



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

September 20, 2020

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor

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

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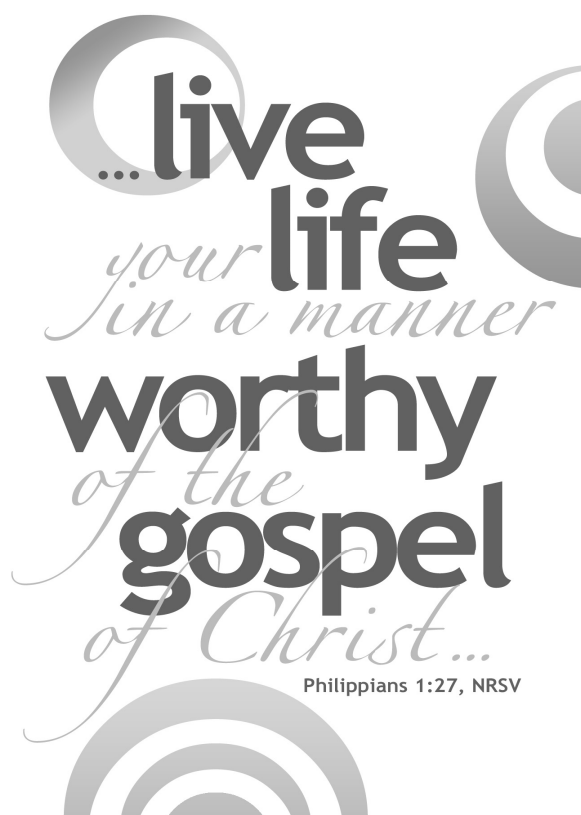
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Weekday MASS

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.

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: 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

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Pre-K - 4th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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9th Grade - 12th Grade

Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

RCIA Calendar – Wednesday, September 23 the session will be Catholic Customs and Traditions led by Msgr. Scott. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the Church.

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.

Pet Blessing – Life Teen is hosting the annual Pet Blessing in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Our pet blessing will take place with Msgr. Marczuk on Saturday, October 3rd at 10 AM. Participants need to bring their pet and a face mask! This event takes place outside and will include the blessing of your family pet. All animals welcome, dogs, cats, giraffes, horses, and sloths too! Life Teen will be accepting donations that assist in providing scholarships for students who would otherwise be unable to attend events. We hope that you will bring your pet to receive this special blessing in honor of St. Francis.

St. Stephen MASS Attendance – We are delighted to have you here for Mass. With increasing attendance numbers comes unique challenges! We wanted to give you an update on Mass attendance since we are almost reaching our current allowed capacity during the COVID-19 regulations at some Mass times. Average Mass attendance for the month of August was as follows:

5:00pm – 154

7:45am – 147

10:00am – 205

11:45am (Spanish) – 206

5:00pm Life Teen – 130

We continue to thank you for your patience and support during this time. Please know that you have additional options for Mass should you choose to attend, such as utilizing overflow seating available in the family life center, chapel, and narthex; or, participating in the Mass via YouTube in your car, or listening over the speakers in the courtyard, and coming inside for Holy Communion only.

Congratulations to Ken Hunter, a member of our parish who was installed as an Acolyte as of September 12th. He is halfway through the process of becoming an ordained Deacon. He will complete his formation in June of 2022. You will see Ken assist our priests at the altar and serving in formation ministries in the months to come.

Introducing Video Club – If you miss having the opportunity to grow or explore your faith, we have something for you. If you miss sharing and connecting with your fellow parishioners, there is something for you. Join the St. Stephen Video Club as we explore our Catholic faith with the "Symbolon" video series. Every week we will watch a video, then virtually come together for discussion and sharing. We will meet over Zoom (videoconferencing tool). The videos are available on www.Formed.org, so please signup. Once you go to formed.org please select "I belong to a parish," followed entering the church name, then make an account using the parish access code: **KFNNGY**. The club will start September 28th and meets every Monday for 7 weeks at 7:00pm for an hour. To sign up, email Ken Hunter StStephenVideoClub@arhunters.us. We will email the instructions you need to get started. We look forward to connecting with you!

Holy Hour – We will have a Holy Hour with chanted vespers in the Church and online on Tuesday, September 29 from 7:00–8:00pm for the Safety of Students and Teachers in this new academic year.



Hora Santa – Habrá una Hora Santa con vísperas cantadas en Inglés la Iglesias y en línea el martes, 29 de septiembre de 7:00 a 8:00pm para la Seguridad de Estudiantes y Maestros en este nuevo año académico.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Due to covid-19 Eucharistic Adoration has move to St. Francis of Assisi Chapel and is available Mon. – Thur. 9:00 – 11:50am and 1:00 – 3:00pm and Friday 9:00 – 11:50am. Jesus said: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Are you tired because of the burden of your duties, because of frustration due to unsuccessful projects, because many misunderstand you? Are you heavy laden with guilt from past sins? Are you trying to find hope and meaning in life? Do not lose your heart! Abandon yourself to Jesus in this "Sacrament of Love" He will refresh you! Those who are devoted to the Eucharistic Adoration program witness a happier and more content life knowing that the Lord is with them always. For every hour we give Him, He showers us with many, many gifts including peace and mind and heart. The Guardian Angels of the Blessed Sacrament ministry is in need of adorers who would like to commit One Hour every week. Our goal is to have a permanent and continuing Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this time of difficulties. If you are interest it please call parish office to schedule a proper training.

