



# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

November 12, 2017

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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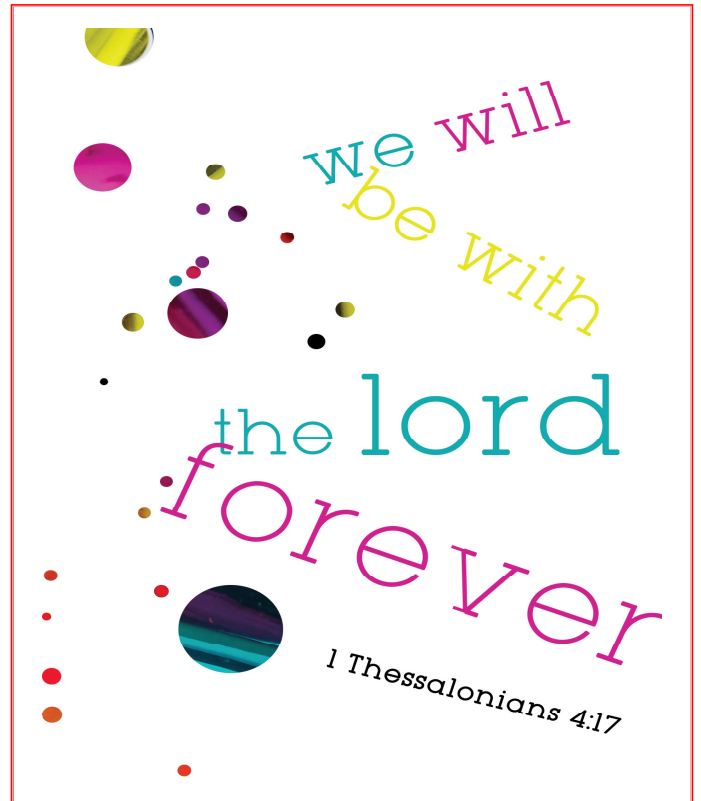
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### Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

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](mailto: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

Monica Shoemaker

Pre-K – 4th Grade

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Edge: 7th & 8th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

#### Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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9th Grade – 12th Grade

Facebook: LifeTeen Bentonville

**Poor Souls in Purgatory** – Remember that this is the month for All Souls. Please pray for our parishioners who have died this past year. 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.

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."*

**Las Pobres Almas del Purgatorio** – Recuerde que este mes es para Todas las Almas (Difuntos). Por favor de orar por nuestros feligreses que han fallecido este año pasado. 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.

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

**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."*

**2018 Calendars Are Here** – Be sure to get your copy of the 2018 Calendar while we have them. They are located on the bulletin table as you exit the church.

**Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** – Thank you to everyone you donated to CASA and helped us meet our goal. To date we have collected a total of \$40,566.60 or 104% toward our parish goal of \$38,944.50. Thank you so much for your generous support in helping our diocese continue to grow and carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

**Campana Católica de Arkansas a Compartir (CASA)** – Gracias a todos que donó a CASA y nos ayudó a cumplir nuestro objetivo. A la fecha se han colectado un total de \$40,566.60 o 104% hacia nuestra meta de la parroquia de \$38,944.50. Muchas gracias a ustedes por su generoso apoyo al ayudar a nuestra diócesis a seguir creciendo y llevando a cabo el trabajo misionero de Jesús.

**RCIA Calendar** – Our next session will be Wednesday, November 15 on The Liturgical Calendar 1 and practice for Rite of Acceptance led by Bruce Peterson. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

**Office News** – The bulletin deadline has changed for the Thanksgiving week. The deadline will be Monday, November 21 at noon instead of Tuesday.

**Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The 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.

If you happen to miss the presentation of the Sacred Relics here at St. Stephen; you can still see them at St. Joseph Parish in Tontitown on Thursday, November 30 at 7:00pm.

**Christmas Pageant**



The annual St. Stephen Christmas Pageant will be on December 24 at 3:15pm--before the Christmas Eve Mass that begins at 4:00pm. Please email or call Suzanne Sutton by December

17 so that she can make sure we have enough costumes. We will have one practice on Saturday, December 23 at 9:00am. Our play has a narrator with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade taking the few main parts and the younger kids being shepherds and angels. Suzanne will also need parent volunteers to help on that evening.

**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.



*Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does. ~William James*

**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

**Youth Choir** – Calling all children interested in singing at the 4:00pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. We will have practice 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, please email child's name & information to [music@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:music@ststephenbentonville.com)!

