

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

December 30, 2018

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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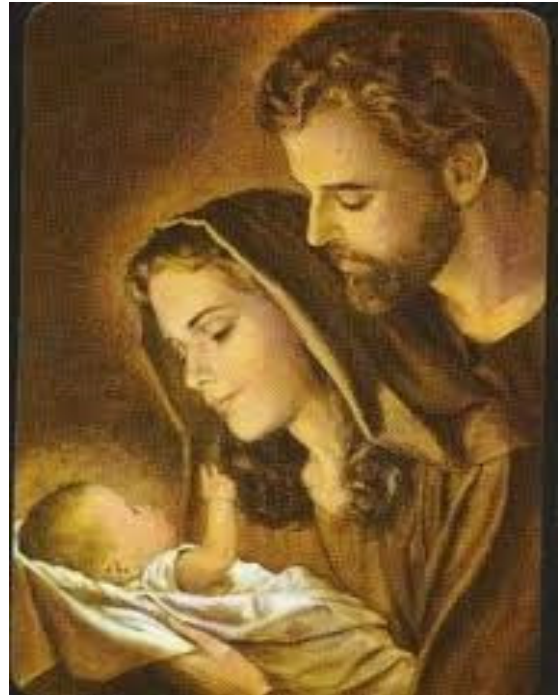
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Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

Wednesday Mass 12:00pm

Thursday Mass 8:30am

Friday Mass 12:00pm

Saturday Mass 9:00am

Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule:

Monday Mass, December 30,

5:30pm – Vigil – Eng.

Tuesday Mass, January 1,

10:00am – Eng.

11:45am – Spanish

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

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Office Hours: M-W-F

9:00am–12:00pm September–May

Solemnity of Mary – New Year’s Mass Schedule

The Solemnity of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. The following is our Mass schedule:

December 31---Mass---5:30pm---English

January 1--- Mass ---10:00am---English

January 1--- Mass ---11:45am---Spanish

Parish Office News – Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, January 1. Please hold all calls for when we are back to normal office hours.

Finance Council – Please consider the Parish’s financial needs in your year-end giving plans. To assist with our parish’s growth, we hope you consider an extra year-end offering to either our stewardship or building fund accounts. We are also prepared to handle donations of stock. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated.

RCIA Calendar – Due to Christmas and New Year break, 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.

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.

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, the weekend January 12/13. A table will be set-up in the Narthex where you may cast your vote for two. If you have any questions please call the parish office at 273-1240.

St. Stephen Nursery – The nursery will be closed this Sunday, December 30 thru 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.

Knights of Columbus (K of C) News – On January 12/13, K of C 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 monitor, braces, blood pressure cuffs or a hospital bed or two. Our objective is to make the equipment available to other families in need who have temporary or permanent requirements. For more information or you have any questions, please call or text Jim Morrison at (479)640-6842 or email 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. It involves contemplation present before us. 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 because of the burden of your duties, because of frustration due to unsuccessful projects, because many misunderstand you? 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 and mind and heart. Here at St. Stephen Eucharistic Adoration is offered every Thursday, visitors/guest are welcome from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Please enter through the main door. Just have to sing in as visitor. To join the Guardian Angels of the Blessed Sacrament ministry (a register 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 Thursdays from 9am to 9pm.

Small Altar Linens – We need some 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 Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there. Through your gift to next weekend’s Black Bag Collection, “Light” will have shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets & neighborhood.

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 or (479)-426-0383.

Special Dates

- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2019
- Epiphany, January 6, 2019
- Baptism of the Lord, January 13, 2019
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2019
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 21, 2019

2019 Calendars Are Here – Be sure to get your copy of the calendar while we have them. They are on the bulletin table as you exit the church.

Calendarios de 2019 Están Aquí – 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.

Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA) Open House – Our doors are open 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.

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 a las 12:30-2:30pm! Venga y vea lo que la Academia Catholica Ozark 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.

Sacred Relics of The Saints: Treasures of The Church – Parishes in Van Buren, Fort Smith, Russellville, Conway, Jonesboro and Mena will present the teaching and exposition of sacred relics in January. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will display a very special Vatican collection of more than 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history, many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to 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

A Christmas Gift for Married Couples – Do you want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with romance and excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Subiaco, Feb. 15-17, and Memphis, Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center, June 7-9. For a 25% off application fee use code eb2019.

Apply at arkansaswwme.org/apply or Contact Leah/Ben Brewer (501)733-1235, apply@arkansaswwme.org.

