



# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

November 19, 2017

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Pastor

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### Associate Pastor/Administrator of St. John in Huntsville

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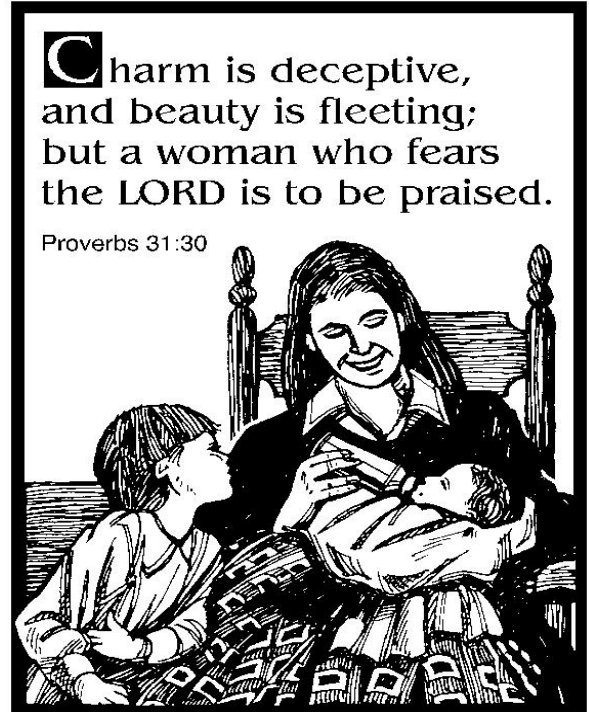
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### Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

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)

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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

Suzanne Sutton

[ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com)

Pre-K – 6th Grade

#### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker

Pre-K – 4th Grade

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#### EDGE/Confirmation Director

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Edge: 7th & 8th Grade

[confirmation@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:confirmation@ststephenbentonville.com)

Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

#### Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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9th Grade – 12th Grade

Facebook: LifeTeen Bentonville

**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.

**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."*

**Sacred Relics of The Saints: Treasures of The**



**Church** – St. Stephen Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Wednesday, Nov. 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. Over 150 relics will be shown, some believed to be as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, a piece of a veil which is believed to have belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world will be present.

**The Parish Office** will close at noon on Wednesday this week and remain closed until Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Our weekday Mass schedule will be the same this week with the exception of Thanksgiving Day. Join us for Mass on the morning of Thanksgiving at 10:00am in the church.

**RCIA Calendar** – There will be NO class Wednesday, November 22, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The next session will be on Wednesday, November 29, on One Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church led by Bruce Peterson. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm.

**Capital Campaign** – Thank you for your support of the Capital Campaign over the last 5 years. We have reduced the loan from the Diocese to less than \$2.5 million! Our monthly payment remains \$19,439.73. Please prayerfully consider your continued support.

**Ministry Schedule** – Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of January, February and March (including Easter Sunday, April 1). This schedule will include special Masses for Ash Wednesday (February 14) and for Holy Week (March 29-April 1). Please let me know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter before Monday, December 11 by e-mailing us at [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com) or calling the church office at (479)273-1240. No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time or the Holy Days mentioned. Also, please make use of the sub list if you are unable to attend Mass when you are scheduled – *a friendly reminder that the parish office does not find subs.*

**Parish Council Elections** – It's that time of year when we think about parish council elections. If you are a registered parishioner in good standing in the Catholic Church, are over the age of 18 and interested in running for parish council or know of someone who is, please fill out one of the nomination forms in the Narthex and drop it in the nomination box. Out of courtesy, please ask the person first before you submit their name. All names must be submitted by December 17.

**Elecciones del Consejo Parroquial** – Esta temporada del año es cuando pensamos en las elecciones del consejo parroquial. Si usted es un feligrés registrado en buen estado con la Iglesia Católica, mayor de 18 años y esta interesado en el consejo parroquial o sabe de alguien que lo este, por favor llene una de las formas de nominación en el Narthex y dejelo en la caja de nominación. Por cortesía, por favor, primero pregúnte a la persona antes de enviar su nombre. Todos los nombres deben ser enviados antes del 17 de diciembre.

