

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

March 17, 2019

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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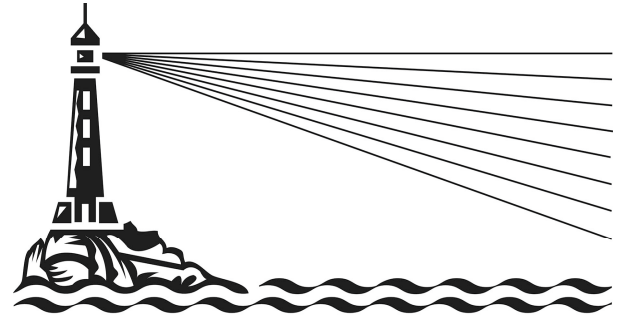
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THE LORD IS THE  
**STRONGHOLD**  
OF MY LIFE.

PSALM 27:1

### Weekday Mass

Tuesday NO Mass 5:30pm - Chapel  
Wednesday NO Mass 12:00pm - Church  
Thursday NO Mass 8:30am - Chapel  
Thursday NO Mass 12:00pm – Chapel  
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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Pre-K – 6th Grade

#### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

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Confirmation: 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter  
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9<sup>th</sup> Grade – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Facebook: LifeTeen Bentonville

#### Pre-School Director

Cathy Townzen  
[preschool@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:preschool@ststephenbentonville.com)  
Office Hours: M–W–F  
9:00am–12:00pm September–May

**MASS News** – There will be NO Reconciliation or weekday MASS on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (March 19-21) this week. Mass as usual on Friday.

**Fake Emails and Texts** – Please be aware, there are impostors claiming to be priests contacting parishioners via email and text messages, trying to solicit money. If you receive any suspicious emails or texts, or are ever unsure about the legitimacy of a message you have received, please call to report this information to the parish office.

**RCIA Calendar** – There will be NO RCIA session this Wednesday, March 20 due to Spring Break. RCIA meets every Wednesday night from 7:00-8:00pm.

**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](http://bit.ly/LTSeniors). April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to apply. No late applications accepted.

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

- \*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 llevará a cabo el domingo 31 de marzo a la 1:00pm después de la Misa en Español y lunes, 15 de abril a la 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 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

**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.

**St. Stephen Preschool** is currently enrolling for Fall 2019. We are a state accredited/Better Beginnings preschool program with a teacher/student ratio of 1 to 6. If you have a child that will be four by August 1st and are interested in our program, please contact Cathy Townzen at [preschool@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:preschool@ststephenbentonville.com) or call the church office. You can find additional information on our program through the church website (under the education tab).

**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 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 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.

**Legion of Mary** invites you to the annual Acies at St. Vincent de Paul on March 23 at 12:00pm, followed by a potluck. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**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 compete against one another to see who collects the most items before Easter. The grade with the most items wins a Pizza/Donut party in April. All items go to our own St. Stephen Benevolent Society food pantry. Bring your items to your classroom the day your class meets so it can be counted. Let's take this opportunity to teach our kids compassion for others.

**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 únense 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 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 will not collect 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.

**The K of C** thanks everyone who attended their March 8<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry! With your support they raised about \$1000 for their college scholarship program that awards 4 scholarships to graduating high school seniors each year. They welcome everyone to their next fish fry on April 5<sup>th</sup> they we'll be serving fresh hand breaded fried fish. The event will be held in the Family Life Center from 5:00pm until 7:30pm. The price for all you can eat fish is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 to 12, and children under 6 eat free. The maximum price per household is \$35. They accept cash, check, credit/debit card, Paypal, or Venmo. Please come and support this fundraiser.

**Los Caballeros de Colón** agradecen a todos los que atendieron a la cena de pescado frito el viernes 8 de marzo. Con su apoyo recaudaron \$1,000 que serán usados para las 4 becas del programa para los estudiantes salientes de preparatoria. Están invitados al próximo evento de pescado frito el 5 de abril estarán sirviendo pescado fresco empanizado. El evento será en el Centro de Vida Familiar de 5:00pm hasta las 7:30pm. Los precio del evento es \$10 dolares por adulto todo lo que puedan comer, \$5 para los niños de 6 a 12 años, niños menores a 6 comen gratis. El precio máximo por familia será \$35 dolares. Por favor venga y apoye el programa de becas.

