

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

November 18, 2018

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

Tuesday Mass 5:30pm

Wednesday Mass 12:00pm

Thursday Mass 10:00am

Friday Mass 12:00pm

Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:45am & 10:00am

Sunday 11:45am – Spanish

Sunday 5:00pm – Life Teen

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

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.

If you plan on getting married, always be sure to contact the church before officially setting a date or booking a reception site.

Membership

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian Fellowship. Longtime residents or newly arrived, contact the parish office to register.

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.

Kids/Youth Faith Formation

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Office Hours: M-W-F

9:00am-12:00pm September-May

RCIA Calendar – There will be NO class Wednesday, November 21, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The next session will be on Wednesday, November 28, on Liturgical Calendar 1 led by Bruce Peterson. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm.

Ministry Scheduling – Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of January, February and March. This schedule will include special Masses for Ash Wednesday (March 6). Please let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter **before Monday, December 10** by emailing ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com or calling the church office at (479)273-1240. No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time or the special Masses mentioned. 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.

Ministers, We need Your Help! There are many needs in the ministry schedule for this upcoming quarter. If you are a trained minister and are able to serve any of these times, please call or email the parish office.

- ♦ Sunday, November 25, 10:00am – 1 Usher
- ♦ Saturday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception), 10:00am – 2 Ushers
- ♦ **Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), 6:00pm – 5 Ushers**
- ♦ **Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), 8:00pm – 1 Cup Minister, 1 Usher, 1 Altar Server**
- ♦ **Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day), 10:00am – 2 Cup Ministers**
- ♦ Sunday, December 30, 5:00pm Life Teen - 2 Ushers

Bingo Night (Mission Trip Fundraiser) – We will host a Bingo Night Saturday, December 1 from 6:30 to 9:00pm. We will have concessions, cash prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds benefit the St. Stephen Youth Mission Trip.

Life Teen will be selling Advent wreaths and candles after Masses on November 24/25 until supplies run out. Proceeds from these sales support scholarships for Life Teen retreats, special events, and conferences. We appreciate your support!

Christmas Pageant – The annual St. Stephen Christmas Pageant will be on Dec. 24 at 3:15pm before the Christmas Eve Mass that begins at 4:00pm. Please email or call Suzanne Sutton by December 17 so she can make



sure we have enough costumes. We will have one practice on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 9:00am. Our play has a narrator with the 4th grade taking the few main parts and the younger kids being shepherds and angels. Suzanne will need parent volunteers to help that evening.

Parish Council Elections – It's that time of year when we think about parish council elections. If you are a registered parishioner in good standing in the Catholic Church, are over the age of 18 and interested in running for parish council or know of someone who is, please fill out one of the nomination forms in the Narthex and drop it in the nomination box. Out of courtesy, please ask the person first before you submit their name. All names must be submitted by December 16.

The Parish Office will close at noon on Wednesday this week and remain closed until Monday the 26th. Our weekday Mass schedule will be the same this week with the exception of Thanksgiving Day. Join us for Mass on the morning of Thanksgiving at 10:00am in the church.

Holiday Shopping – Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to St. Stephen Catholic Church when you do your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/71-0339061.

Poor Souls in Purgatory – Remember, this is the month for All Souls. Please pray for our parishioners who have died this past year. Remember to pray frequently for the dead, especially when you pass by a cemetery or when you recall a person you knew who has died. Pray for the most forgotten and abandoned souls that have no one else to pray for them, and any souls who may be suffering in purgatory due to our poor example or some fault of ours.

Our Lord told St. Gertrude that this prayer would release 1000 souls from purgatory each time it is said:

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family, Amen."

Las Pobres Almas del Purgatorio – Recuerde que este mes es para Todas las Almas (Difuntos). Por favor de orar por nuestros feligreses que han fallecido este ano pasado. Recuerde de orar con frecuencia por los muertos, especialmente cuando pase por un cementerio o cuando recorde una persona que ha muerto. También oren por las almas abandonados y olvidados que no tienen a nadie que ore por ellos, y para las almas que puedan estar sufriendo en el purgatorio debido a nuestro mal ejemplo o por un error de nuestra parte.

Nuestro Señor le dijo a Santa Gertrudis la Grande, que esta oración puede librar 1000 Almas del purgatorio cada vez que se rece:

Oración de Santa Gertrudis La Mayor para todas las Almas del Purgatorio

"Padre eterno, yo te ofrezco la preciosísima Sangre de Tu Divino Hijo Jesús, en unión con las misas celebradas hoy día a través del mundo por todas las benditas ánimas del purgatorio. Por todos los pecadores del mundo. Por los pecadores en la Iglesia universal, por aquellos en propia casa y dentro de mi familia, Amén."

St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) Corner
The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out.

