

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

September 6, 2020

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Scott L. Marczuk, J.C.L.

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O come, let us worship and  
bow down, let us kneel  
before the LORD,  
our Maker!

Psalm 95:6,  
NRSV



### 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 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 Adoración

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](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 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](mailto:preschool@ststephenbentonville.com)

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

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

Chris Teague

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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

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**Parish Office News** – The parish office will be closed this Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day. Please hold all calls and visits until Tuesday, September 8.

**Ministry Schedule** – Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of October, November, and December. This will include special Masses for Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26), Immaculate Conception (Dec. 7-8), Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Please let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter **before Monday, September 14** by calling the church office or emailing us at [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com). No response indicates you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time. If you do not indicate a preferred Mass time for Holy Days or Holidays, you may be scheduled at a time you do not normally attend Mass on those special days. *A friendly reminder that the parish office does not find subs.*

**Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection** – Due to not having public Holy Week Services this past Lent, the diocese of Little Rock has scheduled September 12-13 as the special collection for the Holy Land. If you have already mailed your envelopes, we appreciate your support, and if you still have your envelopes or would like to donate your generous contribution to this collection is most welcomed.

**Mass News** – Join us for Mass on Wednesday, September 23 at 12:00PM on St. Padre Pio's Feast Day. If you bring your own salt to Mass it will be blessed by Msgr. Scott.

Padre Pio is known to describe his childhood as being like "a noodle without salt." The saying in Italian is "un macheroni senza sale." Please place your name on the salt and place it on the table by Mother Mary in the church.

**Hard Hat Collection** – There will be a Hard Hat collection this weekend, September 5/6 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** – Este fin de semana, el 5 y 6 de agosto 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.

**Seventh Month Developing Baby** - You're in a home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He/she is completely formed, and has been since 8 weeks. All he/she is doing now is gaining weight – and making his/her mother uncomfortable with his/her size. But she's not worried now. In a short time, her baby will be born. She has planned to bring him/her home or to place him/her for adoption. Either way, she knows she can receive the assistance she needs from the Catholic Church and from the crisis pregnancy center.

Your baby's mother appreciates the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It hasn't been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace to seek the help she needs.

**RCIA Calendar** – This Wednesday, September 9 the session will be Tour of the Church led by Bruce Peterson. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the Church.

**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 183,000+ and world-wide death toll is now at 848,000+ due to Covid-19. Many of these persons have been buried without the customary religious services, & 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 183,000+ y el número de muertes en todo el mundo debido al Covid-19 ahora es de 848,000+. 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 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*

**Helping Hands** – Saturday, September 12 is scheduled 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](mailto:harding@eastharding.com) or 501-580-1720.

**Knights of Columbus News** – Your Knights of Columbus are ready to get busy again. On October 17/18 weekend, we'll be holding a modified and safe Fall Fest & rummage sale. Fall Fest events are still in planning since modifications are necessary & the rummage sale will need precautions too. This year, no clothing donations will be accepted since clothing gets handled quite a bit, but electronics, tools, small appliances, working sports equipment, small furniture (i.e. no armoires), etc. If you have a donation contact Dan Reiff at [djr13151@gmail.com](mailto:djr13151@gmail.com) /479-685-3561 or Troy Ward at [chiefsfaninark@gmail.com](mailto:chiefsfaninark@gmail.com) /479-899-2196. For input on the event please contact John Brunner, Grand Knight [johnbrunner62@yahoo.com](mailto:johnbrunner62@yahoo.com) /801-450-0384.

**Retreat in Daily Life (October 2020-April 2021)** – A Ministry of St. Scholastica Monastery Spirituality Program, will offer spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola in the mornings and evenings for men and women via zoom. Dates to be determined later upon consideration of participants. If you are interested in this opportunity for daily prayer, scripture reflection and journaling or need more information contact Lainie Snider 806-584-4160 or [lainiesnider@yahoo.com](mailto:lainiesnider@yahoo.com).

**Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA)** will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ Dinner Auction with a 2020 flare on Saturday, September 19! This is the school's largest fundraiser, please plan on joining! Visit [www.bidpal.net/OCAbbq2020](http://www.bidpal.net/OCAbbq2020) for information.

