



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

December 24 - 25, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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*He will
be great
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Luke 1:32

Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

Monday NO 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 10:00am

Sunday 11:45am - Spanish

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Sunday 4:00pm

Sunday 6:00pm

Monday 10:00am

Monday 11:45am - Spanish/Español

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.

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- Enter Code/Introduzca el Código: **KFNNGY**

Enjoy and share with others in our community!
Disfrute y comparte con otros en nuestra
comunidad!

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 – 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. Our

New Year's Mass Schedule:

- Dec. 31 – Mass, 5:00pm – Vigil - 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.

Mission Trip Fundraiser – Bingo Night at St. Stephen on Friday, January 12 from 6-9pm. We will have cash prizes, concessions, door prizes and raffles. All proceeds will fund the St. Stephen Confirmation Mission Trip.

Life Teen News – Bible study will resume Wednesday, January 10. We meet at 6:30-8:00pm in the Bosco House. Our next Life Night will be January 14.

St. Stephen Nursery will be Christmas weekend. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the nursery for 10:00am and 11:45am Masses.

La Guardería San Esteban estara cerrada el fin de semana de Navidad. También necesitamos voluntarios que ayuden durante estas misas de 10:00am e 11:45am.

The St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) – Next weekend's second collection will be a "Black Bag" collection for SSBC. In November, your generous gifts allowed us to financially assist 38 families and make 25 food deliveries. Thank you for your continuing support.

SSBC Corner – Remember how the Holy Family struggled and also the struggles of the poor. **Pantry needs: children's shampoo (no tear), baby formula and diapers (size 1-4).

Parish Office Closed – The parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 26 and will reopen Wednesday, December 27.

Online Giving – Online giving using your credit card is now available with WeShare. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. Please visit ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org to enroll, and set up a one-time or a recurring donation. Links to this site are on our website and the St. Stephen app. You may also make automatic donations from your bank account. Withdrawals can occur weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. Forms are available in the Narthex or on the website.

Electronic giving allows the parish to budget more accurately and reduce administrative costs. Plus, it is more convenient for parishioners – donations occur even if you are unable to attend Mass. Thank you to all those who participate. If you want to change the amount or frequency of your donations, or have any questions or concerns, please contact the accounting office.

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.

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 supporting the building fund.

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.

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.

Ozark Catholic Academy (Opening August 2018) – Merry Christmas from OCA! May the Peace and Joy of Christmas be yours throughout the New Year! As we near the end of 2017, we ask that you please remember OCA in your end of year giving. Please visit ozarkcatholic.org/donate to give.

40 Days for Life (Fayetteville March for Life) – NWA Catholic Respect Life will sponsor NWA March for Life. If you are not joining the March in Washington D.C. or in Little Rock, please join NWA pro-lifers on Sunday, January 21 at 2:30pm at St. Joseph's Church in Fayetteville. We will walk approx. 2.9 miles to Planned Parenthood abortion center for a short rally. Fayetteville Judge Joseph Wood will be the key note speaker. Hot cocoa and refreshments will be served at St. Joseph following rally.

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).

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 Courty 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 courthouse@subi.org.

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/.

Here I AM! A Women's Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat will be held February 24-25, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2500 N. Tyler St., Little Rock, AR 72207. Come see that Sisters are Real People! The retreat is for young women 16-35 years of age who want to learn and discern about Religious Life. Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices of Vocations, Youth & Campus Ministry, & Minister for Religious, the retreat will include talks on Religious Life by Sisters from congregations serving in Arkansas; time for prayer & reflection; and opportunity to speak with the Sisters. The Retreat is free. Registration deadline is February 15. To register or for more information click on bit.ly/dolrwr2018 or contact Sr. Mary Clare, Minister for Religious smcbezner@dolr.org or (501)664-0340, ext. 309.

Post-Abortion Support Group – Do you feel alone, hurting or unforgiven from a past abortion? The Respect Life Office, through Project Rachel, is starting a support group for men and women, beginning February 19. The spiritual journey lasts 9 weeks, with small groups of 4-6. Groups will be formed in Little Rock, Fayetteville/Rogers, and the Hot Springs area and other areas in Arkansas depending on the geographic location of the participants. All names and meeting places are strictly confidential. All inquiries must be made by February 19. For details call (501)664-0340, ext. 357 or email helenevans@sbcglobal.net.

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. It has been active in the United States since 1931, has been approved by the last 6 Popes, and endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. You can start by being a guest at a Legion of Mary meeting.

What does The Legion of Mary do? Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works can include parishioner visitation, visitation of the sick or aged, religious education, visiting the newly baptized, prison ministry, and meeting the other spiritual needs of the parish community. Legionaries are under the guidance of a spiritual director named by the pastor. For information contact Mary Kay (479)366-1504 or marykay1122@aol.com.