**Life Teen News** – Our next Life Night is Sunday, November 12 from 6:00–8:00pm in the Family Life Center! There will be NO Life Teen Life Night on Sunday, November 19 due to the NCYC Conference or November 26 due to Thanksgiving Break. Life Teen Life Night resumes on Sunday, December 3.

**St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) Corner** – Consider the folks that need our help during this Holiday Season. \*Pantry needs are canned soup, tuna, paper towels and toilet paper.

**Knights of Columbus Gift Cards** – The Knights will be selling and taking orders for cards every weekend through the holidays. They have increased the number cards available for purchase and to take with you. Please stop by and check out the expanded card selection. All proceeds help reduce the building debt.



**St Vincent de Paul Catholic School** – One day to Make Twice the Impact. Join us for Giving Tuesday on November 28th when all donations to the Scholarship Fund will be matched, dollar for dollar up to \$15,000. Follow [facebook.com/svdpcatholicsschool](https://www.facebook.com/svdpcatholicsschool) for more details on this special opportunity to help make a difference and for more information on the school.

**Annual Catholic Schools of Arkansas Scholarship Appeal** – Bishop Taylor has approved the weekend of November 11 and 12 for the kickoff to the Annual Catholic Schools of Arkansas Scholarship Appeal. The Scholarship Appeal provides funding to schools which goes directly toward tuition assistance for qualified low income students attending a Catholic School in Arkansas. Even with parish subsidies and constant fundraising, cost is a barrier to hundreds of families who can't afford a Catholic education for their child. Can you help close the gap?

- 907 students qualified for scholarship assistance through parishes and schools for 2017-18
- 3,523,381 is the calculated need for 2017-18
- Parishes and schools have contributed 3,256,240
- \$267,141 is needed to close the gap for 2017-18

**Arkansas Right to Life** is pleased to announce a new fundraising opportunity with Petit Jean Meats Company just in time for the holidays! Anytime you order a turkey, ham or any other product for your gift giving or holiday meal plans from [petitjeanmeats.com/](http://petitjeanmeats.com/) use the code "RIGHTTOL" and Arkansas Right to Life will receive 10% of your total order. Thank you and a very Happy Thanksgiving!

**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: a lengthed period of adolescence, growing secularism, attitudes about celibacy, etc. During Vocation Awareness week, 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.

**Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA) – Opening August 2018** – Attention all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders! OCA would like to invite you to a night of fun and fellowship with your NWA Catholic Community on Saturday, December 2, from 6:00-8:00pm. OCA will host a bowling tournament in Cosmo's Corner at Fast Lane in Rogers, along with food and prizes. Payment will be taken at the door. RSVP at Eventbrite page [tinyurl.com/ocafastlanefun](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ozark-catholic-academy-opening-august-2018-tickets-36445) or call (479)316-3445. Follow them at [ozarkcatholic.org](http://ozarkcatholic.org) or [facebook.com/OzarkCatholic/](https://www.facebook.com/OzarkCatholic/).

**Search #143 Retreat** – Registrations are now being accepted for Search #143. This retreat helps juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. Search #143 will be held at the 4-H Center, Little Rock on December 1–3. The fee is \$135 (partial scholarships are available) and the early registration deadline is November 13. For more information and registration forms visit [dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-143.pdf](https://dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-143.pdf).

If you have questions please contact Trish Gentry [tgentry@dolr.org](mailto:tgentry@dolr.org) at the Diocese of Little Rock Youth Ministry office (501)664-0340, ext 418.

**Campaña de Becas para las Escuelas Católicas de Arkansas** – El Obispo Taylor ha aprobado el fin de semana del 11 y 12 de noviembre para el inicio de la Campaña de Becas de las Escuelas Católicas Anuales de Arkansas. La Apelación de Becas proporciona fondos a las escuelas que van directamente a la asistencia de matrícula para estudiantes calificados de bajos recursos que asisten a una escuela católica en Arkansas. Aún con los subsidios parroquiales y con las constantes recaudaciones de fondos, el costo es un obstaculo para familias que no pueden pagar por una educación católica para su hijo/hija. ¿Puede usted ayudar a cerrar la brecha?

