

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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If you confess with your
 **MOUTH**
"Jesus is Lord"
and believe in your
HEART 
that God raised him
from the dead, you will be
SAVED! 

Weekday Mass

Tuesday Mass 5:30pm - Chapel
Wednesday Mass 12:00pm - Church
Thursday Mass 8:30am - Chapel
Thursday Mass 12:00pm - Church
Friday Mass 12:00pm - Church

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

Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

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Catholic Kids Youth Minister

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9th Grade – 12th Grade
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Pre-School Director

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Office Hours: M-W-F
9:00am–12:00pm September–May

New Lenten Weekday Masses – St. Stephen has added one more weekday Mass for this Lenten season only. We will celebrate an additional Mass on Thursdays at noon. We will continue to have our 8:30am weekday Mass time as usual.

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

- *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.

Vía Crucis Viviente se llevara a cabo el domingo 31 de marzo a la 1:00pm después de la Misa en Español y el lunes, 15 de abril a las 7:00pm. La obra será realizada por los niños de nuestra parroquia en el Centro de Vida Familiar.

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



Catholic Kids Paper Drive – It's that time of year again for the Catholic Kids to collect paper products for the needy. Starting in Lent, all classes (Preschool through 4th grade) will be competing against one another to see who can collect the most items before Easter. The grade that brings the most will get a Pizza/Donut party in April. All items go to our own St. Stephen Benevolent Society food pantry. Bring your items to your classroom on the day your class meets so it can be counted. Let's take this opportunity to teach our kids compassion for others.

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.

RCIA Calendar – The next session will be Wednesday, March 13 an Introduction to Morality and Conscience led by Msgr. Marczuk. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm.

****Last Chance for 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 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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every Thursday from 9am to 9pm. We need adorers who would like to commit One Hour every Thursday for a period of three months. Our goal is to have a permanent and continuing Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at least one day a week. We have the following time slots available: 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 3pm, 4pm, and 5pm. If you would like to be an Adorer or need more information please call the parish office.



Time to pick up your Rice Bowls – As Pope Francis asks us to "Share the Journey" with migrants and refugees around the world, Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl offers Catholics in the United States a way to encounter Lent, to encounter the causes of migration and displacement, and to learn about the challenges faced by families around the world in their dioceses, parishes and homes. Seventy-five percent of every donation goes to CRS programming in targeted countries worldwide while twenty-five percent remains in the local diocese from which the donation came, supporting initiatives that help alleviate poverty. To learn more visit orb.crs.org.

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.

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 more information, contact Teisha Weisenfels this year's PTO Scholarship Chairperson at teisha.weisenfels@rpsar.net.

High School Seniors – Scholarship Application time is here! The forms are all online and will include your RSVP for Grad Night Dinner. Apply at bit.ly/LTSeniors. April 1st is the deadline to apply. No late applications accepted.

Prayer for an End to Infanticide – The U. S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act — legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide:

"Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of human life." Amen

Oración para Erradicar el Infanticidio – El Senado de los EE.UU. recientemente no aprobó por unanimidad la Ley de Protección a los Sobrevivientes del Aborto Nacidos Vivos — una legislación que garantizaría que un niño nacido vivo después de un aborto reciba el mismo grado de cuidado para preservar su vida y salud que cualquier otro niño nacido con vida a la misma edad gestacional. Por favor únanse a nosotros en oración para erradicar el infanticidio:

"Jesús, Señor de la Vida, transforma los corazones de todos los líderes electos para que reconozcan que el infanticidio es incorrecto y no debe ser tolerado. Abre los corazones y las mentes para reconocer y defender el precioso don de la vida humana." Amen

The Knights of Columbus Annual Rummage Sale will be the weekend of May 17-18 on St. Stephen Church grounds. In a few weeks, we will put contact details in the bulletin to begin collecting your items. This year, we won't be collecting armoires (we ended up with 4 leftover last year), but any other furniture, kids items, electronics, household and yard items, sports equipment, and clean clothing. We also have a special need for bicycles this year. More to come!

Girl Scout Cookies – Parishioners from Girl Scout Troop 5850 will be selling cookies for this weekend after Mass. Cost is \$5.00 per box. Donated cookies will go to SSBC.

Thank you to everyone participating in the Smile Amazon program! We have received \$32.44 from Amazon, which donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support St. Stephen Catholic Church by shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/71-0339061.

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.

Ozark Catholic Academy is accepting applications for grades 9-11 for the 2019-2020 school year. Apply online at ozarkcatholic.org/application-process or call 479-316-3445. Follow them @ozarkcatholic! #onlyoca

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Reboot – A fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. No part of your life will be left untouched! The event will be 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.

Post-Abortion Support Group – 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.

Lenten Retreat for Women – The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Lenten Retreat in Oklahoma City is scheduled for March 16 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 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." Online registration can be found at OKCACCW.COM, click on events, click on registration. There are rooms available at the Pastoral Center for overnight stay on Friday. For reservation and information, call/text Mary Ann Schmitt at 405-650-9674.

