

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

March 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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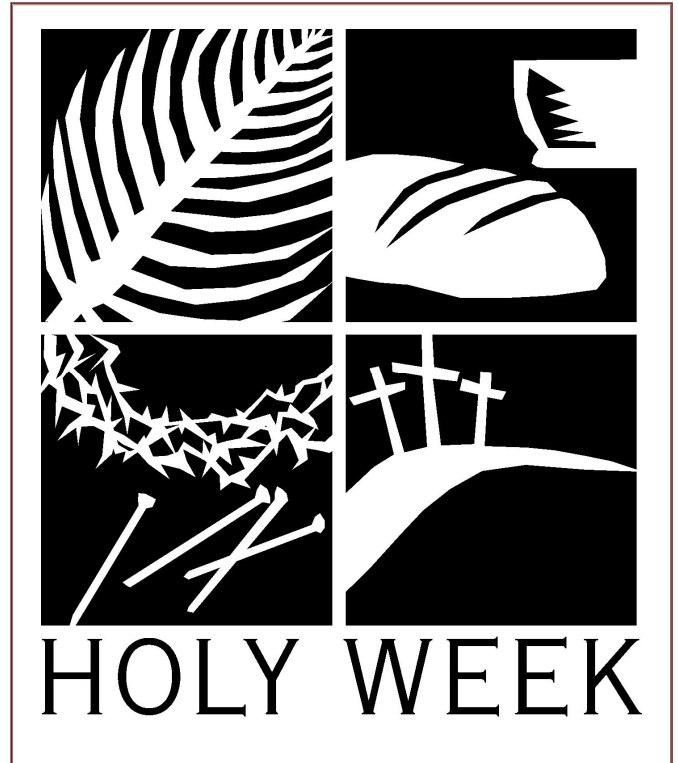
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Holy Week / Easter Schedule

Monday NO Mass 8:30am

Tuesday NO Mass 12:00pm

Mass 5:30pm

Wednesday Mass 12:00pm

Holy Thursday NO Mass 8:30am

NO Mass 12:00pm

7:00pm Bilingual

Good Friday Service

NO Mass 12:00pm

5:30pm Service

Viernes Santo 7:30pm-Español

Holy Saturday Vigil

NO Mass 9:00am

NO Mass 5:00pm

8:00pm Vigil

Easter Sunday 7:45am & 10:00am

Domingo Pascua 11:45am-Español

5:00pm NO Life Teen MASS

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

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 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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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

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9th Grade - 12th Grade

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The Precepts of the Church (CCC) – The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor. There are five precepts. The final two are as follows:

The fourth precept ("You shall keep holy the Holy Days of obligation.") completes the Sunday observance by participation in the principal liturgical feasts which honor the mysteries of the Lord, the Virgin Mary, and the saints.

The fifth precept ("You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.") ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts; they help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

RCIA Calendar – Last session will be the rehearsal for Easter Vigil on Wednesday, March 28 with Msgr. Marczuk and Bruce Peterson. We will meet in the Church at 7:00pm.

Accounting Office – Please consider enrolling in electronic giving, if you haven't already done so. You can enroll at any time! You will now be able to donate to second collections on the St. Stephen WeShare page. Please contact the office with questions!

Holy Week/Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 29 – 7:00pm Bilingual Mass

** No Thursday 8:30am or 12:00pm Mass

Good Friday, March 30 – 5:30pm English; 7:30pm Spanish

** No Friday Noon Mass

Holy Saturday, March 31 – 8:00pm Vigil Mass

** No Saturday 5:00pm Mass

Easter Sunday, April 1 – 7:45am, 10:00am English;

11:45am Spanish ** No LifeTeen 5:00pm Mass

Horario de Misas de Semana Santa/Pascua

Jueves Santo, 29 de marzo – 7:00pm Misa Bilingüe

** No habra misa el jueves a las 8:30am y 12:00pm

Viernes Santo, 30 de marzo – 5:30pm Inglés; 7:30 Español

** No habra Misa de mediodía del viernes

Sabado de Gloria, 31 de marzo – 8:00pm Misa de Vigilia

** No habra misa de 5:00pm el sábado

Domingo de Pascua, 1 de abril – 7:45am, 10:00am Inglés;

11:45 Español ** No habra misa de LifeTeen a las 5:00pm

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 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 and fasting 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 y ayuno en los Estados Unidos. La obligación de abstinencia comienza a 14 años de edad.

