

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

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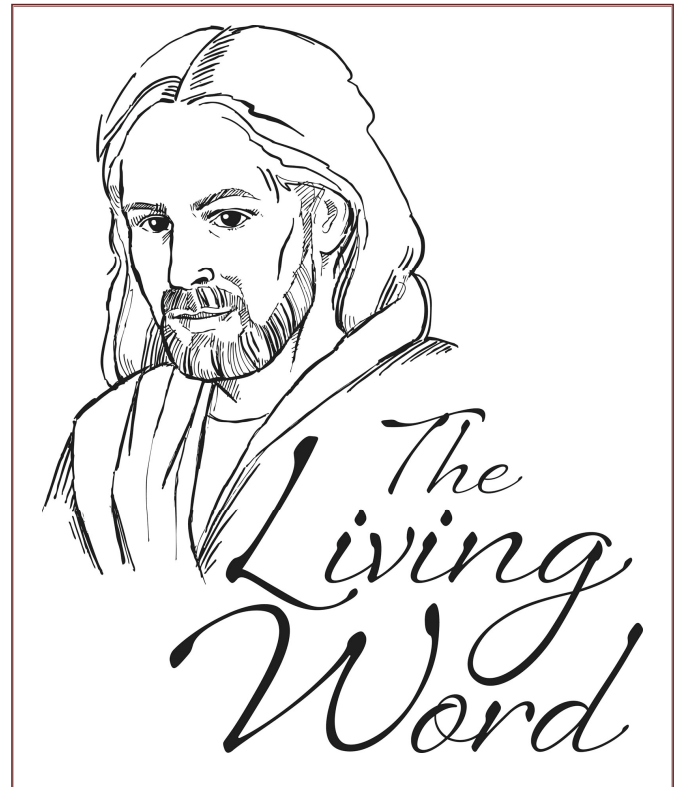
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Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

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 & 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 – 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.

Messages from the Finance Council – At the Nov. 13th meeting, the Council voted to make a \$155,300 principal reduction to our re-construction loan from the Diocese. This reduction is in addition to the \$250,000 principal reduction we made earlier this year. Our loan balance is now below \$2 million and the loan term has been reduced from 25 years to 10 years. Thank you for the financial support of our Parish.

Please consider the Parish's financial needs in your year-end giving plans. To assist with our parish's growth, we hope you will consider an extra year-end offering to either our stewardship or building fund accounts. We are also prepared to handle donations of stock. Please remember that the collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This is a very important collection but these funds do not stay in our Parish. Your prayerful consideration of our Parish's financial situation is appreciated.

Christmas 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.

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.

- ♦ 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

Christmas Pageant – The annual St. Stephen Christmas Pageant will be December 24 at 3:15pm before the Christmas Eve Mass that begins at 4:00pm. Please email or call Suzanne Sutton by December 17 so we can make sure we have enough costumes. We will have one practice on Saturday, December 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.



Holy Days of Obligation – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of obligation. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Saturday, December 8. This Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated with a Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7 at 5:30pm Bilingual, and Mass on Saturday, December 8 at 10:00am English. The Immaculate Conception is the patron of the United States of America and the precept to attend Mass is mandatory.

This year Christmas is on Tuesday, December 25. This is a Holy Day of obligation no matter what day of the week it falls on.

Holy Mary, Mother of God is on a Tuesday, January 1. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. It retains the status of a Solemnity. The precept to attend Mass is mandatory.

Poor Souls in Purgatory – Remember, November is 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 recuerde 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."

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

Bingo Night (Mission Trip Fundraiser) – We will host a Bingo Night Saturday, Dec. 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.

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.

Elecciones del Consejo Parroquial – Esta temporada del año es cuando pensamos en las elecciones del consejo parroquial. Si usted es un feligrés registrado en buen estado con la Iglesia Católica, mayor de 18 años y esta interesado en el consejo parroquial o sabe de alguien que lo este, por favor llene una de las formas de nominación en el Narthex y dejelo en la caja de nominación. Por cortesía, por favor, primero pregúnte a la persona antes de enviar su nombre. Todos los nombres deben ser enviados antes del 16 de diciembre.

Uniting Our Hearts with Hers – You and your spouse are cordially invited to a morning of prayer, healing, reflection and fellowship at St. Stephen Catholic Church on Saturday, December 1 at 9:00am. Msgr. Scott Marczuk will celebrate Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel. A special blessing will be given, along with a small gift, to all couples struggling with infertility. Breakfast will follow in the Family Life Center. This event requires a RSVP by Friday, November 16. Please contact Emily Appeldorn (479)466-5321 or Amylynn Smith (813)352-4404 or email stannefertilitycarecenter@gmail.com. "The Lord has done great things for me, and holy is his name." Lk 1:49

St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) Corner Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build His kingdom here on earth. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's kingdom of love and mercy to families, providing food, funds for utility, rent and bills.

