



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

January 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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...by the name

of our LORD and
Jesus Christ...

Be united
in the same mind

and the same
judgment.

1 Corinthians 1:10, ESV

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 9:00 AM

Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM - English
Sunday 11:45 AM – Spanish
Sunday 5:00 PM

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.

Infant Baptism

Offered once a month in English and Spanish. Contact the parish office to schedule. Baptism preparation required. Parents must be registered members of St. Stephen. **No baptisms in December.**

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 booking a reception site or setting a date.

RCIA

Sessions open to those interested in learning about or renewing their connection to the Catholic Faith.

Pre-School Director

Cathy Townzen
preschool@ststephenbentonville.com
Office Hours: M-W-F
8:30am–12:30pm 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:

Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

Suzanne Sutton
ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com
Pre-K – 6th Grade

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Edge: 7th & 8th Grade
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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter
lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com
9th Grade – 12th Grade
Facebook: Life Teen Bentonville

RCIA Calendar – Our next session will be Wednesday, January 29, Jesus Christ led by Mark Jechura. We meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm.

Mardi Gras is coming on February 22, in the Parish Life Center. We will have cajun food, dancing, a carnival for the kids & more. We need your help! We are looking for silent auction items & a cake vendor for the cake walk from parishioners. Please contact Kate Pantier at katepantier@gmail.com or 501-258-8303 if you can help. Be on the lookout for ticket sales in the coming weeks.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal 2019 (CASA) – Thank you to everyone you donated to CASA 2019 and helped us meet our goal. We collected a total of \$42,907 or 106% toward our parish goal of \$38,944.50. Thank you so much for your generous support in helping our diocese continue to grow and carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

CASA 2020 – “Open your hearts in welcome!” Next weekend the 2020 CASA will begin. We ask that you prayerfully welcome this opportunity to support the overall needs of the Church in our area of the Diocese. Our parish goal is \$46,650; please note our new goal has been raised by the Diocese.

Campana 2019 de Católica de Arkansas a Compartir (CASA) Gracias a todos que donó la 2019 CASA y nos ayudó a cumplir nuestro objetivo. Se colectó un total de \$42,907 o 106% hacia nuestra meta de \$38,944.50. Muchas gracias a ustedes por su generoso apoyo al ayudar a nuestra diócesis a seguir creciendo y llevando a cabo el trabajo misionero de Jesús.

2020 CASA “Abran sus corazones en bienvenida!” El próximo fin de semana empieza la 2020 CASA. Les pedimos que con devoción le den la bienvenida a esta oportunidad de apoyar las necesidades de la Iglesia en nuestra área de la Diócesis. La meta de nuestra parroquia es de \$38,944, por favor tenga en cuenta que nuestra nueva meta ha sido elevado por la diócesis.

St. Stephen Nursery has an opening for a part time Nursery Director. The qualifications for this position include: Experience with children, safe environment and CPR trained, and 21 years old or older. Pay is \$15/hour. Must be available evenings. If interested, please contact the parish at ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com.

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 time slots available from 9:00am through 9:00pm. If you would like to be an Adorer or need more information contact the parish office 479-273-1240 or receptionist@ststephenbentonville.com.

Helping Hands – Saturday, February 8th is set aside for St. Stephen parishioners to volunteer at Helping Hands. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts (8:00am-noon and noon-4:00pm). Duties are working cash registers, the sales floor, and unloading donations at the dock. Please arrive a few minutes early for on the spot training. Adults and teenagers are encouraged to volunteer and Confirmation candidates get community volunteer hours. Please prayerfully consider giving your time. For information, or to volunteer, contact Tom Harding at harding@eastharding.com or 501-580-1720.

Keep praying for the protection of human life especially the unborn.



Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a

readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Parish Council Election Results – Thank you to all of the candidates who participated in elections for the parish council. Your church family appreciates your willingness to volunteer and serve. The candidates who have been elected are Cary Richard and Bryan Bacon.

