

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

February 25, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Lenten Mass (In the Chapel)

Monday Mass 8:30am

Tuesday Mass 12:00pm & 5:30pm

Wednesday Mass 12:00pm

Thursday Mass 8:30am & 12:00pm

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

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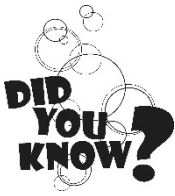
Life Teen Youth Director

Jessica Petter

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9th Grade - 12th Grade

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Sin – Sin is an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law. Sin is an offense against God. It rises up against God in a disobedience contrary to the obedience of Christ. Sin is an act contrary to reason. It wounds man's nature and injures human solidarity. The root of all sins lies in man's heart. The kinds and the gravity of sins are determined principally by their objects. Please watch for the continuance in next week's bulletin...

Hard Hat Collection Weekend – Next weekend, March 3/4 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.

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. 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 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, on The Commandments 1-10 led by Msgr. Marczuk. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

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 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.

El Ayuno y la Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma – Es un buen comienzo practicar como la Iglesia instruye. 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 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.

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.

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 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.** Seventy-five percent of every donation goes to CRS programming in targeted countries 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.



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

- *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.

****New Date** – A special Live Stations of the Cross will be performed in the Family Life Center by our Life Teen students on Sunday, March 11 at 6:00pm.



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 7-8pm, with time for questions and answers from 8:00-8:30pm.

St. Stephen Nursery Director Needed – Qualifications for this position include: Experience with children, Safe Environment and CPR trained, and 21 years old or older. If you are interested, contact the parish at (479)273-1240 or ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) – “Charity should begin at home” is an old proverb, and for Catholics across our state, charity really begins at CASA. The CASA is our annual campaign to fund a multitude of projects around our diocese. You name it and it is probably supported by CASA: Catholic Schools, a charitable Medical Clinic, Youth Ministries, Seminarian Education, Disaster Relief, Adoption Services; the list is almost endless. Charity does begin at home, so please give generously and make a difference in our own back yard by becoming a CASA supporter. This year our parish goal is \$38,944.50.

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. In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament you spend your time praying, meditating, telling God your worries, joys, and 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, the available time is 5:00pm. Please call the parish to sign-up.

St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) – Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

This month we assisted 46 families, providing \$2,741 in food, utility, and rent. God bless you all!

**Pantry needs: spaghetti and sauce, Hamburger Helper.

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. 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 will offer 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 on March 1 or April 12 in the St. Jerome Room from 6:00-7:00pm! No RSVP is required, and childcare is not provided at this time.

Attention All Men of the Parish – We are pleased to announce our Men's Spiritual Fellowship group meetings on Thursday mornings doors open at 6:45am and Thursday evenings doors open at 6:45pm all meetings are in the Family Life Center. We are currently studying “Wild at Heart” by John Eldredge. Never too late to join, contact Frank Snider at (479)295-5134 for further information.

Life Teen News – Our next Life Teen Life Night is Sunday, February 25 from 6:00-8:00pm. Bible Study is from 6:30-8:00pm on Wednesday evenings in the Bosco Youth House. Come discover God's heart for you this Lent!

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. Life Teen's Annual Lock In is on Friday, March 9 from 7:00pm until Saturday, March 10 at 7:00am.

Steubenville Registration is now open. We will attend Steubenville Mid-America on July 13-15. Registration is first come, first served, so turn in your deposit today!

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. To RSVP for the Grad Dinner use signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ba8aa23a0fd0-graduate.

Catholic Kids Pantry Drive – Last year, the Catholic Kids collected canned food during Lent here at St. Stephen. This year, we will once again collect food for our neighbors in need but a little differently. As Lent began on Wednesday, February 14, each class will bring their designated food on the list below:



- PreK & Kindergarten: Peanut butter
- First Grade: Bath Soap/Shampoo
- Second Grade: Canned fruit/Cereal
- Third Grade: Toilet paper/Paper towels
- Fourth Grade: Laundry soap/Dish soap

All food goes to our own SSBC food pantry. Bring your food to your classroom on the day your class meets. Each class will compete to bring the most items. Winning classes will get a pizza/donut party in April! Let's take this opportunity to teach our kids compassion for others.



Ozark Catholic Academy Open House is on Sunday, March 4 from 12:30-2:30pm. Please join OCA for their Winter Open House! They will unveil the mascot and offer a school tour along with a brief presentation and meet their Governing Board as well as pulled pork sandwiches. The Open House is for perspective families, friends, donors as well as all of Northwest Arkansas to learn more about the first Catholic high school in the area.

St. Scholastica Retreat Center is offering a Centering Prayer retreat, March 22-25 presented by Nick Cole. The fee is \$250 including a non-refundable \$50 deposit required at time of registration. Registration can be completed at retreats@stscho.org or call the office at (479)783-1135.