SSBC Annual Cookie Walk and Silent Auction will be the weekend of Dec. 8/9 after all Masses except Sunday, Life Teen Mass. Sign-up for cookie donations on November 24/25 & December 1/2 after all Masses. All money collected goes to assist families in our community. Thank you for your support!

Days of Prayer & Healing Retreat – 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 **Saturday, December 1** in Northwest Arkansas (near Rogers); **Saturday, January 12** in the River Valley (near Subiaco); and **Saturday, February 2** 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 Groups will form in various locations throughout the Diocese in February & March.

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.

Children's Book Drive – 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.

Retirement Fund for Religious – Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos – La segunda colecta de hoy es a favor del Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Muchas hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas sirvieron durante muchos años con poco o ningún pago. Hoy día, las comunidades religiosas a menudo carecen de ahorros suficientes para cubrir las necesidades de su jubilación. Su donativo ayuda a proporcionar fondos vitales para recetas médicas, cuidados de enfermería y más. Done a aquellos que dieron toda una vida.

1 Peter 4:17 "For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?"

Church Operations for November

Month-to-Date - \$ 49,032.72
****Loan Balance - \$ 1,948,138.17**

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	\$ 71,505.90	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 14,219.87	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Tuesday, November 27
 5:30pm All Souls Novena
Wednesday, November 28
 12:00pm All Souls Novena
Thursday, November 29
 10:00am All Souls Novena
Friday, November 30
 12:00pm All Souls Novena
Saturday, December 1
 9:00pm Special Intention
 5:00pm John Meisenbacher Sr. †
Sunday, December 2
 7:45am Special Intention
 10:00am Scripture Sisters
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00pm Frances Hobbs

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 12/02/18

Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

This Week – 11/25/18 to 12/02/18

Mon: 6:00-8:00pm IMPACT
 Mon: 6:30-8:00pm CK Yellow
 Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**
 Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice
 Tue: 6:30-8:00pm Ministerio Amor y Respeto
 Tue: 7:00pm Spanish Choir
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Wed: 12:30 Legion Of Mary
 Wed: 4:30-6:00 CK Early Blue
 Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE 8th grade
 Wed: 6:30-8:00 CK Late Blue
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm LT Bible Study
 Wed: 7:00-8:00pm RCIA
 Thu: 8:30am **MASS**
 Thu: 9:00am-9:00pm Eucharist Adoration
 Thu: 9:30-11:30am Mujeres de Fe
 Thu: 6:30-7:30pm Guadalupe Play Practice
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 9:00am Mass – First Saturday
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 6:30pm Bingo Night – Mission Trip Fundraiser

First Sunday in Advent

Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: 8:45-9:45am CK
 Sun: 8:45am SSBC Meeting
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS – Rite of Acceptance**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – Life Teen**
 Sun: 6:00-8:00pm LT – Life Night

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December 1 – 2	Lectors	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	EMC -Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Amylynn Smith	Mark Jechura Mo Tignor Margie O'Grady Jane Cornell Margie Story	Lori Terlouw Kim Dial Amy Fulmer Ron Brophy Pam Gander Joyce Moppin	Jon Terlouw	Gary VanOverschelde Todd Albert Joseph Giovanniucci	Joseph Giovanniucci	Alexa Stockand Emily Stockand Gabrielle Stockand	Mark Jechura
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek	Bob Mader Kira O'Shaughnessy Susan Eagleson	Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck Greg or Mandy Brandenburg Amanda Cantu	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Greg Woodell Geri Oswald Len Oswald		Karianne O'Shaughnessy Hans Edlund Katrina Edlund	Barb Hamernik
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Pam Willis Maria Mendez	Claudia Garcia Bonnie Kupillas TJ LaPlant Michaelene Morgan Kristine Epright	Dayna Mohr Mike Mohr Bruce Beckham Rose Hartnett Joe Hartnett Patricia LaChance	Mary Kate Beckham	Daniel Cruz Brian Rabal Bo Patterson		Meleea Swango Moorea Swango Peter Kreuter	Ted Brauburger
Sunday 11:45 AM Spanish / Español	Teresita Perez Fernando Barbosa	Not Filled Olga Serrano Beatriz Aguirre	Eva Miramon Emilia Ortiz Carmen Sepulveda Maria Elena Calderon	Mirna Serrano	Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez Antonio Sanchez		Angela Munoz Jomaralee Salas Isaac Barbosa Brayan Miramon	Crimilda Viera
Sunday, 5:00 PM Life Teen	Teen	Tommy Coppick Lisa Richard	Katie Morris Terry Shepard	Cary Richard	Joe Poe Rob Brothers		Jack Corey Anna Watson Tristen Watson	Cary Richard