

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

January 6, 2019

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Pastor

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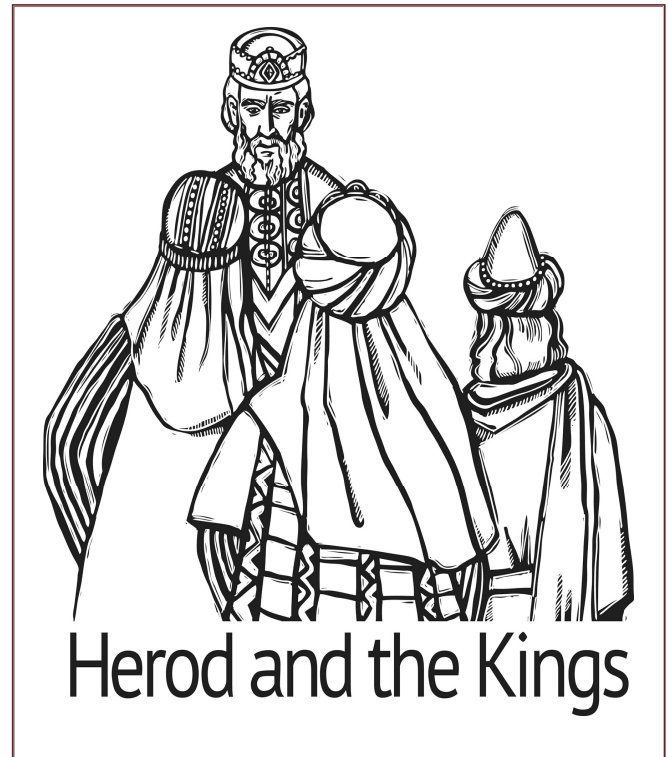
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### Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

Tuesday Mass 5:30pm

Wednesday Mass 12:00pm

Thursday Mass 8:30am

Friday Mass 12:00pm

### Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:45am & 10:00am

Sunday 11:45am – Spanish/Español

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 articles to the parish office or e-mail them to the receptionist.

### 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

#### Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

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Pre-K – 6th Grade

#### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

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Pre-K – 4th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

#### Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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9th Grade – 12th Grade

Facebook: LifeTeen Bentonville

#### Pre-School Director

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Office Hours: M-W-F

9:00am–12:00pm September–May

**RCIA Calendar** – Our next session will be on Wednesday, January 9, on Jesus Christ led by Bruce Peterson. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm.

**We need your help in Mass** – Have you considered serving as a minister of Holy Communion in Mass? Reading in Mass? Ushering? We are always in need of volunteers to help at all Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in helping with any of these ministries.

**Parish Council Elections** – Parish Council elections will take place after each Mass next weekend, January 12/13. A table will be set up in the Narthex where you may cast your vote for two candidates.

**Family Potluck Dinner** – Join us on Saturday, January 19, from 6:00-8:00pm in the Family Life Center. Come enjoy food and fellowship with your church family. For dinner, please bring an item from the category that corresponds with your last name: A-D main dish; E-N side dish; O-Z dessert or drinks. Please bring enough to serve 8-10 people. If you have questions or to RSVP, contact Desirae Cox, (479)345-0011 or [desirae.cox@gmail.com](mailto:desirae.cox@gmail.com).

**Knights of Columbus (K of C) News** – On January 12-13, Knights of Columbus will be collecting used and working medical equipment that may have found its way to your garage, attic, or basement. They will collect the equipment before all Masses as you enter the main church entrance. They are interested in wheelchairs, walkers, blood pressure monitors, braces, blood pressure cuffs or a hospital bed or two. Their objective is to make the equipment available to other families in need who have temporary or permanent requirements. For more information or if you have any questions, please call or text Jim Morrison at (479)640-6842 or email [bentonvillekofc@gmail.com](mailto:bentonvillekofc@gmail.com).

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** – Have you ever attended Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Stephen? Do you realize that it is offered here for you? Eucharistic Adoration is to honor the presence of Christ, in a deeper sense. Prayers can include moments of adoration, contrition, and thanksgiving, as well as petitions. Jesus said: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Are you tired of the burden of your duties, frustrated due to unsuccessful projects, or because you are misunderstood? Are you heavy laden with guilt from past sins? Are you trying to find hope and meaning in life? Do not lose heart! Abandon yourself to Jesus in this "Sacrament of Love" He will refresh you! Those who are devoted to the Eucharistic Adoration program witness to a happier, more contented life knowing that the Lord is with them always. For every hour we give Him, He showers us with many, many gifts including peace of mind and heart. Here at St. Stephen, Eucharistic Adoration is offered every Thursday. Visitors and guests are welcome from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Please enter through the main door. Please sign in as visitor in the parish office. To join the Guardian Angels of the Blessed Sacrament ministry (as a recurring, registered Adorer) call parish office to receive the proper training. We need adorers who would like to commit One Hour every Thursday. Our goal is to have a permanent and continuing Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at least one day a week. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is offered every Thursday from 9am to 9pm.