- Drive-thru and pick up dinner and a signature drink, tickets are pre-sale only available for purchase now through September 16. Pick-up your dinner/drink from 6:00-8:00 PM at your selected location.
- A Facebook LIVE program is in the works for September 19 at 8:00 pm 19.

The online auction preview opens September 14. Auction bidding begins at 7:00 PM and closes at 9:30 PM on September 19. The week of September 21 will be your delivery or pick up your auction items.

**Weekly Small Prayer Groups** – The Introduction to Prayer and Praying with the Beatitudes are weekly small prayer groups to be held by Zoom. The start dates and times are listed on the registration forms. For more information on either prayer group, please contact Adriana Rodriguez at (626)673-0201 or [abrod13594@gmail.com](mailto:abrod13594@gmail.com). They are in the process of forming online small groups throughout NWA & would love some representation from St. Stephen.

**A Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat** – You are not alone; there is hope. All with Covid-19 precautions, the Respect Life Office, through the Ministry of Project Rachel, is offering a one-day, post abortion healing retreat for men and/or women on Saturday, September 26 near Bentonville and Saturday, October 10 in West Memphis. 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 and/or support groups, please call or text the confidential phone line 501-663-0996. All inquiries are strictly confidential and non-judgmental. Healing is possible. We care. We understand.

**The Women's Retreat at Subiaco** directed by Br. Damien, has been postponed until September 18-20. The theme is be The Cross that Carries Us. Cost is \$150 per person in a shared room and \$200 for a private room. The fee covers two nights' stay, all conferences and six meals. Commuter rate is \$75 and covers all conferences plus two dinners and two lunches. Masks must be worn at all times in buildings and temperatures must be checked each day. To register or for more information call 479-934-1290.

**Free for All** – If you have not set up an account for [www.Formed.org](http://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 & your families can have free access to Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families & individuals explore faith anywhere. The parish access code: KFNNGY

**Gratis para Todos** - Si no ha configurado una cuenta para [www.Formed.org](http://www.Formed.org), esta sería una gran oportunidad para hacerlo. Formed.org, un servicio en línea que St. Stephen paga para que usted y sus familias puedan tener acceso al mejor contenido católico de más de 60 organizaciones para ayudar a las parroquias, familias e individuos a explorar su fe en cualquier lugar. El código de acceso es: KFNNGY

**MASS is Safe** – Evidence suggests that church services following public health guidelines do not present a greater risk of spreading the novel coronavirus than other similar activities, doctors said last week. Washing hands, social distancing, and mask requirements have helped prevent the spread of COVID-19, even in cases when contagious, pre-symptomatic parishioners took part in church events, three members of the Thomistic Institute Working Group on Infectious Disease Protocols for Sacraments & Pastoral Care concluded. Drs. Thomas McGovern, Deacon Timothy Flanigan, and Paul Cieslak authored an article for Real Clear Science on Mass attendance and COVID-19 Aug. 19. "For Catholic churches following the guidelines, no outbreaks have been linked to church attendance, even though we have examples...of asymptomatic, unknowingly infected individuals attending Mass and other parish functions," they wrote. "Their attendance could have led to an outbreak if appropriate precautions were not followed, yet in each case, we found no evidence of viral transmission." "This encouraging news should inspire confidence that the guidelines in place - based on CDC recommendations - are working to decrease COVID-19 transmission," the doctors continued. "While nothing during a pandemic is risk-free, these guidelines mean that Catholics (and public officials) may be confident that it's reasonably safe to come to Church for Mass and the sacraments." "To date, the evidence does not suggest Church attendance following the current guidelines is any more risky than shopping for groceries. And the spiritual good for believers in coming to Church is immeasurably important for their well-being," they said. "Indeed, for Catholics, the Mass and above all the Eucharist are central to the Christian life. In a time like this, it is even more important that the faithful be able to come to Church and receive Holy Communion." *Evidence shows Mass is safe/* [www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/evidence-shows-mass-is-safe-when-guidelines-are-followed-doctors-say-20801](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/evidence-shows-mass-is-safe-when-guidelines-are-followed-doctors-say-20801)

**NWA Respect Life** – Many thanks for those who have signed up to help bring an Italian Feast for the homeless on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. For the poor who are limited to fast food or store cuisine, a home cooked meal is a real treat. We still have a few openings needing a dish, if you are able to provide an Italian entree or salad sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044EA5AF22A6FC1-8thstreet>.

**Cross Memorials** in September! A 1000+ crosses to remember over 3,000 lives that are lost to abortion each year in AR. The Howe-Savoy Bible Church in Fayetteville, 15286 Savoy Rd, WC 86 will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Church to display the Memorial Crosses on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM followed by St. Stephen Catholic Church, 1300 NE J St., Bentonville, on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers! If you have a rubber mallet please bring it and let me know if you can help.

**40 Days for Life** - A generous volunteer offered his Motor Coach to bring pro-lifers to the 40 Days vigil in Little Rock! So we can spread out a bit in the motor home, with a capacity of six people including the driver. If more sign-up for a particular day, we can caravan. In the morning we will depart Fayetteville, stay 4 hours & leave Little Rock at 4 or 5pm. Days planned are: Feast Day of the Holy Rosary, Wednesday, Oct. 7 leave 8:30am, pray 1-5pm, depart Little Rock at 5:00pm; Friday, Oct. 16 leave 7:30am, pray 12-4pm, leave Little Rock 4:00pm; Feast Day of St. John Paul II, Thursday, Oct. 22 leave 7:30am, pray from 12-4pm leave Little Rock 4:00pm; Wednesday, Oct. 28 leave 7:30am, pray from 12-4, leave Little Rock 4:00pm.

**Church Operations for August**

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 87,388.73  
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,340,155.40

As faithful stewards of God, we seek to hear His voice, come into His presence with thanksgiving and give generously of ourselves in our contributions and love for our neighbor.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 107,640.07	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 25,047.03	\$ 23,000

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, September 5**

9:00am Melissa Spurlock-Filby †  
 5:00pm Sally Crenshaw †

**Sunday, September 6**

7:45am Peter Thong Le †  
 10:00am Maria & Eddie Torres-Mendez  
 11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses  
 5:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †

**Monday, September 7**

12:00pm George Peters †

**Tuesday, September 8**

12:00pm Anthony Ayala Rodriguez

**Wednesday, September 9**

12:00pm Louise Smith †

**Thursday, September 10**

12:00pm Sarah Hughey †

**Friday, September 11**

12:00pm Pham / Dinh Family

**Saturday, September 12**

5:00pm Gayle Vonnegut †

**Sunday, September 13**

7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses  
 10:00am Scripture Sisters  
 11:45am Jose Angel Meza †  
 5:00pm Bui / Le Ancestors

**Scripture Readings for 09/13/20**

Sirach 27:30-28:7  
 Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
 Romans 14:7-9  
 Matthew 18:21-35

**Church News** – Monsignor will continue to bless salt, candles, olive oil, water, and 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.



September 12-13	Lector	Eucharist Minister - Host	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Mike Power	Susan McDaniel Lori Terlouw	Jon Terlouw	Mike Power Steve saulsbery <b>NOT FILLED (C-G)</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Jon Terlouw	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Irma Holasek	Tony Baker Christina Baker	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Amanda Cantu Len Oswald Geri Oswald Gabriel Costantini Fred Costantini <b>NOT FILLED (F-G)</b>		Barb Hamernik	Tracy Sullivan
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Mary Pablo	Imelda Robinson Mary Kate Beckham	Mary Kate Beckham	Tim Koch Daniel Cruz Charlotte Champagne <b>NOT FILLED (D-G)</b>		Kathryn Gough	Gina Koch
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)</b>	Marugel Monzalvo	Beatriz Aguirre Mirna Serrano	Mirna Serrano	Maria Salcedo Maria Roció Cervantes Marta Mendoza Bertha Valdez Jose C. Serrano Maria Dalia López Víctor López		Fernando Perez	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	Eric Belin	Terry Shepard Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon	Lukas Bacon Rob Brothers <b>NOT FILLED (C-G)</b>		Bryan Bacon	Jennifer Haddinger