

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

November 3, 2019

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Rev. Msgr. Scott L. Marczuk, J.C.L.

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*The Son of Man  
came to seek out  
and to save the lost.*

Luke 19:10, NRSV



### Weekday MASS

Monday Mass 12:00 PM

Tuesday Mass 5:30 PM

Wednesday Mass 12:00 PM

Thursday Mass 8:30 AM

Friday Mass 12:00 PM

### Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM

Sunday 11:45 AM – Spanish

Sunday 5:00 PM – LifeTeen

### 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). Please email

articles to the receptionist office

[receptionist@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:receptionist@ststephenbentonville.com).

### Membership

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian Fellowship. Longtime residents or newly arrived, contact the parish office to register.

### Catholic Marriage

Marriage preparation required. Contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance. Two additional months' notice needed for wedding in another country. If you plan on getting married, always contact the church before setting a date or booking a reception site.

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### 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.

### Pre-School Director

Cathy Townzen

[preschool@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:preschool@ststephenbentonville.com)

Office Hours: M–W–F

9:00am–12:00pm September–May

### St. Stephen also attends to Blessed Stanley Rother Church in Decatur:

Mass Times

Saturday Mass 6:00 PM – Spanish

### Kids/Youth Faith Formation:

### Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

Suzanne Sutton

[ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com)

Pre-K – 6th Grade

### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker

Pre-K – 4th Grade

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### EDGE/Confirmation Director

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Edge: 7th & 8th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

### Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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9th Grade – 12th Grade

Facebook: Life Teen Bentonville


**St. Stephen Associate Pastor – Fr. Balaraju (Bala)**  
Akkala has been appointed the associate pastor by Bishop Anthony Taylor. Fr. Bala will also be the administrator of Blesses Stanley Rother Church in Decatur. Let us welcome him to St. Stephen warmly. Also, we are glad to announce that we will be adding a new weekday Mass time beginning this week: Mondays at 12:00pm, with confessions starting at 11:30am.

**Párroco Asociado de San Esteban – Padre Balaraju (Bala)**  
Akkala a sido nombrado párroco asociado por el Obispo Anthony Taylor. El Padre Bala será también el administrador de la iglesia Bendecido Stanley Rother en Decatur. Le damos la bienvenida al Padre Bala. También nos complace anunciar que agregaremos una misa nueva a partir de esta semana: los lunes a las 12:00 PM con confesiones a partir de las 11:30 AM.

**RCIA Calendar –** Our next session is Wednesday, November 6 on Our Heavenly Family: Mary and the Saints led by Gary Delperdang. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the St. Jerome room. All are welcome.

**Hard Hat Collection Weekend –** Next weekend, November 9/10 there will be a second collection for the church loan. All donations to this collection go to repay our loan with the Diocese of Little Rock. We appreciate your prayerful consideration and support of this effort.

**Colecta Casco –** El próximo fin de semana, el 9 y 10 de noviembre habrá una segunda colecta para el préstamo de la iglesia. Todas las donaciones a esta colecta son para cubrir nuestro préstamo con la Diócesis de Little Rock. Apreciamos su consideración y apoyo de este esfuerzo.

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

**Funeral Meal Ministry Needs Volunteers –** When one of our parish families experiences a death in their family, one of the most thoughtful ways we can support them is by offering a meal for family and friends prior to or following the funeral. We want to begin this ministry once again, but will need many volunteers to offer to help in different ways to make it successful. If you are willing to assist in providing food, setting up, serving, and/or cleaning up, please sign up either on our parish's Facebook page, email [pww0112@gmail.com](mailto:pww0112@gmail.com) or call Pam Willis at 479-790-3009. Your heartfelt consideration is appreciated.

**Potluck Dinner Night –** Join us on Saturday, November 23rd, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a Potluck dinner 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 bring main dish; E-N bring side dish; O-Z bring dessert or drinks. Please bring enough to serve 8-10 people. Please RSVP. If you have questions or to rsvp, please contact Desirae Cox, 479-345-0011 or [desirae.cox@gmail.com](mailto:desirae.cox@gmail.com).

