

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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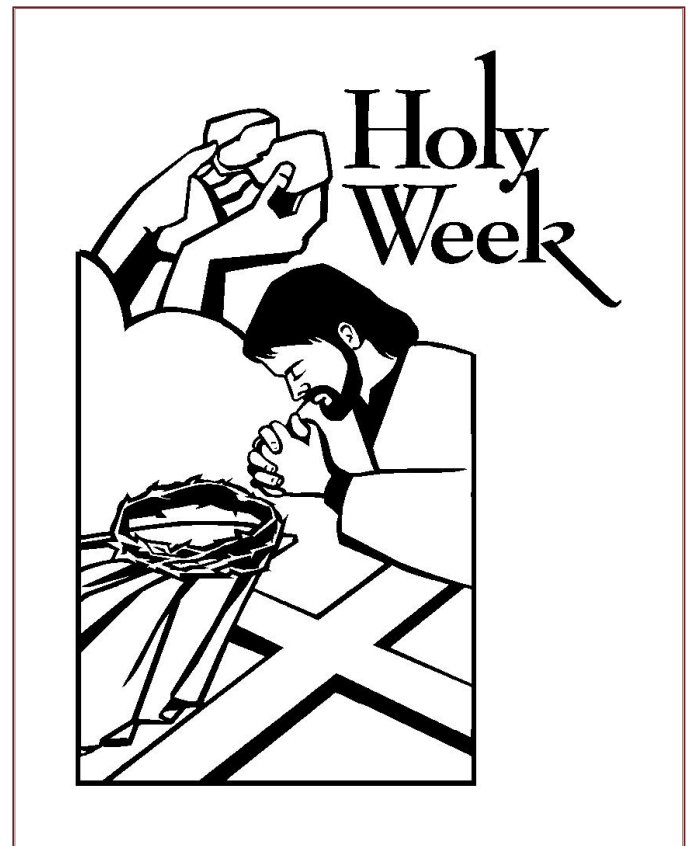
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Adoration Times / Horario de Adoracion

Sunday 10:00am-12:00pm
domingo 10:00am-12:00pm

Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm
lunes - jueves 9:00am – 3:00pm

Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm
viernes 9:00am – 12:00pm

NO Lenten MASS (In the Chapel)

No daily MASS until further notice. Bishop Taylor will re-evaluate the status and let us know how to proceed.

NO Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

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Reconciliation/Reconciliación

Saturday / Sábado - Bilingual/Bilingüe
3:00 - 4:00 PM

Wednesday–Friday / miércoles-viernes
11:30am - 12:00pm

Mon. & Tues. by appointment with Fr. Bala

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 12:00 PM (5 days prior to the publication date). Please email articles to 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
Office Hours: M-W-F
8:30 AM -12:30 PM September - May

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

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Kids/Youth Faith Formation:

Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

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

Catholic Kids Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker
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Pre-K – 4th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen Youth

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

HOW TO PRAY THE TV MASS FROM HOME

Creating a sacred space to reverently watch the mass in your home

Create a prayer altar under your TV or streaming device. Consider setting a crucifix or other sacred art in the prayer space.

Open your bible to the gospel of the day and place it on your "home altar" to remind you that the Word of God is among you.

Light a candle to symbolize the beautiful light that shines in the darkness and to help your home resemble the Church.

Set up chairs like a pew to help you engage in the mass and keep you from passively watching from the couch.

Get dressed as you normally would when attending mass. Keeping this routine is especially helpful for children.

If you have holy water at home, bless yourself and your family before you begin the mass.

Take a few moments of silence to transition from the busyness of your home to the sacredness of the mass.

Fully participate by standing, kneeling, sitting and responding according to the rubrics of the mass.

Engage in community by having coffee and breakfast with your family after mass or by calling your loved ones to connect.



Contact the Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life for more family resources:
605-988-3776 respectlifeefcatholic.org

RCIA Calendar – There will be NO RCIA sessions until further notice, this includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday Vigil. We will keep our catechumens informed of any updates from our Diocese of Little Rock once Bishop Taylor re-evaluate the status.

Faith Formation at Home – If you have not already set up an account for www.Formed.org, this would be a great opportunity to do so. Formed.org is an online service that St. Stephen pays for so you and your families can have access to faith formation materials at home. [Formed.org](http://www.Formed.org) "provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, e-books, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device." The Parish Access code is: KFNNGY

Additional Faith Formation at Home - Institute of Catholic Culture is a free "catechetical organization, faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and dedicated to the Church's call for a new evangelization." It offers weekly live instructor led learning & thousands of hours of already recorded programing. Set up your free account at <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/>.

Confirmation Classes - If any Candidates would like their workbook, email confirmation@ststephenbentonville.com so Chris can get it ready. First year candidates are required to bring their workbook back at the beginning of next year of formation class. Those of you who would like to finish the remaining lessons at home, please visit see the link and place the code below to access the videos: www.study.ascensionpress.com/studies/40978/registration/new. Registration Code: QAJLDV
Remaining lessons: 1st year lessons: 9, 10 & 11;
2nd year lessons: 21, 23 & 24

Holy Week Services – You will be able to pick up your Blessed Palms starting this Saturday after 2:30pm the palms will outside until we run out.