**Hard Hat Collection Weekend** – This weekend, January 5/6, 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 support.

**Coffee Social** – Join us next Sunday, January 13 after the 10:00am Mass for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship in the Family Life Center. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners.

**St. Stephen Nursery** – The nursery will be closed this through January 20 in observance of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. St. Stephen has an opening for a part time Nursery Director. The qualifications for this position include: Experience with children, safe environment and CPR trained, and 21 years old or older. Must be available evenings. Pay is \$15/hour. If interested, please contact the parish at [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com).

**Small Altar Linens** – We need help with laundering the linens from the church. Helping would require weekly stops at the church to pick up and return the linens, folded and ironed with starch. If you are interested, please call Bethany in the parish office (479)273-1240.

**Pequeños Liensos del Altar** – Necesitamos un poco de ayuda con el lavado de los liensos de la iglesia. La ayuda requiere paradas semanales en la iglesia, para recoger y devolver los liensos, doblado y planchado con almidón. Si usted está interesado, por favor llame a Bethany en la oficina parroquial (479)273-1240.

**St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) Corner** Thank you for your generous support to the SSBC through last weekend's "Black Bag" collection. If you missed the "Black Bag" collection, you may always place your donation in the poor boxes located in the Narthex.

**St. Stephen Helping Hands Representative Needed** Responsibilities include arranging 10-15 volunteers 2-3 times per year to staff the Helping Hands Thrift Store. It's a wonderful service opportunity for a parishioner to get involved. For more information, please email or text/call Tracy Sullivan [ts922@att.net](mailto:ts922@att.net) or (479)-426-0383.

**Don't Forget Your 2019 Calendar** – Be sure to get your copy of the calendar while we have them. They are on the bulletin table as you exit the church.

**No se Olvide Su Calendario de 2019** – Asegúrese de obtener su copia del calendario mientras que los tenemos. Están en la mesa de los boletines al salir de la iglesia.

**Mission Trip Fundraiser** – Bingo Night at St. Stephen will be Friday, January 26 from 6-9pm. We will have cash prizes, concessions, door prizes and raffles. All proceeds will fund the St. Stephen Youth Mission Trip.

**A Women's Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat** will be January 25-26, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2500 N. Tyler St., Little Rock, AR 72207. The retreat is for women 16-35 years of age who are discerning Religious Life. The retreat includes talks on Religious Life by Sisters from congregations in Arkansas; time for prayer/reflection; and speak with the Sisters. The retreat is free. Registration deadline is January 15. To register or more information contact Sr. Mary Clare, Minister for Religious [smcbezner@dolr.org](mailto:smcbezner@dolr.org), (501)664-0340, ext. 309 or visit [dolr.org/events/2019-w](http://dolr.org/events/2019-w).

### **Sacred Relics of The Saints: Treasures of The**

**Church** – Parishes in Van Buren, Fort Smith, Russellville, Conway, Jonesboro and Mena will present the teaching & exposition of sacred relics in January. Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will display a Vatican collection of more than 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Therese of Lisieux ("Little Flower"), and St. Faustina Kowalska. A portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. In the Church's history, many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, & many have been healed through this ministry. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (rosaries, holy cards, etc.); pictures of ill friends/family members, which you can touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

- January 18: St. Michael, Van Buren, 6pm
- January 19: Immaculate Conception Fort Smith, 1pm
- January 21: St. John, Russellville, 6pm
- January 22: St. Joseph School and Church, Conway (school 10:15am and church 6pm)
- January 23: Blessed Sacrament, Jonesboro, 7pm
- January 24: St. Agnes, Mena, 6pm

### **Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA) Open House**

is scheduled on Sunday, February 10 from 12:30-2:30pm! Come and see what OCA located 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. To RSVP visit [bit.ly/OCAFeb2019](http://bit.ly/OCAFeb2019).

**Casa Abierta de la Academia Catholica Ozark** – ¡La Primera escuela secundaria católica en el noroeste de Arkansas! Las puertas están abiertas el domingo, 10 de febrero de 12:30 a 2:30pm! Venga y vea lo que la Academia en 192 E. Henri de Tonti Blvd., Springdale tiene para ofrecer. Haga un recorrido por la escuela, revise el plan de estudios, conozca a algunos profesores y estudiantes y disfrute de refrigerios. Para confirmar su asistencia visite [bit.ly/OCAFeb2019](http://bit.ly/OCAFeb2019).