**Hora Santa –** Es una oportunidad magnífica para hacer ese silencio interior en el que el Señor nos habla de una manera muy especial. Al rezar en la Iglesia, tenemos la ventaja de estar en la presencia del Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento. Acompáñenos a celebrar una Hora Santa en español el martes 12 de noviembre a las 7pm.

**Sunday Missals –** We now have the Sunday Missals for Liturgical Year A available for \$5. Look for them on the window ledge outside the parish office.

**Advent by Candlelight: "A Special Evening for Women" –** The Ladies of Grace Scripture/Book Study Group is hosting their Bi-Annual Advent by Candlelight on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. This event is for Women (must be 21 years or older) and will be an evening of fellowship and food in preparation for the Advent Season. Look for our "Display Table" in the Narthex and ladies to answer questions and give you information flyers - along with registration and reservation forms after all masses the weekends of November 9/10, 16/17 and 23/24. So mark your calendar as seating is limited.

**Knights of Columbus** will host a pasta dinner on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 PM. The menu: mixed salad with Caesar dressing, Italian Meat Sauce on pasta, (vegetarian option: Pesto Alfredo on pasta), green beans with onions/mushrooms, garlic bread and Tiramisu for dessert. As a thank you to the parish for all of their support, we are keeping the price low at \$5 per person - kids 6 and under free. For entertainment will be Italian dining background music.

**National Vocations Awareness Week November 3-9**  
After Mass today, have a conversation with your children, asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" After a few moments of discussion, ask, "Who do you think God wants you to be when you grow up?" Emphasize to your children that God has a specific plan in mind for them, and that following God's plan is the surest way to happiness. Every life decision—which college to attend, whom to date, which job to pursue, whether to enter seminary, whom to marry—should be undertaken only after praying for God's guidance. In other words, encourage kids to navigate life using GPS—God's Positioning System.

**Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) –** This week our parish take up a collection to benefit the AMS, USA, a triennial collection approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families – including those from our own parish.

**Arquidiócesis de Servicios Militares (AMS) –** Esta semana nuestra parroquia tomará una colecta en beneficio de la AMS, EE. UU. una colecta aprobada por la Conferencia Episcopal de los EE UU. que se toma cada tres años. Por favor, considere hacer una contribución a esta colecta especial para apoyar a hombres y mujeres militares y sus familias; esto incluye feligreses de nuestra parroquia.

**Right to Life –** Has the president done anything to protect the Unborn? What do we expect him to do in the future? Would you like to be informed about the most important issue for the upcoming election? Come and hear speaker Wayne Mays-PAC Director for Arkansas Right to Life answer these questions and more. Please join us on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall at the Bella Vista Church of Christ. Light Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to submit a question in advance, please email [bcright2life@gmail.com](mailto:bcright2life@gmail.com).

**The month of November is dedicated to the Poor Souls in Purgatory** – On all the days from now through November 8 inclusive, a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray. Indulgences draw from the spiritual treasury of the Church, offering the souls spiritual graces for the remission of the temporal punishment due to their sins which have been forgiven. It is further required that all Attachment to Sin, even venial sin, be absent for a plenary indulgence. If this disposition is in any way less than perfect or if the prescribed three conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence will be partial only.

Our Lord told St. Gertrude that this prayer would release 1000 souls from purgatory each time it is said:

**Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

*"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family, Amen."*

Remember to pray frequently for the dead, especially when you pass by a cemetery or when you recall a person you knew who has died.

Pray also for the most forgotten and abandoned souls that have no one else to pray for them, and for any souls who may be suffering in purgatory due to our poor example or some fault of ours.

**El mes de noviembre está dedicado a Las pobres**

**Almas del Purgatorio** – Desde ahora hasta el 8 de noviembre todos los días inclusive, una indulgencia plenaria, únicamente aplica a las pobres almas, se concede a aquellos que visitan un cementerio y rezan. Las indulgencias se extraen del tesoro espiritual de la Iglesia, ofreciendo gracias espirituales a las almas para la remisión completa de la pena temporal que se debe por sus pecados cuya culpa ya ha sido perdonada. Las indulgencias son oraciones o acciones un merito de reducción de la pena temporal que se debe reparar, sanar las heridas del pasado.