The Giver – Many Christian families struggle with what role if any that Santa Claus should play in their Christmas celebrations. No matter what you decide, it's fascinating to know the history of the real-life St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas was born about 270A.D., he was a bishop in Myra, (Turkey). In 325A.D., he was part of the Council of Nicaea, which produced the Nicene Creed.

Nicholas, known for his generosity, often gave away his money. According to tradition, he secretly provided dowries (money) for three daughters of a bankrupt merchant. Nicholas threw two bags of gold through open windows and placed the third in a stocking hanging by the fireplace. Thus began the Christmas tradition of placing gifts in stockings.

St. Nicholas is quoted as saying, "The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic God's giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves."

Administrative Assistant for Catholic Immigration Services needed in Little Rock. This full-time job requires at least two years relevant experience, fluency in English and Spanish, exceptional organization and computer abilities, skills to manage multiple projects, and maintain confidentiality. Competitive pay with benefits: 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.

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. Please share with them the generosity that they continue to share with you. Your contributions make their retirement possible.

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. Por favor comparte con ellos, la generosidad que ellos continúan a compartir con nuestros. Sus contribuciones hacen posible el retirado de ellos.

Church Operations for December

Month-to-Date Expenses – \$ 80,691.08
 Loan Balance – \$ 2,478,155.16

As King David desired to build a suitable House for the Lord God, and Blessed Mary said “yes” to becoming a tabernacle for Jesus, the Son of God, so may we continue to respond with generosity in our Christmas stewardship to build up the House of God and volunteer in serving our various ministries.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 97,789.94	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 20,027.75	\$20,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent

7:45am **NO MASS**
 10:00am Patrick O'Rourke †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligrases
Christmas Vigil / Nativity of the Lord
 4:00pm Claire Ciha †
 6:00pm George Abide †

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

8:30am **NO MASS**
 10:00am Maria Nhu Bui †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligrases

Tuesday, December 26

5:30pm Maria Bui †

Wednesday, December 27

12:00pm Joan Pigeon †

Thursday, December 28

8:30am Special Intention

Friday, December 29

12:00pm Mark Kunzelmann †

Saturday, December 30

9:00am Sandy Buckley †
 5:00pm Eileen Heaney †

Sunday, December 31

7:45am Andrew Lac Tran †
 10:00am Parishioners/Feligrases
 11:45am Stanis G. Ham †

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:00pm Janet † & Tommy Fisher †

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 12/31/17

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
 Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
 Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

This Week – 12/25/17 to 12/31/17

Mon: 8:30am **NO MASS**
 Mon: 10:00am **MASS – Christmas Day**
 Mon: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**
Christmas Day/Dia de Navidad

Tue: Parish Office Closed
 Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Wed: 12:30 Legion of Mary
 Wed: **NO CLASSES**
 Thu: 8:30am **MASS**
 Thu: 9:00am-9:00pm Adoration
 Thu: 6:30pm Spanish Choir
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 9:00am **MASS**
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: **NO CLASSES**
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS - Spanish/Español**
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS - Vigil - English**

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THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM



Dec. 30 - 31	Lector	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bob Monfils	Lois Crow Mo Tignor Margie O'Grady Pam Gander Kim Gollhofer	Margie Story Amy Fulmer Kim Dial Michaelene Morgan Jill Saulsbery Janet Palmer	Kim Monfils	Gary VanOverschelde Todd Albert Mark Badger Philip Palmer	Kim Monfils	Gabrielle Stockand Emily Stockand Alexa Stockand	Kim Monfils
Sunday, 7:45 AM	James Gaffigan	Mary Hurtig	Susan Eagleson Theresa Gaffigan	Cheryl Helms	Brian Swisher Michael Swisher Karen Howard		Hans Edlund Katrina Edlund Dhane Boskus	Kim Monfils
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Mary Pablo Katherine Brumley	Pam Willis Bonnie Kupillas Gina Koch Steve Harrington James Sutton	Ted Brauburger Imelda Robinson Patricia LaChance Marie Barnak Kathleen Crouch Thomas Ganey	Theresa Brauburger	Robert Hutchings Tim Koch Ken Butler		Abigail Cartaya Daniel Cartaya Andrew Guegan	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, 11:45 PM (Spanish Mass)	Fernando Barbosa Luz Carmen Sanchez	Evelyn Dominguez Mirna Serrano Beatriz Aguirre	Raquel Perez Fernando Perez Crimilda Viera Maria Rodriguez	Oscar Dominguez	Bertha Váldez Antonio Sanchez Victor Lopez Nadia Calderon		Jimmy Diaz Isaac Barbosa Ashley Arana Yasmin Flores	Oscar Dominguez
Sunday, 5:00 PM		Nicole Keller	Susan Davis Jodi Durkin	Chris Davis	Rob Brothers		Andrew Brothers Jack Brothers William Durkin	Kim Monfils