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento – Debido al covid-19, la Adoración Eucarística se trasladó a la Capilla San Francis de Asisi y está disponible de lunes a jueves de 9:00 a 11:50AM y de 1:00 a 3PM. Viernes 9:00 - 11:50 AM. Jesús dijo: "Vengan a mí todos los que están cansados de trabajo, y yo les daré descanso" ¿Estás cansado por la carga de tus deberes, por la frustración por proyectos fallidos, porque muchos te malinterpretan? ¿Estás cargado de culpa por pecados pasados? ¿Estás tratando de encontrar esperanza y sentido a la vida? ¡No pierdas el corazón! Abandonarte a Jesús en este "Sacramento de Amor" ¡Él te refrescará! Aquellos que se dedican a la Adoración Eucarística dan testimonio de una vida más feliz, más contenta, sabiendo que el Señor está con ellos siempre. Por cada hora que le damos, Él nos colma de muchos, muchos dones, incluyendo paz mental y de corazón. El ministerio de los Ángeles Guardianes del Santísimo Sacramento necesita adoradores que quieran dedicar Una Hora cada semana. Nuestro objetivo es tener una Exposición permanente y continua del Santísimo Sacramento durante este tiempo de dificultades. Si está interesado, llame a la oficina parroquial para programar la capacitación adecuada.

Diocesan Directory – The 2021 Diocese of Little Rock Directory is coming soon. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your house or car to find Mass times for another parish or to call or e-mail a parish, priest, deacon or religious in the diocese. It costs only \$15, which includes shipping. Send your check or money order to Directory, Arkansas Catholic, P.O. Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217. Directories will be shipped in late October.

Knights of Columbus (K of C) News – K of C will lead the rosary every Thursday at 6:00 PM in the church, now until October 29th to pray for the upcoming election. Please join the Knights on Thursdays at 6:00PM. Masks and social distancing are required.

K of C will hold a modified and safe Fall Fest & Rummage Sale on the weekend of October 17/18. The events are still in planning since modifications are necessary & precautions needed. This year, no clothing is accepted since it gets handled quite a bit, but electronics, small appliances, tools, small furniture (i.e. no armoires), working sports equipment, etc. If you have a donation contact Dan Reiff at [dj13151@gmail.com](mailto:djr13151@gmail.com) /479-685-3561 or Troy Ward at chiefsfaninark@gmail.com /479-899-2196. For input on the event please contact John Brunner, Grand Knight johnbrunner62@yahoo.com /801-450-0384.

Catechetical Sunday – Each year in the Diocese of Little Rock a special collection is taken up in all the parishes to support the ministries of the Office of Formation. The Office of Formation focuses on supporting faith formation for all including adult faith formation, catechetical leader training and catechist formation for teachers of religion. Half of collection today will stay within our parish to be used for Faith Formation while the remaining half will go to the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation and be used Diocesan wide. Please encourage giving to this very special collection.

Domingo de Catequesis – Cada año en la Diócesis de Little Rock se realiza una colecta especial en todas las parroquias para apoyar los ministerios de la Oficina de Formación. La Oficina de Formación se enfoca en apoyar la formación en la fe para todos, incluida la formación de adultos en la fe, la capacitación de líderes catequéticos y la formación de catequistas para maestros de religión. La mitad de la colecta de hoy permanecerá dentro de nuestra parroquia para ser utilizada para la formación de fe, mientras que la mitad restante irá a la Oficina Diocesana de Formación de Fe y se utilizará en toda la diócesis. Por favor, de donar a esta colección tan especial.

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 contact Lainie Snider 806-584-4160 or lainiesnider@yahoo.com.

A Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat – 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, Sept. 26 near Bentonville and Saturday, Oct. 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/text the confidential phone line 501-663-0996. All inquiries are strictly confidential and non-judgmental. One of the results of considering Respect Life ministry in this new and different way is an online Bible Study for women wounded by abortion. Please visit <https://mcusercontent.com/b4d637fce4e79453b517d8082/images/8967a03a-b2f7-42f9-aa2c-37bde6928fe8.png> if you wish to do by Zoom.

Encuentro Matrimonial – Para más información o para registrarse, llama a Adrián y Reyna Alvarez (773)213-9593 o (870)642-2256. Favor de registrarse antes del 19 de octubre, 2020. Vive un Encuentro Matrimonial el 23, 24 y 25 de octubre. ¡Jesús Quiere entrar en tu vida, dé jalo entrar no te arrepentirás! “Ama sin condición y entrega todo!” Vive siempre enamorado de tu esposa/o como cuando se conocieron! Juntos pueden ser y hacer la diferencia!