Legion of Mary Curia will be Sunday, April 8 at 1:15pm in the St. Ann's room. Members, auxiliary members or anyone interested are welcome. Maybe you are being called as an Auxiliary member to spiritually support the group with prayer? Refreshments served. Contact MaryKay (479)366-1504 or marykay1122@aol.com.

Potluck Dinner for Families – All families are invited to a Potluck Dinner on Friday, April 6 from 6-8pm in the Family Life Center. Join us for an evening of food and fellowship that will give us and our children a chance to get to know each other. Please contact Desirae Cox to sign up, for more information, or if you have any questions: 479-345-0011.

Bingo Night (Mission Trip Fundraiser) – We will have a Bingo Night at St. Stephen on Friday, April 20. Doors open at 5:30pm and bingo begins at 6:00pm. We will have concessions, cash prizes, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will fund the St. Stephen Confirmation Mission Trip. We are in need of items to be donated for our Silent Auction. Please contact Chris Teague at (479)273-1240 to have items donated.

Life Teen News – The next Life Teen Life Night is March 25 at 6:00pm in the FLC. Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, March 28. There are only a FEW Steubenville spots left, get your deposit in today to secure your place! Graduating seniors, scholarship applications are available on the table in the Narthex. Please RSVP to Grad Night at signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ba8aa23a0fd0-graduate.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8 – St. Stephen will celebrate the Feast of Mercy at 3:00pm (the Hour of Great Mercy) in the Church. The celebration last approximately 45 minutes. It will consist of the acknowledgment of this Feast with reflections about St. Faustina, the Mercy Stations, and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. All are invited.

Novena to The Divine Mercy – On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that St. Faustina Kowalska, make a special novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. Jesus, Himself, dictated the intentions for each day. By means of a specific prayer she was to bring to His heart a different group of souls each day and thus immerse them in the ocean of His mercy, begging the Father—on the strength of Jesus' Passion—for graces for them. (Diary 1209)

The novena will be conducted here at St. Stephen Church on the nine days requested by Jesus—starting Good Friday, March 30 through the following Saturday, April 7. The novena will be held each night in the Chapel at 6:30pm or immediately following services if any are being held.

Knights of Columbus 2nd Annual Rummage Sale will be Saturday, May 12. If you have any used furniture, sports equipment, home decor, tools, books, pet items, toys, electronics, etc...we'd be delighted to pick them up and sell them. This year, we are also taking adult and children's clothing, including shoes. To schedule a pickup, call Dan Reiff (479)685-3561 or Troy Ward (479)899-2196.

SSBC Corner – Today, Palm Sunday is the beginning of the Holiest of Christian weeks. During Lent, with your gifts we were able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting 51 families, providing \$2665 in food, utility and rent bills. Let us pray for the grace.

Grocery sacks, with items needed for the food pantry, will be passed out April 7/8 after all Masses. Food collection will be the weekend of April 14/15 at the pantry entrance. SSBC greatly appreciates your support.

Wine & Cheese Social – Join us for an evening of wine and fellowship on April 14 from 6:00-9:00pm, St. Stephen's First Annual Wine Social! You will sample a collection of wines and paired cheeses, nibble on heavy appetizers, and enjoy live jazz while getting to know fellow parishioners! Get your ticket to this one-of-a-kind event before we sell out! Tickets are \$20 per person and includes a souvenir glass for you to take. We are only selling 80 tickets, seats are limited. Email any questions to Christina Baker at christina.baker@cox.net. If you are a vendor or business owner and would like to donate wine or food please contact Angela Dumas at angel2180@cox.net.

The Events of Holy Week:

Holy Week includes the days from Palm Sunday through Easter.

Palm or Passion Sunday has contrasting names, one because of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (to the waving palm branches), and the other because this Sunday begins our focus on Jesus' days of suffering and death.

Paschal Triduum, from the Latin for "three days," extends from evening Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday.

Maundy (Holy) Thursday gets its name from Jesus' "new commandment" (maundatum in Latin) to love one another, which he spoke during the Passover meal when he washed his disciples' feet and instituted the Holy Eucharist. Typically the Catholic Church now refers to this day as Holy Thursday.

Good Friday marks the events of Jesus' trial, crucifixion, death and burial, sometimes with special Tre Ore (three hour) observances. The altar is stripped of all decoration and the church is darkened until Saturday's Easter Vigil.

Easter Vigil is celebrated on Holy Saturday evening after sundown; traditionally a time for baptizing, confirming, and receiving new members.

Easter, named after an ancient spring festival, is the "great Sunday," on which each Sunday Eucharist is modeled. – *All Saints Press*

Los Eventos de la Semana Santa:

Semana Santa incluye los días desde el Domingo de Ramos hasta el día de Pascua.