Please bear with us as we will try to live stream our Holy Week Masses. If for some reason we have trouble, the Masses will be recorded and uploaded to our website at www.ststephenbentonville.com and St. Stephen Catholic Church Bentonville AR on www.youtube.com.

If you would like to stay informed with what is going on in our parish, please visit our web page as mentioned above and scroll down to the bottom and click on the subscribe button. This will sign you up for our digital bulletin and other postings to our site.

Thank you for your patience as we are shifting into more digital means of communication. As usual, you may call the office to leave a message or email us and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Servicios de Semana Santa - Podrá recoger sus palmas bendecidas a partir de este sábado después de las 2:30pm las palmas estarán afuera hasta que se terminen.

Por favor, sea paciente con nosotros, ya que trataremos de hacer nuestras misas de Semana Santa por transmisión en vivo. Si por alguna razón tenemos problemas, las Misas se grabaran y se subirán en nuestro sitio web en www.ststephenbentonville.com y St. Stephen Catholic Church Bentonville AR en www.youtube.com.

Si desea mantenerse informado sobre lo que está sucediendo en nuestra parroquia, visite nuestra página web como se mencionó anteriormente y desplácese hacia abajo y haga clic en el botón de suscripción para obtener el enlace de correo electrónico de nuestro boletín. Esto lo inscribirá a nuestro boletín digital y otras publicaciones que se cargan en nuestro sitio.

Gracias por su paciencia mientras nos estamos moviendo hacia medios de comunicación más digitales. Como de costumbre, puede llamar a la oficina, dejar un mensaje o enviarnos un correo electrónico y nos pondremos en contacto con usted lo antes posible.

From the Accounting Office – Normally, the Holy Thursday collection is for the Diocesan Seminarians, and the collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Land. If you would like to contribute to those causes or to St. Stephen's debt reduction, please mail your contribution to the church. While the Sunday Mass obligation has been suspended, expenses to operate the church continue. You can support the church through automatic bank drafts, PayPal or mail your contribution to the church. You can also donate online at our website or the parish app at ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org. If you are interested in bank draft please email Melanie at accounting@ststephenbentonville.com. Thank you!

De la Oficina de Contable – Normalmente, la colección del Jueves Santo es para los seminaristas diocesanos, y la colección del Viernes Santo es para Tierra Santa. Si desea contribuir a esas causas o a la reducción de la deuda de San Esteban, puede enviar su contribución a la iglesia por correo. Si bien la obligación de la misa dominical ha sido suspendida, los gastos para operar la iglesia continúan. Todavía puede apoyar a la iglesia a través de giros bancarios automáticos. Para inscribirse envíe un correo electrónico a accounting@ststephenbentonville.com. También puedes donar en línea. Hay enlaces en el sitio web y en la aplicación parroquial, o puede ir a www.ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org. También puede usar PayPal o enviar su contribución por correo a la iglesia. ¡Gracias!

Daily Mass from Home – In an effort to be more spiritually united, especially at the daily offering of the Holy Mass, Monsignor is willing to schedule his daily private Mass at 9:00 am so that from home, you may join him in prayer at that time in order to receive the special blessings of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

Misa Diaria desde Casa – En un esfuerzo por estar más unidos espiritualmente, especialmente en la ofrenda diaria de la Misa Santa, Monseñor está dispuesto a programar su Misa privada diaria a las 9:00 a.m. para que desde su casa pueda unirse a él en oración en ese momento. Tiempo, para recibir las bendiciones especiales del Sacrificio Eucarístico.

Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday. This year, Good Friday is April 10th. We pray the novena in preparation for The Feast of the Divine Mercy, which we celebrate on the Sunday after Easter - also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy is the gift of mercy and love by Christ's death, his burial and his resurrection.

La Novena de la Divina Misericordia comienza el Viernes Santo. Este año, el Viernes Santo es el 10 de abril. Oramos la novena en preparación para La Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia, que celebramos el domingo después de Pascua, también conocido como Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. La Divina Misericordia es el regalo de la misericordia y el amor por la muerte de Cristo, su entierro y su resurrección.

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 and fasting obliges those between the ages of 18-59.

La Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma – Es un buen comienzo practicar como la Iglesia instruye. 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. Viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia en los Estados Unidos. La obligación de la abstinencia comienza a los 14 años de edad y la ley del ayuno obliga a todos entre las edades de 18-59.

Faith at Home – Since Bishop Anthony Taylor announced the suspension of all public Masses and non-essential gatherings during the COVID-19 crisis, the Diocese of Little Rock has compiled a list of resources to help you continue to practice your faith at home & stay connected with online Masses, readings & prayers. Visit www.dolr.org/covid this link will be updated as new information is released.

Attention Parents – The CDC recommends you “hum the ‘Happy Birthday’ song from beginning to end twice”¹ while scrubbing your hands. While this is good advice, as Catholics let's take this advice to the next level & instead of humming the happy birthday song, offer one Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be in reparation for any sins we have committed. Therefore, cleansing our hands & soul.