Encuentro Matrimonial (Spanish Marriage Encounter) is a Marriage Encounter in Spanish and is a program of 44 hours in which couples can leave work, children, housework, and telephone in order to focus only on each other. If you are looking to grow in your relationship, to make it more profound and to enrich it, then you will like the difference that a weekend of Worldwide Marriage Encounter can make in your lives. The next weekend will be held October 23-24 at St. John Center. For information or to register, call 870-642-2256 or 773-213-9593. Registration deadline Monday, October 19.

NWA Respect Life – The 8th Street Motel Food Ministry for the homeless was a tremendous success! Thank you to all who participated and those who wanted to participate but we already had plenty of food! We were asked to prepare 110 meals but there was enough food to fill 130 to-go containers to serve to the homeless. An extra thank you also to Lex & Becky Smith and Juli Vonnegut who helped to fill the containers and then stayed for clean-up.

Memorial Cross Display – Thank you to all the volunteers who worked for 3 hours on the crosses display at the Howe Savoy Bible Church. Over 1,000 crosses can be seen off of AR 16 highway where they will be viewed by thousands on this busy thoroughfare. Known only to God, this powerful memorial is to remember the 3,000 babies aborted in AR each year. Thank you to all who helped to make this possible and an extra thank you to Pastor Bill Allen for giving permission for the display at his church and congregation member Rebecca Woodard who not only worked to put them up, but also built 200 of the crosses herself. The crosses will move to St. Stephen in Bentonville on Friday, Sept. 25 at 10:00 AM and remove them on Thursday, Oct. 8 at Noon. St. Stephen will mark their grounds on Thursday, Sept. 24, where the crosses will be placed. May God bring healing to those who have been involved in a past abortion, conversion for those who promote the killing and an end to this horrific tragedy.

40 Days for Life – We hope you have your calendar marked and plan to attend at least one of our 40 Days for Life Coach Crusade trips to Little Rock. Let me know if you'd like to join us in the motor coach or you'd like to follow us in a pro-life caravan. The plan is to stay for 4 hours and we can pray in shifts. In between shifts prayer volunteers can rest, eat lunch, nap, etc. Days planned so far are as follows: Wednesday, Oct. 7 leave Fayetteville 8:30 AM, pray 1:00-5:00 PM leave Little Rock at 5:00PM; Friday, Oct. 16 leave Fayetteville 7:30AM, pray 12:00-4:00 PM leave Little Rock at 4:00PM; Thursday, Oct. 22 leave Fayetteville 7:30AM, pray from 12:00-4:00 PM leave Little Rock 4:00PM; Wednesday, Oct. 28 leave Fayetteville at 7:30AM, pray from 12:00-4:00 PM, leave Little Rock at 4:00PM. You may also help by praying and fasting to end abortion. The 40 Days for Life Campaign begins September 23. Can you participate? Consider virtual options or praying in solidarity within your parish community. Covid has taught us that we don't necessarily need to go somewhere to participate.

Church Operations for September

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 66,701.24

Loan Balance - \$ 1,324,999.70

For St. Paul (Philippians 1:20-24) "living in flesh" meant "fruitful labor" as he continued to minister to the Church for the benefit of the members. As faithful laborers in God's vineyard, may we also continue the burden of the heat, working and contributing to the building of His Kingdom.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 41,740.97	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 7,609.86	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, September 19**

5:00pm Clayton Johnstone †

Sunday, September 20

7:45am All Lonely Souls

10:00am Sarah Hebert †

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm Robert & Frances Peters †

Monday, September 21

12:00pm Anthony Ayala Rodriguez

Tuesday, September 22

12:00pm Steve Culling †

Wednesday, September 23

12:00pm Sally Crenshaw †

Thursday, September 24

12:00pm Phyllis Ann Gulash †

Friday, September 25

12:00pm Louise Smith †

Saturday, September 26

5:00pm Lichti Family

Sunday, September 27

7:45am Anthony Ayala Rodriguez

10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses

11:45am Orlando Jimenez †

5:00pm Ron Summerlin †

**Scripture Readings for 09/27/20**

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 17-18

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

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 26 - 27	Lector	Eucharist Minister - Host	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bruce Peterson	Bruce Peterson Margie O'Grady	Bruce Peterson	Joseph Giovannucci NOT FILLED (B-G)	Joseph Giovannucci	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Christy Yuska	Elizabeth Costantini Chris O'Shaughnessy	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Gabriel Costantini Fred Costantini Geri Oswald Len Oswald Brian Swisher Michael Swisher NOT FILLED (G)		Barb Hamernik	Peggy Estes
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Ted Brauburger	Kathryn Gough Theresa Brauburger	Theresa Brauburger	Brock Schulte Daniel Cruz Charlotte Champagne NOT FILLED (D-G)		Joe Hartnett	Gina Koch
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Fernando Barbosa	Eva Miramon Raquel Perez	Raquel Perez	Fernando Perez Bertha Váldez Maria Dalia López Victor López Maria Salcedo Maria Roció Cervantes Martha Mendoza		Ivan Sanabria	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Eric Belin	Ken Hunter Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon	NOT FILLED (A-B) Lukas Bacon Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (E-G)		Bryan Bacon	Jennifer Haddinger