



# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

March 8, 2020

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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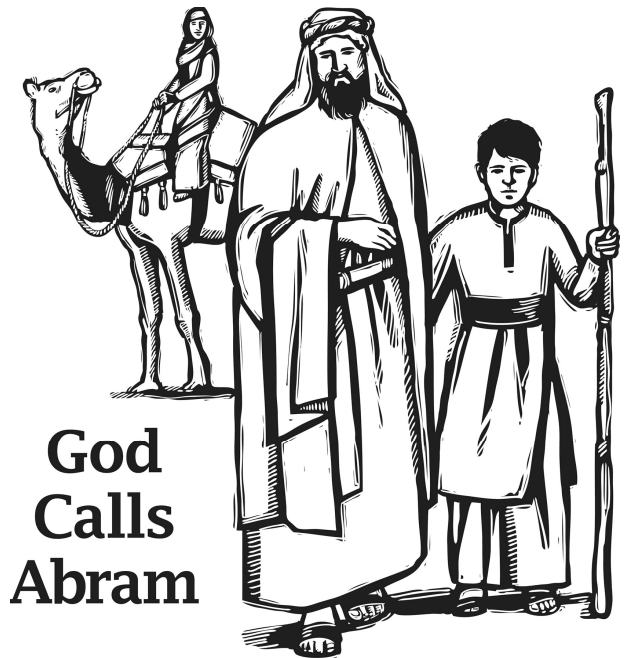
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God  
Calls  
Abram

### Lenten Mass (In the Chapel)

Monday Mass 8:30 AM

Tuesday Mass 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM

Wednesday Mass 12:00 PM

Thursday Mass 8:30 AM & 12:00 PM

Friday Mass 12:00 PM - IN THE CHURCH

Saturday Mass 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 3:30–4:30 PM

30 minutes before each Weekday Mass

30 minutos antes de cada Misa de los

días entre semana.

### Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 12:00 PM (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.

### Infant Baptism

Offered once a month in English and Spanish. 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](mailto:preschool@ststephenbentonville.com)

Office Hours: M–W–F

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM 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](mailto:ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com)

Pre-K – 6th Grade

#### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker

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Pre-K – 4th Grade

#### EDGE/Confirmation Director

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

Edge: 7th & 8th Grade

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

Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

#### Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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

9th Grade – 12th Grade

Facebook: Life Teen Bentonville

**Bishop Anthony B. Taylor** issued the following letter, March 1, 2020, to the people of the Diocese of Little Rock regarding the spread of the coronavirus in the United States.

"As we all know, the coronavirus seems to be becoming a worldwide threat for which there is no vaccination or cure available. Moreover, since it seems that it is present in the body for a long time before symptoms appear, it will be very difficult to prevent its spread. "As always, persons who feel ill should not come to Mass. The following may be helpful and so I am asking for these temporary modifications to be implemented in our diocese as soon as possible:

- ☐ Reception of Eucharist at Mass in the hand rather than on the tongue except in the Latin Masses for whom reception on the hand is not an option;
- ☐ Temporarily discontinuing the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass; \*\*Christ is fully present in each species when the bread and wine have been consecrated into His Body and Blood.
- ☐ Forgoing the holding of hands at the Lord's Prayer;
- ☐ A bow for the Sign of Peace in place of handshaking.

"Let us pray for all of those who are already affected by this virus, especially for those with compromised immune systems who are most at risk."

*We will implement these Diocesan recommended changes until further notice. The Bishop will evaluate the continuation of these changes so we can let you know of any new information given to us.*

**RCIA Calendar** – The next session will be Wednesday, March 11 on 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.



It takes between 14-19 volunteers to make each Mass happen?

Becoming a minister, lector, or usher is something that is a minimal time commitment on your part but makes such a difference to

our church. Each quarter, before the schedule comes out, the parish office sends out an email asking each volunteer when they are available.

Maybe you're hesitant to volunteer because you have small children or you travel or you have an unpredictable work schedule. You can still consider volunteering. As a head minister, we are often looking for subs. Telling the head minister when you arrive at church that you are available serves a great need.

All volunteers must be at least 16 years of age; have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and if married, be validly married within the Catholic Church.

Training for Ministers of Communion is March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. Call or email the parish office to register for a training session.

**Hard Hat Collection Weekend** – This weekend, March 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** – Este fin de semana, el 7 y 8 de marzo 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.