Arkansas Catholic Directory is holding a photo contest for the cover of the 2019 diocesan directory. Any amateur or professional photographer in Arkansas can enter their photo of a Catholic Church or institution to the diocese. The first prize winner will get a free copy of the directory and a subscription to Arkansas Catholic. Deadline to enter is Friday, March 16. For complete rules and/or an entry form, visit arkansas-catholic.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE prayer vigil is from now until Sunday, March 25 and will offer opportunity to stand and peacefully pray from 7am to 7pm each day outside the abortion facility. Bishop Taylor will join the vigil and pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 9 at 10am. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tabitha Connolly (501)960-2194 or visit 40daysforlife.com/littlerock.

Please note that due to the poor weather conditions these past few weekends our stewardship and building fund collections are low. We ask that you prayerfully consider the Parish's financial needs.

Church Operations for February

Month-to-Date Expenses – \$ 98,627.37

*****Loan Balance** – \$ 2,455,082.56

Because Abraham was obedient and willing to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac, God abundantly blessed him. May the Good Lord give us everything we need in Jesus as we practice sacrificial giving.

| Revenue | Month to Date | Monthly Goal |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Stewardship and Other | \$ 79,274.52 | \$105,000 |
| Building Fund | \$ 12,472.91 | \$20,000 |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, February 26

8:30am Special Intention

Tuesday, February 27

12:00pm Fr. Greg Hart †

5:30pm Special Intention

Wednesday, February 28

12:00pm Harold Martin †

Thursday, March 1

8:30am Special Intention

12:00pm Special Intention

Friday, March 2

12:00pm Verlin Holmstrom †

Saturday, March 3

9:00am Special Intention

5:00pm Special Intention

Sunday, March 4

7:45am Rodolfo Flores Jacobo †

10:00am Fr. Greg Hart †

11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00pm Peter Tong †

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 3/04/18

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

1Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

This Week – 2/26/18 to 3/04/18

Mon: 8:30am **MASS**

Mon: 6:00pm **IMPACT**

Mon: 6:30pm Catholic Kids Yellow

Tue: 12:00pm **MASS**

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 8th

Wed: 6:30pm Catholic Kids Blue

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

Wed: 7:00pm RCIA / Rehearsal

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

Thu: 8:30am **MASS**

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

Thu: 9:30-11:30am Spanish Rosary

Thu: 12:00pm **MASS**

Thu: 6:00pm Natural Family Planning Session

Thu: 6:30pm Spanish Choir

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

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS – First Friday**

Fri: 5:30pm Stations of the Cross – Eng. hosted by Life Teen

Fri: 7:00pm Estaciones de la Cruz

Sat: 8:30am-6:00pm Confirmation Retreat

Sat: 9:00am **MASS – First Saturday**

Sat: 9:30am Catecismo para Adultos

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 – Children's / RCIA 1st Scrutiny**

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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| March 3 - 4 | Lector | EMC - Host | EMC - Cup | Head Minister | Usher | Lock-Up | Altar Server | Sacristan |
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| Saturday, 5:00 PM | Bob Monfils | Doris Clement Kim Dial Pam Gander Joyce Moppin Ngozi Anyanwu | Jon Clement Kim Gollhofer Jane Cornell Ron Brophy Jon Terlouw Lori Terlouw | Kim Monfils | Todd Albert Gary VanOvershelde Kevin Cornell | Kim Monfils | Alexa Stockand Emily Stockand Gabrielle Stockand | Mark Jechura |
| Sunday, 7:45 AM | Helene Mengert | Kira O'Shaughnessy Peggy Estes Robbie Estes | Susan Eagleson Gerry Whiting Gary Delperdang Gary Kleck | Chris O'Shaughnessy | Karen Howard Geri Oswald Len Oswald | | Karianne O'Shaughnessy Dhane Boskus Helena Bacon | Barb Hamernik |
| Sunday, 10:00 AM | Children's Mass | Theresa Brauburger Bonnie Kupillas Patricia LaChance Bruce Beckham Mary Kate Beckham | Pam Willis Thomas Ganey Greg or Mandy Brandenburg Marie Barnak Kathleen Crouch Pamm Prebil | Ted Brauburger | Ken Butler Daniel Cruz Robert Hutchings | | Ryder Johnson John Brandenburg Martin Brandenburg | Charlotte Champagne |
| Sunday, 11:45 PM (Spanish Mass) | Fernando Barbosa Jaime Chavez | Evelyn Dominguez Ingrid Chavez Herlinda Zuno | Beatriz Aguirre Maria Rodriguez Jesus Zuno Mirna Serrano | Oscar Dominguez | Marugel Monzalvo Nadia Calderon Victor Lopez | | Ashley Arana Isaac Barbosa Angela Munoz Jomaralee Salas | Oscar Dominguez |
| Sunday, 5:00 PM (Life Teen) | | Michelle Johnson Nicole Keller | Chris Davis Susan Davis | Cary Richard | Joe Poe Steve Saulsbery | | Hunter Sonnentag Samantha Trujillo Lindsey Wewers | Jolene Murphy |