**40 Days for Life** – This Lenten Season consider offering one hour/week to the spring vigil of 40 Days for Life beginning now thru April 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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 text Sheila at (469)231-1959 or visit [40daysforlife.com/Fayetteville](http://40daysforlife.com/Fayetteville).

**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](mailto:hevans@dolr.org). Please inquire soon- groups are forming now.

**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. Come see what Pope John Paul II applauded as message of hope and inspiration.

**Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA)** is accepting applications for grades 9-11 for the 2019-2020 school year. Apply online at [ozarkcatholic.org/application-process](http://ozarkcatholic.org/application-process) or call us at 479-316-3445. Follow us @ozarkcatholic! #onlyoca

**"A Midsummer Night's Dream"** – OCA students will host two performances of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" this spring. Performances will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall following the 5:00pm Mass at St. Joseph in Tontitown. A matinee performance will also be held on Sunday, April 28 at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, and will be sold at the door. For more information, contact the school office at (479)316-3445 option 1.

**La Academia Catolica Ozark** está aceptando aplicaciones para los grados 9-11 para el año escolar 2019-2020. Aplícase en [ozarkcatholic.org/application-process](http://ozarkcatholic.org/application-process) o lláme 479-316-3445. Síguenos en las redes sociales @ozarkcatholic! #onlyoca

**"A Midsummer Night's Dream" en español es "El sueño de una noche de verano"** – Los estudiantes de La Academia Catolica Ozark haran dos presentaciones del "A Midsummer Night's Dream" de Shakespeare esta primavera. Las presentaciones se llevarán a cabo el sábado 27 de abril a las 6:00pm siguiendo la Misa de la parroquia de San José de 5:00pm. También se llevará a cabo una función matinal el domingo 28 de abril a la 1:00pm. Boletos son \$5 dolares por adulto, \$3 dolares por niño, se venderán en la puerta. Para obtener información, comuníquese con la oficina al (479)316-3445 opción 1.

**Catholics Returning Home** – An invitation to all Catholics Returning Home is a six-week series that starts April 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church.

Week 1: Welcome, Overview of the Series, Faith Sharing

Week 2: Sharing Stories of Faith

Week 3: Explanation of the Sacrament of Penance

Week 4: The Church Today: Changes since Vatican II

Week 5: Explanation of the Mass

Week 6: Explanation of the Nicene Creed

Week 7: Church Tour (Optional)

Week 8: Using the Missalette at Mass (Optional)

Contact St. Raphael Catholic Church parish office at 479-756-6711.

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection** – Next week, our parish will take up the CRS collection. Funds from this collection provide food, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here & abroad. Please give generously and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more at [usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection** – La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará la colecta CRS. Los fondos recaudados en esta colecta proporcionarán comida, apoyo a los refugiados que han sido desplazados y llevarán el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a todos los pueblos aquí y en el exterior. Por favor, contribuye generosamente y ayude ha Jesús con otro rostro. Infórmate más en [usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://usccb.org/catholic-relief).

*"We are all so sunk in sin, and so wedded to the world, that we would never turn to God and seek salvation, unless he first called us by his grace."*

—J.C. Ryle

**Church Operations for March**

Month-to-Date - \$ 53,766.36  
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,881,653.56

The Lord God made a covenant with Abram and gave him and his descendants the gift of land. The Lord has been good to us also, bestowing upon us many gifts. Now may we return a portion back to Him.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 63,412.90	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 14,614.19	\$ 23,000

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

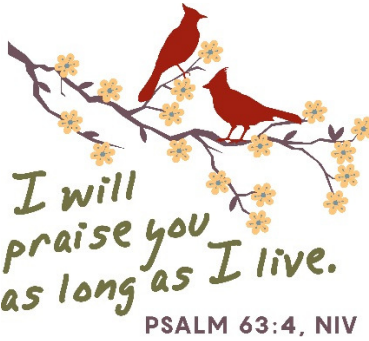
**Saturday, March 16**  
 5:00pm Louis M. Calderara (KC) †  
**Sunday, March 17**  
 7:45am Jestine Birlson †  
 10:00am Kandy Hainbach †  
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses  
 5:00pm J.D. Cain †  
**Tuesday, March 19**  
 5:30pm NO MASS  
**Wednesday, March 20**  
 12:00pm NO MASS  
**Thursday, March 21**  
 8:30am NO MASS  
 12:00pm NO MASS  
**Friday, March 22**  
 12:00pm Special Intention  
**Saturday, March 23**  
 5:00pm Joseph Hesse †  
**Sunday, March 24**  
 7:45am Bui & Le Ancestors  
 10:00am Claro † & Trinidad Aliangan †  
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses  
 5:00pm Paul Mariotti †

**SCRIPTURE READINGS for 03/24/19**

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15  
 Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11  
 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
 Luke 13:1-9

**This Week – 03/18/19 to 03/24/19**

Tue: 5:30pm **NO MASS**  
 Tue: 6:30pm Choir Practice  
 Tue: 7:00pm Spanish Choir  
 Wed: 12:00pm **NO MASS**  
 Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary  
 Wed: NO CLASSES - SPRING BREAK  
 Thu: 8:30am **NO MASS**  
 Thu: 9:00am-9:00pm Eucharist Adoration  
 Thu: 12:00pm **NO MASS**  
 Thu: 6:00pm Amor y Respeto  
 Thu: 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.  
**Friday - No Meat**  
 Fri: 12:00pm MASS  
 Fri: 5:30pm Station of the Cross - English  
 Fri: 7:00pm Estaciones de la Cruz - Español  
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation  
 Sat: 5:00pm MASS  
 Sun: 7:45am MASS  
 Sun: 8:45am NO CLASSES - SPRING BREAK  
 Sun: 10:00am MASS - RCIA 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny  
 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 23 – 24	Lector	EMC -Head Minister	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Bob Monfils	Jon Terlouw	Doris Clement Kim Monfils Joyce Moppin Margie Story Lori Terlouw	Michaelene Morgan Pam Gander Bonnie Kupillas Jon Clement Mo Tignor Amy Fulmer	Gary VanOverschelde Todd Albert Joseph Giannucci	Joseph Giannucci	Beverley Harrington Leacadia Harrington Emily Stockand	Kim Monfils
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Bryan Bacon	Maggie Peterson	Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck Bruce Peterson	Susan Eagleson Elizabeth Costantini Catherine Costantini Lance Crider	Anita Rausch Karen Howard Fred Costantini		Erik Bacon Helena Bacon Lukas Bacon	Bruce Peterson
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Mary Pablo Steve Harrington	Joe Hartnett	Gina Koch Claudia Garcia Rose Hartnett Pamm Prebil Nancy Verlage	TJ LaPlant James Sutton Thomas Ganey Mike Mohr Brian Rabal Pam Willis	Tim Koch Jeff Maas Steve Harrington		Paige Koch Moorea Swango Melelea Swango	Joe Hartnett
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish Mass)</b>	Rosalba Ortiz Teresita Perez	Mirna Serrano	Olga Serrano Eva Miramon Maria Elena Calderon	Crimilda Viera Emilia Ortiz Beatriz Aguirre Carmen Sepulveda	Jose Ortiz Martha Mendoza Bertha Valdez		Karen Chavez Erick Chavez April Limon Angela Munoz	Ivan Sanabria
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM (LifeTeen Mass)</b>		Bill Murphy	Catherine Garner Susan Davis	Joyce Hutchens Chris Davis	Beatriz Segura		Tristen Watson Jack Corey Anna Watson	Jolene Murphy