



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

November 5, 2017

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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9th Grade – 12th Grade
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The month of November is dedicated to the Poor Souls in Purgatory – On all the days from now through November 8 inclusive, a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray. Indulgences draw from the spiritual treasury of the Church, offering the souls spiritual graces for the remission of the temporal punishment due to their sins which have been forgiven. It is further required that all Attachment to Sin, even venial sin, be absent for a plenary indulgence. If this disposition is in any way less than perfect or if the prescribed three conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence will be partial only.

Our Lord told St. Gertrude that this prayer would release 1000 souls from purgatory each time it is said:

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

Remember to pray frequently for the dead, especially when you pass by a cemetery or when you recall a person you knew who has died.

Pray also for the most forgotten and abandoned souls that have no one else to pray for them, and for any souls who may be suffering in purgatory due to our poor example or some fault of ours.

El mes de noviembre está dedicado a Las pobres Almas del Purgatorio

– Desde el 1º de noviembre hasta el 8 de noviembre todos los días inclusive, una indulgencia plenaria, únicamente aplica a las pobres almas, se concede a aquellos que visitan un cementerio y rezan. Las indulgencias se extraen del tesoro espiritual de la Iglesia, ofreciendo gracias espirituales a las almas para la remisión completa de la pena temporal que se debe por sus pecados cuya culpa ya ha sido perdonada. Las indulgencias son oraciones o acciones un merito de reducción de la pena temporal que se debe reparar, sanar las heridas del pasado.

Nuestro Señor le dijo a Santa Gertrudis la Grande, que esta oración puede librar 1000 almas del purgatorio cada vez que se reze:

Oración de Santa Gertrudis La Mayor para todas las Almas del Purgatorio

"Padre eterno, yo te ofrezco la preciosísima Sangre de Tu Divino Hijo Jesús, en unión con las misas celebradas hoy día a través del mundo por todas las benditas ánimas del purgatorio. Por todos los pecadores del mundo. Por los pecadores en la Iglesia universal, por aquellos en propia casa y dentro de mi familia. Amén."

Recuerde de orar con frecuencia por los muertos, especialmente cuando pase por un cementerio o cuando recorde una persona que ha muerto.

También oren por las almas abandonados y olvidados que no tienen a nadie que ore por ellos, y para las almas que puedan estar sufriendo en el purgatorio debido a nuestro mal ejemplo o por un error de nuestra parte.

RCIA Calendar – Our next session will be Wednesday, November 8 on Prayer led by Katherine Brumley. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm.

Hard Hat Collection Weekend – This weekend, November 4/5 there will be a second collection for the church loan. All donations go to repay our loan with the Diocese of Little Rock. We appreciate your prayerful consideration and support of this effort.

Mass Intentions – Please come to the parish office if you would like to schedule a Mass. The Diocese stipulates that a standard stipend for a Mass Intention is \$10.00.

Youth Choir – Calling all children interested in singing at the 4:00pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. Our first practice is Wednesday, November 8. Practice will be weekly from 6:00-6:45pm in the St. Cecilia room (choir room). Children of reading age and older are invited to participate. If your child is interested in participating, please send child's name & information to music@ststephenbentonville.com. The more the merrier!



Being good is commendable, but only when it is combined with doing good is it useful.
~Author Unknown

Ministers – We Need Your Help! – There are many ministers needed for this quarter's schedule, especially for Christmas Masses. If you are a trained minister and can serve any of these dates, please call Bethany in the parish office:

- December 24 - 4:00pm - 2 Ushers
- December 24 - 6:00pm - 1 Usher
- December 25 - 11:45am Spanish Mass - 1 Host Minister
- December 31 - 7:45am - Head Minister

EMHC Training – There will be a training for all interested in serving at Mass as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00pm in the church.