SSBC Annual Silent Auction and Cookie Walk will be held the weekend of Dec. 8/9 after all Masses except Sunday, Life Teen Mass. Sign-ups for silent auction items or cookie donations are November 24/25 & December 1/2 after all Masses. If you own a business and/or wish to donate for the auction, contact Lesa Reiff (479)426-5192 or djlfreiff@yahoo.com. All money collected goes to assist families in our community. Thank you for your support!

Guardian Angels of the Blessed Sacrament is a ministry integrated by people called Adorers. Adorers make a commitment to be before the Blessed Sacrament for an hour every Thursday. You will spend time praying, meditating, telling God your worries, joys and asking for blessings. In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament you make sure nobody hurt Him do something inappropriate, assuring, He won't be alone. To be part of this ministry, our available time slots are 10:00am, 3:00pm, & 4:00pm. Please call the parish to sign-up or for more information.

Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA) – Don't forget National Day of Giving - #GivingTuesday is on Tuesday, November 27. Kick off the season of giving and please remember OCA as you make your end-of-year giving decisions. Visit ozarkcatholic.org for more information or mail your contributions to: Ozark Catholic Academy P.O. Box 1240 Tontitown, AR 72770

Come join OCA at Fast Lane Entertainment on Friday, November 30 from 6:30-9:00pm. Cost is \$21. All 8th graders and prospective students are invited for a night of bowling, laser tag and bumper cars. Pizza and pop included with the cost of the wristband. Arcade games are available at an additional cost. To sign up go to bit.ly/FastLaneNov2018. For more information, contact Alesia Schaefer at (479)936-1682.

OCA Open House – Come and see what OCA at 192 E. Henri de Tonti Blvd., Springdale has to offer. Take a tour of the school, check out the curriculum, meet some of the faculty and students and enjoy refreshments on Sunday, December 9 and Sunday, January 27 from 12:30-2:30pm. To RSVP bit.ly/OCADec2018.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) – To date we have collected a total of \$39,980.54 or 103% toward our parish goal of \$38,944.50. Thank you so much for your generous support in helping our diocese continue to grow and carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

Campana Católica de Arkansas a Compartir (CASA) A la fecha se han colectado un total de \$39,980.54 o 103% hacia nuestra meta de la parroquia de \$38,944.50. Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo al ayudar a nuestra diócesis a seguir creciendo y llevando a cabo el trabajo misionero de Jesús.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection – Please be generous in this week's second collection. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. This collection helps programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. For more information visit usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano Por favor, sean generosos en la segunda colecta de esta semana. En los Estados Unidos, una de cada siete personas vive en la pobreza. Con esta colecta, ustedes apoyan a programas que tratan con las causas de la pobreza y proveen un futuro sostenible a los que luchan por salir adelante en el país. Además, el 25 por ciento de los fondos recaudados permanece en nuestra diócesis para financiar proyectos anti-pobreza aquí. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de contribuir a esta colecta y de trabajar en la periferia. Pueden encontrar más información entrando usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Days of Prayer & Healing Retreat – You are not alone. There is hope. The Respect Life Office, through the Ministry of Project Rachel, is offering one-day, post-abortion healing retreats for women or men. Retreats are in English and Spanish. The retreats are as follows **Saturday, December 1** in Northwest Arkansas (near Rogers); **Saturday, January 12, 2019** in the River Valley (near Subiaco); then **Saturday, February 2, 2019** in Little Rock. These retreats are Catholic in nature, but anyone who desires to begin or continue their journey to hope and healing is welcome to attend. The exact location of the retreat is disclosed to participants only. To speak with someone about a retreat or other Project Rachel Ministry healing opportunities and support groups, please email Project Rachel, call (501)663-0996 or text (479)206-3199 to receive more information. All inquiries are strictly confidential, non-judgmental, and healing is possible. We care and understand. Healing Support Groups will form in various locations throughout the Diocese in February & March.

Día de Oración y Retiro de Sanación – No estás solo. Hay esperanza. La Oficina de Respeto a la Vida, por medio del Ministerio de Proyecto Raquel, está ofreciendo retiros de sanación posaborto de un día para mujeres o hombres. Los retiros son en inglés o español. Los retiros son los siguientes **sábado, 1 de diciembre** en Noroeste Arkansas (cerca de Rogers); **sábado, 12 de enero 2019** en el valle de río (cerca de Subiaco); **sábado, 2 de febrero 2019** en Little Rock. Los retiros son naturaleza católica, pero cualquier persona que desee comenzar o continuar su viaje hacia la esperanza y la sanación es bienvenida. La ubicación exacta del retiro sólo se revela a los participantes. Para hablar con alguien sobre un retiro u otras oportunidades de sanación y grupos de apoyo del Ministerio de Proyecto Raquel, llama a nuestra línea telefónica confidencial 501-663-0996. O obtener más información vía un mensaje de texto al 479-206-3199 o envía un correo electrónico al Proyecto Raquel. Todas las consultas son estrictamente confidencial, sin juzgar y sanación es posible. Por favor llama nos importa y entendemos. Grupos de apoyo para la sanación se formarán en lugares de la diócesis en febrero y marzo.

