



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

December 3, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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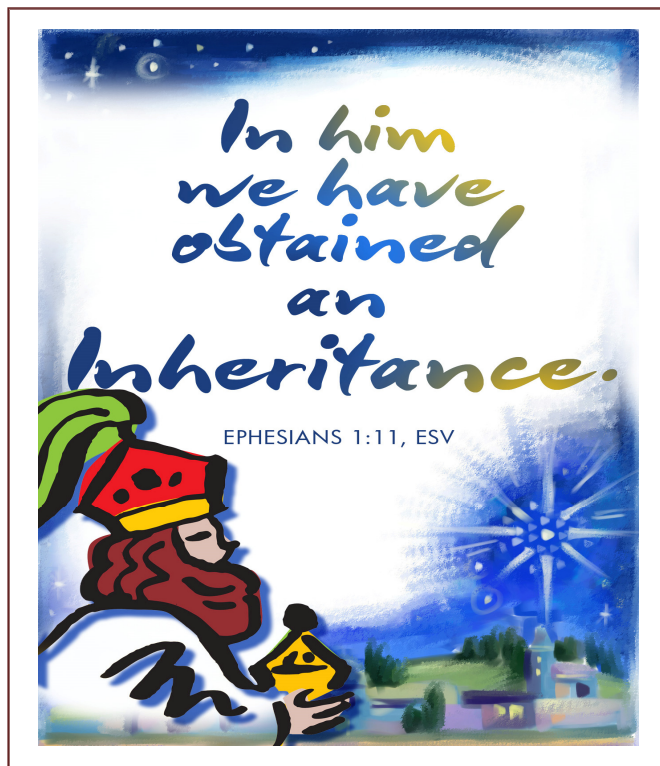
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Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

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

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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

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

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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 us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter before Monday, Dec. 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.*

RCIA Calendar – Our next session will be Wednesday, December 6, on Catholic Social Teaching led by Bruce Peterson. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm.

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.

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 Dec. 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.

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 by December 17 so that we 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 4th grade taking the few main parts and the younger kids being shepherds and angels. Suzanne will need parent volunteers for that evening.



Electronic Giving – Please consider enrolling in our Electronic Giving Program. You can conveniently make your donations weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly, even if you are unable to attend Mass. Electronic giving allows the parish to budget more accurately and reduce administrative costs. Forms can be found in the Narthex or on our website. If you already participate, thank you! If you would like to make changes to the amount or frequency of your donation, or have any questions, please contact the accounting office.

Advent Penance Services – The following are dates of Penance Services offered in our Deanery during the season of Advent. Several priests will be available at each celebration:

- Dec. 5— St. Joseph—Tontitown—7:00pm
- Dec. 12— St. Bernard—Bella Vista—11:45am
- Dec. 14— St. Vincent de Paul—Rogers—6:30pm
- Dec. 19— St. Raphael—Springdale—5:00pm
- Dec. 20— St. Joseph—Fayetteville—7:00pm
- Dec. 21— St. Mary—Siloam Springs—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.

St. Stephen Nursery is available for kids aged 1 to 3 yrs old for all parishners and guests. Nursery will be opened during 10:00am and 11:45am mass on Sunday's except for Christmas weekend. Also we are looking for volunteers to help in the nursery for 10:00am and 11:45am Mass.

La Guardería San Esteban está disponible para niños de 1 a 3 años de edad, para feligreses e invitados. Disponible para las misas de 10 y 11:45am. Excepto el fin de semana de Navidad. También necesitamos voluntarios que ayuden durante estas misas.



Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. ~ 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:

- 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

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

Life Teen News – Life Teen is back this Sunday, December 3 with a Life Night titled Superhero University from 6:00– 8:00pm in the Family Life Center, dinner will be provided.

Join Life Teen this Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00pm in the Family Life Center for the Our Lady of Guadalupe play!

Just a reminder that the Lock-In scheduled for December 8 has been moved to February due to the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. We look forward to having you at the lock in in February!

Life Teen Bible Study is from 6:30–8:00pm on Wednesday's in the Bosco House.

The Knights of Columbus 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.

Help Religious Communities – “Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Biblical Scholar Scott Hahn will be speaking at Our Lady of Holy Souls in Little Rock on Friday evening, December 8 at 6:30pm and Saturday morning at 9:00am, December 9. Dr. Hahn is the author of over 40 books and devoted his academic research and popular writing to a profound, rich theological exposition of Sacred Scripture. You are invited to join Our Lady of Holy Souls. Tickets can be purchased at holysouls.org. They are \$20 for the public, \$10 for Priests, and free for seminarians!

