

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

April 8, 2018

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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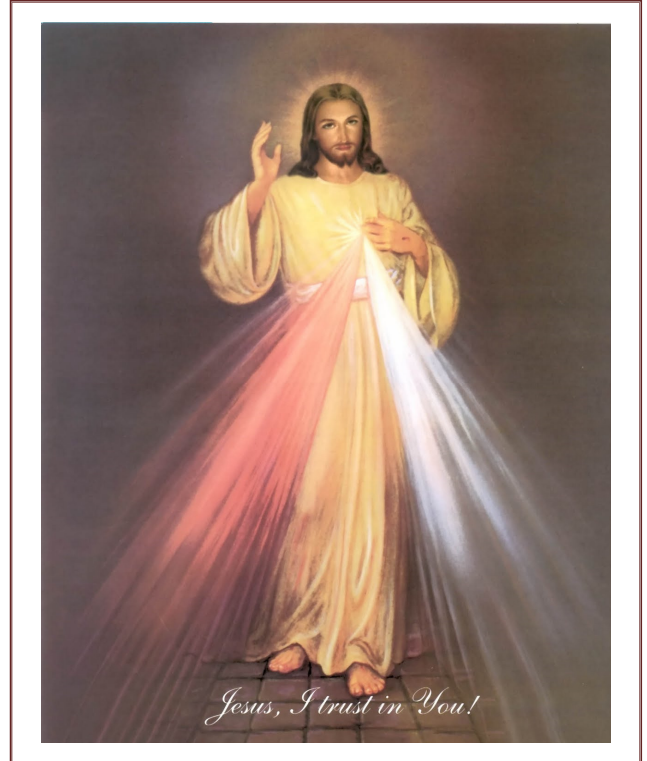
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Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

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 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

Life Teen Youth Director

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9th Grade - 12th Grade

Facebook: LifeTeen Bentonville

Congratulations – We would like to congratulate our new members who have chosen to become Catholic by receiving their sacraments and/or professing their faith. They became members of our church last weekend on Holy Saturday Vigil. May you continue your journey with God and may the Holy Spirit keep guiding you.

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 lasts 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.



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)

Registration for Fall Classes – Classes for Religious Education for kids/youth 4yrs through the 12th grade will start next weekend for the 2018-2019 year. Look for the forms at the registration table located in the Narthex. Please also consider volunteering as a co-teacher or small group leader and all religious fees will be waived.

Inscripción para las clases de Educación Religiosa – Clases de Educación Religiosa para los niños y jóvenes de 4 años hasta el grado 12 comenzara la proxima fin de semana para el año académico de 2018-2019. Las formas para inscripción están en la mesa localizada en el Nártex. Usted también puede ofrecerse como un co-maestro o líder de grupo pequeño y no tiene que pagar el costo para la clase.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) – VBS will be June 20-22 from 6-8:30pm. Our theme this year is Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus! Each day, kids will experience the stories and teachings of sacred Scripture, meet a new, real-life Saint and learn about the beliefs and practices of our Catholic faith. Registration is open until May 27. Look for the sign up table in the Narthex.

Catholic Kids Lenten Drive Winners! – With everyone bringing different items this year—it was much too hard to determine a winner. So, I declare ALL CLASSES winners this year!! Look for your Donut/Pizza party in April! Thanks to all the classes’ efforts to help provide for the needy in our community through our own St. Stephen Benevolent Society. Thank you for your compassion.

Rice Bowls – Please return your rice bowls to the container in the Narthex. Seventy-five percent of your gifts will go to Catholic Relief and twenty-five percent of your gifts remain in your diocese to support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. To learn more visit orb.crs.org. Thank you for your participation.

Plato de Arroz – Por favor devuelva su Plato de Arroz de CRS en el Nártex. El 75 por ciento de cada donativo se destina a ayudar a los pobres en el extranjero, y 25 por ciento se queda en su diócesis para apoyar proyectos locales para aliviar del hambre y la falta de vivienda. Para mas informacion visite orb.crs.org. Gracias por su participación.



Coffee Social – Join us Sunday, April 15 after the 10:00am Mass for coffee and refreshments in the Family Life Center. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners who would like to get better acquainted with St. Stephen.

Hard Hat Collection Weekend – This weekend, April 7/8 we will have 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.

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.

Accounting Office – If you haven’t already done so, please consider enrolling in electronic giving. 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!

Life Teen – Our next Life Teen Life Night is on Sunday, April 8th from 6:00-8:00pm. We have bible study from 6:30-8 PM on Wednesday.

Wine & Cheese Social – Join us for St. Stephen's First Annual Wine Social. We will have an evening of wine and fellowship on Saturday, April 14 from 6:00-9:00pm. You will sample a collection of wines and paired cheeses, while getting to know fellow parishioners! We have less than 10 spots left. Tickets are \$20 per person and includes a souvenir glass for you. 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.

Introducing Parent Life – Our first ever Life Teen Parent Night will be on Monday, May 14 from 7:00-8:00pm in the Family Life Center. The topic will be Staying Catholic in College and is for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other adults. This talk is intended to help you navigate the world of your teen beginning college, and how to help them remain faithful to the Church and her teachings once they are there. Mark your calendars now!

