

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

December 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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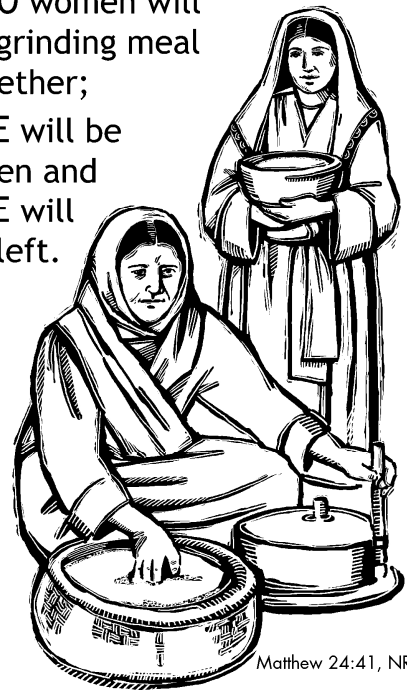
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TWO women will
be grinding meal
together;
ONE will be
taken and
ONE will
be left.



Matthew 24:41, 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 Mass 9:00 AM

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.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 12:00pm (5 days prior to
the publication date). Please email
articles to the receptionist office
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
Office Hours: M-W-F
9:00am-12:00pm September-May

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

Administrator: Fr. Balaraju (Bala) Akkala
Mass Times
Saturday Mass 6:00 PM – Spanish

Kids/Youth Faith Formation:

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

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9th Grade – 12th Grade
Facebook: Life Teen Bentonville

RCIA Calendar – The next session will be Wednesday, December 4, on One Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church led by Dan Cartaya. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the St. Jerome room.

Advent Penance Services – The following are dates of Penance Services offered in our Deanery during Advent.

- December 3 – St. Mary's – Siloam Springs – 7:00pm
- December 4 – St. Anne – Berryville – 5:00pm
- **December 5 - St. Stephen - Bentonville - 7:00pm**
- December 10 – St. Vincent de Paul – Rogers – 6:30pm
- December 17 – St. Bernard – Bella Vista – 11:45am
- December 17 – St. Joseph – Tontitown – 6:30pm
- December 18 – St. Joseph – Fayetteville – 7:00pm
- December 19 – St. Raphael – Springdale – 5:00pm

The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day – Mass Schedule:

- Dec. 24 – Christmas Pageant - 3:15pm
- Dec. 24 – Mass, 4:00pm - English
- Dec. 24 – Mass, 6:00pm - English
- Dec. 25 – Mass, 10:00am - Bilingual

Solemnity of Mary – New Year's Mass Schedule

- Dec. 31 – Mass, 5:30pm - English
- Jan. 1 – Mass, 10:00am – English
- Jan. 1 – Mass, 11:45am - Spanish

2020 Calendars Are Here – Be sure to get your copy of the 2020 Calendar while we have them. They are located on the bulletin table as you exit the church.

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.

Los Misales de domingo para el año litúrgico A están disponibles por \$5. Búselos en la repisa de la ventana, fuera de la oficina de la parroquia.

Hard Hat Collection Weekend – December 7/8 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 proximo fin de semana, el 7 y 8 de diciembre 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.

The Annual St. Stephen Christmas Pageant will be on December 24 at 3:15 pm before the Christmas Eve Mass that begins at 4:00pm. Please email or call Suzanne Sutton by December 16 so she can make sure we have enough costumes. We will have one practice on Saturday, December 21 at 9:00am. Our play has a narrator with the 4th grade taking the few main parts and the younger kids being shepherds and angels. Suzanne will need parent volunteers at Christmas Pageant.



St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) Annual Cookie Walk and Silent Cookie Jar Auction is scheduled for the weekend of Dec. 14th/15th after all Masses except 5:00pm Sunday Mass. Christmas shop new and vintage items at the Cookie Walk Market. Choose from stocking stuffers, jewelry, ornaments, and decorative items, along with a silent auction. By buying a gift you give to a Neighbor in Need.

Ministry Scheduling – Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of January, February and March. This schedule will include special Masses for Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26). Please let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter **by Monday, December 9** by contacting 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 or the special Masses mentioned.* 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.*



"Las Posadas" (meaning the Inn) is a unique



tradition. For nine nights leading up to Christmas and it commemorates the events in the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as they searched for a room. We have been celebrating this tradition at St. Stephen and this year is no different. The Posadas start on Sunday, December 15 at 7:00pm thru Monday, December 23 in Spanish.

The Children's Pastorela (Shepard's Story) is a comedy, festive and joyful play, which refers to the events prior to the adoration of the newborn Jesus. The story about the angels, the Virgin & the shepherds who come to worship the Baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The Pastorela mocks the devil and shows the triumph of good over evil. Missionaries used plays like these to evangelize the natives. Join us at any of the following dates in English on Monday, December 2 at 6:30pm, Wednesday, December 4 and 11 at 7:00pm, or Sunday, December 8 at 1:00pm for the Pastorela play in the Family Life Center.

