

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

March 4, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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STOP
MAKING MY FATHER'S
HOUSE A MARKETPLACE!"

JOHN 2:16, NRSV

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

Cathy Townzen

preschool@ststephenbentonville.com

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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Pre-K - 4th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen Youth Director

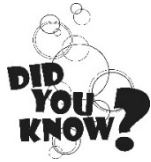
Jessica Petter

lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com

9th Grade - 12th Grade

Facebook: LifeTeen Bentonville

Daylight Savings Time – Daylight Savings begins Sunday, March 11 at 2:00am. Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour.



Sin – Sin is to choose deliberately – that is, both knowing it and willing it – something gravely contrary to the divine law and to the ultimate end of man is to commit a Mortal Sin. This destroys in us the charity without which eternal beatitude is impossible.

Unrepented, it brings eternal death. Venial Sin constitutes a moral disorder that is reparable by charity, which it allows to subsist in us. The repetition of sins – even venial ones – engenders vices, among which are the capital sins.

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.

Hard Hat Collection Weekend – This 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, March 7, on Confession/Reconciliation 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.

Leading the Rosary – Would you consider leading the rosary before Mass on Saturday evening at 4:30pm or Sunday morning at 9:30am? You will be part of a team. It is time to make the schedule for April, May, and June. Please call Denny Higgins (479)636-6089 if interested or have any questions.

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., 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

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

*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.

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.



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

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.

Introducing Parent Life is a free service available to parents of our parish through our Life Teen Subscription. It is a GREAT resource to help you navigate the world of parenting a Catholic teenager. <http://ltparentlife.com/> You will need a parish code to access the great information available to you! It is: stephen72712 and is case sensitive.

Les presentamos Vida de Padres (Parent Life) es un servicio gratuito disponible para los padres de nuestra parroquia a través de nuestra Suscripción Life Teen. Es un GRAN recurso para ayudarlo a navegar el mundo sobre la crianza de un adolescente católico. <http://ltparentlife.com/> iNecesitará el código parroquial para tener acceso a la excelente información disponible para usted! Es: stephen72712 y es sensible a las mayúsculas.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) – Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." (James 1:27, NAB) Did you know a portion of your CASA gift goes to support the work of Catholic Charities here in Arkansas as well as many other outreaches throughout our diocese? Why not practice your Catholic Religion by becoming a monthly supporter of CASA and help reach your world with the love of Christ? Return your CASA Gift/Pledge in the envelopes provided.

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.

Life Teen News – Our next Life Teen Life Night is Sunday, March 4 and is on Virtue and Holiness from 6:00-8:00pm. Bible Study is from 6:30-8:00pm on Wednesday evenings in the Bosco Youth House. Life Teen's Annual Lock-In is 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! Forms are on the table in the Narthex.

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. Forms on table in the Narthex. Applications will be judged by our Core Team. To RSVP for the Grad Dinner please use the following link signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ba8aa23a0fd0-graduate.

Girl Scout Cookies – Parishioners from Girl Scout Troop 5850 will be selling cookies after Mass this weekend. Cookies are \$4.00 to \$5.00 per box. Donated cookies will be given to SSBC.

SSBC Corner – Look for signs in your community for anyone hungry or needs assistance. Is there a family you know who is in need of assistance? If so, please call the SSBC call line (479)696-9361. We can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor. **Pantry needs: canned fruit, vegetables, and tuna.

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.

Magnificat Meal – Susej Thompson will be speaking Saturday, March 10 at the meal by the Central Arkansas chapter of Magnificat, an international ministry to Catholic women. The event will be at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Conway from 10:00am-1:00pm. Tickets are \$15; \$10 for women 21 and younger; no charge for clergy or religious. No tickets will be sold at the door. See Magnificat-Central Arkansas Chapter Facebook page for details or to register contact: MagnificatCentralArkansas@gmail.com.

Save the Date – Join us for the First Annual St. Stephen Wine Social on Saturday, April 14 from 6:00-9:00pm! All parish members 21 and older are invited to join us for a night of wine, cheese, dessert, live music, and fellowship! We will have sign ups in the Narthex the weekends of March 10 and 17. You can also RSVP to Christina Baker at christina.baker@cox.net. Watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for more details!



Ozark Catholic Academy Open House is this 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.

Attention All Men – It's never too late to join the men's fellowship meetings. Doors open at 6:45am on Thursday mornings and 6:45pm Thursday evenings. The meetings are held in the Family Life Center and they are currently studying the book "Wild at Heart" by John Eldredge. For further information contact Frank Snider at (479)295-5134. Hope to see you there.