Les presentamos Vida de Padres (Parent Life) – Nuestra primera Noche de Vida para Padres será el lunes, 14 de mayo de 7:00 a 8:00pm en el Centro de Vida Familiar. El tema será Ser Católico en el Colegio y es para padres, abuelos, tías, tíos u otros adultos. Esta charla está destinada a ayudarlo a navegar el mundo de su adolescente que comienza la universidad, y cómo ayudarlos a permanecer fieles a la Iglesia y sus enseñanzas una vez que están allí. El tema será bilingüe. ¡Marque sus calendarios ahora!

SSBC Corner – During Mass we turn to each other and say “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift in the poor box you say “Peace be with you, too! **Pantry needs: dish soap - bath soap - diapers (size 1-4).

Grocery sacks with items listed will be handed out this weekend after all Masses. Food collection will be the following weekend, April 14/15 at the pantry entrance. SSBC greatly appreciates your support.

Knights of Columbus will sell and take orders for gift cards this weekend. They have a number of gift cards available including several for \$10 for you to purchase and take with you. Stop by and see their card selection. All proceeds go towards reducing the building debt.

Knights of Columbus 2nd Annual Rummage

Sale will be Saturday, May 12. If you have 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, they are taking adult and children's clothing, including shoes. To schedule a pickup, call Dan Reiff (479)685-3561 or Troy Ward (479)899-2196.

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 and the rest of our lives.

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 young girls starting now! Join us at St. Stephen in Bentonville on Sunday, April 8, from 6:00-7:00pm in the St. Jerome room! Contact Amylynn, FCPC (813)352-4404 or stannefertilitycarecenter@gmail.com for any questions.

Ozark Catholic Academy (Opening August 2018) –



They are accepting Applications ozarkcatholic.com. They need interested people as volunteers. Please contact John Rocha john.rocha@ozarkcatholic.org or Susan Thornton susan.thornton@ozark.org with questions. They especially need individuals with skills in marketing, graphic skills, and operations.

Mass of Hope and Healing – Bishop Anthony B. Taylor will celebrate the Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8 at 5:00pm at St. John Catholic Center, Morris Hall Chapel, 2500 N. Tyler, Little Rock. A reception will follow. The Mass is being held to pray for healing for survivors of child sexual abuse and commemorate April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Anyone who wishes to pray for victims, their families and friends is welcome to attend. This Mass is sponsored by the diocese's Safe Environment Program. For more information, contact Susan David, safe environment coordinator, at (501) 664-0340, ext. 332.

Ladies of Charity of Arkansas is hosting their 7th Annual Daytime Art Camp for children in foster care from ages 4-12 on Saturday, April 28 at St. Joseph Center, the former orphanage, in North Little Rock. The theme this year is "All God's Creatures" will emphasize that every child is a masterpiece. The children will be provided lunch, t-shirts, and take-home goodie bags. A magic show will be a part of this special day spent in Christian environment. Full sponsorship is \$50 per student. Donations can be made to "LCARK" and sent to Diocese of Little Rock, ATTN: Kristy Eanes, 2500 N. Tyler St., Little Rock, AR 72207. For more information or to become a member of this organization started by St. Vincent de Paul in 1617, contact Kristy Eanes at (501)664-0340 x348 or kristyeanes@yahoo.com. Please visit lcark.org for details.

Slay the 5K – Lace up your running shoes for Northwest Arkansas' premier evening run on Friday, April 13 at Lake Atalanta. Fun Run starts at 5:30pm and 5K at 6:00pm. There will be prizes for top finishers, medals for all kids, hot dogs, ice cream, and fun for the whole family. Visit app.regwiz.io/register/slaythe5k/314 to register. Follow us on Facebook at Slay the 5K.

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 but please you email Sr. Anita Anita.DeSalvo@Mercy.Net in order to set a date and time.

Subiaco Academy is offering a Shadow Day for students and parents to visit and experience Subiaco. The last Spring Shadow Day is Friday, April 13. Families can register or arrange a visit at another time by contacting (800)364-7824 or admissions@subi.org. The event is free including meals and overnight accommodations. For more information, visit SubiacoAcademy.us.

Northwest Catholic Singles Group – Are you over 40, single, widowed or divorced? Come join the NW Catholic Singles group at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fayetteville on Thursday, April 19, in room 225 at 7:00pm. If you like a monthly calendar of social events please text or email Kelly Lockhart at (501)733-8671 / kll89002@gmail.com or Marybeth Shields at shieldsncn@aol.com to be added.

Upcoming Pilgrimages:

Trip to The Holy Land – Time to check this one off your bucket list! Nazareth, Cana, Jerusalem, Sea of Galilee, Via Dolorosa and so much more! Join us on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land February 16–24, 2019 led by Fr. John Marconi and Dc. John Hall. For more information contact Dc. John at jhall3rd@sbcglobal.net, (501)831-1762 or unitours.com/showtrip.aspx?tripid=1369. A portion of the proceeds benefit The Catholic Schools of Arkansas Scholarship Fund.

