



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

October 25, 2020

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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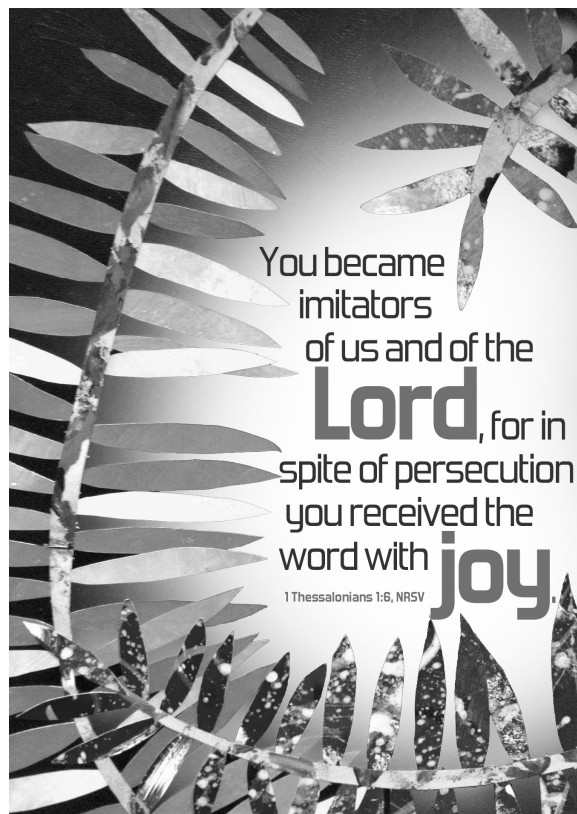
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Weekday MASS (This Week)

Monday 12:00 PM - English

Tuesday - Thursday NO MASS

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

(This Week / Solo esta Semana)

Saturday / sábado - Bilingual/Bilingüe

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Monday / lunes - 11:30 - 11:55am

Tuesday - Thursday NO CONFESSION

martes - jueves NO HAY CONFESION

Friday / 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

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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

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Pre-K - 4th Grade

EDGE/Confirmation Director

Chris Teague

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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 – The next session will be Wednesday, October 28 on One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church led by Dan Cartaya. RCIA meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the St. Jerome room.

Columbarium All Souls Special Blessing – The Columbarium Committee will be hosting the annual All Saints/All Souls Blessing on Sunday, November 1, immediately following the 11:45am Mass. This Special Blessing will be recorded for viewing on the St. Stephen YouTube channel.

Bendición Especial del Columbario para Todas las Almas (Difuntos) – El Comité del Columbario presentará una bendición anual de Todos los Santos/Todas las Almas el domingo, 1 de noviembre, inmediatamente después de la Misa de las 11:45 AM. Esta bendición especial será grabada para verse en el canal de YouTube de nuestra parroquia St. Stephen.

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. Our allowed capacity is 215 in the Church making it a total of 400 in the whole building according to COVID-19 regulations. Last week's Mass attendance was:

5:00pm – 206

7:45am – 190 (This MASS will continue with no music until further notice).

10:00am – 350

11:45am (Spanish) – 207

5:00pm Life Teen – 218

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.

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. 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 that 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.

MASS News – There will be NO Reconciliation or weekday MASS on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (October 27-29) this week. Mass as usual on Friday.

All Souls Day – Mass Times at St. Stephen for All Souls Day are:

- Monday, November 2 - All Souls Mass in English at Noon
- Monday, November 2 - Todas las Almas Mass in Spanish at 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus says thank you to the parish for their support for the terrific 2020 Fall Festival & Rummage Sale. Hopefully everyone that participated had a fun, memorable and exciting time. The Knights had to modify the event to keep everyone safe, and with everyone's continued prayers we will be able to get through the pandemic and expand the number of activities for 2021. Thank you again to the parishioners of St. Stephen.

The K of C will be handing out Tootsie Rolls after each Mass this weekend. Donations are welcomed. All proceeds will benefit The Sunshine School, Camp Barnabas and The Special Olympics.

The Knights will lead the rosary on Thursday, October 22 at 6 PM in the church and October 29th to pray for the upcoming election. Masks and social distancing are required. All are welcome to join.

Accounting News – Thank you for your generous support during the pandemic. You can still make your donations through the following methods:

- Automatic bank draft by St. Stephen – no fee
- Bill Pay from bank – no fee
- In person drop off at Mass – no fee
- In person drop off at the office – no fee
- US Mail – no fee
- We Share online giving – 3-4% fee per transaction paid by St. Stephen
- PayPal – 2.5-3.0% fee per transaction paid by St. Stephen

We encourage you to use a no fee option if possible but will gladly accept "We Share" or "Pay Pal". Thanks in advance for your financial support. Please contact the accounting office for more information.

