



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

November 26, 2017

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Scott L. Marczuk, J.C.L.

Associate Pastor/Administrator of St. John in Huntsville

Fr. Kevin Atunzu

Parish Secretary

Bethany Hill ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com

Parish Accounting

Melanie Ray accounting@ststephenbentonville.com

Receptionist/Bulletin Editor

Crisselda Espinosa

(Habla Español lunes-jueves 9:30am-1:30pm)

receptionist@ststephenbentonville.com

Liturgical Environment

Sandy Baumhover

Parish Communications

Office Hours: Mon–Thur., 8am–4pm; Fri, 8am–12pm

Phone: 273-1240 Fax: 464-0969

E-mail: ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com

Website: ststephenbentonville.com



facebook.com/ststephen.church

Parish access code: KFNGY @ Formed.org



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

Suzanne Sutton

ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com

Pre-K – 6th Grade

Catholic Kids Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker

Pre-K – 4th Grade

youthoffice@ststephenbentonville.com

EDGE/Confirmation Director

Chris Teague

edge@ststephenbentonville.com

Edge: 7th & 8th Grade

confirmation@ststephenbentonville.com

Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com

9th Grade – 12th Grade

Facebook: LifeTeen Bentonville

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 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.*

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.

RCIA Calendar – Our next session will be 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.

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 Vigil 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.

Life Teen News – There is **no** Life Teen Life Night this Sunday, November 26. Life Teen has a few Advent Wreaths for \$20 left from the sale last weekend. If you would like to purchase one, please stop by the parish office during normal business hours. All proceeds support teenagers in our parish with the cost of retreats. Please generously support this ministry!

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.

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."



I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do. ~ James Durst

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:

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

Message from the Finance Council – Please consider the Parish's financial needs in your year-end giving plans. To assist with our parish's growth, we hope you will consider an extra year-end offering to either our stewardship or building fund accounts. We are also prepared to handle donations of stock. Please remember that the collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This is a very important collection but these funds do not stay in our Parish. Your prayerful consideration of our Parish's financial situation is appreciated.

Formed (Season of Advent) – As the season of Advent is coming, it's a wonderful time to take advantage of our parish subscription to Formed. A few excellent titles pertaining to Advent are:

- Prepare the Way
- Holiness is Always in Season
- Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa

Sign up at formed.org with our parish code: **KFNNGY**

Christmas Pageant – The annual St. Stephen Christmas Pageant will be on Dec. 24 at 3:15pm--before the Christmas Eve Mass that begins at 4:00pm. Please email or call Suzanne Sutton by Dec. 17 so that we can make sure we have enough costumes. We will have one practice on Saturday, Dec. 23 at 9:00am. Our play has a narrator with the 4th grade taking the few main parts and the younger kids being shepherds and angels. Suzanne will need parent volunteers for that evening.



St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) Annual



Cookie Walk – SSBC will be holding their annual Cookie Walk fundraiser the weekend of December 9/10. 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 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.

SSBC Corner – Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, this month, through your gifts we were able to serve 34 families, providing food, utilities and rent. Thank You!

Sacred Relics of The Saints: Treasures of The

Church – St. Stephen Parish welcomes you to an 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.

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. If you missed our exposition you can see them on Thursday, November 30 at 7:00pm at St. Joseph in Tontitown and Friday, December 1 at 6:30pm at St. Mary in Siloam Springs.

Guardian Angels of the Blessed Sacrament is a ministry integrated by people that are called Adorers. Adorers 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, we have time slots available: 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm and 5:00pm. Please call the parish office to sign-up or for additional information.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast --The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe actually begins a week before December 12. Thousands of pilgrims from all over the country—many traveling for a week on foot or by donkey. They flock to the Basilica of Mexico City, where the most impressive ceremonies in honor of the Virgin are held. The streets adjoining the church are literally packed with people who wait their turn to enter the church and make their offering. The climax of the festival begins on the evening of December 12. The songs and dances that people perform at the feast all over México have been handed down through generations.

Here at St. Stephen we will celebrate this feast with a novena from December 3 thru 11 at 6:30pm in the chapel. On December 12 we will start in the church at 6:30pm with the "Mañanitas" (it means morning), they are songs to wake up people on their birthdays; followed by Mass at 7:00pm. A procession will follow after Mass to the Family Life Center. Since it is a happy day for all Mexicans and Latin Americans, food and drink are enjoyed by rich and poor alike. Every year parishioners bring hot chocolate and pan dulce (sweet bread) to share with other parishioners in our parish. A group of dancers call "Danza Apache" will dance and perform to the endlessly repeated accompaniment of one or two musical themes.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron Saint of the Americas. Come learn more about her at a play presented by the Life Teen youth group in English. The play will be Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00pm.



