



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

December 31, 2017 - January 1, 2018

THE HOLY FAMILY / SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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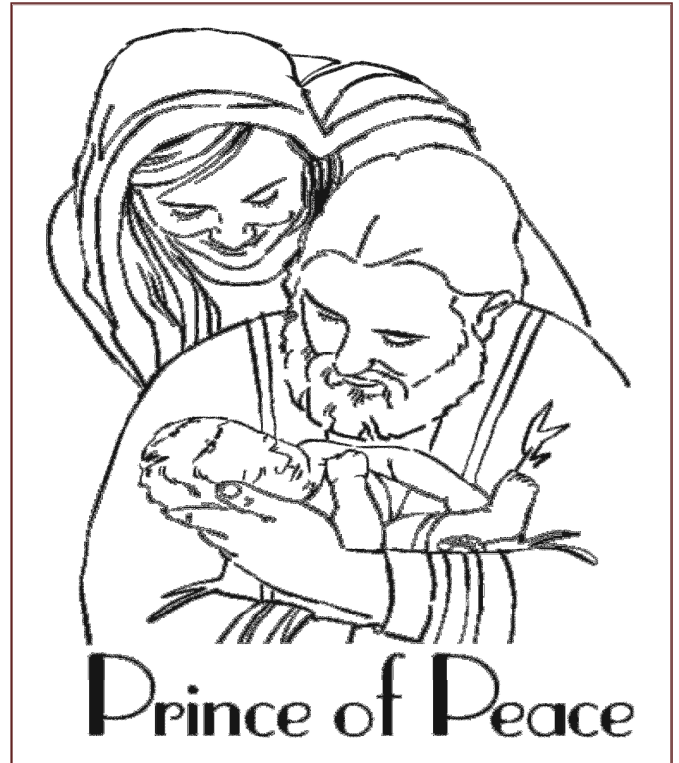
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Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

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 7:45am

Sunday 10:00am

Sunday 11:45am - Spanish/Español

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday Dec. 31 - Mass, 5:00pm

Sunday Jan. 1 - Mass, 10:00am

Monday Jan. 1 - Mass, 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.

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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Catholic Kids Youth Minister

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9th Grade - 12th Grade

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



Mission Trip Fundraiser – There will be a 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.

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. **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 – 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.

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.

Parish Office Closed – The parish office will be closed Monday, January 1 and will reopen Tuesday, January 2.

Parish Council Elections – Parish Council elections will take place, after each Mass, the weekend January 13 /14. A table will be set-up in the Narthex where you may cast your vote for two. If you have any questions please call the parish office at 273-1240.

Hard Hat Collection Weekend – Next weekend, January 6/7 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.



It's not enough to attend church and pray every Sunday; you have to act. ~ Abbe Pierre

Ministers – We are in need of your help! If you are a trained minister and can serve any of the following dates, please call Bethany in the parish office:

- Feb 14 - 5:30pm - 1 host minister
- Feb 18 - 7:45am - Sacristan
- Feb 25 - 7:45am - Sacristan
- Mar 25 - 10:00am - 1 cup minister
- Mar 25 - LifeTeen - 1 usher
- Mar 30 - 7:30pm Good Friday (Spanish) - Lock up
- April 1 - 7:45am Easter - 1 cup minister, 1 usher

Winter Weather Policy – With winter here we would like to remind you of our policy regarding the cancellation of programs, except for the Masses. We follow the Bentonville school district; if they cancel school, then we cancel our programs. This policy will also apply to the parish office; if Bentonville schools are closed the parish office is closed as well. We will also post our cancellations on KNWA, KHOG 40/29, and KFSM.

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 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 10:00am, 4:00pm y 5:00pm. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la parroquia para obtener información adicional e inscribirse.

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. 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. También necesitamos voluntarios que ayuden durante estas Misas.

The St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) – This 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 – This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families, providing food, gifts, and money for utility and rent bills.

The Legion of Mary – Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Do you want to enrich your prayer life? Do you want to develop close Catholic friendships? Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and His Mother? Then come as a guest to a Legion of Mary meeting! There is no obligation. Please contact Mary Kay at (479)366-1504 or email marykay1122@aol.com.

Ozark Catholic Academy (Opening August 2018) – Happy New Year from OCA! May the peace and joy be with you throughout the New Year! As we are at the end of 2017, we ask that you please remember OCA in your end giving. Please visit ozarkcatholic.org/donate to give.

40 Days for Life (Fayetteville March for Life) – If you are not planning on the March in Washington D.C. or in Little Rock, please plan on joining NWA Pro-Lifers on Sunday, January 21 at 2:30pm starting at St. Joseph 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 our 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 up to date with One Hour with Me "like" [facebook.com/onehourwithmenwa](https://www.facebook.com/onehourwithmenwa).

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, and 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.

A Gift for Married Couples – Do you want to give each other something really special this coming year? How about a gift filled with romance and excitement? That is just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend (WMEW). The next WMEW is in Subiaco, February 9-11. Space is limited, apply online at arkansaswwme.org/apply. Registration deadline is February 5. For more information call Ben & Leah Brewer at (501)733-1235 or email apply@arkansaswwme.org.