**St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School** will have Open House on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm. Begin Catholic Schools Week by taking the opportunity to visit campus, meet the teachers, and see the classrooms. Starting August 2019, we will offer a PreK3 part-time class. Limited openings remain for all grades in the 2019-20 school year. Deadline for Financial Aid is February 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, contact Sandra Stephens at [admissions@svdpschool.net](mailto:admissions@svdpschool.net) or (479)636-4421.

**Hearts for Life Conference** – This new pro-life conference will begin on Saturday, January 19 at 5:00pm through Sunday, January 20, 9:00am at St. John Center, 2500 N. Tyler, Little Rock. This conference will explore pro-life issues and will include Adoration, plus dinner, breakfast, and overnight accommodations. Speakers will focus on remaining pro-life in the face of an adverse prenatal diagnosis, end-of life considerations, and pro-life legislation. There will also be a pro-life movie for children who accompany their parents. Cost is \$40 per person or \$20 without an overnight room. There is a discount for families sharing a room. Registration deadline is January 7, but registrations will be accepted as long as space is available. Register at [bit.ly/hearts4life-2019](http://bit.ly/hearts4life-2019) or email [cphillips@dolr.org](mailto:cphillips@dolr.org). For high school students, contact [ltinquist@dolr.org](mailto:ltinquist@dolr.org) for more information.

**NWA Catholic Respect Life** – On Saturday evening, January 19, St. Vincent de Paul will host a "Procession of Roses" following Communion at the 5:00pm Saturday evening Mass. Forty-six representatives will offer a white rose in remembrance of those who have lost their lives to abortion since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. The procession begins with a person born in 1973 and continue thru 2019. Each person with a rose represents over 1,000,000 lives lost in that year. They are in the process of looking for people born between 1973 - 2018. Years filled: '83, '85, '87, '91, '97, '99, 2000, '04, '05, '08, '16. If you or someone you know would like to carry a rose e-mail Suzie Perry at [suziep@svdprogers.com](mailto:suziep@svdprogers.com) or Sheila Pursell, [nwarespectlifecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:nwarespectlifecouncil@gmail.com).

If you are not traveling to Washington D.C. or Little Rock for the March for Life, please plan on attending the Fayetteville March for Life on Sunday, January 20 at 2:00pm. Two starting locations: Mission Blvd Baptist Church, 2006 E. Mission Blvd and McNair Middle School, 3030 Mission Blvd. We will walk the 2.8 miles to Planned Parenthood on Crossover for a short rally.

**Mass & Eucharistic Procession for Life** – On Sunday January 20, Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated in the Robinson Center Performance Hall (Broadway and Markham), Little Rock at noon. Before the Mass, Bishop Taylor will lead a Eucharistic Procession for Life through the Riverfront Park in downtown Little Rock. Join hundreds of Catholics at this new event as we give public witness to our faith and hope in Jesus Christ! The procession route is approximately one mile long; however, there are multiple entry points for those with limited mobility. Please contact the Respect Life Office (501)664-0340 ext 326 or email [cphillips@dolr.org](mailto:cphillips@dolr.org) for more information.

**Misa y Procesion Eucaristica por Vida** – El domingo 20 de enero, el Obispo Anthony Taylor presidirá nuestra Misa diocesana anual por la vida. La Misa se celebrará en el Robinson Center Performance Hall (Broadway y Markham), Little Rock al mediodía. Antes de la Misa, el Obispo Taylor conducirá una procesión Eucarística por la vida a través del Riverfront Park en el centro de Little Rock. ¡Únase a cientos de católicos en este nuevo evento mientras damos testimonio público de nuestra fe y esperanza en Jesucristo! La ruta de la procesión es de aproximadamente una milla de largo; habra múltiples puntos de entrada para aquellos con alguna discapacidad. Por favor, contacte la Oficina de Respeto de Vida envía un correo electrónico a [cphillips@dolr.org](mailto:cphillips@dolr.org) o (501)664-0340 ext. 326 para más información.