**El Obispo Anthony B. Taylor** emitió la siguiente carta, el 1º de marzo 2020, al pueblo de la Diócesis de Little Rock con respecto a la dispersión del coronavirus en los Estados Unidos.

"Como todos sabemos, el coronavirus parece estar convirtiéndose en una amenaza mundial para el cual no hay vacuna o cura disponible." Además, ya que al parecer permanece en el cuerpo por mucho tiempo antes de que los síntomas aparezcan, será muy difícil prevenir que se disperse. "Como siempre, las personas que se sientan enfermas no deben ir a la Misa." Lo siguiente puede ser útil y por lo tanto les pido implementar estas modificaciones temporales en nuestra diócesis lo antes posible:

- ☐ Recepción de la Eucaristía durante la Misa en la mano en lugar que en la lengua, excepto en la Misa en Latín para quienes la recepción en la mano no es una opción.
- ☐ Descontinuar temporalmente la distribución de la Sangre Preciosa durante la Misa; \*\*Cristo está completamente presente en cada especie cuando el pan y el vino han sido consagrados en su cuerpo y sangre.
- ☐ No tomarse de las manos durante la oración del Padre Nuestro.
- ☐ Inclinar la cabeza como Saludo de Paz en lugar de un saludo de mano.

"Oremos por todos aquellos que ya han sido afectados por este virus, especialmente por aquellos con un sistema inmunológico comprometido y que corren mayor riesgo." *Implementaremos estos cambios recomendados por la diócesis hasta nuevo aviso. El Obispo evaluará la continuación de estos cambios para que nosotros podamos informarles sobre cualquier información nueva.*

**Ministry Scheduling** – 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 9-12). Let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter **before Monday, March 16** by via email [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com) or calling the church office at (479)273-1240. No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time or the Holy Days mentioned above.

If you would be willing to serve at our First Communion Mass, Sunday, April 26 at 2:00pm, or Confirmation Mass, Saturday, May 2 at 10:00am please let us know – we really need help at these Mass times!

Also, make use of the sub list to find your replacement if you are unable to attend Mass when you are scheduled – *a friendly reminder that the parish office does not find subs, and it is not the responsibility of the head minister to find a sub for you.*

**Save the Date** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine Social will be April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-9:00pm! Cost is \$20 a person, must be over 21 to attend. Watch the bulletin for information on ticket sales. Join us for a night of wine, food & fellowship.

**One Month Developing Baby** – Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20<sup>th</sup> day. The heart began to beat on the 21<sup>st</sup> day. The heart is now pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his/her mothers.

Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month to being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of the mother to give him/her the most precious gift of all – the gift of life.

**Social Media Coordinator** – If you need help promoting your church-related events or have ideas on ways to help promote the church, contact Elizabeth Ganey, our Social Media Coordinator, [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:marketing@ststephenbentonville.com). Ideas and suggestions are appreciated, no event or program is too small to be promoted!

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

- March 13, 5:30pm - hosted by Life Teen with dinner
- March 20, 5:30pm - hosted by IMPACT with Fish Fry
- March 27, 5:30pm - hosted by Msgr. Scott
- April 3, 5:30pm - hosted by Women's Scripture Study with dinner

**El Vía Crucis** 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 29 de marzo a la 1:00pm después de la Misa en Español y el miercoles, 18 de marzo a las 7:00pm en Inglés. 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 10, 7pm – St. Mary's, Siloam Springs
- Wed., March 11, 5pm - St. Anne, Berryville
- Thur., March 12, 7pm – St. Stephen, Bentonville
- Tues., March 24, 7pm – St. Joseph, Fayetteville
- Thur., March 26, 6:30pm – St. Vincent, Rogers
- Tues., March 31, 11:45am – St. Bernard, Bella Vista
- Tues., March 31, 5pm - St. Raphael, Springdale
- Thur., April 2, 6:30pm – St. Thomas UofA, Fayetteville

### **St. Stephen Knights of Columbus Lenten**

**Opportunity** – The Knights will lead the rosary in the Chapel at 5:00 PM every Thursday during the Lenten season. Please come join them and bring the whole family! The family who prays together stays together. Prayer to our Blessed Mother is most powerful and a strong pillar for family prayer life. If you wish to lead a rosary contact Dan Reiff [bentonvillekofc@gmail.com](mailto:bentonvillekofc@gmail.com) or Jacob Winkel [jacob@bhhssolutionsre.com](mailto:jacob@bhhssolutionsre.com).