- 907 estudiantes solicitaron ayuda de becas a través de las parroquias y escuelas para el 2017-18
- \$3,523,381 es lo que se calcula que necesitamos para el 2017-18
- las parroquias y escuelas han contribuido \$3,256,240
- \$267,141 es lo que se necesita para cerrar la brecha para el 2017-18

**Church Operations for November**  
**Month-to-Date Expenses** – \$ 40,089.84  
**Loan Balance** – \$ 2,501,080.96

Like the ten wise virgins in the Gospel may we make every effort to be spiritually and materially prepared with sufficient oil, being vigilant and ready for the Divine Bridegroom to come, welcoming Him with lighted lamps.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 27,261.05	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 10,765.02	\$20,000

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, November 11**  
 9:00am Doris Shepard † & Family  
 5:00pm Don Cleven †  
**Sunday, November 12**  
 7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses  
 10:00am Patrick O'Rourke †  
 11:45am Matias Aguilar  
 5:00pm Eric Gear †  
**Monday, November 13**  
 8:30am Benjamin Brockmeyer  
**Tuesday November 14**  
 5:30pm All Souls Novena  
**Wednesday, November 15**  
 12:00pm Albert Stoecker †  
**Thursday, November 16**  
 8:30am Poor Souls of Purgatory  
**Friday, November 17**  
 12:00pm Guillermina Flores †  
**Saturday, November 18**  
 9:00am Sandy Buckley †  
 5:00pm Susan S. Cain †  
**Sunday, November 19**  
 7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses  
 10:00am Scripture Sisters  
 11:45am Todas Las Almas Novena  
 5:00pm Peter Thong Le † & Maria Bui †

**SCRIPTURE READINGS for 11/19/17**

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
 Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**This Week – 11/13/17 to 11/19/17**

Mon: 8:30am **MASS**  
 Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**  
 Tue: 6:00pm Mornipotent  
 Tue: 6:00pm EMC Training  
 Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice  
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**  
 Wed: 12:00pm Legion of Mary  
 Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm CK Blue  
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm LT Bible Study  
 Wed: 7:00-8:30pm RCIA with Rehearsal  
 Thur. – Sun.: LT at NYC  
 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 Quinceanera Rehearsal  
 Sat: 9:00am **MASS**  
 Sat: 11:00am Quinceanera  
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation  
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**  
 Sat: 6:30pm Rosary Prayer Group  
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**  
 Sun: 8:45am NO Catholic Kids  
 Sun: 8:45am SSBC Mtg.  
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**  
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**  
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – Life Teen**  
 Sun: 6:00-8:00pm NO LT Life Night

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Nov. 18 - 19	Lectors	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Bryan Bacon	Lois Crow Bob Monfils Mo Tignor Rebecca Bollinger Margie O'Grady	Lori Terlouw Pam Gander Kim Dial Jill Saulsbery Jane Cornell Amy Fulmer	Jon Terlouw	Steve Saulsbery Dave Brandenburg Gary VanOverschelde Kevin Cornell	Kim Monfils	Rachael Saulsbery Gabrielle Stockand Emily Stockand	Loretta Meisenbacher
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Pat Moberley	Philip Palmer Theresa Gaffigan Cheryl Helms	Mark Jechura Susan Eagleson	Janet Palmer	Gerri Oswald Len Oswald Anita Rausch Michael Swisher		Sarah Palmer Dhane Boskus Lindsey Wewers	Mark Jechura
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Maria Mendez Mary Pablo	Theresa Brauburger Dayna Mohr Mike Mohr Greg or Mandy Brandenburg Bruce Beckham	Charlotte Champagne Thomas Ganey Michaelene Morgan Pam Willis Mary Kate Beckham Imelda Robinson	Ted Brauburger	Daniel Cruz Robert Hutchings Steve Harrington Tim Koch		Andrew Guegan John Brandenburg Martin Brandenburg	Joe Hartnett
<b>Sunday 11:45 AM Spanish / Español</b>	Rosalba Ortiz Luz Carmen Sanchez	Evelyn Dominguez Maria Rodriguez Raquel Perez	Beatriz Aguirre Fernando Perez Crimilda Viera Ingrid Chavez	Oscar Dominguez	Antonio Sanchez Nadia Calderon Marugel Monzalvo Bertha Váldez		Jomaralee Salas Angela Munoz Ashley Arana Yasmin Flores	Ana Krus
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM LifeTeen</b>		Nicole Keller Katie Morris	Jodi Durkin Matthew Lawrence	Cary Richard	Joe Poe		William Durkin Hayden Poe Mary Poe	Cary Richard