Life Teen Conferences – Pre-Registration is now open for All Life Teen Summer Conferences including Life Teen Leadership Conference and Steubenville Mid-America. You must pre-register with us in order to secure yourself a spot to either conference. Deadline to register is Sunday, February 2nd. Email lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com or call (479) 273-1240 ext 103 to reserve your spot today! 2020 See your parent email for more information.

2020 St. Stephen Parish Mission: Jesse Romero – Jesse Romero will conduct a Parish Mission at our parish on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, in English at 7:00 pm and on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Spanish. Jesse is a bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist, who is nationally acclaimed for his dynamic, upbeat Christ centered preaching. His preaching apostolate is "On Fire Evangelization." During his years as a Deputy Sheriff in Los Angeles, CA, Jesse experienced the dark side of society, which he explains in his new book: "The Devil in the City of Angels: My Encounters with the Diabolical." The two topics he will be discussing are 1) The Power of Prayer: In this presentation you are going to learn to the difference between the three forms of prayer. You will also learn the three ways God answers your prayers. 2) How to get to Heaven: In this presentation you will learn the most important points of how to live in intimate relationship with God. This keeps you protected from the devil and guarantee you get to heaven and be Holy!

“Misión parroquial de San Esteban 2020: Jesse Romero” – Jesse Romero llevará a cabo una Misión parroquial aquí en nuestra parroquia San Esteban el lunes 17 de febrero, en Inglés a las 7:00 pm y el martes, 18 de febrero a las 7:00 pm en Español. Jesse es un católico laico bilingüe, aclamado a nivel nacional por su predicación dinámica y optimista centrada en Cristo. Él predicará el apostolado sobre “La evangelización de fuego.” Durante años como alguacil en Los Angeles, California, Jesse experimentó el lado oscuro de la sociedad, a cual explica en su nuevo libro: “El diablo en la ciudad de ángeles: mis encuentros con lo diabólico.” Los dos temas que Jesse discutirá son: 1) El poder de la Oración: Aquí van a escuchar la diferencia entre las tres formas de oración. También van a escuchar porque Dios NO escucha tu oración. 2) Como llegar el Cielo: Van a escuchar 12 puntos de como vivir en relación íntima con Dios. Esto te mantiene protegido del diablo y te garantiza llegar al cielo y ser Santo!

Potluck Dinner – Join us on Saturday, February 1st, from 6-8 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 side dish; E-L bring drink or dessert dish; M-Z bring a main dish. Please bring enough to serve 8-10 people. Please RSVP. If you have any questions and to rsvp, please contact Desirae Cox, 479-345-0011 or desirae.cox@gmail.com.

A Knight to Remember "Dinner and Silent Auction"
Join St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School on Saturday, February 29 for Under the City Lights at Embassy Suites in Rogers. Purchase your tickets for an enjoyable evening with friends at <http://bidpal.net/svdpknights2020>. For more information, please contact Rosemary Kleiner at kleinerr@svdpschool.net. Embassy Suites Discount: Take advantage of the discounted room rate for the evening. Call the Embassy Suites at (479) 254-8400 and mention code KTR. The deadline for this discounted room rate is this Monday, January 27th. Don't delay!

Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA) – Beat those winter blues while you support OCA! Join us at the St. Joseph Tontitown Parish Hall for an adults-only event on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 7-10 pm. There will be multiple gaming tables with professional dealers. At the end of the evening, trade-in your winning chips for chances to win great prizes! Tickets are \$75 each and will include dinner, drinks, and starting playing chips. Bring your friends, and help us by buying your tickets today at <http://bidpal.net/ocaCasinoNight>. If you have any questions please call 479-316-3445.

St. Vincent de Paul's invitation to All Men – Mornings with Msgr. LeSieur extends a warm welcome in joining them for a very enlightening and informative study on Friday mornings. You will learn what "Relativism" is and what we can do as men to guide your family and friends toward the truth. Join them for an eight part study program beginning with breakfast at 6:00 am followed by presentation and discussion from 6:30-7:30am located at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Rogers. They will be in the St. John Paul II room at the new Ministry building.