Life Teen News – Have you ever wanted to volunteer in youth ministry but weren't sure you had the time to commit to the program? You may be just the person we are looking for! Life Teen is looking for dedicated prayer partners to pray our teens prayer intentions weekly starting in 2020. Their petitions will come via email each week. Could you be the person God is calling to pray for this ministry? Email lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com for more details!

Parish Council Elections – It's that time of year when we think about parish council elections. If you are a registered parishioner in good standing in the Catholic Church, are over the age of 18 and interested in running for parish council or know of someone who is, please fill out one of the nomination forms in the Narthex and drop it in the nomination box. Out of courtesy, please ask the person first before you submit their name. All names must be submitted by December 15.

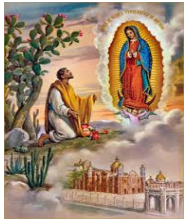
Elecciones del Consejo Parroquial – Esta temporada del año es cuando pensamos en las elecciones del consejo parroquial. Si usted es un feligrés registrado en buen estado con la Iglesia Católica, mayor de 18 años y esta interesado en el consejo parroquial o sabe de alguien que lo este, por favor llene una de las formas de nominación en el Narthex y dejelo en la caja de nominación. Por cortesía, por favor, primero pregunte a la persona antes de enviar su nombre. Todos los nombres deben ser enviados antes del 15 de diciembre.

Timeless God, we enter the last month of the calendar year and the first season of a new church year. Bless our celebration of Advent. Amen.

Christmas Flowers – If you would like to help with the purchase of Christmas Flowers, please use the envelope in your packet or place your donation in an envelope and drop in the collection basket. You can donate in Honor of or Memory of someone and those names will be published in the bulletin the weekend prior to Christmas.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast – The celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe actually begins a week before December 12. Thousands of pilgrims from all over the country—many traveling for a week on foot or by donkey. They flock to the Basilica of Mexico City, where the most impressive ceremonies in honor of the Virgin are held. The streets adjoining the church



are literally packed with people who wait their turn to enter the church and make their offering. The climax of the festival begins on the evening of December 12. The songs/dances that people perform at the feast all over México have been handed down through generations.

Here at St. Stephen we will celebrate this feast on December 12. We will start in the Family Life Center with the Guadalupe play at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm in Spanish. After Mass a procession will follow to the Family Life Center. Since it is a happy day for all Mexicans and Latin Americans, food and drink are enjoyed by rich and poor alike. Every year parishioners bring hot chocolate and pan dulce (sweet bread) to share in our parish.

Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious – Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

Colecta para el Fondo de la Jubilación de Religiosos
Apoye a los religiosos y religiosas ancianos. Nuestra segunda colecta está asignada al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Muchos miembros mayores en comunidades de religiosas, religiosos y sacerdotes de órdenes católicas sirvieron con poco o ningún pago. Hoy día, esas comunidades a menudo carecen de ahorros suficientes para cubrir las necesidades de su jubilación. Su donativo ayuda a proporcionar fondos vitales para medicamentos, enfermeros y más, para cientos de miles de religiosos ancianos. También ayuda a asegurar que los miembros más jóvenes puedan continuar el buen trabajo que iniciaron sus mayores. Sean generosos.

To Build a Domestic Church – On its website, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides suggestions on how families can build their domestic church through a life of prayer that can help all the members of the family. The following are a several ideas:

- Begin praying as a family and reading scripture daily, before meals, and in the morning or before bed.
- Have a crucifix in a prominent place in the home and bedrooms.
- Make worshiping God a priority. Never miss Mass, even while traveling.
- Make the sacraments a regular celebration – take the whole family to confession and Mass!

Messages from the 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. You can donate online at www.ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org, or follow the "Donate" link on the St. Stephen website or on the app. We are also prepared to handle donations of stock. Please remember the collections on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This is a very important collection but these funds do not stay in our Parish. Your prayerful consideration of our Parish's financial situation is appreciated. When you shop for the holidays at smile.amazon.com/ch/71-0339061, AmazonSmile donates to St. Stephen Catholic Church?

Un Mensaje del Consejo Financiero – Por favor considere las necesidades financieras de la parroquia en sus planes de fin del año. Para ayudar con el crecimiento de nuestra parroquia, esperamos que usted considere una oferta adicional este fin del año para nuestras cuentas de administración o fondos de construcción. Puede donar en línea en www.ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org, o siga el enlace "Donar" en el sitio web de St. Stephen o en la aplicación. También estamos preparados para manejar donaciones de acciones. Recuerde que la colecta en la Misa de Nochebuena y el día de Navidad son para el Fondo del Clero Diocesano. Estas colectas son muy importantes, pero estos fondos no se quedan en nuestra parroquia. Su apoyo para la situación financiera de nuestra parroquia es muy apreciado. Cuando compra para los días festivos en smile.amazon.com/ch/71-0339061, AmazonSmile dona a la Iglesia Católica de San Esteban?