### **Holy Family Foster and Adoption Support Ministry**

We are excited to bring this new ministry to our local parishes. Stop by the table in the Narthex this weekend, March 7-8 after any mass and learn more about how you can help foster and adoptive families in our parish and NWA. There are many ways to support from prayer, meals, and childcare to becoming an open foster or adoptive home. If you are a current/former foster or adoptive family, please stop by and/or email us at [fostersupportministry@svdprogers.com](mailto:fostersupportministry@svdprogers.com) and tell us who you are and your needs. We can't wait to meet you!

**St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC)** – In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to Him" Through giving to the SSBC Black Bag collection the weekend of March 28/ 29, you are listening to Jesus when He asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering. Your gift will help our Neighbors in Need celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

**Life Teen** is hosting a LENT-Ertaining scholarship fundraiser dinner following their presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 in the Family Life Center. Join us for an Italian feast while being entertained by our Life Teen students. Cost is \$8 per person, with a capped cost of \$40 per family. All proceeds benefit students through scholarship within our youth group including the National March for Life in DC, Steubenville, and Leadership Conference. Your support is much appreciated!

**The St. Stephen College Scholarship Application** for high school seniors through Life Teen is now open and is only available digitally this year. You must apply online: <http://bit.ly/LTgradapp2020>. The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and no late submissions will be accepted. Scholarships are judged based on participation in our parish Life Teen program, financial need, and other merits. Included in the application is the RSVP for Grad Night (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) when the scholarships will be presented. If you have any questions, contact Jessica [lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com).

**Softball Season** is here! If you are interested in joining the St. Stephen Archangels softball teams, please contact Bryan Bacon by calling or texting 479-381-6186 or email [bcbacon01@gmail.com](mailto:bcbacon01@gmail.com). They play in both the Rogers Men's Church and Coed Open Leagues. Games start the week of April 13th, more details will be sent to those who express interest. Go Team!

**St. Vincent de Paul School PTO** is once again offering two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. The scholarship criteria and application can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/2020SVdPscholarship>. The deadline to submit the application is Tuesday, March 31. For additional information, please contact Teisha Weisenfels the PTO Scholarship Chairperson at [teisha.weisenfels@rpsar.net](mailto:teisha.weisenfels@rpsar.net).

**Day of Prayer & Healing Retreat** – You are not alone. There is hope. The Respect Life Office, through the Ministry of Project Rachel, is offering one-day, post abortion healing retreats for women or men. Saturday, March 14 in Texarkana in English and Saturday, April 18 in Fayetteville in Spanish confidential. Non-judgmental. Healing is possible. 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. 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.

**Día de Oración y Retiro de Sanación** – No estás sola(o). Hay esperanza. La Oficina de Respeto a la Vida, por medio del Ministerio de Proyecto Raquel, está ofreciendo retiros de sanación post aborto de un día para mujeres u hombres. Los retiros son en ingles o español. sabado, 14 de marzo en Texarkana en ingles y el 18 de abril en Fayetteville en español confidential. Sin juzgar. La sanación es posible. Los retiros son de naturaleza católica, pero cualquier persona que desee comenzar o continuar su camino hacia la esperanza y la sanación es bienvenido. La ubicación exacta del retiro sólo se revela a los participantes. Para hablar con alguien sobre un retiro u otras oportunidades de sanación del Ministerio de Proyecto Raquel, llama o envía un texto a nuestra línea telefónica confidential 501-663-0996 o envía un correo electrónico a [rpuello@dolr.org](mailto:rpuello@dolr.org). Todas las consultas son estrictamente confidenciales.



**Church Operations for March**

Month-to-Date - \$ 23,256.80

Loan Balance - \$ 1,430,080.82

When God made a covenant with Abram, He said that "the communities of the earth shall find blessings in you." May we continue our commitment to the Lord in our tithing, so that the community of faith and other charities may find a blessing in us.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 29,234.41	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 3,157.00	\$ 23,000

