



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

December 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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“Then the
glory of the LORD
shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together.”

Isaiah 40:5, NRSV

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

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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

Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

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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 13, on Jesus Christ led by Bruce Peterson. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm.

Hard Hat Collection Weekend – This weekend, December 9/10 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.

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.



The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day – Mass Schedule:

- Dec. 24 – Christmas Pageant - 3:15pm
- Dec. 24 – Mass, 4:00pm - English
- Dec. 24 – Mass, 6:00pm - English
- Dec. 25 – Mass, 10:00am - English
- Dec. 25 – Mass, 11:45am - Spanish

Solemnity of Mary – New Year’s Mass Schedule

- Dec. 31 – Mass, 5:00pm - English
- Jan. 1 – Mass, 10:00am - English
- Jan. 1 – Mass, 11:45am - Spanish

“Las Posadas” (meaning the Inn) is a unique tradition. For nine nights leading up to Christmas it commemorates the events in the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as they searched for a room.



We have been celebrating this tradition at St. Stephen and this year is no different. We will start the Posadas at 7:00pm on Friday, December 15 thru Saturday, December 23 in Spanish with the exception of Wednesday, December 20 which will be in English.

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. 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

Christmas Flowers – If you would like to help with the purchase of Christmas Flowers, please use the envelope in your packet or place your donation in an envelope and drop in the collection basket. You can donate in Honor of or Memory of someone and those names will be published in the bulletin the weekend prior to Christmas.



Confirmation News – St. Stephen 2018 Confirmation Class will be going on a Mission Trip through Catholic Heart Work Camp. They will be going to the Island of St. Croix where a third of the 104,700 residents live below the poverty line with per capita annual income approximately \$13,139, around 35 percent below that of Mississippi, the poorest state in America, according to Census Bureau data. The rate of child poverty is anywhere from 35% to 45%. The participants will be taking donations and selling mission t-shirts after all Masses the weekend of December 16 & 17. Any amount of donation large or small will be received in humble gratitude

Bingo Night at St. Stephen – St. Stephen’s Bingo Night will be Friday, January 12 from 6:00-9:00pm. We will have concessions, cash prizes, raffle and door prizes. All proceeds will be given to the St. Stephen Confirmation Mission Trip.



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

Holy Days of Obligation – 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.

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

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: 10:00am, 4:00pm and 5:00pm. Please call the parish office to sign-up or for additional information.

Clergy Welfare Fund Collection – The collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity that they continue to share with us.

Ozark Catholic Academy (Opening August 2018)

OCA will offer an Advent Open House on December 11 from 6:30-8:30pm. John Rocha, Head of School, and Planning Committee members will be on hand to give tours, answer questions, and meet with prospective students and their families. This event is a great time to visit the campus on your way home from work or after dinner with the family. Refreshments will be available. To learn more, like [facebook.com/OzarkCatholic/](https://www.facebook.com/OzarkCatholic/) or visit ozarkcatholic.org.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast – The celebration 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 now thru December 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.

The Knights of Columbus – Next weekend will be the



last weekend to sell and take orders for gift cards this year. They have a number of cards available including several for \$10 for you to purchase and take. Orders placed next weekend will be back in time for Christmas.

Please stop by and check out their card selection. All proceeds go towards reducing the building debt.

St. Stephen Benevolent Conference Annual Cookie Walk – Please take the time today to browse their cookie

selection and purchase a box to take with you! In a hurry? You don't have to miss out on the goodies - If you don't have the time to select your own treats, we have some boxes already packed for you. Also, you don't want to miss your chance to win a \$1,000 set of Goodyear tires, a \$1,200 fully restored grandfather clock (delivery & set up included), or a wireless back up camera that simply attaches to your license plate. Raffle tickets will be for sale today (\$5 each or 3 for \$10), and the winner will be notified on Sunday after the 1:00pm drawing. Our annual Cookie Walk is a fun event for the entire family, and all funds raised go toward supporting our neighbors in need.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School Christmas Musical

For over 30 years, their students have showcased their talents in a Christmas musical. Join us in the school gymnasium on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 6:30pm as over 140 3rd - 8th graders present Camel Lot - Don't Miss the Manger.

Church Operations for December

Month-to-Date Expenses – \$ 22,117.72
 Loan Balance – \$ 2,489,636.35

Like John Baptist we are sent as messengers to prepare the coming of the Lord. With faithful giving of volunteer time, talent, and resources to our parish needs, may we help to transform all obstacles to welcome the Savior when He comes.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 36,304.73	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 6,443.75	\$20,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 †

Monday, December 11
 8:30am Harold Grigg †

Tuesday, December 12
 12:00pm Pedro Camacho †
 7:00pm Marilyn Gay †

Wednesday, December 13
 12:00pm Ben Bircham †

Thursday, December 14
 5:30pm Special Intention

Friday, December 15
 12:00pm Mark Kugler †

Saturday, December 16
 9:00am Barbara Tschetter †
 5:00pm Deceased Members of the Dunn Family †

Sunday, December 17 – 3rd Sunday of Advent
 7:45am Susan S. Cain †
 10:00am Andrew Lac Tran †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00pm Cecilia Green †

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 12/17/17

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
 Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

This Week – 12/11/17 to 12/17/17

Mon: 8:30am **MASS**
 Mon: 6:30pm Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tue: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice
 Tue: 6:00pm Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Obra y Mañanitas

Tue: 7:00pm **MASS – Spanish/Español**
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Wed: 12:30 Legion of Mary
 Wed: 6:00pm EDGE 8th
 Wed: 6:00-8:00pm IMPACT Skate Night
 Wed: 6:00-8:00pm LT Bible Study
 Wed: 7:00-8:00pm RCIA

Thu: 8:30am **MASS**
 Thu: 9:00am-9:00pm Adoration
 Thu: 9:30-11:30am Mujeres en Fe
 Thu: 6:30pm Spanish Choir
 Thu: 7:00pm Pastorela

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Fri: 7:00pm Las Posadas

Sat: 9:00am **MASS**
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 6:30pm Rosary Prayer Group
 Sat: 7:00pm Las Posadas

3rd Sunday of Advent
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: 8:45-9:45am Catholic Kids
 Sun: 8:45am SSBC Mtg.
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – LifeTeen**
 Sun: 6:00-8:00pm Life Night
 Sun: 7:00pm Las Posadas

ORGANIZATIONAL DIRECTORY

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Dec. 16 - 17	Lector	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Katherine Brumley	Doris Clement Mark Jechura Jane Cornell Ngozi Anyanwu Margie O'Grady	Jon Clement Philip Palmer Amy Fulmer Mo Tignor Lois Crow Pam Gander	Janet Palmer	Dave Brandenburg Kevin Cornell Todd Albert Joseph Giovannucci	Joseph Giovannucci	Katie Palmer Sarah Palmer Lindsey Wewers	Amy Fulmer
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Bryan Bacon	Kira O'Shaughnessy Karen Howard Maggie Peterson	Cheryl Helms Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck Susan Eagleson	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Anita Rausch Geri Oswald Len Oswald Bruce Peterson		Erik Bacon Helena Bacon Lukas Bacon	Barb Hamernik
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Helene Mengert Maria Mendez	Imelda Robinson Theresa Brauburger Ted Brauburger Greg or Mandy Brandenburg Pam Willis	Krista Dooley Patricia LaChance Thomas Ganey Marie Barnak Martha Michaelis Kathleen Crouch	Charlotte Champagne	Daniel Cruz Robert Hutchings Tim Koch Steve Harrington		Trinity Dooley Audrey Dooley Emily Dooley	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish Mass)	Marugel Monzalvo Rosalba Ortiz	Mirna Serrano Ingrid Chavez Jesus Zuno	Maria Rodriguez Crimilda Viera Evelyn Dominguez Herlinda Zuno	Raquel Perez	Fernando Perez Bertha Valdez Victor Lopez Antonio Sanchez		Angela Munoz Jomaralee Salas Jimmy Diaz Yasmin Flores	Oscar Dominguez
Sunday, 5:00 PM (LifeTeen Mass)		Cathy Townzen Melissa Godoy	Michelle Johnson Terry Shepard	Bill Murphy	Cary Richard		Samantha Trujillo Kender Carroll Jesse Coppick	Jolene Murphy