Mark Your Calendars – St. Joseph-Fayetteville Lenten Mission guest is Tony Melendez an inspirational speaker and musician. He will present "You are the New Evangelist" based on Bishop Barron's New Evangelization. Come join this free event:

*Sunday, March 24, 7-8:30pm

*Monday, March 25, 6-8pm Adoration 8-8:30pm

*Tuesday, March 26, 6-7pm Reconciliation & Music 7-8pm

Originally from Nicaragua, Tony was born without arms due to Thalidomide a drug prescribed to his mother for morning sickness. Tony travels with his brother Jose and together they share with everyone their story and music. Tony has presented in all 50 states and 44 countries as well as World Youth Day. Come see what Pope John Paul II applauded as message of hope and inspiration.

Parish Administrative Assistant – St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish, Fayetteville, is seeking a qualified and capable person as the parish Administrative Assistant. This position is 40 hours per week, includes benefits, and work closely with the Pastor and other staff members. The applicant should be a practicing Catholic who works well with others and has experience in an administrative role or other professional capacity. Interested candidates can inquire with the parish pastor for a detailed job description and a list of qualifications. For information please email Fr. Andrew Hart at aphart@uark.edu.

Church Operations for March

Month-to-Date - \$ 30,491.13
Loan Balance - \$ 1,895,035.49

As Moses offered to God "the first-fruits of the soil" may we recall the penitential practice of almsgiving and prayer during this Lenten Season, returning to God the tithing of our "first fruits."

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 29,273.17	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 10,557.38	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 9
 5:00pm Read Bush †
Sunday, March 10
 7:45am Dorothy Hesse †
 10:00am Special Intention
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †
Tuesday, March 12
 5:30pm Sonney George
Wednesday, March 13
 12:00pm Pat Boyd †
Thursday, March 14
 8:30am Pat Boyd †
 12:00pm Intention of Celebrant
Friday, March 15
 12:00pm Kandy Hainbach †
Saturday, March 16
 5:00pm Louis M. Calderera (KC) †
Sunday, March 17
 7:45am Jestine Birlson †
 10:00am Kandy Hainbach †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00pm J.D. Cain †

SCRIPTURE READINGS for 03/17/19

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
 Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
 Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1
 Luke 9:28b-36

This Week – 03/11/19 to 03/17/19

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: 4:30-6:00pm CK Early Blue
 Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE 8th
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm CK Late Blue
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm LT Bible Study
 Wed: 7:00-8:00pm RCIA
 Thu: 8:30am **MASS**
 Thu: 9:00am-3:00pm Eucharist Adoration
 Thu: 9:30-11:30am Mujeres de Fe
 Thu: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Thu: 7:00pm Lenten Penance Service
Friday - No Meat
 Fri: 10:15-11:30am Women's Scripture Study
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Fri: 5:30pm Station of the Cross – English with dinner hosted by CK
 Fri: 7:00pm Estaciones de la Cruz - Español
 Fri: 8:00pm Quinceanera Rehearsal
 Sat: 11:00am Quinceanera
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 6:30pm Rosary Prayer Group
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: 8:45am NO Classes – Spring Break
 Sun: 8:45am SSBC Mtg.
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS - Spanish/Español**
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS - Life Teen**
 Sun: 6:00-8:00pm NO LT Life Night

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March 16 – 17	Lectors	EMC -Head Minister	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Mike Power	Mark Jechura	Bob Monfils Margie O'Grady Kim Monfils Joyce Moppin Rosemary Power	Pam Gander Mo Tignor Amy Fulmer Bryan Bacon Not Filled Not Filled	Mike Power Dave Brandenburg Gary VanOverschelde	Kim Monfils	Lukas Bacon Emily Stockand Alexa Stockand	Mark Jechura
Sunday, 7:45 AM	James Gaffigan	Bruce Peterson	Theresa Gaffigan Maggie Peterson Amanda Cantu	Cheryl Helms Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck Susan Eagleson	Greg Woodell Brian Swisher Michael Swisher		Hans Edlund Katrina Edlund Dhane Boskus	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Pam Willis Steve Harrington	Ted Brauburger	Nancy Verlage Bonnie Kupillas Kristine Epright Rose Hartnett Vince Biondo	Theresa Brauburger Joe Hartnett Charlotte Champagne Marilyn Kruzich James Sutton Claudia Garcia	Ken Butler Bo Patterson Steve Harrington		Peter Kreuter Andrew Guegan Keynes Wright	Ted Brauburger
Sunday 11:45 AM Spanish / Español	Fernando Barbosa Ramon Portilla	Crimilda Viera	Emilia Ortiz Mirna Serrano Ivan Sanabria	Eva Miramon Beatriz Aguirre Carmen Sepulveda Olga Serrano	Marugel Monzalvo Erika Gomez Martha Mendoza		Brayan Miramon Isaac Barbosa April Limon Angela Munoz	Ivan Sanabria
Sunday, 5:00 PM Life Teen	Teen	Bill Murphy	Matthew Lawrence Cathy Townzen	Tommy Coppick Karen Coppick	Juan Carlos Segura Beatriz Segura		Lulu Segura William Durkin Samantha Trujillo	Jolene Murphy