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.

Easter Triduum Retreat – The monastic community of St. Scholastica Monastery is having a retreat on A Triduum journey, following in the footsteps of Jesus to Calvary and sharing in the joy of his resurrection. The retreat is scheduled to begin Thursday, March 29 and end Sunday, April 1. Cost is \$115 per person; \$50 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is required at time of registration. Lodging and meals included. Please register by March 15.

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.

For more information or any questions on either retreat please call the Retreat office at (479)783-1135.

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, 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 electronic giving.

Church Operations for February

Month-to-Date Expenses – \$ 112,627.37
 ***Loan Balance – \$ 2,455,082.56

The Almighty gives us His commandments as words of everlasting life. May our faith inspire us to return to Him a portion of all the blessings bestowed upon us, for worship at His Holy Temple.

Revenue	Month to Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 102,278.10	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 15,142.91	\$20,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 †

Monday, March 5

8:30am Special Intention

Tuesday, March 6

12:00pm Joe Palasak †
 5:30pm Bea Carney †

Wednesday, March 7

12:00pm Special Intention

Thursday, March 8

8:30am Sandy Buckley †
 12:00pm Rodriguez - Perez Family

Friday, March 9

12:00pm Verlin Holmstrom †

Saturday, March 10

9:00am Maggie Taets †
 5:00pm Claire Ciha †

Sunday, March 11

7:45am Susan S. Cain †
 10:00am Scripture Sisters
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00pm Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 3/11/18

Exodus 17:3-7
 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
 John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

This Week – 3/05/18 to 3/11/18

Mon: 8:30am **MASS**
 Mon: 7:00pm Presentacion de la Virgen Dolorosa con Msgr. Scott
 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 7th / 8th
 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 Mujeres de Fe
 Thu: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Thu: 6:00pm Natural Family Planning Session
 Thu: 6:30pm Spanish Choir
Thu: 7:00pm Lenten Penance Service
 Fri: 10:15-11:30am Women's Scripture
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Fri: 5:30pm Stations of the Cross – Eng. hosted by IMPACT with dinner
 Fri: 7:00pm Estaciones de la Cruz
 Fri: 7:00pm Life Teen Lock-In Begins
 Sat: 7:00am Life Teen Lock-In Ends
 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 –RCIA 2nd Scrutiny**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**
 Sun: 1:00pm Via Crucis Viviente
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – Life Teen**
 Sun: 6:00pm LT Living Stations of the Cross
 Sun: 6:00-8:00pm Life Teen - Life Night

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March 10 - 11	Lector	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Mike Power	Doris Clement Rosemary Power Lori Terlouw Jon Terlouw Amy Fulmer	Jon Clement Loretta Meisenbacher Jill Saulsbery Philip Palmer Ron Brophy Lois Crow	Janet Palmer	Steve Saulsbery Dave Brandenburg Kevin Cornell	Joseph Giovannucci	Rachael Saulsbery Katie Palmer Sarah Palmer	Mark Jechura
Sunday, 7:45 AM	James Gaffigan	Peggy Estes Robbie Estes Gary Delperdang	Theresa Gaffigan Amanda Cantu Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck	Maggie Peterson	Bruce Peterson Brian Swisher Michael Swisher		Jake Estes Meghan Estes Zachery Whiting	Barb Hamernik
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Paul Prebil Pamm Prebil	Bruce Beckham Mary Kate Beckham Charlotte Champagne Gina Koch Nancy Verlage	Rose Hartnett Joe Hartnett Kristine Epright Claudia Garcia TJ LaPlant Matthew Lawrence	Theresa Brauburger	Tim Koch Steve Harrington Daniel Cruz		Paige Koch Meleea Swango Moorea Swango	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, 11:45 PM (Spanish Mass)	Elizabeth Ruiz Jaime Chavez	Herlinda Zuno Jesus Zuno Olga Serrano	Ingrid Chavez Maria Elena Calderon Crimilda Viera J. Concepcion Serrano	Raquel Perez	Fernando Perez Bertha Valdez Marugel Monzalvo		Erick Chavez Karen Chavez Brayan Miramon Mauricio Villasenor	Oscar Dominguez
Sunday, 5:00 PM (Life Teen)		Jodi Durkin Melissa Godoy	Joyce Hutchens Katie Morris	Bill Murphy	Joe Poe Beatriz Segura		William Durkin Hayden Poe Mary Poe	Jolene Murphy