**Conferencia de Corazones por Vida** – Esta nueva conferencia comenzará el sábado de 19 de enero de 5:00pm hasta el domingo, 20 de enero a las 9:00am en St. John Center, 2500 N. Tyler, Little Rock. La conferencia será dirigido en inglés y explorará temas pro-vida, incluirá Adoración al Santísimo, cena, desayuno y hospedaje. Los oradores se centrarán en permanecer pro-vida frente a un diagnóstico prenatal adverso, consideraciones sobre el final de vida y legislación pro-vida. Habrá una película pro vida para los niños que acompañen a sus padres. Costo es \$40 por persona o \$20 sin hospedaje. Hay descuento para familias compartiendo habitación. La fecha límite es el 7 de enero [bit.ly/hearts4life-2019](http://bit.ly/hearts4life-2019) o envíe un correo electrónico a [cphillips@dolr.org](mailto:cphillips@dolr.org). Para estudiantes de secundaria contacte [ltinquist@dolr.org](mailto:ltinquist@dolr.org) para información.

**Church Operations for December**

Month-to-Date - \$ 77,840.40

**Loan Balance** - \$ 1,921,671.57

St. Paul speaks about the "stewardship of God's grace." Together with the Magi, bearing gifts, may we present to the Christ Child our stewardship, a portion of the many resources bestowed upon us.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 87,660.60	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 12,760.05	\$ 23,000

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 5**

9:00am Catherine R. Kosina †

5:00pm Hayden Harrison †

**Sunday, January 6**

7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00am Cecilia Marrufo †

11:45am Ramon Ochoa † y Guadalupe Yopez †

5:00pm In Thanksgiving

**Tuesday, January 8**

5:30pm Sandy Buckley †

**Wednesday, January 9**

12:00pm Margaret Rossi †

**Thursday, January 10**

8:30am Catherine R. Kosina †

**Friday, January 11**

12:00pm Sageetha Sonney

**Saturday, January 12**

5:00pm Hayden Harrison †

**Sunday, January 13**

7:45am Austin & Allison Harper

10:00am Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45am Isidro Valles †

5:00pm Special Intention

**SCRIPTURE READINGS for 01/13/19**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**This Week – 01/07/19 to 01/13/19**

Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**

Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice

Tue: 7:00pm Spanish Choir

Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**

Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary

Wed: 4:30-6:00pm CK Blue Early

Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Wed: 6:30-8:00pm CK Blue Late

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: 5:00-7:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.

Thu: 6:00-8:00pm Amor y Respeto

Fri: 10:15-11:30am Women's Scripture Study

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**

Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation

Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**

Sat – Sun: Parish Council Elections

**Baptism of the Lord**

Sun: 7:45am **MASS**

Sun: 8:45am CK

Sun: 10:00am **MASS**

Sun: 11:00am Sunday Social

Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**

Sun: 1:00pm Legion of Mary Curia

Sun: 4:00-6:00pm CK Roller Skating

Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – Life Teen**

Sun: 6:00-8:00pm LT Life Night

**ORGANIZATIONAL DIRECTORY**

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January 12 – 13	Lectors	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	EMC -Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Mike Power	Doris Clement Rosemary Power Janet Palmer Kim Monfils Jill Saulsbery	Jon Clement Jane Cornell Ron Brophy Kim Dial Pam Gander Jon Terlouw	Philip Palmer	Mike Power Steve Saulsbery Kevin Cornell	Janet Palmer	Sarah Palmer Katie Palmer Gabrielle Stockand	Kim Monfils
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Pat Moberley	Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck Karen Howard	Kira O'Shaughnessy Bryan Bacon Amanda Cantu Lance Crider	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Geri Oswald Len Oswald Greg Woodell		Karianne O'Shaughnessy Hans Edlund Katrina Edlund	Barb Hamernik
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Pamm Prebil Paul Prebil	Gina Koch Krista Dooley Nancy Verlage Pam Willis Joe Hartnett	Mary Kate Beckham Michaelene Morgan Claudia Garcia Greg or Mandy Brandenburg TJ LaPlant Bonnie Kupillas	Bruce Beckham	Jeff Maas Tim Koch Steve Harrington		Ryder Johnson Paige Koch Emily Dooley	Joe Hartnett
<b>Sunday 11:45 AM Spanish / Español</b>	Fernando Barbosa Teresita Perez	Eva Miramon Carmen Sepulveda Crimilda Viera	Maria Elena Calderon Emilia Ortiz Olga Serrano Beatriz Aguirre	Mirna Serrano	Erika Gomez Martha Mendoza Bertha Valdez		April Limon Brayan Miramon Angela Munoz Isaac Barbosa	Ivan Sanabria
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM Life Teen</b>	Teen	Karen Coppick Tommy Coppick	Joyce Hutchens Lisa Richard	Cary Richard	Rob Brothers Joe Poe		Andrew Brothers Jack Brothers Lindsey Wewers	Cary Richard