¹<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/hygiene-handwashing-diapering/index.html>.

Spiritual Communion – For various reasons we may be prevented from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. We may have broken the one hour fast, be in a state of mortal sin, or we could even be homebound, unable to leave our home to attend Mass or no Masses available.

In these cases, the Church encourages us to make an act of “spiritual communion,” where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with Him when we are unable to complete, union in the reception of Holy Communion.

It remains true, however, that with the sacraments the grace is greater and more precise if we participate in the sacrament in fact and not only in desire. So, our spiritual Communion is always a desire to receive the Lord sacramentally, but it is still in virtue of the sacrament that we receive the grace of a spiritual Communion. A spiritual Communion is a genuine, though less sacramentally perfect, sharing in the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Comunión Espiritual – Por varias razones se les puede impedir de recibir la Eucaristía en la Misa. Es posible que hayamos roto el ayuno de una hora, que estemos en un estado de pecado mortal, o incluso podríamos estar en casa, incapaces de salir de nuestro hogar para asistir a la misa o no hay misa disponible. En estos casos, la Iglesia nos anima a hacer un acto de "comunión espiritual", donde nos unimos a Dios a través de la oración. Es una hermosa manera de expresar a Dios nuestro deseo de estar unidos a Él cuando no somos capaces de completar esa unión con la recepción de la Santa Comunión.

Sin embargo, sigue siendo cierto que con los sacramentos la gracia es mayor y más precisa si participamos de hecho en la Santa Cena y no sólo en el deseo. Así que nuestra Comunión espiritual es siempre un deseo de recibir al Señor sacramentalmente, pero todavía está en virtud de la Santa Cena que recibimos la gracia de una Comunión espiritual. Una Comunión espiritual es verdadera, aunque menos perfecta sacramentalmente, compartiendo el Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor.

Oración por la Comunión Espiritual:

Dios mío, creo que estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento. Te amo por encima de todas las cosas, y deseo recibirte en mi alma. Puesto que en este momento no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí y me unieras totalmente a Ti. Nunca me permitas separarme de Ti. Amén.

Arkansas Catholic is the main source of communication during this crisis. Contact the diocese to sign up for the print version. The digital version is free and available to everyone in your family. It will be emailed directly to each member's personal account. Signing up is simple:

1. Log on to www.digital.arkansas-catholic.org & sign up.
2. Click the red "Sign Up" link.
3. Register, set up your password and Submit. You will never need to use your password again unless you log in from your browser and not the email you get every Tuesday with the link to access the latest edition.
4. Click the red link and you will have access to the digital edition, far back to 2002.

Church Operations for March

Month-to-Date - \$ 145,128.29

Loan Balance - \$ 1,415,212.58

As Joseph of Arimathea provided linen and a rock tomb for the body of the Crucified Lord, may we continue to provide for the physical needs of His Body the Church.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 109,464.01	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 16,948.81	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- * *The intentions will be offered by our Priests privately.*

The church will be open on

- Sunday 10:00am–12:00pm
- Monday - Thursday 9:00am–3:00pm
- Friday 9:00am–12:00pm

If you are sick or feel sick please don't come. If you need a staff member please contact them at 479-273-1240 or email ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com receptionist@ststephenbentonville.com.

La iglesia estara abierta el

- domingo de 10:00am a 12:00pm
- lunes a jueves de 9:00am a 3:00pm
- viernes de 9:00am a 12:00pm

Si está enfermo o se siente enfermo por favor de no venir. Si necesita contactar un miembro del personal de la iglesia, comuníquese por teléfono al 479-273-1240 o

ststephen@ststephenBentonville.com receptionist@ststephenbentonville.com.

Blessed is he
who comes in
the name of
the LORD!

Psalm 118:26, ESV



Scripture Readings for 04/05/20

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9

This Week:

All classes and gatherings at Parish are cancelled or postponed further notice.

Todas las clases y reuniones en la parroquia se cancelan hasta nuevo aviso.



Adoration Hours April 5 - 10	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Sunday	Closed	Jose C. Serrano Olga Serrano	Gustavo Chavez Marlen Chavez	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday	Alicia Mendez Lisa Richard	Lesa Reiff	April Appleby	Mikey Morgan	Marugel Monzalvo	Ana Krus
Tuesday	Dan Reiff Lisa Richard	Nancy Nolan		Mikey Morgan	Marugel Monzalvo	Ana Krus
Wednesday	Sandra Lester Lisa Richard	Jeanette Gomez Elena Calderon		Mikey Morgan	Marugel Monzalvo	Ana Krus
Thursday	Rose Hartnett April Appleby	Barbara Cantara Mary Frickson	Maria Mendez Audrey Leftwich	Joshua Birlson Eva LaChance	Mikey Morgan David Wolters	Lesa Reiff Jeanette Gomez
Friday	Dan Reiff	Nancy Nolan	Ana Krus	Closed	Closed	Closed