World Priest Day – Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring World Priest Day on Sunday, October 25. World Priest Day focuses on celebrating the ongoing affirmation of priests who are committed to their Vocation, Sacrament and building of relationships between couples and priests. The mission and purpose of World Priest Day is to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to Our Lord and Our Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for priests they know and develop relationships with priests they don't know. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or World Priest Day visit their website at www.wwme.org.

Retreat in Daily Life – A Ministry of St. Scholastica Monastery Spirituality Program Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola Classes will be offered mornings and evenings for men and women via zoom from now -April 2021. Days will be determined at a later date upon consideration of availability of participants. If you are interested in this great opportunity for daily prayer, scripture reflection and journaling or more information contact Lainie Snider 806-584-4160 or lainiesnider@yahoo.com.

Election Prayer – Almighty God, Lord of Life and King of all Nations, we beg you to look kindly upon our country and help us to wisely choose our new leaders. Inform our consciences and enlighten our judgement, that we may elect those who will mercifully uphold justice and strive to protect the least among us. Help us to discern which candidates will uphold both the letter and spirit of the law. May our nation once again respect religious freedom, authentic marriage, the importance of family and the value of every human life - from conception to natural death. Heal the divisions which wound our unity and help us to overlook political tensions that keep us from becoming a united force for good. May our great land, built on both personal responsibility and charity towards the less fortunate, always balance prosperity with care for the elderly, the poor, the sick and the abandoned. May we elect honest and trustworthy candidates who will always uphold the common good and protect our God-given rights. In concert with the great founders of our nation, may we confidently proclaim, "In God we trust." Amen.
Pedro de la Cruz

Oracion Electoral – Dios todopoderoso, Rey de las naciones, Te rogamos que veas a nuestro país con tierno cariño y ayúdenos a escoger sabiamente a nuestros líderes en las proximas elecciones. Ilumine nuestro juicio de modo que podamos elegir a quienes pueden defender con Misericordia, la justicia y luchar para proteger a los menos entre nosotros. Ayúdenos a distinguir a cuales candidatos mantendrán no solo la ley al pie de la letra sino tambien el espíritu de la ley. Rogamos que nuestra nación otra vez recupere el respeto a nuestra libertad de religión, al matrimonio auténtico, a la importancia de la familia y al volar de cada vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Por favor sane las divisiones que hieren nuestra unidad y ayúdenos a pasar por alto las tensiones políticas que dividen nuestro país. Que nuestro gran país, fundado a base de la responsabilidad personal y la caridad hacia los menos afortunados, siempre mantenga un balance entre la prosperidad y el cuidado hacia los ancianos, los pobres, los enfermos y los abandonados. Ayúdenos a elegir a candidatos honestos quienes siempre defiendan la Constitución, el bien común, y que protejan nuestros derechos que nos vienen de Dios, y no solo del gobierno. De acuerdo con los padres fundadores de nuestra nación que podemos siempre proclamar con fe, "En Dios confiamos."
- Pedro de la Cruz

Path to Interior Freedom – A retreat lead by Fr. Jerome Kodell, OSB, at Coury House, Subiaco Abbey, from October 30 - November 1. Cost is \$150 per person in a shared room or \$200 for a private room. This will cover all conferences, two nights' accommodations in Coury House and six meals. Check in will be from 3:00 – 5:00 PM on Friday, October 30 followed with dinner at 6:00 PM. The retreat concludes with lunch on November 1. To register, contact 479-934-1290 or couryhouse@subi.org.

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) Conway – A new and permanent home for CCM is imminent and we are needing to reconnect with Alumni to help launch a new generation of Campus Ministry in Central Arkansas. If you graduated or attended UCA, Hendrix College, Central Baptist College or UACCM, visit www.conwaycatholic.com and update your information, or contact Dc. Richard Papini, at catholic@cyberback.com, (501)454-9146; or Msgr. Jack Harris, at fr2jack@hotmail.com, (501)215-6928. Thank you in advance for helping to strengthen and grow the Catholic Church on Campus, and in Arkansas.

Diocesan Directory 2021 of the 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.

One Church (Unite Arkansas in Faith and Mission) – The diocesan initiative One Church invests each year in a small mission church in our diocese that needs a leg up to become a thriving community. The 2020-2021 partner is St. Bartholomew Church in Little Rock. All funds donated in the next 12 months will help the parish build a new Parish Life Center, which they currently don't have. Please pray for this project and give today. To give or for more information www.dolr.org/one-church.