Church Operations for November
Month-to-Date Expenses – \$ 91,604.24
Loan Balance – \$ 2,489,636.35

The Son of Man will reward or punish His sheep according to how they practiced the physical works of mercy toward the poor and needy, the least ones. As loyal and supportive stewards, may we inherit the Kingdom prepared for us by Christ.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 81,656.39	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 19,038.52	\$20,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 †

Monday, November 27

8:30am Christian – Marie Wana

Tuesday November 28

5:30pm Benjamin Brockmeyer

Wednesday, November 29

12:00pm Frank J. Verucchi

Thursday, November 30

8:30am Jim Shields †

Friday, December 1

12:00pm Immegart Mayer Family

Saturday, December 2

9:00am Special Intention
 5:00pm Sandy Buckley †

Sunday, December 3 –

1st Sunday of Advent

7:45am Peter Thong Le † & Maria Bui †
 10:00am Sergio Dominguez †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00pm Peter Thong Le † & Maria Bui †

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 12/03/17

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
 Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Mark 13:33-37

This Week – 11/27/17 to 12/03/17

Mon: 8:30am **MASS**
 Mon: 6:00pm IMPACT
 Mon: 6:30pm Catholic Kids Yellow
 Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**
 Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Wed: 12:30 Legion of Mary
 Wed: 6:00pm EDGE 7th/8th
 Wed: 6:30pm Treasures of the Church
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm LT Bible Study
 Wed: 7:00-8:00pm RCIA
 Thu: 8:30am **MASS**
 Thu: 9:00am-3:00pm Adoration
 Thu: 9:30-11:30am Mujeres de Fe
 Thu: 7:00pm Advent Reconciliation Service
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS – First Friday**
 Sat: 9:00am **MASS – First Saturday**
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 6:30pm Advent by Candlelight
1st Sunday of Advent
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: 8:45-9:45am Catholic Kids
 Sun: 8:45am SSBC Mtg.
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:00am Pastorela Play – English
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**
 Sun: 1:00pm Pastorela Play – Spanis/Español
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – LifeTeen**
 Sun: 6:00-8:00pm Life Night
 Sun: 6:30pm Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

ORGANIZATIONAL DIRECTORY

Adult Faith Formation
 Bruce Peterson, 479-903-4967
 Annulment Advocates
 Joe & Rose Hartnett, 479-855-2344
 Barb Kordsmeier, 501-472-0645
 Boy Scout Troop #525 / Cub Scout Pack #525
 Cary Richard, 479-685-4253
 Columbarium Chairperson
 Charlotte Champagne, 479-531-9345
 Encuentro Matrimonial
 Fermin y Noemi Andrade, 479-644-1152
 Helping Hands
 Tracy Sullivan, 479-426-0383; ts922@att.net
 Knights of Columbus
 Grand Knight, Fernando Perez-Pria, 479-202-3697
 Legion of Mary
 Mary Kay Sutton, 479-366-1504
 Music Coordinator
 Jennifer Teague, music@ststephenbentonville.com
 Natural Family Planning
 Amylynn Smith, 813-352-4404; NWAnfp@gmail.com
 Nursery Coordinator
 Anu Wright, anu.n.wright@gmail.com
 RCIA (Catechumenate) Coordinator
 Bruce Peterson, 479-903-4967
 Respect Life
 Sheila Pursell, 479-657-6796
 St. Stephen Benevolent Conference
 479-696-9361
 Sunday Socials
 Bob & April Appleby, 479-426-1211; 479-426-1210

FINANCE COUNCIL

Matt Champagne – procraft185@cox.net
 Daniel Cruz – dcruzz@cox.net
 Mark Potter – markpotter63@gmail.com
 Mike Power – MikePower33@aol.com
 Scott Ray – scottray@mac.com
 Juan Carlos Segura – juancsegura@yahoo.com

PARISH COUNCIL

Chris Appleby – c.appleby92@gmail.com
 Ted Brauburger – brauburgerking@yahoo.com
 Rob Brothers – rob@tektrendz.com
 Chris Davis – cdavis9496@gmail.com
 Mark Jechura – miechura@gmail.com
 Bruce Peterson – bpeterson236@gmail.com

Dec. 2 - 3	Lectors	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Mark Jechura	Margie O'Grady Doris Clement Amy Fulmer Yvonne Chauvin Lois Crow	Mo Tignor Jon Clement Jill Saulsbery Margie Story Kim Dial Philip Palmer	Jon Terlouw	Todd Albert Joseph Giovannucci Steve Saulsbery Lori Terlouw	Mark Badger	Rachael Saulsbery Sarah Palmer Paige Edmund	Mark Jechura
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Amylynn Smith	Gary Kleck Brenda Kleck Peggy Estes	Kira O'Shaughnessy Susan Eagleson Gary Delperdang Bruce Peterson	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Karen Howard Brian Swisher Michael Swisher Anita Rausch		Jake Estes Hans Edlund Katrina Edlund	Gary Delperdang
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Helene Mengert Katherine Brumley	Bruce Beckham Patricia LaChance Michaelene Morgan Marie Barnak Gina Koch	Imelda Robinson Thomas Ganey Greg or Mandy Brandenburg Pam Willis Kathleen Crouch Krista Dooley	Mary Kate Beckham	Robert Hutchings Tim Koch Brian Rabal Steve Harrington		John Brandenburg Ryder Johnson Martin Brandenburg	Charlotte Champagne
Sunday 11:45 AM Spanish / Español	Fernando Barbosa Luz Carmen Sanchez	Raquel Perez Fernando Perez Maria Rodriguez	Mirna Serrano Olga Serrano J. Concepcion Serrano Crimilda Viera	Ana Krus	Bertha Váldez Antonio Sanchez Mayra Serrano Victor Lopez		Jimmy Diaz Isaac Barbosa Ashley Arana Yasmin Flores	Fernando Perez
Sunday, 5:00 PM LifeTeen		Matthew Lawrence Susan Davis	Nicole Keller Bill Murphy	Cary Richard	Rob Brothers		Andrew Brothers Jack Brothers Joshua Rugger	Jolene Murphy