A Lenten Pilgrimage – Arkansas Catholic is hosting a 12-day pilgrimage to see the shrines of France on **April 1-12, 2019**. An informational meeting is scheduled at 3:00pm, Sunday, May 6 at St. John Center in Little Rock. RSVP for meeting at frenchpilgrimage2019.eventbrite.com.

More seats available – Arkansas Catholic is hosting a second bus for an 11-day pilgrimage to see the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, **June 17-27, 2020**. Informational meeting scheduled for 4:30pm, Sunday, May 6, St. John Center in Little Rock. RSVP for meeting at 2020pilgrims.eventbrite.com. For details on either pilgrimage or to sign up, visit arkansas-catholic.org or call Kathy Primm at Sue Smith Vacations at (501) 771-0987.

St. John Catholic School, Hot Springs is seeking applications for the position of principal. Interested parties please send a cover letter, a complete resume, and copy of licensure or transcript to: Vernell Bowen, Superintendent, Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207 or vbowen@dolr.org. Deadline is April 30.

Our Church Operations and Revenue will be updated next week due to office being closed Monday.

Church Operations for March

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

As we read in the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples were united as one, devoting themselves to the communal life, sharing their financial resources. May God's Divine Mercy endure forever on those who continue this practice of fraternal love, social outreach and mutual support.

Revenue	Month to Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	Will be updated next weekend due to office being closed Monday.	\$105,000
Building Fund		\$20,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 7

9:00am Mary Lindecum †
 5:00pm Bertha Pigeon †

Sunday, April 8

7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 10:00am Sandy Buckley †
 11:45am In Thanksgiving
 Gustavo & Marlen Chavez
 5:00pm Lonely Souls

Monday, April 9

8:30am No MASS

Tuesday, April 10

5:30pm No MASS

Wednesday, April 11

12:00pm No MASS

Thursday, April 12

8:30am No MASS

Friday, April 13

12:00pm Special Intention

Saturday, April 7

9:00am Mary Lindecum †
 5:00pm Susan S. Cain †

Sunday, April 8

7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 10:00am Torres-Mendez Family
 11:45am Luz Reyes † y Hugo Gonzalez †
 5:00pm Joshua, Hanna, & Jerome Sprute

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 4/15/18

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19
 Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
 1 John 2:1-5a
 Luke 24:35-48

This Week – 4/09/18 to 4/15/18

Mon: 8:30am **NO MASS**
 Mon: 6:00-8:00pm IMPACT
 Mon: 6:30-8:00pm CK Yellow
 Tue: 5:30pm **NO MASS**
 Tue: 6:30pm Ministerio Amor y Respeto
 Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice
 Tue: 7:00pm Spanish Choir
 Wed: 12:00pm **NO MASS**
 Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary
 Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE 8th
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm CK Blue
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm LT Bible Study
 Thu: 8:30am **NO MASS**
 Thu: 9:00am-9:00pm Adoration
 Thu: 9:30-11:30am Mujeres de Fe
 Thu: 6:00pm Natural Planning Session
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 9:00am **MASS**
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 6:00-9:00pm Wine & Cheese Social
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: 8:45-9:45am Catholic Kids
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:00am Sunday Social
 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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April 14 - 15	Lector	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Mike Power	Doris Clement Rosemary Power Margie O'Grady Bob Monfils Ron Brophy	Jon Clement Mark Jechura Mo Tignor Bonnie Kupillas Kim Dial Pam Gander	Kim Monfils	Joseph Giovannucci Todd Albert Mike Power	Kim Monfils	Alexa Stockand Emily Stockand Gabrielle Stockand	Kim Monfils
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Amylynn Smith	Cheryl Helms Bob Mader Kira O'Shaughnessy	Peggy Estes Robbie Estes Gary Kleck Brenda Kleck	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Geri Oswald Len Oswald Karen Howard		Karianne O'Shaughnessy Meghan Estes Jake Estes	Barb Hamernik
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Maria Mendez Ramon Portilla	Rose Hartnett Patricia LaChance Imelda Robinson Jake Greeling Karen Greeling	Dayna Mohr Mike Mohr Bruce Beckham Mary Kate Beckham Claudia Garcia James Sutton	Charlotte Champagne	Steve Harrington Robert Hutchings Daniel Cruz		Melelea Swango Moorea Swango Peter Kreuter	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, 11:45 PM (Spanish Mass)	Rosalba Ortiz Jaime Chavez	Maria Elena Calderon Beatriz Aguirre Nancy Verlage	Ingrid Chavez Maria Rodriguez Jesus Zuno Herlinda Zuno	Mirna Serrano	Bertha Valdez Nadia Calderon Victor Lopez		Jomaralee Salas Ashley Arana Angela Munoz Miguel Balderas	Oscar Dominguez
Sunday, 5:00 PM (Life Teen)	Teen	Karen Coppick Tommy Coppick	Chris Davis Susan Davis	Cary Richard	Joe Poe Beatriz Segura		Hayden Poe Mary Poe Jesse Coppick	Cary Richard