Nuestro Señor le dijo a Santa Gertrudis la Grande, que esta oración puede librar 1000 almas del purgatorio cada vez que se reze:

**Oración de Santa Gertrudis La Mayor para todas las Almas del Purgatorio**

*"Padre eterno, yo te ofrezco la preciosísima Sangre de Tu Divino Hijo Jesús, en unión con las misas celebradas hoy día a través del mundo por todas las benditas ánimas del purgatorio. Por todos los pecadores del mundo. Por los pecadores en la Iglesia universal, por aquellos en propia casa y dentro de mi familia. Amén."*

Recuerde de orar con frecuencia por los muertos, especialmente cuando pase por un cementerio o cuando recuerde una persona que ha muerto.

También oren por las almas abandonados y olvidados que no tienen a nadie que ore por ellos, y para las almas que puedan estar sufriendo en el purgatorio debido a nuestro mal ejemplo o por un error de nuestra parte.

**St. Raphael Catholic Book & Gift Shop** will have Holiday Open House on November 16/17 from 9:00am-5:30pm on Saturday and Sunday from 9:30am-2:30pm. They will also have a 20% off storewide savings. Many of their items are in English and Spanish. Enjoy free gift bags, beverages and cookies while you shop. Like their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cathbkqfshop](http://www.facebook.com/cathbkqfshop) or visit [www.straphaelcc.org](http://www.straphaelcc.org) for more information or updates.

**Day of Prayer & Healing retreat** – Has a past abortion left you with a broken heart? Come to a Day of Prayer & Healing retreat Saturday, November 9 in Russellville. The Respect Life Office, through the Ministry of Project Rachel, is offering one-day, post abortion healing retreats for women or men. Retreats are in English and Spanish. You are not alone. There is hope. These retreats are Catholic in nature, but anyone who desires to begin or continue their journey to hope and healing is welcome to attend. The exact location of the retreat is only disclosed to participants. Confidential. Non-judgmental. Healing is possible. To speak with someone about a retreat or other Project Rachel Ministry healing opportunities, please call or text our confidential phone line 501-663-0996 or email [rpuello@dolr.org](mailto:rpuello@dolr.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential. Please contact Project Rachel. We care. We understand.

**Arkansas 529 Education Savings Plan** – Did you know that you have the opportunity to save for your child, niece, nephew or grandchild's K-12 and/or college education and receive tax benefits? With an Arkansas 529 Education Savings Plan, savings grow tax-deferred through an investment strategy tailored to your time horizon, risk tolerance, and comfort level. Funds can be withdrawn without penalty to pay for education-related expenses. Contributions to the plan in a tax year are deductible from Arkansas state income tax, and all financial growth in the account is untaxed at the federal level. Call 501-682-1406 for an enrollment kit or enroll at [www.arkansas529.org](http://www.arkansas529.org).

**For those affected by addiction** – The Calix Society of Central Arkansas provides support and spiritual formation to Catholics whose lives have been affected by disease of alcoholism or other addictions. Individuals who are in recovery or who have loved ones with substance abuse addictions are invited to participate in our group. While not a substitute for a 12-step program, the Calix Society has been a source of spiritual nourishment and grace to many, helping them to draw upon the traditions of the Catholic faith in living sobriety.

A monthly Mass and discussion meeting are held on the first Tuesday of the month at St. John Catholic Center in Little Rock. Fr. Andrew Hart is the group's chaplain. The next Mass is Tuesday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel in Morris Hall and will be followed by a meeting downstairs in O'Connell Lounge. If you think you could benefit from what we offer as a Catholic group, we hope you will give us a chance and join. We are very glad to welcome you or anyone who can benefit. For questions or more information, please e-mail [www.calix@dolr.org](mailto:www.calix@dolr.org).