Una Iglesia (Uniendo Arkansas en Fe y Misión) – La iniciativa diocesana Una Iglesia invierte cada año en una pequeña misión parroquial en nuestra diócesis que necesite un empujo para convertirse en una comunidad próspera. La iglesia colaboradora de 2020-2021 es la Iglesia de San Bartolomé en Little Rock. Todos los fondos donados en el transcurso de los próximos 12 meses ayudarán a la parroquia a construir un nuevo Centro de Vida Parroquial, que no tienen actualmente. Por favor oren por este proyecto y contribuyan hoy. Para donar o más información www.dolr.org/one-church-spanish.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – Prayerfully consider answering Our Lady's call to join pilgrims from the Bentonville area who will meet pilgrims from around the USA who are traveling to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina next year (June 11-20) which offers an add-on extension for Our Lady's 40th Anniversary Celebration on June 25. Our Lady invites you to experience, the gift of her Son during this prayer-filled journey. Since May 2019, Pilgrimages are authorized & encouraged by the Vatican. Contact Julie Brummitt at 817-602-8999 (former St. Stephen parishioner who resides in Ohio) to register or for more information visit www.pilgrimages.com/brummitt. There seats from XNA to Chicago that connect flights to Europe are limited so early reservations are suggested. Later reservations may join the group in Croatia for the transfer to Medjugorje. Each day is filled with Holy Mass in the Morning in English, and the evening program which offers the opportunity for confession, International Mass, adoration, and many other moments of grace. Come join!

Respect Life (Memorial Crosses) – Each cross placed represents 3 babies aborted in Arkansas within the last year. So many people want to memorialize the little ones who are now known only to God. Especially in these days what a beautiful witness for life! Upcoming schedule is St. Vincent Catholic Church, 1416 W. Poplar, Rogers the Cross Removal is Wednesday, 11/4 at 8:00 AM. The motor coach express (is faster than expected) so we will leave the Johnson House at 8:30 AM and leave Planned Parenthood in Little Rock at 4:00 PM. Remaining day is Wednesday, October 28.

Procession of Roses – It might seem early, but time will be here before we know it! A person born in each year since the infamous Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 carries a rose to honor babies aborted in that year. If you or someone you know born in 1973 or later and would like to be a part of this procession visit www.signupgenius.com/go/409044EA5AF22A6FC1-procession.

Church Operations for October

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 64,515.42

Loan Balance - \$ 1,309,795.55

Caring for foreigners, widows, orphans and the poor has always been considered a hallmark of Christian living. May our regular commitment of time, talent and financial resources demonstrate our practical love for God, and our neighbor.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 67,260.07	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 17,797.81	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, October 24**

5:00pm Alfred Mariotti †

Sunday, October 25

7:45am Louise Smith †

10:00am Maria Nhu Bui and

Peter Thong Le †

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm Anthony Ayala Rodriguez

Monday, October 26

12:00pm Joseph Schmidt †

Tuesday, October 27

12:00pm NO MASS

Wednesday, October 28

12:00pm NO MASS

Thursday, October 29

12:00pm NO MASS

Friday, October 30

12:00pm Pham / Dinh Family

Saturday, October 31

5:00pm Fayetteville Police Department

Sunday, November 1

7:45am Maria Nhu Bui & Peter Thong Le †

10:00am Sarah Herbert †

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm All Souls Novena

PRESENT YOUR
BODIES AS A
LIVING
SACRIFICE,



HOLY
—AND—
ACCEPTABLE
TO GOD.
ROMANS 12:1, ESV

Scripture Readings for 11/01/20

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

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.

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TO THE
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WHO MADE YOU

October 31 November 1	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Amylynn Smith	Jon Terlouw	Lori Terlouw Kim Dial	Joseph Giovannucci NOT FILLED (B-G)	Bryan Bacon	Jon Terlouw	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM (No Music)	Tracy Sullivan	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Susan Eagleson Chris O'Shaughnessy	Amanda Cantu Bruce Peterson Karen Howard Gerard Davenport NOT FILLED (E-G)		Barb Hamernik	Peggy Estes
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Rose Hartnett	Joe Hartnett	Pam Willis Greg Brandenburg	NOT FILLED (A) Brian Rabal Tim Koch Charlotte Champagne Daniel Cruz NOT FILLED (F-G)		Joe Hartnett	Gina Koch
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Teresita Perez	Crimilda Viera	Eva Miramon Olga Serrano	J. Concepcion Serrano Bertha Váldéz Fernando Perez Martha Mendoza Maria Salcedo Maria Rocio Cervantes Victor Lopez		Crimilda Viera	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Lisa Richard	Rob Brothers (A) NOT FILLED (B-G)		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger