



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

December 17, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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He has sent me



to bind up the



Brokenhearted



Isaiah 61:1

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

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

Life Teen Youth Director

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9th Grade – 12th Grade

Facebook: LifeTeen Bentonville

Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:45am & 10:00am
Sunday 11:45am – Spanish
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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.

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. It is not possible to fulfill 2 Mass obligations with only one Mass celebration. Therefore you have the following options to fulfill your obligation:

- 1) *Saturday Evening Vigil and Sunday Evening Vigil*
- 2) *Saturday Evening Vigil and Monday morning Christmas Day Mass*
- 3) *Sunday morning Mass and Sunday Evening Vigil*
- 4) *Sunday morning Mass and Monday morning Christmas Day Mass*

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 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

RCIA Calendar – Due to Christmas/New Year break, our next session will be on Wednesday, January 3, an Introduction to the Sacraments led by Msgr. Marczuk. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting 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.

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.

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.



Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. ~ William Arthur Ward

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

Mission Trip Fundraiser – 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 this weekend. 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, Jan. 12 from 6-9pm. We will have cash prizes, concessions, door prizes and raffles. All proceeds will fund the St. Stephen Confirmation Mission Trip.

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. 19— St. Raphael—Springdale—5:00pm
- Dec. 20— St. Joseph—Fayetteville—7:00pm
- Dec. 21— St. Mary—Siloam Springs—7:00pm

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 pregunte a la persona antes de enviar su nombre. Todos los nombres deben ser enviados antes del 17 de diciembre.

St. Stephen Nursery is available for children ages 1 to 3 years old for parishioners and guests. The nursery is open during 10:00am and 11:45am Mass on Sundays except for Christmas weekend. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the nursery for 10:00am and 11:45am Masses.

La Guardería San Esteban está disponible para niños de 1 a 3 años de edad, para feligreses e invitados. Disponible para las misas de 10:00am y 11:45am. Excepto el fin de semana de Navidad. También necesitamos voluntarios que ayuden durante estas misas.

"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 will start the Posadas at 7:00pm from now thru Saturday, December 23 in

Spanish with the exception of Wednesday, December 20 which will be in English.

Formed (Season of Advent) – It's a wonderful time to take advantage of our parish subscription to Formed. A few excellent titles pertaining to Advent are available:

- 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 – Thank you to all of the youth who participated in Life Teen's presentation of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Play last Wednesday. Our Lady, pray for us!

Life Teen Life Night this Sunday from 6:00-8:00pm. There will be an ugly sweater contest, with prizes. Please bring or wear your sweater to Life Night! This will be our last Life Night for 2017! Our next Life Night will be January 14.

Bible study is back for the last week of the year. We meet at 6:30-8:00pm in the Bosco House. We will resume Bible Study on Wednesday, January 10.

The St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) would like to thank you for your generous response for baking cookies and financially supporting the Annual Cookie Walk and Raffle. SSBC is blessed to have such caring parishioners. You have allowed SSBC to show that we indeed love our neighbors in need by providing food, assistance for utilities, rent and hope.

SSBC Corner – Food is a wonderful comfort and memory of our holidays, Please help us provide that simple need for the Poor. **Pantry is in need of chili mix – cornbread mix – mac and cheese – spaghetti sauce – spaghetti pasta – deodorant.

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.

New Year's Evening of Recollection – Start the New Year with a renewed dedication to prayer with Abbot Leonard Wangler, OSB, of Subiaco Abbey in the Coury House, Sunday, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 1. Cost for a private room is \$140 and a shared room \$110 per person. Commuter rate is \$75. For more information or to make reservations, call (479)934-4411 or couryhouse@subi.org.

Administrative Assistant for Catholic Immigration

Services – Catholic Immigration Services in Little Rock seeks a full-time administrative assistant. Requires at least two years relevant experience, fluency in English and Spanish, exceptional organization and computer abilities, and skills to manage multiple projects and maintain confidentiality. Competitive pay with benefits including health insurance, paid time off and retirement plan. Please send cover letter and resumé to Paula Lattanzi, Human Resources Specialist, Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207 or e-mail plattanzi@dolr.org.

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.



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.

40 Days for Life (Fayetteville March for Life) – If you are not planning on attending the March in Washington D.C., or in Little Rock, please join Respect Life on Sunday, January 21 at 2:30pm in Fayetteville! They will meet at St. Joseph Church, 1722 N. Starr parking lot of in Fayetteville and prayerfully walk 2.9 miles to the Planned Parenthood abortion center for a short rally and prayer. Hot chocolate and refreshments will follow for those who would like to return to the church.

One Hour with Me - Jesus asks you, "Can you not spend one hour with Me?" (Matt 26:40) – One Hour with Me is an outreach to all Pro-Lifers in the area to make a commitment to prayer for just one hour per month in front of Planned Parenthood. Your prayers can save a life! Go to onehourwithme.com to learn more or sign-up. To stay in touch "like" [facebook.com/onehourwithmenwa](https://www.facebook.com/onehourwithmenwa).

St. Scholastica Retreat Center will hold its 3-day Silent Directed Retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius on January 4-7. Cost is \$300 with a \$50 non-transferable, non-refundable deposit is required at time of registration. Deadline to register is December 19. For information or to register call (479)783-1135 or visit stscho.org/retreat-registration/.

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.

Colecta del Bienestar de Clero Fundo – La colección a todas las Misas en Nochebuena y Navidad será para el Bienestar de Clero Fundo. Este fondo provee retiro y cuida de salud beneficios a el retirado y enfermizo sacerdotes alrededor nuestro diócesis. Nuestros sacerdotes pasan cada día de sus vidas adultas como sirvientes humildes y dedicados, haciendo el trabajo de Dios y nos sirve hasta edad o enfermedad llama al retirado. Sus contribuciones hacen posible el retirado de nuestros sacerdotes. Por favor comparte con ellos, la generosidad que ellos continúan a compartir con nuestros.

Church Operations for December

Month-to-Date Expenses – \$ 40,494.52
 Loan Balance – \$ 2,489,636.35

Following the example of John the Baptizer, may we testify to Jesus the Messiah as the Light to all nations, by our faith and generous outreach to the poor & brokenhearted, through stewardship & service in the various ministries of our parish.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 71,346.84	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 15,647.75	\$20,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 †

Monday, December 18

8:30am Special Intention

Tuesday, December 19

5:30pm Jose Raul Hurtado †

Wednesday, December 20

12:00pm Frank J. Verucchi, Jr.

Thursday, December 21

8:30am Aleyda Marin †

Friday, December 22

12:00pm Aleyda Mejia †

Saturday, December 23

9:00am Cristina Lynn †
 5:00pm Richard Hurtig †

Sunday, December 24 –

4th Sunday of Advent

7:45am **NO MASS**
 10:00am Patrick O'Rourke †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

Christmas Vigil / Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm Claire Ciha †
 6:00pm George Abide †

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 12/24/17

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a 16
 Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38

This Week – 12/18/17 to 12/24/17

Mon: 8:30am **MASS**
 Mon: NO IMPACT
 Mon: 6:30-8:00pm CK Yellow
 Mon: 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.
 Mon: 7:00pm Las Posadas
 Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**
 Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice
 Tue: 7:00pm Las Posadas
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Wed: 12:30 Legion of Mary
 Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE 7th / 8th
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm CK Blue
 Wed: 6:00-8:00pm LT Bible Study
 Wed: 7:00pm Las Posadas
 Thu: 8:30am **MASS**
 Thu: 9:00am-9:00pm Adoration
 Thu: 6:30pm Spanish Choir
 Thu: 7:00pm Las Posadas
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Fri: 7:00pm Las Posadas
 Sat: 8:30am Christmas Pageant Practice
 Sat: 9:00am **MASS**
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 7:00pm Las Posadas/Piñatas
4th Sunday of Advent
 Sun: 7:45am **NO MASS**
 Sun: NO Catholic Kids
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**
Christmas Vigil / Nativity of the Lord
 Sun: 3:15pm Christmas Pageant
 Sun: 4:00pm 4:00pm **MASS – Eng.**
Christmas Eve – Children's
 Sun: 6:00pm **MASS –Eng. Christmas Eve**
 Sun: NO LT Life Night

ORGANIZATIONAL DIRECTORY

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Dec. 23 - 24	Lector	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	James Gaffigan	Bob Monfils Kim Dial Jill Saulsbery	Kim Gollhofer Pam Gander Theresa Gaffigan Joyce Moppin	Janet Palmer	Steve Saulsbery Philip Palmer Gary VanOverschelde Todd Albert	Kim Monfils	Rachael Saulsbery Katie Palmer Sarah Palmer	Kim Monfils
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Paul Prebil	Pamm Prebil Gina Koch Bonnie Kupillas Marie Barnak Ted Brauburger	Pam Willis Michaelene Morgan James Sutton Patricia LaChance Thomas Ganey Kathleen Crouch	Theresa Brauburger	Tim Koch Steve Harrington Robert Hutchings		Meleea Swango Moorea Swango Paige Koch	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish Mass)	Jaime Chavez Dolores Pena	Olga Serrano J. Concepcion Serrano Crimilda Viera	Ingrid Chavez Herlinda Zuno Jesus Zuno Maria Rodriguez	Raquel Perez	Mayra Serrano Nadia Calderon Marugel Monzalvo Victor Lopez		Erick Chavez Karen Chavez Mariel Sanabria Brayan Miramon	Fernando Perez
Sunday, 4:00 PM		Mary Kate Beckham Loretta Meisenbacher Jodi Durkin Chris O'Shaughnessy Nicole Keller Maggie Peterson Bruce Peterson	Kira O'Shaughnessy Joyce Moppin Theresa Gaffigan Imelda Robinson Margie Story Suzanne Sutton	Bruce Beckham	Brian Rabal Karen Howard Michael Swisher Brian Swisher Michael Mayer Gary VanOverschelde Not Filled		Sophia Farfan Andrew Guegan Hunter Sonntag William Durkin	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, 6:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Peggy Estes Melanie Ray Rob Brothers Brenda Kleck Sub Needed	Margie Story Kim Dial Kim Gollhofer Pam Gander Gary Kleck Susan Eagleson	Scott Ray	Joseph Giovannucci Todd Albert Tommy Coppick Not Filled	Joseph Giovannucci	Thomas Rocha Patrick Rocha Gabriel Rocha	Scott Ray