All volunteers must be at least 16 years of age; have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and if married, be validly married within the Catholic Church. Please prayerfully consider assisting in this ministry. Call the parish office to register. **Help is greatly needed at all Masses.**

Christmas MASS Schedule – This year, the Holy Day of Christmas (December 25) is on a Monday, so the traditional Christmas Eve services will be on Sunday evening (December 24). Therefore it will be necessary to change the usual Mass schedule for that weekend. The basic norm is that we are required to attend Mass for the usual Sunday obligation (Fourth Sunday of Advent) AND another Mass for the Holy day of Christmas itself. The Masses on Saturday evening (5:00pm) and Sunday morning (10:00am and 11:45am) are Masses of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Then the evening Sunday Masses (4:00pm and 6:00pm) and Monday (10:00am and 11:45am) are for the feast of Christmas.

Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The

SACRED REPLICAS OF THE SAINTS



Church – St. Stephen Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30pm. Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these Holy objects. He will bring

with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Peter, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends and/ or family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

Life Teen News – Life Night, this Sunday from 6:00-8:00pm in the Family Life Center!

Life Teen will be selling Advent Wreaths and Candles on the weekend of November 11-12 after all Masses. Please support our parish youth group in this fundraiser for scholarships for teens in our youth program.

Life Teen will be having a bonfire at Rob's house on Saturday, November 11 from 7:00-8:30pm!

Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat – Do you feel alone, hurting or unforgiven from a past abortion? The Respect Life Office, through Project Rachel, is offering a one-day retreat on Saturday, December 2. The retreat is Catholic in nature, but anyone who desires to begin or continue their journey to hope and healing is welcome to attend. The retreat will be held in Northwest Arkansas, but the exact location is only disclosed to participants. For more information, please call or text (479)206-3199, or call and leave a message at (501)664-0340 ext. 326, or email cphillips@dolr.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Día de Oración y Retiro de Sanación – ¿Te sientes sola, herida o no perdonada por un aborto pasado? La Oficina de Respeto a la Vida, por medio de Proyecto Raquel, está ofreciendo un retiro de un día el sábado 2 de diciembre. El retiro es de naturaleza católica, pero cualquier persona que desee comenzar o continuar su viaje hacia la esperanza y la sanación es bienvenida. El retiro se llevará a cabo en el noroeste de Arkansas, pero el lugar exacto sólo se revelará a los participantes. Para obtener más información, llama o envía un mensaje de texto al (479)206-3199, o llama y deja un mensaje al (501)-664-0340 ext. 326, o correo electrónico: cphillips@dolr.org. Todas las consultas son estrictamente confidenciales.



Coffee Social – Join us next Sunday, November 12 after the 10:00am Mass for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship in the Family Life Center. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners.

St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) Black Bag Collection – Thank you for your generous support of the SSBC "Black Bag" collection. With your help, members are able to provide hope and financial support for utilities, rent, and food for many of our neighbors who are in need and struggling.

SSBC Corner – As your family leaves church there is a box in the Narthex on the wall to the right of the exit – it's meant for any money contributions. That money goes directly to help the Poor.

Pantry needs: Thanksgiving Basket food-canned vegetables and tooth brushes/tooth paste.

Helping Hands – Volunteers Needed – We need your help! Saturday, November 11 is the day set aside for St. Stephen parishioners to volunteer at Helping Hands. Volunteers are needed for morning (8:00am-12:00pm) and afternoon shifts (12:00pm-4:00pm). Duties include working the sales floor, unloading at the back dock, and running the cash register. Adults and teenagers are encouraged to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for teens to get volunteer hours, and for families to get involved in the community together. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time. For information, or to schedule a time slot, please contact Tracy Sullivan at ts922@att.net or (479)426-0383.

International Potluck Dinner Night – Thank you to all who participated in this event and for supporting our parish. The food from: Poland, Philippines, Nigeria, Mexico, Columbia, Puerto Rico, Argentina, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and USA was very delicious. The DJ was great, people danced and had lots of fun! Everyone had a wonderful time. A special thank you to our International Dinner Committee for their hard work. We hope to see more people participate next time.

2017 National Vocations Awareness Week – Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthed period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc. During Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

Subiaco Academy Shadow Days are scheduled for Fridays, November 10, and December 1, and boys in grades 6-10 are invited to attend. Students may spend the night before in a residence hall for the Subiaco Experience, overnight accommodations are available for parents and all activities are free of charge. For more information, or to reserve a place, please contact the admissions office (800)364-7824, (479)934-1034, or admissions@subi.org or visit SubiacoAcademy.us.

