

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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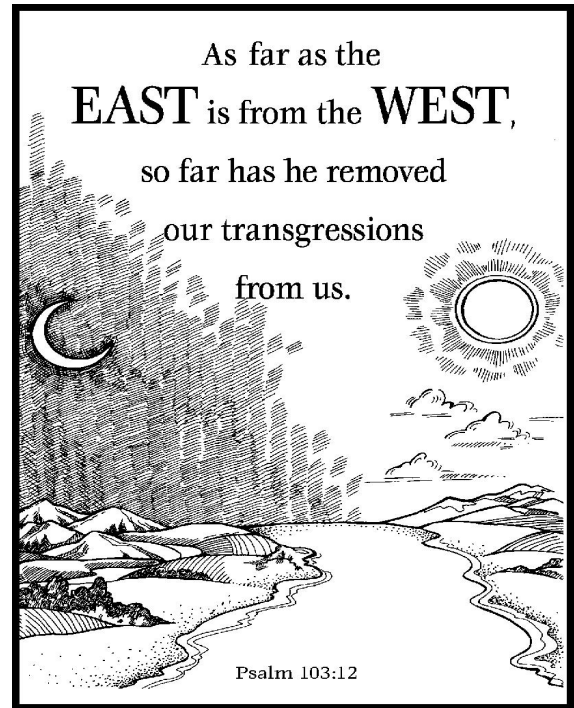
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Weekday Mass (In the Chapel)

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/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.

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 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

Ash Wednesday and Ash Services, March 6 – New this year is one ash service (NO MASS) scheduled for 6:30am in English. We also have three Masses with the distribution of ashes scheduled for Noon and 5:30pm in English and 7:30pm in Spanish.

Stations of the Cross are offered each Friday during Lent. Stations are in English at 5:30pm and Spanish at 7:00pm.

- *March 8, 5:30pm - hosted by EDGE with Fish Fry.
- *March 15, 5:30pm - lead by Catholic Kids with dinner.
- *March 22, 5:30pm - hosted by Msgr. Scott.
- *March 29, 5:30pm - hosted by IMPACT with dinner.
- *April 5, 5:30pm - hosted by Life Teen with Fish Fry.
- *April 12, 5:30pm - hosted by Women's Scripture Study with dinner.

****Please Note** – A special Live Stations of the Cross will be performed in the Family Life Center by our Life Teen students on Sunday, April 7th.

Estaciones de la Cruz se ofrecerán todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma. Las estaciones se llevarán a cabo a las 5:30pm en inglés y a las 7:00pm español.

Lenten Penance Services - The following are dates of Penance Services offered in our area during the season of Lent. Several priests will be available at each:

- Tues., March 12, 6:30pm – St. Joseph, Tontitown
- Thur., March 14, 7pm – St. Stephen, Bentonville
- Tues., March 26, 7pm – St. Joseph, Fayetteville
- Thur., March 28, 7pm – St. Thomas UofA, Fayetteville
- Tues., April 2, 11:45am – St. Bernard, Bella Vista
- Tues., April 2, 6:30pm – St. Vincent, Rogers
- Tues., April 9, 5pm - St. Raphael, Springdale
- Wed., April 10, 5pm - St. Anne, Berryville
- Thur., April 11, 7pm – St. Mary's, Siloam Springs

Fasting and Abstinence during Lent – Practicing as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast. The following is a question/answer to help you:

Q: What are the rules about fasting and abstinence?

A: Good Friday is a day of fasting & abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat.

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between ages 18-59.

El Ayuno y la Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma – Como la Iglesia instruye la práctica es un buen comienzo. Una forma corporal a recordarnos a nosotros mismos que necesitamos a Dios sobre todas las cosas, el ayuno es también un sacrificio, un regalo para Dios de nuestro corazón a depender más completamente en Él. El libre deseo interior profundizara nuestra relación con Dios es la esencia de un ayuno de Cuaresma. La siguiente es una pregunta/respuesta para ayudarlo:

P: ¿Cuál es la regla sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia?

R: Viernes Santo es día de ayuno y abstinencia. La ley de ayuno permite una comida completa y dos pequeños. La ley de la abstinencia prohíbe el consumo de carne. Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia en los Estados Unidos. La obligación de la abstinencia comienza a la edad de 14 años. La ley del ayuno obliga a todos entre las edades de 18-59.

RCIA Calendar – The next session will be Wednesday, February 27 on Liturgical Seasons II led by Bruce Peterson. We will also have rehearsal for the Rite of Sending and Rite of Election. Please note that this session will run until 8:30pm. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm.

Hard Hat Collection – Next weekend, March 2-3 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.

Ministry Schedule – Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of April, May and June. This schedule will include special Masses for Holy Week (April 18-21). Let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter before Monday, March 11 by calling the church office at 479-273-1240 or via email ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com. No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time. 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.

