

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

February 18, 2018

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

Sunday 10:00am

Sunday 11:45am - Spanish/Español

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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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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9<sup>th</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Facebook: LifeTeen Bentonville

**New Lenten Weekday Masses** – St. Stephen has added two more weekday Masses for the Lenten season only. We will celebrate additional Masses on Tuesdays at noon and Thursdays, also at noon. We will continue to have our regular weekday Mass times as usual.

**Ministry Schedule** – Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of April, May and June (including July 1). **Please note that Easter Sunday, April 1, has already been scheduled, as it was included in last quarter's schedule.** Let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter before Mon., March 12 by calling the church office at (479) 273-1240 or e-mailing [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com). No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time.

\*\*\*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, February 21, on Introduction to Morality/Conscience led by Msgr. Marczuk. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm.

**Mass Intentions** - Please contact the parish office if you would like to schedule a Mass (current dates are available). The Diocese stipulates that a standard stipend for a Mass Intention is \$10.00.

**Lenten Presentation** – The Ladies of Grace (Women's Bible Study Group) are sponsoring a Lenten evening of prayerful reflection on *The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, according to the meditations of St. Alphonsus Ligouri, which will be presented by Msgr. Scott. The presentation is scheduled for tomorrow Monday, February 19 at 7:00pm here in the St. Stephen Family Life Center.

**Lenten Penance Services** – The following are dates of Penance Services offered in our area during the season of Lent. Several priests will be available at each:  
Tues., Feb. 27, 6:30pm – St. Joseph – Tontitown  
Wed., Feb. 28, 6:30pm – St. Thomas Aquinas – Fayetteville  
Thur., March 1, 7:00pm – St. Joseph – Fayetteville  
Tues., March 6, 7:00pm – St. Mary – Siloam Springs  
**Thur., March 8, 7:00pm – St. Stephen – Bentonville**  
Tues., March 13, 6:30pm – St. Vincent de Paul – Rogers  
Tues., March 20, 11:45am – St. Bernard – Bella Vista  
Tues., March 20, 5:00pm – St. Raphael – Springdale

**Time to pick up your Rice Bowls** – As Pope Francis asks



us to "Share the Journey" with migrants and refugees around the world, Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl offers Catholics in the United States a way to encounter Lent, to encounter the causes of migration and displacement, and to learn about the challenges faced by families around the world in their dioceses, parishes, and homes. **Rice bowls will be available in the Narthex on Ash Wednesday.**

Seventy-five percent of every donation goes to CRS programming in targeted countries worldwide while twenty-five percent remains in the local diocese from which the donation came, supporting initiatives that help alleviate poverty. To learn more visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org).

**The Mardi Gras Committee** would like to thank all who attended, volunteered and donated auction items to this year's Mardi Gras Party! Without your help and support this would not be possible! Even though the weather didn't cooperate the Mardi Gras was a great success.

**Stations of the Cross** are offered each Friday during Lent. Stations are in English at 5:30pm and Spanish at 7:00pm.

- \*Feb. 23, 5:30pm - lead by Catholic Kids with dinner.
- \*March 2, 5:30pm - hosted by LifeTeen, no dinner.
- \*March 9, 5:30pm - hosted by IMPACT with dinner.
- \*March 16, 5:30pm - hosted by Women's Scripture Study with a light dinner to follow.
- \*March 23, 5:30pm - hosted by Msgr. Scott, no dinner.

**\*\*Please Note** – A special Live Stations of the Cross will be performed in the Family Life Center by our LifeTeen students on a [date to be determined.](#)

**Estaciones de la Cruz** se ofrecerán todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma. Las estaciones se llevaran a cabo a las 5:30pm en inglés y a las 7:00pm español.

**Vía Crucis Viviente** se llevara a cabo el domingo 11 de marzo a la 1:00pm después de la Misa en Español y el lunes, 12 de marzo a las 7:00pm. La obra será realizada por los niños de nuestra parroquia en el Centro de Vida Familiar.

**Volunteers Needed for Coffee Social** – We are currently seeking volunteers to coordinate the Sunday Socials beginning the Fall. The Sunday Socials are held generally once a month after the 10:00am Mass in the Family Life Center from Fall to Spring. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the parish office for more information.



**No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Thank you**  
~ Author Unknown

**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:

- Mar 25 – Life Teen - 1 usher
- Mar 30 - 7:30pm Good Friday (Spanish)-Lock up
- April 1 - 7:45am Easter - 1 usher

**Lenten Talk by Father Kevin** – We invite you to attend a talk Fr. Kevin will be offering during Lent titled **"Experiencing Healing Friendship with Jesus Christ through Praying with the Scriptures."** Join Fr. Kevin on February 26 from 7:00-8:30pm in the church to hear how to apply the traditional prayer method of Lectio Divina to your Lenten journey. The talk will be from 7:00-8:00pm, with time from 8:00-8:30pm for questions and answers for those who want to stay.

**Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** – Giving is a lifestyle. Generosity, whether it be a selfless giving of your time, your talents or your treasure, is a true mark of a follower of Christ. In the Diocese of Little Rock we are blessed with many individuals and families that have joined together to make a difference in our world by being long-time, monthly supporters of the Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal. Return your CASA Gift/Pledge in the envelopes provided. This year our parish goal is \$38,944.50.

**Ozark Catholic Academy** – Is opening their doors August 2018. Applications are being accepted at [ozarkcatholic.org](http://ozarkcatholic.org). They need interested people as volunteers. Please contact John Rocha [john.rocha@ozarkcatholic.org](mailto:john.rocha@ozarkcatholic.org) or Susan Thornton [susan.thornton@ozark.org](mailto:susan.thornton@ozark.org) with questions. They especially need individuals with skills in marketing, graphic skills, and operations.

**Fasting and Abstinence during Lent** – Practicing as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast. The following is a question/answer to help you:

**Q:** What are the rules about fasting and abstinence?

**A:** Good Friday is a day of fasting & abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat.

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59.

**St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC)** – As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and giving? \*\*Pantry needs: cereal, oatmeal, and breakfast bars.

**Fertility Awareness for ALL** – Natural or fertility awareness based methods (FABMs) are often overlooked and highly misunderstood by most Catholics. Usually we are either practicing NFP in our marriages or choosing to use contraceptives (often because we have been misinformed about what natural with options are available and how effective they are at helping females and couples meet various goals). Knowledge of one's fertility cycles is not only useful for the person who is planning their family, BUT some of these modern FABMs are also helpful for females and couples dealing with infertility or reproductive diseases. Therefore, regardless of a females age, marital status, or goals for use (health monitoring or family planning - achieving as well as avoiding) FABMs can be a safe, side-effect free option for ALL!

Natural or fertility awareness based methods (FABMs) are appropriate for the following persons:

- Couples struggling with infertility
- Couples suffering from frequent miscarriages
- Females (of any reproductive age) with irregular cycles, painful periods, PMS, or any reproductive health problem
- Females (of any reproductive age) wanting to know more about the health benefits of monitoring menstrual cycles
- Couples needing to avoid a pregnancy

St. Stephen Parish will be offering two general information sessions this spring for any female or couple interested in learning more about the many benefits for health and family planning. We will share the science, effectiveness, and wide array of applications from charting with The Creighton Model FertilityCare System. We look forward to having you join us on March 1 or April 12 in the St. Jerome Room from 6-7pm for the informative session! No RSVP is required, and childcare is not provided at this time.

**Attention All Men of the Parish** – We are pleased to announce the continuation of our Men's Spiritual Fellowship group meetings on Thursday mornings. We will begin a new program entitled "Wild at Heart-Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul." Doors open at 6:45am, program begins at 7:00am ending at 8:00am. To get an expected attendee number, please contact the parish office or Frank Snider at (479)295-5134 for further information. We will have some books available for purchase at the first meeting. With enough interest, we will possibly be adding a Thursday evening meeting as well.

**El Ayuno y la Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma** – Como la Iglesia instruye la práctica es un buen comienzo. Una forma corporal a recordarnos a nosotros mismos que necesitamos a Dios sobre todas las cosas, el ayuno es también un sacrificio, un regalo para Dios de nuestro corazón a depender más completamente en Él. El libre deseo interior profundizara nuestra relación con Dios es la esencia de un ayuno de Cuaresma. La siguiente es una pregunta/respuesta para ayudarle:

**P:** ¿Cuál es la regla sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia?

**R:** El Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia. La ley de ayuno permite una comida completa y dos pequeños. La ley de la abstinencia prohíbe el consumo de carne. Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia en los Estados Unidos. La obligación de la abstinencia comienza a los 14 años de edad. La ley del ayuno obliga a todos entre las edades de 18-59.

**Life Teen News** – Steubenville Registration will open this weekend, please pick up a registration form on the table in the Narthex. Once the registration is returned and the deposit is submitted, your spot will be secure. Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis so register early!

Life Teen is hosting Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 2. Please use the following link to sign up to help [signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ba8aa23a0fd0-life7](http://signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ba8aa23a0fd0-life7).

**\*\*Attention Graduating Seniors** – Senior Scholarship applications are now available! The deadline for the application is April 3, and no late applications will be accepted. Scholarship applications should be turned in to Jessica directly, or to the parish office. Applications will be judged by our Core Team.

Please use the sign up genius to RSVP for Grad Dinner [signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ba8aa23a0fd0-graduate](http://signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ba8aa23a0fd0-graduate).

**Catholic Kids Paper Drive** – It's that time of year again for the Catholic Kids to collect paper products for the needy. Starting in Lent, all classes (Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade) will be competing against one another to see who can collect the most items before Easter. The items needed are toothpaste (adult & child size), toilet paper and paper towels. The grade that brings the most will get a Pizza/Donut party in April. All items go to our own SSBC Food Pantry. Bring your items to your classroom on the day your class meets so it can be counted. Let's take this opportunity to teach our kids compassion for others.