Love and Mercy Movie "Faustina" – A docudrama on the Divine Mercy and the Mission of Sister Faustina Kowalska reveals previously unknown facts and recently disclosed documents. The movie sheds new light on the truth of the Divine Mercy message. Love and Mercy gives details of the process of the famous painting known as the Divine Mercy image that was made at Jesus' request. Scientific research shows identical facial features of Christ in the Divine Mercy image. Love and Mercy will be shown at the Fayetteville Razorback Cinema on December 2 at 7:00pm. Tickets be will need to be purchased at www.fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy.

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"Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens." —Maria Augusta von Trapp

Church Operations for November

Month-to-Date - \$ 103,981.33
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,689,752.02

In Christ the King, all things were created, the invisible in heaven and the visible on earth. Therefore, in humble gratitude we willingly render back to the Lord of All Creation a portion of these many blessings of time, talent and treasure.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 110,584.00	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 16,015.63	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 30

5:00pm All Souls
1st Sunday of Advent, December 1
 7:45am Roger Trautner †
 10:00am Don Mayer †
 11:45am Parishioners/Feligrases
 5:00pm Deceased Members of Legion of Mary

Monday, December 2

12:00pm Dale Dolan †

Tuesday, December 3

5:30pm Gregory Wineland Jr. †

Wednesday, December 4

12:00pm Leona Pechota †

Thursday, December 5

8:30am Bill Wilson †

Friday, December 6

12:00pm Joan & Jim Bohata

Saturday, December 7

9:00am Melissa & Joe Stancato

5:00pm John McGreevy †

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 8

7:45am Florence Smith †

10:00am Carolyn Caruso

11:45am Parishioners/Feligrases

5:00pm Florence Smith †

Organizational Directory

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Scripture Readings for 12/08/19

Isaiah 11:1-10 (4A)
 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
 Romans 15:4-9
 Matthew 3:1-12

This Week – 12/02/19 to 12/08/19

Mon: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Mon: 6:30pm Pastorela Play – English
 Mon: 6:30-8:00pm Confirmation Class
 Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**
 Tue: 6:00pm Choir Practice
 Tue: 7:00pm Spanish Choir
 Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary
 Wed: 4:30-6:00pm C K Blue Early
 Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm C K Blue Late
 Wed: 6:30-8:00pm LT Bible Study
 Wed: 7:00pm Pastorela Play – English
 Wed: 7:00pm RCIA
 Thu: 8:30am **MASS**
 Thu: 9:00am-9:00pm Eucharist Adoration
 Thu: 9:30-11:30am Mujeres de Fe
 Thu: 7:00pm Advent Penance Service
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS – First Friday**
 Sat: 9:00am **MASS – First Saturday**
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 6:00pm Advent by Candlelight
2nd Sunday of Advent
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: 8:45-9:45am Catholic Kids
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS - Español**
 Sun: 1:00pm Pastorela Play
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sun: 6:00-8:00pm LT - Life Night

December 7 - 8	Lector	EMC -Head Minister	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Mike Power	Janet Palmer	Ron Brophy Carolyn Brophy Doris Clement Jon Terlouw Rosemary Power	Jon Clement Philip Palmer Kim Dial Lori Terlouw Bonnie Kupillas Jill Saulsbery	Gary VanOverschelde Dave Brandenburg Joseph Giovannucci	Joseph Giovannucci	Beverley Harrington Leacadia Harrington Helena Bacon	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Kira O'Shaughnessy Elizabeth Costantini Lance Crider	Robbie Estes Peggy Estes Karen Howard Amanda Cantu	Bruce Peterson Gerard Davenport Gabriel Costantini		Meghan Estes Jake Estes Karianne O'Shaughnessy	Amanda Cantu
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Mary Pablo Eric Belin	Theresa Brauburger	Claudia Garcia TJ LaPlant Thomas Ganey Nancy Verlage Kathryn Gough	Brian Rabal Patricia LaChance Greg Brandenburg Maxine Olson Steve Harrington Rose Hartnett	Brock Schulte Daniel Cruz Ken Butler		John Brandenburg Catherine Duke Logan Pantier	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish Mass)	Sandra Valdes Dolores Pena	Ivan Sanabria	Emilia Ortiz Eva Miramon Maria Elena Calderon	Beatriz Aguirre Carmen Sepulveda Mirna Serrano Olga Serrano	Maria Rocio Cervantes Marugel Monzalvo Erika Gomez		April Limon Brayan Miramon Angela Munoz Erick Chavez	Ivan Sanabria
Sunday, 5:00 PM		Cary Richard	Lisa Richard Catherine Garner	Terry Shepard Bekah Haught	Juan Carlos Segura		Lulu Segura Collin Harris Salvador Fernandes	Cary Richard