Domingo de Ramos o de La Pasión del Señor tienen nombres que contrastan, uno por causa de la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén (a las ramas de palma que agitaron), y el otro porque este domingo comienza nuestro enfoque en los días de sufrimiento y muerte de Jesús.

Triduo Pascual, del latín por "tres días", se extiende desde la tarde del Jueves Santo hasta el Domingo de Pascua.

Jueves Maundy (Santo) recibe el nombre del "mandamiento nuevo" de Jesús (maundatum en latín) de amarnos unos a otros, cuando Él habló durante la cena de la Pascua y les lavó los pies a sus discípulos e instituyó la Santa Eucaristía. La Iglesia Católica se refiere ahora a este día como el Jueves Santo.

Viernes Santo marca los eventos de juicio de Jesús, la crucifixión, muerte y sepultura, a veces con las conmemoraciones especiales de Tre Ore (tres horas). El altar es despojado de toda decoración y la iglesia se oscurece hasta el sábado de Vigilia Pascual.

Vigilia Pascual se celebra el Sábado Santo por la noche después de la puesta del sol; tradicionalmente un tiempo para bautizar, confirmar y recibir miembros nuevos.

Pascua, es el nombre de un festival de primavera antigua, es el "gran domingo", en la que la Eucaristía se modela cada domingo. – *All Saints Press*

Fertility Awareness in the Teen Years – Fertility awareness is knowing about one's fertility cycle, what is healthy and what is not, this is important for females of all ages, from puberty to pre-menopause! The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist, and American Academy of Pediatrics strongly encourage parents and their daughters to be more aware of their cycle patterns. However, this requires parents and their daughters to have a basic understanding of healthy and unhealthy cycle during the onset of menses and throughout the teen years. Early monitoring, and thus early detection of irregularities, can lead to earlier treatments and interventions by physicians using natural and cooperative measures to address underlying causes of various problems.

Is your daughter struggling with any of the following: severe PMS, heavy bleeding, painful periods, irregular cycles or other issues? If so, or even if there are no problems, this discussion will address the importance of monitoring cycle patterns and the many benefits they can offer our young girls starting now and for their whole life! Join us at the St. Stephen Parish in Bentonville on Sunday, April 8, from 6:00-7:00pm in the St. Jerome room! Contact Amylynn, FCPC if you have any questions at (813)352-4404 or stannefertilitycarecenter@gmail.com.

Motel Ministry (For The Homeless and Those in Poverty in Bentonville and Rogers Area)

– On behalf of the community members who are serving the homeless and those in poverty at two local motels (Home Towne Suites in Bentonville and the 8th St. Motel in Rogers) they like to invite St Stephen Parishioners to join in this sacred and holy ministry. They just started ministering at the Home Town Suites this past January. The main need is for churches and other community groups to cook/buy and serve the meal at one of the motels on a regular basis. They serve approximately 80 individuals at each motel once a week. Please join as a Catholic presence, in being the hands and heart of Jesus in serving Him in those who are in need. To join and/or learn more about this motel ministry please sign up to bring and/or serve a meal at the following links: Bentonville HomeTowne Suites for Tuesday Evenings: signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4caaaa29a5fb6-serving and/or Rogers 8th St. Motel for Thursday Evenings: signupgenius.com/go/30e0945aeaa2da7fb6-8thstreet1.

Saint John's Bible – The Heritage Edition of The Saint John's Bible is spending 2018 in Arkansas. From now through May 30, Mercy of NW Arkansas will host this piece of sacred art and offer viewings to the public. We will have a "page turning" and Scripture reflection every Wednesday at 11:45am in the lobby. The official blessing for the presentation of the Bible to the public will be April 5 at 10am in the Mercy Hospital lobby. From now thru May 30 the Bible will be on display in the Mercy Hospital lobby daily, Monday through Friday, from 6:45am until 4:00pm. Church groups are welcome to attend but we ask that you email Sr. Anita Anita.DeSalvo@Mercy.Net in order to set a date and time. All are welcome.

Catholics Returning Home is a six-week series that starts April 5. No reservation required. For information call St. Raphael in Springdale at (479)756-6711.

