



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

June 28, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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... just as Christ was
raised from the dead
through the glory of
the Father, we too may
live a new life. ROMANS 6:4

Temporary Weekday MASS

Monday - Friday 12:00 PM - English

Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM

Sunday 11:45 AM – Spanish

Sunday 2:00 PM (Temporary)

Sunday 5:00 PM

Reconciliation/Reconciliación

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

Monday – Friday / miércoles - viernes
11:30 - 11:55am

Adoration Times / Horario de

Adoracion

Monday – Thursday / lunes – jueves
9:00am – 11:30am & 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Friday / viernes 9:00am – 11:30am

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 12:00 PM (5 days prior to the publication date). 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 parish at least 9 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:

Mass Time (Spanish Only)

Saturday Mass 6:00 PM

Kids/Youth Faith Formation:

Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

Suzanne Sutton

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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: 7th & 8th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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9th Grade – 12th Grade

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Parish Office Closed - The parish office will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Please hold your calls until Monday, July 6.

Hard Hat Collection Weekend – There will be a Hard Hat collection next weekend to go toward paying the loan we received from the Diocese for church repairs. As the hard hats will not be passed around, please place your donation in the regular collection basket. Our goal is to collect \$19,440 each month to cover the loan payment. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Colecta Casco – El próximo fin de semana habrá una colecta de Casco para pagar el préstamo que recibimos de la Diócesis para las reparaciones de la iglesia. Como no se pasarán los cascos, coloque su donación en la canasta de colecta regular. Nuestro objetivo es recaudar \$ 19,440 cada mes para cubrir el pago del préstamo. Gracias por su consideración en oración.

Masks for Masses – Thanks to everyone who has supported the Masks for Masses program with proceeds funding the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference. The response has been overwhelming. Anyone able to sew and willing to donate their time to this ministry would be appreciated. Fabric and other supplies can be provided to you. Please call Donna Werst at 479-640-2618 if you are interested. Thank you.

Church Guidelines – Bishop Taylor's dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect. Both an English and a Spanish Mass will be Live Streamed on Sunday.

- Please stay home, if you do not feel well or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- A mask is required for all individuals 10 years of age and up.
- Please make sure to use hand sanitizer prior to entering the church. If possible, please supply your own.
- Remember to keep physical distance of 6 feet while entering the church, sitting in the pews, in line for communion and when exiting the church.
- Families may sit together.
- Procedures for taking communion will be explained prior to and during the Mass.

Your full cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Directivos de La Iglesia – La dispensa del obispo Taylor de la obligación de la misa dominical sigue vigente. Tanto una misa en inglés como en español se transmitirá en vivo el domingo.

- Por favor, quédese en casa si no se siente bien o ha estado expuesto a COVID-19.
- Se requiere una máscara para todas las personas de 10 años y mayor.
- Use desinfectante para manos antes de entrar a la iglesia. Si es posible, proporcione el suyo.
- Recuerde mantener una distancia física de 6 pies entrando a la iglesia, mientras se sienta en las bancas, cuando hace fila para la comunión y a la salida.
- Las familias pueden sentarse juntas.
- Los procedimientos para la comunión se explicarán antes y durante la Misa.

Su cooperación será muy apreciada.



Did you know when we make the sign of the cross we are doing much more than a "Catholic thing?" Making the sign of the cross may be a common action which we Catholics do, but do you know why and what it means? This ancient gestural prayer customarily begins and ends our formal prayer; from grace before meals to the Mass. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the ancient origin of the Sign of the Cross is unclear, but its form has evolved over time.

In the Sign of the Cross, we are saying we believe in God, a Trinity of three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the redemption of the cross. The combination of the words and action are a creed, a statement of belief. We mark ourselves as Christians through the Sign of the Cross, reminding ourselves the purpose of the cross, and remembering the price that was paid for our salvation. The use of holy water when making the sign of the cross, as we do when we enter a church, also recalls our Baptism which should bring to mind, we are born again of water and Spirit.

The sign of the cross indicates the very Cross of our salvation. Our most common gesture, the sign of the cross, is really the signature of our Catholic faith.

Spiritual Work of Mercy – It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the deceased. The death toll now in the United States is 122,000+ and world-wide death toll is now at 472,000+ due to Covid-19. Many of these persons have been buried without the customary religious services, and some have no one to pray for the repose of their souls. While we continue to pray for an end to the pandemic & all those who have been affected, in charity, let us not forget to assist the faithful departed with our prayers & Masses.

Faithful Departed Prayer

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen

Obra Espiritual de Misericordia – Es una Obra Espiritual de Misericordia orar por los difuntos. El número de muertes en los Estados Unidos es 122,000+ y el número de muertes todo el mundo debido al Covid-19 ahora es de 472,000+. Muchas de estas personas han sido enterradas sin los servicios religiosos habituales, y algunas no tienen a nadie para rezar por el descanso de sus almas. Mientras continuamos orando por el fin de la pandemia y todos los que han sido afectados por ella, por caridad, no olvidemos ayudar a los fieles difuntos con nuestras oraciones y misas.

Fiel Oración por los Difuntos

Concédeles Señor, el descanso eterno, y brille para ellos la luz perpetua. Que las almas de los fieles difuntos, por la misericordia de Dios, descansen en paz. Amén

NWA Respect Life News – AR Right to Life Director Rose Mimms joyfully announced, a new born baby was saved in mid-May during the newly implemented program of "Safe Haven Baby Boxes." A location for this safe haven was established, thanks to the Knights of Columbus and Our Lady of Fatima church at Fire Station #3 in Benton, AR. I have been contacted about establishing a Safe Haven Baby Box in NWA. If you would like to assist, contact Sheila Pursell, nwarespectlifecouncil@gmail.com or 469-231-1959.

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory – 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

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

Oración para todas las Almas del Purgatorio - Nuestro Señor le dijo a Santa Gertrudis la Grande, que esta oración puede librar 1000 almas del purgatorio cada vez que se rece:

Oración de Santa Gertrudis La Mayor

"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."

Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA) Rummage Sale

Please plan to check out the OCA Rummage Sale Knights of Columbus hall at 233 N. Barrington Road, Tontitown across from OCA. The sale will be on Friday, July 10 from 11am - 3pm and Saturday, July 11 from 8am - 1pm. As new members of the Arkansas Activities Association (AAA), OCA will compete in 1A-1 West Conference this fall, the rummage will benefit the student Athletics program. Masks and social distancing will be in place for your browsing comfort.

OCA is looking forward to welcoming its largest class this fall with 31 new students this will bring our student community up to 77 students. With the larger student body, we are looking to add a Spirit Squad and baseball team to the sports program which currently includes archery, basketball boys and girls, cross country, golf, track, and volleyball.

The 2020 Arkansas Catholic Charismatic Conference

which was for July 24-26 has been canceled due to COVID-19. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of Charismatic Renewal in Arkansas. The 2021 conference is scheduled for July 23-25 at the Wyndham and there will be three speakers. The ACCC committee was saddened to cancel the conference but looks forward to seeing everyone in 2021. For more information please visit www.ARKCC.ORG.

St. Vincent de Paul School – The 2020-2021 School Year registration has started. SVdP School is a 2015 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. The school has approximately 390 students and is divided into 4 programs:

- * Early Childhood Program: 3 yr.-old Part Time (2 days Per week), 4 yr.-old Part Time (3 days per week) and 4 yr. - old Full Time (5 days per week)
- * Elementary School: kindergarten through 4th grade
- * Middle School: 5th and 6th grades
- * Junior High: 7th and 8th grades

Give your child the gift that lasts for a lifetime. Apply today! Please contact Sandra Stephens (479)636-4421 or stephenss@svdpschool.net for more information.

Religious Freedom Week will start end June 29, as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. For details visit www.usccb.org/.

- Saturday, June 27 - Catholic Schools
- Sunday, June 28 - Central African Republic
- Monday, June 29 - Civilize It

Search #148 Retreat – Registrations are now being accepted for Search #148, 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 retreat is open to in-coming juniors, seniors and recently graduated seniors. Search #148 will be at St. John Center, Little Rock, on July 17-19.

Due to Covid-19 space will be limited to 30 registrants & all guidelines (wear masks, keep 6 feet of distance, etc.) set by the Bishop will be followed. The fee is \$135. For information and/or registration forms please visit <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-148.pdf>. If you have questions contact Trish Gentry at (501)664-0340, ext 418 or (501)352-1682 tgentry@dolr.org.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje (October 11-20) – You are invited to prayerfully consider joining pilgrims from around the USA travelling to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina this October. Our Lady invites you to experience, in a special way, the gift of her Son during this prayer-filled journey. (Note: since May 2019, Pilgrimages are authorized and encouraged by the Vatican. A permanent representative from the Vatican, Msgr. Houser, resides there.) To register or for information contact Julie Brummitt (former parishioner of St. Stephen parishioner) at 817-602-8999 or www.pilgrimages.com/brummitt.

The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dc. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinators for the Diocese of Little Rock: Dr. George or Dr. Sherry Simon at (501)664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock está comprometida a proteger a los niños y jóvenes. Si usted está enterado de algún abuso o ha sido abusado por Clérigos, voluntarios o funcionarios de la Iglesia, por favor comuníquese a la Línea de Ayuda del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños al (800)482-5964 y con el Canciller para Asuntos Canónicos, Diác. Matthew A. Glover (501)664-0340, ext. 361. Para asistencia pastoral, por favor comuníquese con los: Coordinadores de Asistencia para Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock Dr. George Simon o Dra. Sherry Simon (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

Lord, give us guidance and the willingness to follow where you lead.

Church Operations for June

Month-to-Date - \$
 Loan Balance - \$ **Unavailable**

A woman provided generous Hospitality to the prophet Elisha, and she was richly rewarded. As we sing of the Lord's goodness to us, may we also return to Him a portion of the many blessings bestowed upon us.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	Unavailable	117,000
Building Fund	\$ 10,794.60	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, June 27**

5:00pm Sally Crenshaw †

Sunday, June 28

7:45am Eriberto & Vanessa Torres-Mendez

10:00am All Lonely Souls

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

2:00pm Intention of the Celebrant

5:00pm Lenon Padilla †

Monday, June 29

12:00pm Louise Smith †

Tuesday, June 30

12:00pm Bonnie B. Weishar †

Wednesday, July 1

12:00pm Dot & Bill Triche †

Thursday, July 2

12:00pm Bruno Verlage

Friday, July 3

12:00pm Louise Smith †

Saturday, July 4

9:00am Bruno Verlage

5:00pm Maria Nhu Bui & Peter Thong Le †

Sunday, July 5

7:45am Sally Crenshaw †

10:00am Scripture Sisters

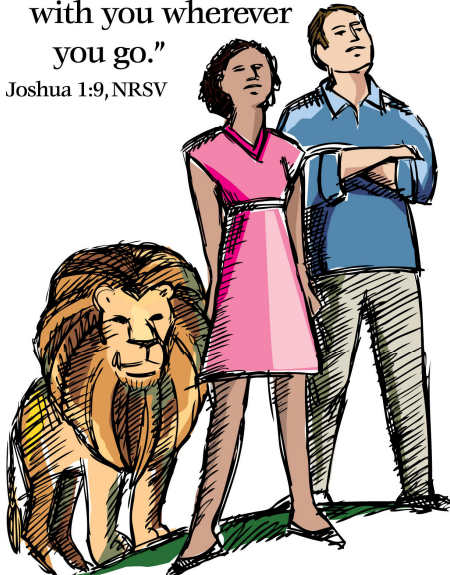
11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

2:00pm Intention of the Celebrant

5:00pm Kay McLaughlin †

**"Be strong and courageous...
 for the LORD your God is
 with you wherever
 you go."**

Joshua 1:9, NRSV

**Scripture Readings for 07/05/20**

Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

Church News – Monsignor will continue to bless salt, candles, olive oil, water, & religious sacramentals during this time of need. When bringing in the items please place those on the cart outside the office, write your name and phone number on the paper provided. We will call you when the items have been blessed.

Noticias de la Iglesia – El Monseñor continuará bendecir sal, velas, aceite de oliva, agua y sacramentales religiosos durante este tiempo de necesidad. Cuando traiga los artículos, colóquelos en el carrito fuera de la oficina, escriba su nombre y número de teléfono en el papel provisto. Nosotros le llamaremos cuando los artículos hayan sido bendecidos.

**SPREAD
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 GERMS**

July 4 - 5	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	NOT FILLED	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon Margie Story	Joseph Giovannucci NOT FILLED (B-G)	Joseph Giovannucci	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Mike Power	Bruce Peterson	Bruce Peterson Elizabeth Costantini	Gabriel Costantini Fred Costantini Greg Woodell Karen Howard Michael Swisher Brian Swisher NOT FILLED (G)		Amanda Cantu	Dan Reiff
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Sherri MacLean	Theresa Brauburger	Theresa Brauburger Gina Koch	Tim Koch Bo Patterson Brian Rabal Steve Harrington NOT FILLED (E-G)		Ted Brauburger	Charlotte Champagne
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Rosalba Ortiz	Theresa Brauburger	Dulce Ortiz Eva Miramon	Jose Ortiz Maria Salcedo Maria Rocio Cervantes Martha Mendoza Bertha Váldez J. Concepcion Serrano Maria Dalia Lopez		Ivan Sanabria	
Sunday, 2:00 PM	Bruce Peterson	Bruce Peterson	Bruce Peterson			Bruce Peterson	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Juan Carlos Segura	Cary Richard	Lisa Juan Lisa Richard	Beatriz Segura Lukas Bacon Rob Brothers Not Filled (D - G)		Bryan Bacon	Jennifer Haddinger