Black and Indian Mission – Today, our parish will take up the 135th Annual National Black and Indian Mission collection. Our support helps build churches in communities from coast to coast, including our diocese, which received \$37,000 from this collection last year. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution. Thank you for your support.

Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas – Hoy nuestra parroquia recogerá la 135^a Colecta para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas. Nuestro apoyo ayuda a construir iglesias en las comunidades de costa a costa incluyendo nuestra diócesis, que el año pasado recibió \$37,000 de esta colecta. ¡Las escuelas, los programas parroquiales de educación religiosa y los ministerios diocesanos depended de su generosidad para ayudar a difundir el evangelio de Jesucristo! Mediante una contribución generosa, usted puede ayudar hoy mismo a hacer frente a las necesidades insatisfechas. Gracias por su apoyo.

God, if someone needs a word of friendship, a hug or a smile, please point me in their direction.

Winter Weather Policy – At winter time we would like to remind you of our policy regarding the cancellation of programs, except for Mass times. We follow the Bentonville school district; if they cancel school, then we cancel our programs. This policy will also apply to the parish office; if Bentonville schools are closed, the parish office is closed. We will also post our cancellations on KNWA, KHOG 40/29, and KFSM.

The Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference will be held at Christ the King Parish in Little Rock. The conference has been scheduled for Saturday, February 1. The guest speakers are Dc. Matt Glover, Fr. John Connell, and Bishop Anthony Taylor. They will talk about "Authentic Christian Manhood," bishop, priest and deacon. The early bird fee registration is \$25 and students \$10. The fee includes breakfast and lunch. The day will consist of the Rosary, Mass, conference, fellowship, & reconciliation all day. For registration and/or information visit arcatholicmen.com.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – You are invited to prayerfully consider joining pilgrims from the Bentonville area who will meet pilgrims from around the USA travelling to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina in October 11-20. Our Lady may be calling you to experience the gift of her Son during this prayer-filled journey. In order to travel with the group and receive the early bird discount of \$100 per person you must reserve the airline seat from Bentonville (XNA), by January 31. Later reservations may join the group in Croatia for the transfer to Medjugorje. Contact Julia Brummitt, a former St. Stephen parishioner (now residing in Ohio), at 817-602-8999 for more information or pick up a brochure in the Narthex across the church office.

Sunday of the Word of God – Pope Francis has issued an apostolic letter entitled "Aperuit Illis," instituting "Sunday of the Word of God" for all dioceses and churches throughout the world. In his own words, "With this Letter, I wish to respond to the many requests I have received from the people of God that the entire Church celebrate, in unity of purpose, a Sunday of the Word of God. It is now common for Christian community to set aside moments to reflect on the great importance of the word of God for everyday living. Various local Churches have undertaken a wealth of initiatives to make the sacred Scripture more accessible to believers, to increase their gratitude for so great a gift, and help them strive daily to embody and bear witness to its teachings. Consequently, I hereby declare the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God."

Domingo de la Palabra de Dios – El Papa Francisco ha emitido una carta apostólica titulada "Aperuit Illis", que instituye el "Domingo de la Palabra de Dios" para todas las diócesis e iglesias en todo el mundo. En sus propias palabras, "Con esta Carta, deseo responder a las muchas solicitudes que he recibido del pueblo de Dios que toda la Iglesia celebra, en unidad de propósito, un domingo de la Palabra de Dios. Ahora es común para la comunidad cristiana reservar momentos para reflexionar sobre la gran importancia de la Palabra de Dios para la vida cotidiana. Las diversas Iglesias locales han emprendido una gran cantidad de iniciativas para hacer que la Sagrada Escritura sea más accesible para los creyentes, para aumentar su gratitud por un regalo tan grande y ayudarlos a esforzarse diariamente para encarnar y dar testimonio de sus enseñanzas. Por consiguiente, declaro que el Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario se dedicará a la celebración, el estudio y la difusión de la Palabra de Dios."