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. The procession will last 11-13 minutes. 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. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this solemn remembrance of those who have died unborn. If you or someone you know would be willing to carry a rose e-mail Sheila Pursell, nwarespectlifecouncil@gmail.com or Suzie Perry at suziep@svdprogers.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 for Life – On Sunday, January 20, Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. They will celebrate Mass in the Robinson Center Hall in Little Rock at noon. Before the Mass, Bishop Taylor will lead a Eucharistic Procession for Life. The procession route is approximately one mile, there will be multiple entry points for those with limited mobility.

Misa por la 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. La procesión es aproximadamente una milla; hay múltiples puntos de entrada para aquellos con alguna discapacidad.

Hearts for Life Conference for adults is scheduled for Saturday, January 19 beginning at 5:00pm through Sunday, January 20, 9:00am at St. John Center, 2500 N. Tyler, Little Rock. The conference explores pro-life issues, and Adoration. There will be a pro-life movie for children who accompany their parents. Cost is \$40 per person or \$20 without an overnight room. To register visit bit.ly/hearts4life-2019 or email cphillips@dolr.org. High school students please contact tingquist@dolr.org for more information. Registration deadline is January 7.

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 young women 16-35 years of age who want to learn and discern about 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, (501)664-0340, ext. 309 or visit dolr.org/events/2019-w.

"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid" (Isaiah 12:2, NRSV).

Church Operations for December

Month-to-Date - \$ 77,840.40
****Loan Balance - \$ 1,921,671.57**

As the birth of a child calls for family celebration, we rejoice that Jesus the Savior has been born in our midst. Let us gift Him with our faithful giving as a symbol of our heart-felt love.

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, December 29

5:00pm Ron Dahlke †

Sunday, December 30

7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00am Sandy Buckley †

11:45am Adelaida Bermudez †

5:00pm Catherine R. Kosina †

Monday, December 31

5:30pm Ben Birchem †

Tuesday, January 1

10:00am Catherine R. Kosina †

11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

Wednesday, January 2

12:00pm Juan & Lesley Osorio

Thursday, January 3

8:30am Ali Simon †

Friday, January 4

12:00pm Nolan Anthro †

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 01/06/18

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

This Week – 12/31/18 to 01/06/19

Mon: 5:30pm **MASS – Vigil – Eng.**
 Tue: Parish Office Closed
 Tue: 10:00am **MASS – Eng.**
 Tue: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish**
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary
 Wed: No Classes
 Thu: 8:30am **MASS**
 Thu: 9:00am-9:00pm Eucharist Adoration
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS – First Friday**
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 9:00am **MASS – First Saturday**
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
Epiphany of the Lord
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: 8:45am SSBC Mtg.
 Sun: NO CLASSES
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS – Spanish/Español**
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS – Life Teen**

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January 5 - 6	Lectors	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	EMC -Head Minister	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Amy Fulmer Jon Terlouw Margie O'Grady Kim Dial Joyce Moppin	Jane Cornell Lori Terlouw Pam Gander Philip Palmer Mo Tignor Janet Palmer	Mark Jechura	Kevin Cornell Todd Albert Joseph Giovannucci	Joseph Giovannucci	Sarah Palmer Katie Palmer Erik Bacon	Amy Fulmer
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek	Lance Crider Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck	Robbie Estes Peggy Estes Karen Howard Susan Eagleson	Gary Delperdang	Geri Oswald Len Oswald Greg Woodell		Meghan Estes Jake Estes Dhane Boskus	Gary Delperdang
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Rose Hartnett Paul Prebil	Vince Biondo Mike Mohr Dayna Mohr Nancy Verlage Kristine Epright	Pamm Prebil Michaelene Morgan Patricia LaChance Bonnie Kupillas Brian Rabal Thomas Ganey	Joe Hartnett	Brock Schulte Jeff Maas Tim Koch		Catherine Doke Peter Kreuter Keynes Wright	Joe Hartnett
Sunday 11:45 AM Spanish / Español	Marugel Monzalvo Rosalba Ortiz	Ivan Sanabria Carmen Sepulveda Olga Serrano	Eva Miramon Maria Elena Calderon Emilia Ortiz Beatriz Aguirre	Mirna Serrano	Jose Ortiz Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez		Karen Chavez Erick Chavez Angela Munoz Brayan Miramon	Crimilda Viera
Sunday, 5:00 PM Life Teen	Teen	Michelle Evans Krista Dooley	Melanie Ray Paul Krapf	Bill Murphy	Joe Poe		Mary Poe Hayden Poe Anna Watson	Jolene Murphy