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, March 7**

9:00am Guerca Family

5:00pm Margaret Harbert †

**Sunday, March 8**

7:45am Bui / Le Ancestors

10:00am Scripture Sisters

11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00pm Special Intention

**Monday, March 9**

12:00pm Don Korsch †

**Tuesday, March 10**

12:00pm Special Intention

5:30pm Special Intention

**Wednesday, March 11**

12:00pm Special Intention

**Thursday, March 12**

8:30am McAdams Family

12:00pm Rita Streuli †

**Friday, March 13**

12:00pm Jerry Martin †

**Saturday, March 14**

5:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †

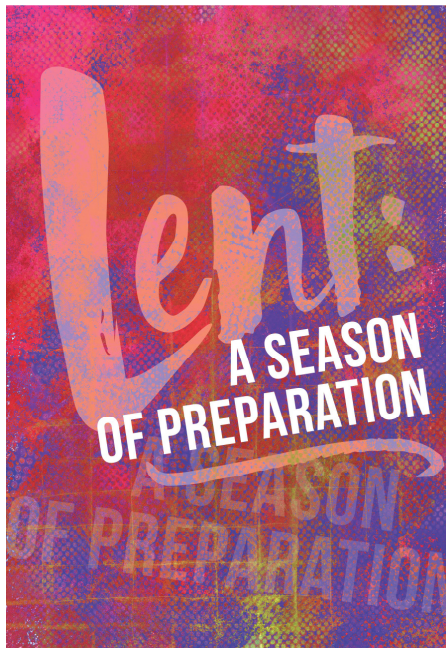
**Sunday, March 15**

7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00am Rosibel &amp; Macario Aliagman †

11:45am Guerca Familia

5:00pm Thomas Hart

**Scripture Readings for 03/15/20**

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**This Week – 03/09/20 to 03/015/20**Mon: 12:00pm **MASS**Mon: 6:30-8:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Year ConfirmationTue: 12:00pm **MASS**Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**

Tue: 6:00pm Choir Practice

Tue: 7:00pm Practica de Coro

Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**

Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary

Wed: 6:30-8:00pm CK Blue Early

Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE

Wed: 6:30-8:00pm CK Blue Late

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

Wed: 7:00pm RCIA

Thu: 8:30am **MASS**

Thu: 9:00am-3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Thu: 9:30-11:30am Mujeres de Fe

Thu: 12:00pm **MASS**

Thu: 7:00pm Lenten Penance Service

**No Meat Friday**

Fri: 10:15-11:30am Women's Scripture

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**

Fri: 5:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Lent-Ertaining Dinner hosted by Life Teen

Fri: 7:00pm Estaciones de la Cruz

Sat: 8:00am Catecismo para Adultos

Sat: 9:00am-12:00pm Called &amp; Gifted - Sp.

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

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

Sun: 8:45am CK Class

Sun: 8:45am SSBC Meeting

Sun: 10:00am **MASS - RCIA 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny**Sun: 11:45am **MASS - Español**Sun: 5:00pm **MASS**

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

March 14-15	Lector	EMC -Head Minister	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Bryan Bacon	Kim Monfils	Carolyn Brophy Ron Brophy Susan McDaniel Bob Monfils Michaelene Morgan	NO BLOOD of CHRIST (Cup) Until the Bishop notifies us that we can start doing the cup again. For more information see inside bulletin.	Joseph Giovannucci Dave Brandenburg Steve Saulsbery	Joseph Giovannucci	Lukas Bacon Helena Bacon Erik Bacon	Kim Monfils
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Irma Holasek	Maggie Peterson	Gerry Whiting Karen Howard Susan Eagleson		Geri Oswald Len Oswald Bruce Peterson		Karianne O'Shaughnessy Meghan Estes Jake Estes	Barb Hamernik
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Maria Mendez Eric Belin	Bruce Beckham	Rose Hartnett Joe Hartnett Paul Krapf Gina Koch Patricia LaChance	NO habra SANGRE de CRISTO (Copa) - Hasta que el Obispo nos avise que podemos usar la copa otra vez. Para mas informacion por favor de leer dentro del boletin.	Brock Schulte Tim Koch Jeff Maas		Peter Kreuter Keynes Wright John Brandenburg	Charlotte Champagne
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish)</b>	Teresita Perez Marugel Monzalvo	Mirna Serrano	Beatriz Aguirre Olga Serrano Ricardo Almaraz		Martha Mendoza Bertha Valdez Maria Salcedo		Brayan Miramon Angela Munoz Diego Flores	Crimilda Viera
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>		Bill Murphy	Susan Davis Chris Davis		Joe Poe		Ryder Johnson Hayden Poe Collin Harris	Jolene Murphy