



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

April 23, 2017

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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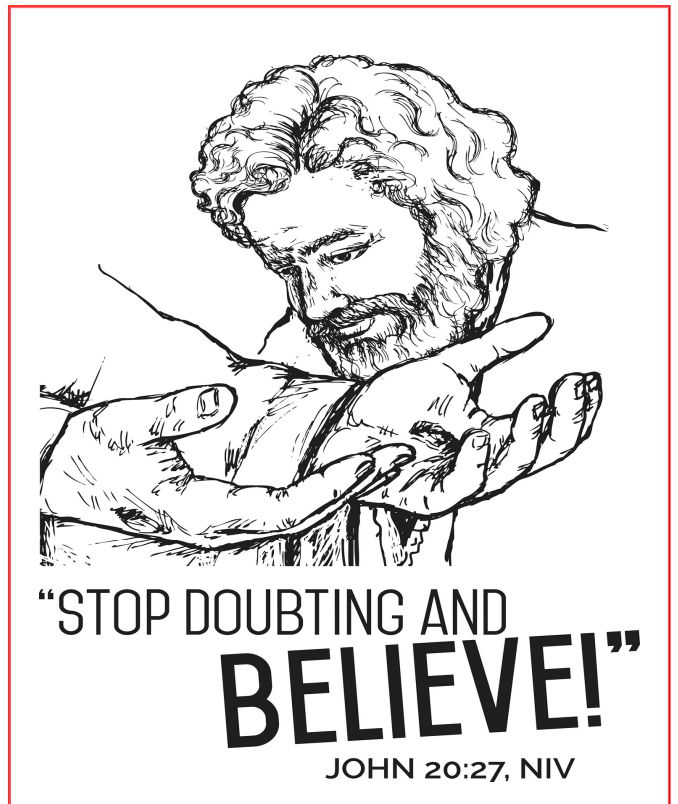
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Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

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

Catholic Kids Youth Minister

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

LifeTeen Youth

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9th Grade – 12th Grade
Facebook: LifeTeen Bentonville

MASS News – For the month of May, there will be no Reconciliation or MASS on Monday mornings at 8:30am and Saturdays at 9:00am due to Fr. Kevin being away on vacation. We will have MASS at 9:00am on Saturday, May 13 for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima.

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 the Divine Mercy. All are invited and encouraged to attend this special service.

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)

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.”

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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.

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.

LifeTeen News – Our last Life Night of the year is this Sunday, 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. If you would be interested (even for a short time) in assisting with this ministry, please call Jessica at (479)273-1240. If Wednesday evenings do not work for you, but you’d still like to volunteer with LifeTeen, we will need several adults (male and female) as core team members for LifeTeen in the fall! We will be certifying core team members, through LifeTeen and Franciscan University of Steubenville over the summer! Dates TBA!

Graduation Mass and 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.

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.

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 Benevolent Conference (SSBC) – In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Next weekend's second collection will be a 'Black Bag' collection for the SSBC. Your donation to SSBC says, "Peace be with you" to those who are poor and hungry.

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. Items that can be resold will be accepted just as: furniture, clothing, household goods, tools, bikes, etc. Something large, we will pickup for you. If you have any gently used items which can be resold please call Dan at (479)685-3561 at least 3 days before to schedule pickup. We appreciate your support.

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. 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.

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.

Married Couples – A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – apply now! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are in Memphis at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center, April 28-30 and in Arkansas at the Subiaco Courthouse, September 22-24. Space is limited. Apply online at arkansaswwme.org/apply or email apply@arkansaswwme.org.

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.

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 Subiaco is operated by the Subiaco Alumni Association and the Benedictine Monks of Subiaco. Camp is June 18 - 24 and June 25 - July 1, 2017. Google us on YouTube! You may sign up at campsubiaco.org or call (479)934-1001 for more info. Come join us! It's a blast!

NWA Catholic Young Professionals (CYP) is an energetic Catholic young adults group that yields Spiritual Growth, Social Events, and Service Opportunities! Join us for Bible study Mondays at 7pm at St. Joe's in Tontitown. For more information contact at facebook.com/NWACYPro/, instagram.com/nwacypro/, NWACYPro@gmail.com, or facebook.com/groups/NWACYPro/.

Divina Misericordia de Rogers – El ministerio de la Divina Misericordia de Rogers. Los invita al 8 Aniversario que se llevará a cabo este fin de semana, el 22 y 23 de abril. El sábado 22 de abril es de 8:00am a 7:00pm y domingo 23 de abril de 9:00am a 3:00pm. Las clases serán en el gimnasio de la iglesia San Vicente de Paul. Están todos invitados.

Job Openings – St. Bernard Catholic Parish in Bella Vista is currently accepting applications for the position of Parish Manager. The Parish Manager is responsible for leading and managing the parish staff, maintaining the day-to-day financial operations of the parish, and acting as the parish liaison with the Diocese. The desired candidate should have 5 years of experience in general business management, supervising people and excellent customer service. Please send your resume to: St. Bernard Catholic Church, 1 St. Bernard Lane, Bella Vista, AR 72715, Attn: John White or email jjwhite101@cox.net.