Encuentro Matrimonial – Vive siempre enamorado de tu esposa/o como cuando se conocieron! Juntos pueden ser y hacer la diferencia! "Ama sin condición y entrega todo ha Jesús." ¡Jesús quiere entrar en tu vida dé jalo entrar no te arrepentirás! Vive un Encuentro Matrimonial el 9, 10 y 11 de febrero. Para más información o para registrarse, llama a Adrián y Reyna Alvarez (773)213-9593 o (870)642-2256. Favor de registrarse antes del 5 de febrero.

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.

Mass for Life – The 2018 Mass for Life will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Taylor on Sunday, January 21 at 12:05pm at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, 7th & Louisiana, Little Rock. Preceding the Mass, a Rosary for Life will be prayed beginning at 11:30am. The Vigil for Life at the Cathedral will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30pm on Saturday, January 20, and will continue with Adoration throughout the night until 7:00am Sunday morning. Everyone is invited to participate in these celebrations of the precious gift of all life.

Misa Por La Vida – La Misa por la Vida 2018 será celebrada por el Obispo Taylor el domingo 21 de enero, a las 12:05pm en la Catedral de San Andrés, Calles 7a y Louisiana, Little Rock. Antes de la Misa se rezará un Rosario por la Vida a las 11:30am. La Vigilia de Oración comenzará con Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento a las 6:30pm el sábado, 20 de enero, y continuará con Adoración durante la noche hasta las 7:00am el domingo. Todos son bienvenidos a participar en estas celebraciones del don precioso de la vida.

Volunteers are love in motion. ~ Author Unknown

Church Operations for December

Month-to-Date Expenses – \$ 121,589.83
 Loan Balance – \$ 2,478,155.16

Joseph and Mary offered two pigeons to the Temple at the Presentation of the Christ Child. May we imitate the Holy Family of Nazareth, by offering our financial gifts, supporting the efforts to make this community more closely resemble the unity of the Holy Family.

Revenue	Month to date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 144,218.13	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 32,063.70	\$20,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 30

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

Sunday, December 31

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:00pm Janet † & Tommy Fisher †

Monday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30am **NO MASS**
 10:00am George Goodman †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

Tuesday, January 2

5:30pm John Paul Miller †

Wednesday, January 3

12:00pm Barbara Wewers †

Thursday, January 4

8:30am Leland Joseph Harris †

Friday, January 5

12:00pm Special Intention

Saturday, January 6

9:00am Paul Shaughnessy †
 5:00pm John Meisenbacher †

Sunday, January 7

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 1/07/17

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

This Week – 1/01/17 to 1/07/17

Mon: Parish Office Closed
 Mon: 8:30am **NO MASS**
 Mon: 10:00am **MASS - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - English**
 Mon: 11:45am **MASS – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Spanish/Español**
 Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**
 Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary
 Wed: **NO YOUTH CLASSES**
 Wed: 7:00pm RCIA
 Wed: 7:00-8:00pm Mardi Gras Mtg.
 Thu: 8:30am **MASS**
 Thu: 9:00am-9:00pm Adoration
 Thu: 6:30pm Spanish Choir
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS - First Friday**
 Sat: 9:00am **MASS - First Saturday**
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: 8:45-9:45am Catholic Kids
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS - Spanish/Español**
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – Life Teen**



The Miracle of Christmas

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Jan. 6 - 7	Lector	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Mike Power	Rosemary Power Ron Brophy Jane Cornell Mark Jechura Mo Tignor	Joyce Moppin Kim Gollhofer Bonnie Kupillas Janet Palmer Kim Dial Pam Gander	Kim Monfils	Mike Power Lori Terlouw Jon Terlouw	Kim Monfils	Sarah Palmer Katie Palmer Lindsey Wewers	Mark Jechura
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Bryan Bacon	Amanda Cantu Gerry Whiting Chris O'Shaughnessy	Kira O'Shaughnessy Gary Delperdang Peggy Estes Robbie Estes	Cheryl Helms	Anita Rausch Geri Oswald Len Oswald		Zachery Whiting Karianne O'Shaughnessy Jake Estes	Barb Hamernik
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Maria Mendez Pamm Prebil	Kristine Epright TJ LaPlant Gina Koch James Sutton Michaelene Morgan	Claudia Garcia Jake Greeling Karen Greeling Dayna Mohr Mike Mohr Mary Kate Beckham	Bruce Beckham	Tim Koch Daniel Cruz Ken Butler		Meleea Swango Moorea Swango Paige Koch	Charlotte Champagne
Sunday, 11:45 PM (Spanish Mass)	Elizabeth Ruiz Fernando Barbosa	Maria Elena Calderon Crimilda Viera Evelyn Dominguez	J. Concepcion Serrano Olga Serrano Oscar Dominguez Fernando Perez	Raquel Perez	Mayra Serrano Victor Lopez Bertha Valdez		Mauricio Villasenor Isaac Barbosa Angela Munoz Jomaralee Salas	Oscar Dominguez
Sunday, 5:00 PM (LifeTeen)		Karen Coppick Tommy Coppick	Sarah Berry Matthew Lawrence	Cary Richard	Beatriz Segura Juan Carlos Segura		Juan Pablo Segura Lulu Segura Jesse Coppick	Cary Richard