**Catholic Kids Pot Painting Activity** – On February 25, from 11:00am-2:00pm, we will be having our Spring parent-child activity for kids preschool through the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. You will be painting clay pots to take home and fill with beautiful flowers. The pots will be available for \$5.00 each and you and your parent will purchase them that day, paint them and take them home when you are finished. All painting supplies and a pizza lunch are included at no additional cost. To determine the quantity of food and clay pots; I will need anyone that is interested to sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex.



**New book by Bishop Taylor** – "Blessed Stanley Francis Rother: The First American Martyr" by Bishop Anthony B. Taylor is now available. Each copy is only \$6, which includes USPS shipping. Copies can also be picked up at St. John Center in Little Rock for \$5 each if a check or exact change is presented. If you would like rates for quantities of 10 or more, call Arkansas Catholic at (501)664-0125 for information. Please check our book stand in the Narthex for a copy.

## Church Operations for February

Month-to-Date Expenses – \$ 57,243.88

\*\*\***Loan Balance** – \$ 2,466,637.27

The traditional hallmarks of Lenten devotion have been prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In the spirit of Lent, may we be willing to give of ourselves sacrificially in all these areas.

Revenue	Month to Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 45,068.49	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 10,149.76	\$20,000

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, February 17

9:00am Poor Souls of Purgatory

5:00pm Mary Lou Walsh †

### Sunday, February 18

7:45am George Abide †

10:00am Claire Ciha †

11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00pm Susan S. Cain †

### Monday, February 19

8:30am Loretta Del Terezzo †

### Tuesday, February 20

12:00pm Stanley Zegan †

5:30pm Poor Souls of Purgatory

### Wednesday, February 21

12:00pm Special Intention

### Thursday, February 22

8:30am Poor Souls of Purgatory

12:00pm Poor Souls of Purgatory

### Friday, February 23

12:00pm In Thanksgiving

### Saturday, February 24

9:00am Poor Souls of Purgatory

5:00pm Becky Werst †

### Sunday, February 25

7:45am Fr. Greg Hart †

10:00am Special Intention

11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00pm Special Intention

## SCRIPTURE READINGS for 2/25/17

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

## This Week – 2/19/18 to 2/25/18

Mon: 8:30am **MASS**

Mon: 6:00pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.

Mon: 7:00pm Lenten Presentation  
by Msgr. Scott

Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**

Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice

Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**

Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary

Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup>

Wed: 6:30-8:00pm Bible Study

Wed: 7:00pm RCIA

Thu: 7:00-8:00am Men's Scripture Group

Thu: 8:30am **MASS**

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

Thu: 9:30-11:30am Mujers de Fe

Thu: 12:00pm **MASS**

Thu: 6:30pm Spanish Choir

Fri: 10:15-11:30am Women's Scripture

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**

Fri: 5:30pm Stations of the Cross – Eng.  
hosted by Catholic Kids

Fri: 7:00pm Estaciones de la Cruz

Sat: 9:00am **MASS**

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: 11:00am-2:00pm Pot Painting

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

Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – Life Teen**

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

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Feb. 24 - 25	Lector	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Bryan Bacon	Margie O'Grady Amy Fulmer Kim Dial Pam Gander Bonnie Kupillas	Jon Terlouw Lori Terlouw Mo Tignor Lois Crow Jill Saulsbery Margie Story	Philip Palmer	Dave Brandenburg Steve Saulsbery Joseph Giovannucci	Joseph Giovannucci	Erik Bacon Helena Bacon Lukas Bacon	Amy Fulmer
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Helene Mengert	Susan Eagleson Greg or Mandy Brandenburg Amanda Cantu	Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck Cheryl Helms Kira O'Shaughnessy	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Anita Rausch Brian Swisher Michael Swisher		John Brandenburg Martin Brandenburg Dhane Boskus	Mark Jechura
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Mary Pablo Paul Prebil	Nancy Verlage Theresa Brauburger Rose Hartnett Gina Koch TJ LaPlant	Steve Harrington James Sutton Jake Greeling Karen Greeling Michaelene Morgan Imelda Robinson	Ted Brauburger	Brian Rabal Tim Koch Daniel Cruz		Gabriel Rocha Patrick Rocha Thomas Rocha	Joe Hartnett
<b>Sunday, 11:45 PM (Spanish Mass)</b>	Luz Carmen Sanchez Jaime Chavez	J. Concepcion Serrano Olga Serrano Raquel Perez	Crimilda Viera Ingrid Chavez Herlinda Zuno Jesus Zuno	Mirna Serrano	Mayra Serrano Antonio Sanchez Bertha Valdez		Brayan Miramon Mauricio Villasenor Ashley Arana Angela Munoz	Fernando Perez
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM (Life Teen)</b>		Paul Krapf Matthew Lawrence	Bill Murphy Sarah Berry	Cary Richard	Rob Brothers Joe Poe		Kender Carroll Andrew Brothers Jack Brothers	Jolene Murphy