Staff Accountant for Diocesan Finance Office Diocese of Little Rock has an opening for a Staff Accountant. This position is 40 hours per week and requires a Catholic with a CPA license or the equivalent experience and Microsoft Office proficiency. For detailed job description or to apply, please contact Paula Lattanzi, Human Resources Specialist, Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207 or email plattanzi@dolr.org.

Catholic Principal – Christ the King Catholic School in Ft. Smith, is seeking a proven, motivated, Catholic to fill the role of principal for preschool through sixth grade. This position is responsible for over 45 faculty members and 300 students. Qualifications include a Master's Degree or its equivalent in Educational Leadership and experience in teaching and/or administration in Catholic Schools. If interested please send a cover letter, a resume, and copy of licensure/transcript to: Pastor, Fr. Babu Rao Battula, pastor@christ-king.org or 2112 S. Greenwood Ave, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 or Vernell Bowen, Superintendent, Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207 or vbowen@dolr.org. For more details visit ctk-school.com.

Church Operations for April

Month-to-Date Expenses - \$ 94,373.42

Loan Balance - \$ 2,568,986.84

As we read in the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples devoted themselves to the communal life, sharing their financial resources. May God's Divine Mercy endure forever on those who continue this practice of fraternal love and mutual support.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 103,272.44	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 21,406.57	\$20,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 †

Monday, April 24

8:30am The Austin Family

Tuesday, April 25

5:30pm Phyllis † & Tom Nulty

Wednesday, April 26

12:00pm Idalia Hernandez †

Thursday, April 27

8:30am Conchita Hernandez

Friday, April 28

12:00pm John Hamilton

Saturday, April 29

9:00am Stephen Gregory
 5:00pm Sammy Southall

Sunday, April 30

7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 10:00am Antonia Lobede †
 11:45am Rafaela Fernandez de Perez †
 2:00pm First Communicants
 5:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 4/30/17

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33
 Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
 1 Peter 1:17-21
 Luke 24:13-35

This Week – 4/24/17 to 4/30/17

Mon: 8:30am **MASS**
 Mon: 6:00-8:00pm IMPACT
 Mon: 6:30-8:00pm Catholic Kids Yellow
 Mon: 7:00pm V Encuentro
 Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**
 Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary
 Wed: 4:30-6:00pm Catholic Kids Early Blue
 Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm Catholic Kids Late Blue
 Wed: 6:30pm First Communion Practice
 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: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 9:00am **MASS**
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: 8:45am Catholic Kids
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**
 Sun: 2:00pm First Communion followed by a Reception
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – LifeTeen**
 Sun: 6:00pm LifeTeen Teen Leadership
 Sun: 6:00-8:00pm Second Year Conf. Prep



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April 29-30	Lectors	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	EMC -Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Mike Power	Rosemary Power Mo Tignor Kim Gollhofer Lois Crow Greg or Mandy Brandenburg	Jon Clement Kelly Jarrett Kim Dial Pam Gander Doris Clement Myla Compton	Janet Palmer	Jon Terlouw Lori Terlouw Dave Brandenburg Todd Albert	Joseph Giovannucci	Emily Stockand Gabrielle Stockand Alexa Stockand	Amy Fulmer
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Pat Moberley	Kira O'Shaughnessy Bruce Peterson Cheryl Helms	Gary Kleck Brenda Kleck Gary Delperdang Susan Eagleson	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Anita Rausch Paula Cordry Karen Howard Brian Swisher		Erik Bacon Helena Bacon Lukas Bacon	Barb Hamernik
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Katherine Brumley Paul Prebil	Michaelene Morgan Rose Hartnett Thomas Ganey Imelda Robinson Claudia Garcia	Mary Kate Beckham Karen Greeling Jake Greeling Pamm Prebil Bonnie Kupillas Steve Harrington	Bruce Beckham	Tim Koch Bo Patterson Robert Hutchings		Alexis Johnson Ryder Johnson Peter Kreuter	Joe Hartnett
Sunday 11:45 AM Spanish / Español	Dolores Pena Sandra Leal	Herlinda Zuno Jesus Zuno Maria Rodriguez	Crimilda Viera Beatriz Aguirre Ingrid Chavez Maria Nino	Mirna Serrano	Bertha Váldez Victor Lopez Antonio Sanchez Nadia Calderon		Ashley Arana Yasmin Flores Jimmy Diaz Mariel Sanabria	Fernando Perez
Sunday, 5:00 PM LifeTeen		Martha Gonzalez- Michaelis Lisa Clark	Rob Brothers Katie Morris	Bill Murphy	Joe Poe		Jack Brothers Andrew Brothers Hayden Poe	Jolene Murphy