Church Operations for January

Month-to-Date - \$ 101,514.77
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,647,502.78

As the child Jesus was presented in The Temple by His parents, as a light to the Gentiles, so may The Lord God accept our stewardship offerings, symbolic of the gift of our whole being.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 70,466.03	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 38,323.47	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, January 25**
 5:00pm Agnes Okeke †
- Sunday, January 26**
 7:45am Pauline Molz †
 10:00am Parishioners/Feligreses
 11:45am Felipe Andres Mendoza †
 5:00pm Jorge Echanove †
- Monday, January 27**
 12:00pm LaVaughn Davis †
- Tuesday, January 28**
 5:30pm Felipe Andres Mendoza †
- Wednesday, January 29**
 12:00pm Jennifer Guerca
- Thursday, January 30**
 8:30am Felipe Andres Mendoza †
- Friday, January 31**
 12:00pm Special Intention
- Saturday, February 1**
 9:00am Felipe Andres Mendoza †
 5:00pm Maria Nhu Bui †
- Sunday, February 2**
 7:45am Milton Delperdang †
 10:00am Parishioners/Feligreses
 11:45am Felipe Andres Mendoza †
 5:00pm Guerca Family



Scripture Readings for 02/02/20

Malachi 3:1-4
 Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
 Hebrews 2:14-18
 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

This Week – 01/27/20 to 02/02/20

- Mon: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Mon: 6:30-8:00pm 2nd Year Confirmation
 Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**
 Tue: 6:00pm English Choir Practice
 Tue: 7:00pm Spanish Choir Platica
 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 Eucharistic Adoration
 Thu: 9:30-11:30am Mujeres de Fe
 Fri: 10:15-11:30am Women's Scripture
 Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 9:00am **MASS – First Saturday**
 Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation
 Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sat: 6:00pm Potluck Dinner
 Sun: 7:45am **MASS**
 Sun: 8:45am CK Class
 Sun: 8:45am SSBC Mtg.
 Sun: 10:00am **MASS**
 Sun: 11:45am **MASS - Español**
 Sun: 5:00pm **MASS**
 Sun: 6:00-8:00pm LT – Life Night

February 1 - 2	Lector	EMC -Head Minister	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Amylynn Smith	Jon Terlouw	Kim Dial Amy Fulmer Doris Clement Ron Brophy Carolyn Brophy	Lori Terlouw Michaelene Morgan Jon Clement Susan McDaniel Joyce Moppin Jill Saulsbery	Joseph Giovannucci Gary VanOverschelde Dave Brandenburg	Joseph Giovannucci	Rachael Saulsbery Not Filled Not Filled	Amy Fulmer
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Kira O'Shaughnessy Elizabeth Costantini Brenda Kleck	Gary Kleck Susan Eagleson Gary Delperdang Gerry Whiting	Fred Costantini Gabriel Costantini Karen Howard		Karianne O'Shaughnessy Jack Coco Dhane Boskus	Pat Brock
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Children's Mass	Mary Kate Beckham	Bonnie Kupillas Greg Brandenburg Pam Willis Steve Harrington Ted Brauburger	Bruce Beckham Maxine Olson TJ LaPlant Claudia Garcia Patricia LaChance Joe Hartnett	Bo Patterson Ken Butler Rusty Adams		Logan Pantier John Brandenburg Peter Kreuter	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish Mass)	Rosalba Ortiz Dulce Ortiz	Raquel Perez	Mirna Serrano Julian Serrano Carmen Sepulveda	Eva Miramon Beatriz Aguirre Olga Serrano Fernando Perez	Bertha Valdez Martha Mendoza Jose Ortiz		Brayan Miramon Angela Munoz Diego Flores	Fernando Perez
Sunday, 5:00 PM		Bill Murphy	Susan Davis Terry Shepard	Bryan Bacon Chris Davis	Beatriz Segura		Erik Bacon Lukas Bacon Helena Bacon	Jolene Murphy