St. Stephen Annual Mardi Gras will be in the Family Life Center March 2nd. The event is a Mardi Gras Carnival and the whole family is invited. Ticket sales will be after all Masses in the Narthex. Prices for the event are \$15 per adult; \$5 for 10 & under; 3 & under free; max per family is \$40. This will get each family their meal & a round of tickets to play games for the kids. Volunteers are needed. Silent auction items are being accepted until February 20. Contact Kate Pantier for info, or to donate at 501-258-8303 or katepantier@gmail.com. Volunteer signupgenius.com/go/70a0548a9ae29aafd0-mardi; or ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/MardiGrasParty to purchase tickets.

Let's Play Softball – Interested in friendly, faith-filled, fun? Join the St. Stephen Softball Team! Registration is March 1st -18th. Must be at least 16 years old. Games start the week of April 15th in Rogers. Fees will be split evenly among players unless we have a sponsor. For additional details, please email or text Bryan Bacon bcbacon01@gmail.com or 479-381-6186.

Post-Abortion Support Group – Do you feel alone, hurting or unforgiven from a past abortion? The Respect Life Office, through Project Rachel, is starting support groups, beginning in March. The spiritual journey lasts 8 weeks, with small groups meeting once per week. Groups will be formed in different locations throughout Arkansas. All names and meeting places are strictly confidential. For details call 501-663-0996 or email hevans@dolr.org. Please inquire soon- groups are forming now.

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The Knights of Columbus thanks all of our gracious parishioners who donated suitcases and kids books recently. The look of the NWA Children Center staff as we pulled up with 2 pickups loaded to the brim made the effort well worthwhile. Hundreds of books and 75-80 suitcases will make a big difference in caring for the health and welfare of these children in need. And don't forget - go to the parish website under Knights of Columbus to find medical equipment that we may have and you may need. Looking forward, we'll have 2 Lenten fish fries this year - March 8 and April 5 after Stations of the Cross...stay tuned.

St. Vincent de Paul School PTO is offering two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. Scholarship criteria and application can be found at goo.gl/DAFkoV. The deadline to submit the application is Monday, March 11. For information, contact Teisha Weisenfels this year's PTO Scholarship Chairperson at teisha.weisenfels@rpsar.net.

40 Days for Life – This Lenten Season consider offering one hour/week to the spring vigil of 40 Days for Life beginning March 6th (Ash Wednesday) thru April 14th (Palm Sunday). 40 Days for Life is a peaceful vigil prayer in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion center in Fayetteville where faithful Christians peacefully pray from 7:00am-7:00pm, seven days a week for 40 Days. Former abortion center director Abby Johnson stated that when people stood in prayer in front of her Planned Parenthood, they would experience as much as 75% cancellation rate of abortion appointments. Your presence saves lives! For further information visit 40daysforlife.com/fayetteville or text Sheila at (469)231-1959.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) – Did you know that your CASA offerings are a source of funding for the education of our Seminarians? Your faithful support helps provide the best in intellectual, personal and spiritual training and education that all of our Seminarians deserve. They have given everything for us and the Church, do we owe them any less than the best that we can give? Become a CASA supporter.

Summer Camp at Subiaco Abbey – Camp Subiaco is for boys ages 9-13. The camp is an active all boys camp with fishing, archery, riflery, go-carts, boating & tubing, and more. Camp is June 16-22 or June 23-29. You may sign up at CampSubiaco.org or call 479-934-1001 for more info. Sign-up today! Camp Subiaco is operated by the Subiaco Alumni Association and the Benedictine Monks of Subiaco Abbey.

Catholic Young Adults has some upcoming events: 1) Theology on Tap: Bioethics, February 28, 6:30pm, Black Apple Crossing in Springdale - Father Jason Tyler, pastor of St. Joe in Fayetteville, will share his expertise on Catholic bioethics—when does life begin and when does it end? 2) Pints & Pivotal Players, every Monday night at 7pm, St. Joe's in Tontitown. For information, visit facebook.com/NWACYPro or NWACYPro@gmail.com.

Save the Date – Reboot is a fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to health and more! No part of your life will be left untouched! The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 4 from 7:00-9:30pm at St. Raphael in Springdale! Featuring acclaimed speaker, author & TV host Chris Stefanick. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at St. Raphael or reallifecatholic.com.

Lent – Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which falls on March 6 this year, and is a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes replicates an ancient penitential practice and symbolizes our dependence upon God's mercy and forgiveness.

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

The following are Lenten Opportunities:

Retreat for Women – The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Lenten Retreat in Oklahoma City is scheduled for March 16 at the Catholic Pastoral Center at 7501 NW Expressway OKC, OK from 8:30am-3:30pm. Cost is \$40. Teresa Tomeo of Catholic Radio's program Catholic Connections will be presenting "Beyond Sunday, Becoming a 24/7 Catholic." Register at OKCACCW.COM (click on events, then click on registration). Rooms are available at the Pastoral Center for overnight stay on Friday. For information and/or room reservation call/text Mary Ann Schmitt at 405-650-9674.