**Knights of Columbus** will continue to sell and take orders for gift cards every weekend through the holidays. We have increased the number of gift cards available including several for only \$10 for you to purchase and take with you. Please stop by and check out our expanded card selection. All proceeds go towards reducing the building debt.

**Holy Days of Obligation** – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Friday, December 8. This Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated with a Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7 at 5:30pm in English, and Masses on Friday, December 8 at Noon in English, 5:30pm in English, and 7:00pm in Spanish. The Immaculate Conception is the patron of the United States of America and the precept to attend Mass is mandatory.

This year Christmas is on Monday, December 25. This is a Holy Day of obligation no matter what day of the week it falls on. However, Christmas Eve, December 24 is on a Sunday this year. The Fourth Sunday of Advent is December 24. Therefore, the Masses on Saturday evening (5:00pm) and Sunday morning (10:00am and 11:45am) are Masses of the First Vespers of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. On Sunday, December 24 in the morning until 4:00pm it is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. After 4:00pm on Sunday, December 24 is the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. This means the evening Sunday Masses (4:00pm and 6:00pm) and Monday morning Masses (10:00am and 11:45am) are for the feast of Christmas. All Sundays are holy days of obligation and Christmas is also a Holy Day of Obligation. The precept to attend Mass on both days is mandatory.

This year Holy Mary, Mother of God is on a Monday. Because it falls on a Monday, it is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation this year. It retains the status of a Solemnity. The precept to attend Mass is abrogated.



*The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good. ~ Ivan Scheier*

**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

**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.



**Legion of Mary** will have copies of Christ the King Novena available in the entry area of the church this weekend. November 26 is the Solemnity of Christ the King. Any questions contact Mary Kay Sutton (479)366-1504 or [marykay1122@aol.com](mailto:marykay1122@aol.com).

**St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC)**



**Corner** – When you give household items you are sharing God's extravagant love. \*Pantry needs: dish soap, bath soap, diapers (size 1-4).

**It's Cookie Time Again** and SSBC will be holding their annual Cookie Walk fundraiser the weekend of December 9 and 10. This is a fun family event and a great way to help our neighbors in need! You can visit with Santa, enter one or more of our raffles, and for a small fee, choose from a vast array of delicious cookies! Instead of the silent auction, this year SSBC are offering three spectacular raffles: a wireless backup camera, a set of 4 Goodyear tires, and a restored Howard Miller grandfather clock. We will be selling raffle tickets for \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and signing up "cookie-bakers" after all Masses this weekend.

**Guardian Angels of the Blessed Sacrament** – This ministry is integrated by people that are called Adorers. Adorers are people who make a commitment to be before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour every Thursday. As an Adorer you spend your time praying, meditating, telling God your worries, happiness and asking blessings for your family, friends and the community. At the same time, without knowing you become a Guardian Angel of the Blessed Sacrament before Him. In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament you make sure that nobody is going to hurt Him or do something inappropriate, assuring that He won't be alone. If you would like to be part of this ministry as an Adorer, we have the following times slots available: 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm and 5:00pm. Please contact the parish office to sign-up or for additional information.

**Ángeles Guardianes del Santísimo Sacramento** – Este ministerio está integrado por personas llamadas Adoradores, quienes se comprometen a estar ante el Santísimo Sacramento por una hora todos los jueves. Como Adorador pasan su tiempo orando y meditando, diciéndole a Dios sus preocupaciones, alegrías y pidiendo bendiciones para sus familia, amigos y comunidad. Al mismo tiempo se convierten en ángeles guardianes del Santísimo Sacramento, ante él, en su presencia se aseguran que nadie lo lastime o haga algo inapropiado, asegurándose de no dejarlo solo. Si desea ser parte de este ministerio como Adorador, tenemos horarios disponibles 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm y 5:00pm. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial para obtener información adicional e inscribirse.

**Life Teen News** – Life Teen has a few Advent Wreaths left from the sale last weekend. If you are interested in purchasing one, please stop by the parish office during normal business hours. All wreaths are \$20 and all proceeds go toward supporting teenagers in our parish with the cost of retreats. Please generously support this ministry!