Church Operations for October

Month-to-Date Expenses – \$ 124,799.72

Loan Balance – \$ 2,501,080.96

Unlike the scribes and Pharisees mentioned in today's Gospel who said one thing and did another, may we sincerely practice what we preach about Biblical stewardship, and use our resources as a means to support God's work.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 11/12/17

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14

Matthew 25:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 4

9:00am Maria Luisa Centeno †

5:00pm Deceased Members of
The Dunn Family †

Sunday, November 5

7:45am All Souls Novena

10:00am Maurice & Pam Willis

11:45am Victoria Hernandez †

5:00pm Parishioners/Feligreses

Monday, November 6

8:30am George Abide †

Tuesday, November 7

5:30pm Special Intention

Wednesday, November 8

12:00pm Deceased Members of
Legion of Mary †

Thursday, November 9

8:30am Lois Yarger

Friday, November 10

12:00pm Matthew Origbo †

Saturday, November 11

9:00am Doris Shepard † & Family

5:00pm Don Clevin †

Sunday, November 12

7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00am All Souls Novena

11:45am Matias Aguilar

5:00pm Eric Grear †

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 113,376.21	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 17,964.00	\$20,000

This Week – 11/06/17 to 11/12/17

Mon: 8:30am **MASS**

Mon: 6:00pm IMPACT

Mon: 6:30pm CK Yellow

Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**

Tue: 6:00pm Mominpotent

Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice

Tue: 6:30pm Holy Hour/Hora Santa
Spanish/Espanol

Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**

Wed: 12:00pm Legion of Mary

Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE 7th/8th

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

Wed: 7:00pm Mardi Gras Cmt.

Wed: 7:00pm RCIA

Thu: 8:30am **MASS**

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

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

Thu: 6:00-8:00pm Choice Wine Marriage

Thu: 6:30pm Spanish Choir

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**

Fri: 6:00pm First Reconciliation

Sat: 9:00am **MASS**

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

Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**

Sat. & Sun.: Advent Wreath Sale

Sun: 7:45am **MASS**

Sun: 8:45am Catholic Kids

Sun: 10:00am **MASS**

Sun: 11:00am Sunday Social

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

Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – LifeTeen**

Sun: 6:00-8:00pm LT Life Night

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Legion of Mary

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November 4 – 5	Lectors	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	EMC -Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Margie O'Grady Margie Story Doris Clement Kim Gollhofer Rosemary Power	Mark Jechura Lois Crow Mo Tignor Jon Clement Jane Cornell Yvonne Chauvin	Janet Palmer	Todd Albert Mike Power Kevin Cornell Gary VanOverschelde	Mark Badger	Lindsey Wewers Paige Edmund Alexa Stockand	Amy Fulmer
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek	Susan Eagleson Greg or Mandy Brandenburg Bruce Peterson	Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck Chris O'Shaughnessy Kira O'Shaughnessy	Maggie Peterson	Brian Swisher Michael Swisher Anita Rausch Karen Howard		Hans Edlund Katrina Edlund Martin Brandenburg	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Paul Prebil Katherine Brumley	Patricia LaChance Imelda Robinson Gina Koch Marie Barnak Kathleen Crouch	Bruce Beckham Martha Gonzalez Pamm Prebil Rose Hartnett Joe Hartnett Bonnie Kupillas	Mary Kate Beckham	Tim Koch Robert Hutchings Ken Butler Steve Harrington		Paige Koch Meleea Swango Moorea Swango	Charlotte Champagne
Sunday 11:45 AM Spanish / Español	Raquel Perez Fernando Barbosa	Maria Rodriguez Crimilda Viera Beatriz Aguirre	Evelyn Dominguez Oscar Dominguez Olga Serrano J. Concepcion Serrano	Mirna Serrano	Bertha Váldez Mayra Serrano Victor Lopez Nadia Calderon		Jimmy Diaz Isaac Barbosa Yasmin Flores Brayan Miramon	Fernando Perez
Sunday, 5:00 PM LifeTeen		Rob Brothers Chris Davis	Susan Davis Nicole Keller	Bill Murphy	Beatriz Segura		Andrew Brothers Jack Brothers Kender Carroll	Jolene Murphy