Gift subscriptions for Christmas – Arkansas Catholic subscription is a great gift for any Catholic home. With this special offer, you can buy two one-year subscriptions (46 issues), and get a third one free! You can even start or renew your own subscription in this special offer. The cost of a print subscription is \$28 for one year or \$26 if recipient over age 65. Digital subscriptions are \$12.95 each. Send order to: Arkansas Catholic Gift Subscriptions, P.O. Box 7869, Little Rock AR 72217. We'll send a card to the recipients telling them of your gift starting in December, and they'll get their first issue soon after. Please order before Dec. 14 to be sure of delivery in time for Christmas. For more information, call (501)664-0125.

Children's Book Drive – What is more special than sharing the gift of reading with a child? For Christmas, Arkansas Catholic is collecting new and like-new books (no activity or coloring books) for low-income children 0 to 10 years old and donating them to Helping Hand of Greater Little Rock, Catholic Charities of Arkansas and other charities. Mail the books by December 3. Buy the book at the store or shop with your Amazon Prime account and ship the book for free to Arkansas Catholic, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207. For more information, contact Malea Hargett at mhargett@dolr.org or (501)664-0125.

Church Operations for November

Month-to-Date - \$ 43,864.69
****Loan Balance - \$ 2,090,722.84**

At this time of Thanksgiving, let us render gratefully to the Lord a Biblical portion of our first- fruits, recalling the many blessings which He has already bestowed upon us and our nation in abundance.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 50,281.69	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 11,040.74	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 17
 5:00pm All Souls Novena
Sunday, November 18
 7:45am All Souls Novena
 10:00am Ron Dahlke †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00pm Hannah & Nick Witkowski
Tuesday, November 20
 5:30pm All Souls Novena
Wednesday, November 21
 12:00pm All Souls Novena
Thursday, November 22
 10:00am All Souls Novena
Friday, November 23
 12:00pm All Souls Novena
Saturday, November 24
 5:00pm All Souls Novena
Sunday, November 25
 7:45am Barbara Ade †
 10:00am Ron Dahlke †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00pm All Souls Novena

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 11/25/18

Daniel 7:13-14
 Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5
 Revelation 1:5-8
 John 18:33b-37

This Week – 11/19/18 to 11/25/18

Mon: NO CLASSES
 Mon: 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.
 Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**
 Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice
 Tue: 7:00pm Spanish Choir
 Wed: PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES at NOON
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Wed: NO CLASSES
 Thu: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 Thu: 10:00am **MASS - Thanksgiving**
 Thu: NO Eucharist Adoration
 Fri: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 CHRIST THE KING
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: NO CLASSES
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – Life Teen**

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November 24 – 25	Lectors	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	EMC - Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Loretta Meisenbacher Kim Monfils Bob Monfils Pam Gander Margie O'Grady	Jill Saulsbery Ron Brophy Kim Dial Mo Tignor Philip Palmer Joyce Moppin	Janet Palmer	Dave Brandenburg Steve Saulsbery Todd Albert	Kim Monfils	Erik Bacon Helena Bacon Lukas Bacon	Loretta Meisenbacher
Sunday, 7:45 AM	James Gaffigan	Robbie Estes Peggy Estes Maggie Peterson	Theresa Gaffigan Gary Delperdang Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck	Bruce Peterson	Brian Swisher Michael Swisher Karen Howard		Jake Estes Meghan Estes Nicholas Glory	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Paul Prebil Rose Hartnett	Pamm Prebil Theresa Brauburger TJ LaPlant Michaelene Morgan Greg or Mandy Brandenburg	Krista Dooley Imelda Robinson James Sutton Marilyn Kruzich Thomas Ganey Bonnie Kupillas	Ted Brauburger	Steve Harrington Ken Butler Not Filled		Audrey Dooley Emily Dooley Trinity Dooley	Ted Brauburger
Sunday 11:45 AM Spanish / Español	Ramon Portilla Teresita Perez	Carmen Sepulveda Not Filled Olga Serrano	Maria Elena Calderon Eva Miramon Emilia Ortiz Beatriz Aguirre	Mirna Serrano	Bertha Valdez Martha Mendoza Nadia Calderon		Angela Munoz Jomaralee Salas Brayan Miramon Erick Chavez	Ivan Sanabria
Sunday, 5:00 PM Life Teen	Teen	Rob Brothers Jodi Durkin	Michelle Johnson Melanie Ray	Bill Murphy	Juan Carlos Segura Beatriz Segura		Andrew Brothers Jack Brothers William Durkin	Jolene Murphy