St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC)



Cookie Walk

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.

SSBC Corner – Your gift in the Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas. *Pantry needs toilet paper, raman noodles, and canned fruit.

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, joys 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 – 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.

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.

Church Operations for November

Month-to-Date Expenses – \$ 120,671.49

Loan Balance – \$ 2,489,636.35

As we watch and wait for the coming of Jesus during this Advent Season, we recall that the Lord has placed us servants in charge of our work. May we faithfully fulfill all aspects of our stewardship with faithful giving, and offering our time in serving various ministries.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 98,012.92	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 20,846.52	\$20,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 †

Monday, December 4

8:30am Andrew Garner †

Tuesday December 5

5:30pm Catherine Rose

Wednesday, December 6

12:00pm Anton Nguyen - Vy †

Thursday, December 7

5:30pm Sergio Monsivais †

Friday, December 8

12:00pm Sandy Buckley †

5:30pm Helen Quinn †

7:00pm Parishioners/Feligreses

Saturday, December 9

9:00am Alicia Mery Cadavid de Jimenez †

5:00pm Sammy Southall

Sunday, December 10 –

2nd Sunday of Advent

7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00am Scripture Sisters †

11:45am Javier Contreras †

5:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †

This Week – 12/04/17 to 12/10/17

Mon: 8:30am **MASS**

Mon: 6:00pm **IMPACT**

Mon: 6:30pm Catholic Kids Yellow

Mon: 6:30pm Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**

Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice

Tue: 6:30pm Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**

Wed: 12:30 Legion of Mary

Wed: 6:00pm **NO EDGE** 7th / 8th

Wed: 6:30pm Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wed: 6:30-8:00pm CK Blue

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

Wed: 7:00pm Mardi Gras Mtg.

Wed: 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Play

Wed: 7:00-8:00pm **RCIA**

Thu: 8:30am **NO MASS**

Thu: 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration

Thu: 9:30-11:30am Spanish Rosary

Thu: 5:30pm **MASS – Immaculate Conception - Vigil - Eng.**

Thu: 6:30pm Spanish Choir

Thu: 6:30pm Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Immaculate Conception - MASSES

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS - Eng.**

Fri: 5:30pm **MASS - Eng.**

Fri: 6:30pm Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fri: 7:00pm **MASS - Immaculada**

Concepcion - Spanish/Español

Sat: 9:00am **MASS**

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

Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**

Sat: 6:30pm Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sat. & Sun.: **SSBC Cookie Walk**

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sun: 7:45am **MASS**

Sun: 8:45-9:45am **NO Catholic Kids**

Sun: 10:00am **MASS**

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

Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – LifeTeen**

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

Sun: 6:30pm Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 12/10/17

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

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Dec. 9 - 10	Lector	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Jon Terlouw Bob Monfils Kim Dial Lori Terlouw Jane Cornell	Pam Gander Kim Gollhofer Michaelene Morgan Joyce Moppin Jill Saulsbery Mo Tignor	Janet Palmer	Gary VanOverschelde Philip Palmer Dave Brandenburg Todd Albert	Kim Monfils	Paige Edmund Katie Palmer Sarah Palmer	Loretta Meisenbacher
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Pat Moberley	Cheryl Helms Chris O'Shaughnessy Greg Brandenburg	Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck Karen Howard Kira O'Shaughnessy	Gary Delperdang	Brian Swisher Michael Swisher Gerri Oswald Len Oswald		Dhane Boskus Hans Edlund Katrina Edlund	Barb Hamernik
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Pamm Prebil Paul Prebil	Gina Koch James Sutton Martha Gonzalez Krista Dooley Imelda Robinson	Dayna Mohr Mike Mohr Theresa Brauburger Rose Hartnett Joe Hartnett Bonnie Kupillas	Ted Brauburger	Tim Koch Ken Butler Steve Harrington		Peter Kreuter Paige Koch Ryder Johnson	Charlotte Champagne
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish Mass)	Jaime Chavez Fernando Barbosa	Ingrid Chavez Olga Serrano J. Concepcion Serrano	Evelyn Dominguez Beatriz Aguirre Herlinda Zuno Jesus Zuno	Ana Krus	Nadia Calderon Bertha Váldez Antonio Sanchez Mayra Serrano		Isaac Barbosa Jomaralee Salas Erick Chavez Karen Chavez	Oscar Dominguez
Sunday, 5:00 PM (LifeTeen Mass)		Katie Morris Jodi Durkin	Joyce Hutchens Paul Krapf	Bill Murphy	Joe Poe		Zachery Whiting Sophia FarfanWilliam Durkin	Jolene Murphy