & tubing, climbing wall and much more. Camp is June 18 - 24 and June 25 - July 1. You may sign up at campsubiaco.org or call (479)934-1001.

You Did It for Me – A story of the good work of the Church across America and around the world with your donations to Catholic Charities.

Nshima, a porridge made from corn flour, is a typical meal in Zambia—sometimes Evelina Banda would eat it for every meal. But with little nutritional value, nshima wasn't providing Evelina's son with the nourishment he needed. That's why CRS is teaching Evelina and her community grow and prepare healthier foods. Evelina already sees the difference in her son. Learn more at crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-2.

Church Operations for April

Month-to-Date Expenses - \$ 41,644.48

Loan Balance - \$ 2,580,178.60

As the whole Church rejoices on the great Feast of Easter, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, may the light and power of the Risen Christ fill us, His faithful stewards with everlasting joy!

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 55,379.03	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 18,150.39	\$20,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Saturday, April 15

9:00am No MASS

5:00pm No MASS

8:00pm Joan Flannery †

EASTER Sunday, April 16

7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00am George Abide †

11:45am Bruce Yarger †

5:00pm No MASS

Monday, April 17

8:30am Patrick Gorman †

Tuesday, April 18

5:30pm Adriano Volpi †

Wednesday, April 19

12:00pm Daniel Priemesberger †

Thursday, April 20

8:30am Volpi and Fox Family

Friday, April 21

12:00pm Sylvia Marin

Saturday, April 22

9:00am Special Intention

5:00pm Deceased Members
of the Dunn Family †

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23

7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00am Josephine Anyanwu †

11:45am Josefina Dominguez †

5:00pm Noah K. Antony †

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 4/23/17

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

This Week – 4/17/17 to 4/23/17

Mon: Parish Office Closed

Mon: 8:30am **MASS**

Mon: 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.

Mon: 7:00pm V Encuentro

Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**

Tue: 6:00pm Temas para Parejas

Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice

Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**

Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary

Wed: 6:00-8:00pm First Year Conf. Prep

Wed: 6:30-8:00pm LT Bible Study

Thu: 8:30am **MASS**

Thu: 9:00am-9:00pm Adoration

Thu: 9:30-11:30am Mujeres de Fe

Thu: 6:30pm Spanish Choir

Fri: 10:15-11:30am Ladies of Grace

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**

Sat: 9:00am **MASS**

Sat: 11:00am Quineanera

Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation

Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**

Sat.-Sun.: Preschool Bake Sale

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sun: 7:45am **MASS**

Sun: 8:45am Catholic Kids

Sun: 8:45am SSBC Mtg.

Sun: 10:00am **MASS**

Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**

Sun: 3:00pm **Divine Mercy Service**

Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – LifeTeen**

Sun: 6:00pm LifeTeen Life Night

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April 22-23	Lectors	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	EMC - Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Pam Gander Myla Compton Margie Story Margie O'Grady Bob Monfils	Mo Tignor Kim Gollhofer Joyce Moppin Jill Saulsbery Ngozi Anyanwu Jane Cornell	Kim Monfils	Dave Brandenburg Todd Albert Joseph Giovannucci Steve Saulsbery	Mark Badger	Erik Bacon Helena Bacon Lukas Bacon	Loretta Meisenbacher
Sunday, 7:45 AM	James Gaffigan	Peggy Estes Cheryl Helms Brenda Kleck	Theresa Gaffigan Karen Howard Gary Kleck Susan Eagleson	Maggie Peterson	Bruce Peterson Brian Swisher Michael Swisher Anita Rausch		Jake Estes Katrina Edlund Hunter Sonnentag	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Maria Mendez Mary Pablo	Krista Dooley Theresa Brauburger Steve Harrington Thomas Ganey Patricia LaChance	Mike Mohr Dayna Mohr Imelda Robinson Bonnie Kupillas Kathleen Crouch Marie Barnak	Ted Brauburger	Robert Hutchings Ken Butler Daniel Cruz		Trinity Dooley Audrey Dooley Emily Dooley	Charlotte Champagne
Sunday 11:45 AM Spanish / Español	Fernando Barbosa Juan Carlos Segura	Evelyn Dominguez Fernando Perez Raquel Perez	Herlinda Zuno Jesus Zuno Maria Rodriguez Crimilda Viera	Oscar Dominguez	Beatriz Segura Bertha Valdez Victor Lopez Nadia Calderon		Isaac Barbosa Juan Pablo Segura Lulu Segura Jimmy Diaz	Oscar Dominguez
Sunday, 5:00 PM LifeTeen		Philip Palmer Andrew Palmer	Michelle Johnson Nicole Keller	Janet Palmer	Tommy Coppick		Katie Palmer Sarah Palmer Jesse Coppick	Jolene Murphy