There is **no** Life Teen Life Night this Sunday, November 19 or next Sunday, November 26 and no Bible Study on Wednesday, November 22. Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving Break.



**Church Operations for November**  
**Month-to-Date Expenses** – \$ 56,934.53  
**Loan Balance** – \$ 2,501,080.96

Inspired by today's Gospel, may we carefully invest the many resources and use the various talents entrusted to us by the Lord, so that we might hear His words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 58,093.03	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 14,360.02	\$20,000

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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 †

**Monday, November 20**

8:30am Benjamin Brockmeyer

**Tuesday November 21**

5:30pm In Thanksgiving

**Wednesday, November 22**

12:00pm Bruce Yarger †

**Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving**

10:00am Peter Paraskost †

**Friday, November 24**

12:00pm The Torres-Mendez Family

**Saturday, November 25**

9:00am Rosemary Fuchs †  
 5:00pm Sammy Southall

**Sunday, November 26 - Christ the King**

7:45am All Souls Novena  
 10:00am James Shields †  
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses  
 5:00pm Peter Thong Le † & Maria Bui †

**SCRIPTURE READINGS for 11/26/17**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
 Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6  
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
 Matthew 25:31-46

**This Week – 11/20/17 to 11/26/17**

Mon: 8:30am **MASS**  
 Mon: NO CLASSES  
 Mon: 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.  
 Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**  
 Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice  
 Wed: Parish Office Closes at Noon  
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**  
 Wed: All Classes Off  
 Thu: Parish Office Closed  
 Thu: 10:00am **MASS – Thanksgiving Day**  
 Thu: NO Adoration  
 Fri: Parish Office Closed  
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**  
 Sat: 9:00am **MASS**  
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation  
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**  
 Sun: 8:45-9:45am NO Catholic Kids  
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS – RCIA**  
**(Rite of Acceptance)**  
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish**  
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – LifeTeen**  
 Sun: 6:00-8:00pm NO Life Night



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Nov. 25 - 26	Lectors	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Bob Monfils	Rebecca Bollinger Janet Palmer Kim Dial Pam Gander Margie O'Grady	Kim Gollhofer Joyce Moppin Jill Saulsbery Jane Cornell Ngozi Anyanwu Mo Tignor	Kim Monfils	Gary VanOverschelde Dave Brandenburg Philip Palmer Steve Saulsbery	Kim Monfils	Gabrielle Stockand Emily Stockand Alexa Stockand	Kim Monfils
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Amylynn Smith	Gary Delperdang Kira O'Shaughnessy Bruce Peterson	Peggy Estes Greg or Mandy Brandenburg Chris O'Shaughnessy Susan Eagleson	Maggie Peterson	Anita Rausch Geri Oswald Len Oswald Brian Swisher		Nicholas Glory Erik Bacon Helena Bacon	Gary Delperdang
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Paul Prebil Rose Hartnett	Steve Harrington Gina Koch James Sutton Dayna Mohr Mike Mohr	Theresa Brauburger Brian Rabal Pamm Prebil Bonnie Kupillas Pam Willis Marie Barnak	Ted Brauburger	Tim Koch Ken Butler Robert Hutchings		Thomas Rocha Patrick Rocha Gabriel Rocha	Joe Hartnett
<b>Sunday 11:45 AM Spanish / Español</b>	Jaime Chavez Ramon Portilla	Crimilda Viera Evelyn Dominguez Beatriz Aguirre	Herlinda Zuno Jesus Zuno Ingrid Chavez Raquel Perez	Fernando Perez	Marugel Monzalvo Nadia Calderon Antonio Sanchez Victor Lopez		Mariel Sanabria Erick Chavez Karen Chavez Brayan Miramon	Oscar Dominguez
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM LifeTeen</b>		Melanie Ray Melissa Godoy	Michelle Johnson Cathy Townzen	Scott Ray	Beatriz Segura		Lulu Segura Juan Pablo Segura Lindsey Wewers	Scott Ray