**Search #147 Retreat** – Registrations are now being accepted for Search #147, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to incoming juniors, seniors and recently graduated seniors. Search #147 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of December 6-8. The fee is \$135. For more information and registration forms visit: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-147.pdf>. Partial scholarships are available, use the link: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesan-scholarshipapplication.pdf>. If you have questions please contact Trish Gentry [tgentry@dolr.org](mailto:tgentry@dolr.org) at the Diocese of Little Rock Youth Ministry office 501-664-0340, ext 418.

*"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."* —Jane Goodall

**Church Operations for October**

Month-to-Date - \$ 123,971.54

Loan Balance - \$ 1,689,752.02

While the Biblical concept of tithing asks that one-tenth of our resources be given back to the Lord in religious contributions, the tax collector Zacchaeus boasted that he gave half of his possessions to the poor. May we too be moved to be generous with the Lord, who has been immeasurably generous with us.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 105,372.54	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 14,034.88	\$ 23,000

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, November 2**

9:00am All Souls

5:00pm Rev. Gregory Hart †

**Sunday, November 3**

7:45am Jeanette Griczin †

10:00am Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45am All Souls

5:00pm Charles O'Donnell †

**Monday, November 4**

12:00pm Mary S. Henry †

**Tuesday, November 5**

5:30pm All Souls

**Wednesday, November 6**

12:00pm All Souls

**Thursday, November 7**

8:30am All Souls

**Friday, November 8**

12:00pm All Souls

**Saturday, November 9**

5:00pm All Souls

**Sunday, November 10**

7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00am All Souls

11:45am Lucila Dominguez †

5:00pm George Raple †



**The Lord  
Make His  
Face Shine  
Upon You &  
be Gracious  
to You.**

**Numbers 6:24-25**

**Scripture Readings for 11/10/19**

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

**This Week – 11/04/19 to 11/10/19**Mon: 12:00pm **MASS**Mon: 6:30-8:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Confirmation ClassTue: 5:30pm **MASS**

Tue: 6:00pm Choir Practice

Tue: 7:00pm Spanish Choir

Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**

Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary

Wed: 6:00-8:00pm IMPACT

Wed: 6:30-8:00pm CK Yellow

Wed: 6:30-8:00pm LT Bible Study

Wed: 7:00pm 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

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**

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

Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**Sun: 7:45am **MASS**

Sun: 8:45-9:45am Catholic Kids

Sun: 10:00am **MASS**

Sun: 11:00am Sunday Social

Sun: 11:45am **MASS** - EspañolSun: 5:00pm **MASS**

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



November 9 – 10	Lector	EMC - Head Minister	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Bob Monfils	Jon Terlouw	Kim Dial Lori Terlouw Joyce Moppin	Ron Brophy Bruce Peterson Mark Jechura Margie Story	Todd Albert Dave Brandenburg Gary VanOverschelde	Mark Jechura	Emily Stockand Gabrielle Stockand Leacadia Harrington	Jon Terlouw
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Ann Watson	Janet Palmer	Elizabeth Costantini Lance Crider Gerry Whiting	Susan Eagleson Robbie Estes Peggy Estes Chris O'Shaughnessy	Philip Palmer Fred Costantini Gabriel Costantini		Tristen Watson Jack Corey Anna Watson	Barb Hamernik
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Pamm Prebil Paul Prebil	Bruce Beckham	Mary Kate Beckham Joe Hartnett Rose Hartnett Bonnie Kupillas Angela Mensah	Thomas Ganey TJ LaPlant Charlotte Champagne Paul Krapf Michaelene Morgan Greg Brandenburg	Jeff Maas Brock Schulte Ken Butler		Peter Kreuter Moorea Swango Melelea Swango	Joe Hartnett
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish Mass)</b>	Fernando Barbosa Maria Almaraz	Fernando Perez	Beatriz Aguirre Carmen Sepulveda Olga Serrano	Mirna Serrano Emilia Ortiz Eva Miramon Crimilda Viera	J. Concepcion Serrano Julian Serrano Erika Gomez		Erick Chavez Isaac Barbosa April Limon Brayan Miramon	Fernando Perez
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>		Bill Murphy	Bekah Haight Melissa Godoy	Michelle Evans Bryan Bacon	Beatriz Segura		Erik Bacon Helena Bacon Lukas Bacon	Bryan Bacon