Lenten Session – St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish presents "Trusting in Divine Sufficiency." Guest speaker Sr. Mary Clare Bezner, OSB is an Olivetan Benedictine in the community of Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro, AR. Currently, she serves as the community's Vocations Director and Minister of the Religious for the Diocese of Little Rock. As Lent begins, this evening will help you to deepen your faith in God and his goodness. Join them on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30pm at 603 N. Leverett Ave. Fayetteville AR, 72701. Reception to follow.

Pilgrims to Eternity – Lenten Lessons & Reflections on 1 John, Chapter 3 is the topic of Lenten Day of Recollection Wednesday, March 13, at Coury House Retreat Center in Subiaco. Registration at 8:30am followed by conferences, reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Noon Prayer with the monks, lunch and 2:30pm Mass to end the day. Cost is \$25. Call 479-934-1292 before March 6 to register.

Parish Administrative Assistant Job Opening – St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish in Fayetteville is seeking to hire a qualified and capable person as the parish Administrative Assistant. An applicant should be a practicing Catholic who works well with others and has experience in administrative role or other professional capacity. Interested candidates can inquire with the parish pastor for a detailed job description and a list of qualifications. Please email Fr. Andrew Hart at aphart@uark.edu for more information.

Church Operations for February

Month-to-Date - \$ 70,334.72
Loan Balance - \$ 1,895,035.49

In our response to the words of Jesus: "Do to others what you would have them do to you," may we be generous with our time, talent and resources.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 66,263.34	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 14,034.41	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 23
 5:00pm Hayden Harrison †
Sunday, February 24
 7:45am All Lonely Souls
 10:00am Parishioners/Feligreses
 11:45am Emanuel Perez †
 5:00pm Bill Triche †
Tuesday, February 26
 5:30pm Andy S. Hendricks (KC) †
Wednesday, February 27
 12:00pm Francis K. Jackson, Jr. (KC) †
Thursday, February 28
 8:30am Joseph Robert Lange †
Friday, March 1
 12:00pm All Families Aided
 by SSBC in past year
Saturday, March 2
 9:00am Anton Vy Nguyen
 5:00pm Joseph Hesse †
Sunday, March 3
 7:45am Rose Ferraro
 10:00am Andrew Lac Tran †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00pm Russel Yoho, Jr. †

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 03/03/19

Sirach 27:4-7
 Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
 Luke 6:39-45

This Week – 02/25/19 to 03/03/19

Mon: 6:00-8:00pm IMPACT
 Mon: 6:30-8:00pm CK Yellow
 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: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE 7th / 8th grade
 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
 Fri: 10:15-11:30am Women's Scripture Study
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS - First Friday**
 Sat: 9:00am **MASS - First Saturday**
 Sat: 9:30am-12:30pm Quinceanera Retreat
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 6:00pm Mardi Gras Carnival
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: 8:45am NO CK
 Sun: 8:45am SSBC Mtg.
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS - RCIA Rite of Sending**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS - Spanish/Español**
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS - Life Teen**
 Sun: 6:00-8:00pm LT Life Night

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March 2-3	Lectors	EMC -Head Minister	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bob Monfils	Kim Monfils	Bonnie Kupillas Margie O'Grady Mo Tignor Doris Clement Kim Dial	Jon Clement Jon Terlouw Lori Terlouw Pam Gander Ron Brophy Jill Saulsbery	Dave Brandenburg Todd Albert Steve Saulsbery	Kim Monfils	Emily Stockand Alexa Stockand Gabrielle Stockand	Kim Monfils
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Loretta Meisenbacher Kira O'Shaughnessy Peggy Estes	Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck Bryan Bacon Robbie Estes	Geri Oswald Len Oswald Anita Rausch		Erik Bacon Helena Bacon Lukas Bacon	Loretta Meisenbacher
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Paul Prebil Marilyn Kruzich	Ted Brauburger	Theresa Brauburger Michaelene Morgan Pamm Prebil Claudia Garcia TJ LaPlant	Greg or Mandy Brandenburg Kristine Epright Matthew Lawrence Charlotte Champagne James Sutton Vince Biondo	Daniel Cruz Brock Schulte Jeff Maas		John Brandenburg Andrew Guegan Ryder Johnson	Ted Brauburger
Sunday 11:45 AM Spanish / Español	Fernando Barbosa Marugel Monzalvo	Crimilda Viera	Olga Serrano Ivan Sanabria Emilia Ortiz	Eva Miramon Mirna Serrano Beatriz Aguirre Maria Elena Calderon	Erika Gomez Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez		Brayan Miramon Isaac Barbosa Karen Chavez Erick Chavez	Crimilda Viera
Sunday, 5:00 PM Life Teen	Teen	Cary Richard	Melissa Godoy Chris Davis	Katie Morris Susan Davis	Joe Poe		Mary Poe Hayden Poe Lindsey Wewers	Cary Richard