Week 1: Welcome, Overview of the Series, Faith Sharing
Week 2: Sharing Stories of Faith
Week 3: The Church Today: Changes since Vatican II
Week 4: Explanation of the Mass
Week 5: Explanation of the Sacrament of Penance
Week 6: Explanation of the Nicene Creed
(Optional) Week 7: Church Tour and Week 8: Using the Missalette at Mass

Church Operations for March

Month-to-Date Expenses – \$ 91,446.24
*****Loan Balance – \$ 2,443,490.91**

We have been practicing the traditional hallmarks of Lenten devotion with prayer, fasting, and charitable almsgiving. Singing “Hosanna,” as we approach Easter, may we continue our faithful support of the regular stewardship collection, and consider volunteering our services at the Holy Liturgy.

Revenue	Month to Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 85,682.06	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$ 14,955.72	\$20,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 24

9:00am Margaret Patrick & Family
 5:00pm Bea Carney †

Palm Sunday, March 25

7:45am Bui & Le Ancestors †
 10:00am Mark Lignell †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00pm Vito Losito, Jr. †

Monday, March 26

8:30am NO MASS

Tuesday, March 27

12:00pm NO MASS
 5:30pm Les Valachi †

Wednesday, March 28

12:00pm Larry Wewers †

Holy Thursday, March 29

8:30am NO MASS
 12:00pm NO MASS
 7:00pm Special Intention

Holy Saturday, March 30

9:00am NO MASS
 5:00pm NO MASS
 8:00pm Bertha Pigeon †

EASTER Sunday, April 1

7:45am Maria Nhu Bui † & Peter Thong Le †
 10:00am George Abide †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00pm NO MASS

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 4/01/18

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
 John 20:1-9

This Week – 3/26/18 to 3/25/18

Mon: 8:30am **NO MASS**
 Mon: 6:00-8:00pm IMPACT
 Mon: 6:30-8:00pm Catholic Kids Yellow
 Tue: 12:00pm **NO MASS**
 Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**
 Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary
 Wed: NO Religious Classes
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm LT Bible Study
 Wed: 7:00pm RCIA – EASTER VIGIL Rehearsal
 Thu: 8:30am **NO MASS**
 Thu: NO Adoration
 Thu: NO Mujeres de Fe
 Thu: 12:00pm **NO MASS**
 Thu: 7:00pm **MASS – Holy Thursday**
 Fri: 12:00pm **NO MASS**
 Fri: 5:30pm **Good Friday Service**
 Fri: 7:30pm **Servicio Viernes Santo**
 Sat: 9:00am **NO MASS**
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **NO MASS**
 Sat: 8:00pm **Holy Saturday Vigil**
Easter Sunday
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: NO Religious Classes
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**
 Sun: 5:00pm **NO MASS – Life Teen**
 Sun: NO Life Teen - Life Night

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March 31 - April 1	Lector	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Holy Saturday, 8:00 PM	Bruce Peterson Suzanne Sutton Janet Palmer	Jane Cornell Bob Monfils Philip Palmer Maggie Peterson Ngozi Anyanwu	Ron Brophy Mo Tignor Lois Crow Margie Story Kim Dial Pam Gander	Kim Monfils	Kevin Cornell Joseph Giovannucci Gary VanOverschelde Todd Albert	Kim Monfils	Katie Palmer Sarah Palmer Nicholas Glory	Kim Monfils
EASTER Sunday, 7:45 AM	James Gaffigan Irma Holasek	Loretta Meisenbacher Kira O'Shaughnessy Theresa Gaffigan Susan Eagleson Karen Howard	Amanda Cantu Gerry Whiting Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck Mark Jechura Tracy Sullivan	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Geri Oswald Len Oswald Brian Swisher Michael Swisher		Karianne O'Shaughnessy Dhane Boskus Zachery Whiting	Barb Hamernik
EASTER Sunday, 10:00 AM	Rose Hartnett Katherine Brumley	Marie Barnak Greg or Mandy Brandenburg Kathleen Crouch Thomas Ganey Claudia Garcia	Kristine Epright TJ LaPlant James Sutton Michaelene Morgan Imelda Robinson Bonnie Kupillas	Joe Hartnett	Robert Hutchings Steve Harrington Brian Rabal Ken Butler Daniel Cruz		John Brandenburg Martin Brandenburg Abigail Cartaya Daniel Cartaya	Joe Hartnett
EASTER Sunday, 11:45 PM (Spanish Mass)	Raquel Perez Jaime Chavez	Beatriz Aguirre Ingrid Chavez Maria Rodriguez	Maria Elena Calderon Herlinda Zuno Jesus Zuno Mirna Serrano	Fernando Perez	Nadia Calderon Victor Lopez Bertha Valdez Antonio Sanchez	Fernando Perez	Ashley Arana Erick Chavez Karen Chavez	Fernando Perez