



# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

November 8, 2020

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Pastor

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

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### The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

### Weekday MASS

Monday - Friday 12:00 PM - English

### Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 AM (NO MUSIC)

Sunday 10:00 AM

Sunday 11:45 AM - Spanish

Sunday 5:00 PM

### Reconciliation / Reconciliación

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

Monday / lunes - 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](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

[edge@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:edge@ststephenbentonville.com)

Edge: 7th & 8th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

#### Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

[lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com)

9th Grade - 12th Grade

Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

**Hard Hat Collection Weekend** – This weekend, November 7/8, there will be a collection for the church loan. All donations to this collection go to repay our loan with the Diocese of Little Rock. We appreciate your prayerful consideration and support of this effort.

**Colecta Casco** – Este fin de semana, el 7 y 8 de noviembre habrá una colecta para el préstamo de la iglesia. Todas las donaciones a esta colecta son para cubrir nuestro préstamo con la Diócesis de Little Rock. Apreciamos su consideración y apoyo de este esfuerzo.

**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 – 137
- 7:45am – 194 (This MASS will continue with no music until further notice).
- 10:00am – 389
- 11:45am (Spanish) – 262
- 5:00pm Life Teen – 205

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, & coming inside for Holy Communion only.

**Plenary Indulgence** – Many of the Church's pastors have requested an adaptation to the requirements to obtain the Plenary Indulgence for the deceased in the month of November. Thus, "by the special mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis", the Apostolic Penitentiary released on Friday, these modifications.

★ Plenary Indulgence during month of November – Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the Normal dates of 1 to 8 November. This year, the Indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, & devoutly prays for the faithful departed.

★ The Homebound – For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including anti-COVID restrictions, they too can obtain the Plenary Indulgence by "uniting themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful". In this case, the condition of being "completely detached from sin" and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence remain. These conditions are Sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions.

The Decree suggests that such prayer take place before an "image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary". Among the various prayers that are recommended are "prayers for the deceased, Morning or Evening Prayer from the Office of the Dead, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditating on various Gospel passages proposed for the liturgy of the Dead, or completing a work of mercy by offering to God the suffering & discomforts of one's own life."

**RCIA Calendar** – Our next session is Wednesday, November 11 on Prayer led by Mark Jechura. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the church. All are welcome.

**Sunday Missals** – We now have the Sunday Missals for Liturgical Year B available for \$5. Look for them on the window ledge outside the receptionist office.

**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.*

**Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal** – The AR Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal kicks-off November 14/15. A Catholic education is a gift that serves the child, their family, and the community throughout their lifetime and beyond. The cost of tuition is a challenge to hundreds of our families who desire a Catholic education for their child. Parish subsidies, school fundraising, and foundations provide funds for financial assistance, but not enough. All funds raised go directly to an Arkansas Catholic school to provide tuition assistance to a family with a demonstrated financial need. Your gift will help keep these children in our Catholic schools. Please be generous, and remember our Catholic schools in your prayers. Thank you.

**St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC)** – It is time for the Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive delivery food baskets to over 80 families in our community. This year the need is greater and food banks are in short supply so we are asking help from our parishioners. SSBC members will hand out a list of items needed after each Mass this weekend. The items will be collected before each Mass on November 14/15 outside the Church pantry or items for donation may be placed in the cart located in front of the Church. Cash donations are welcome and can be placed in the Poor Box located by the main entry doors to the building. SSBC thanks you for your continued support. \*\*Food items needed are Rice, Canned Yams, Mushroom Soup, Gravy/Gravy Mix, Chicken Broth, Dinner Rolls, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Evaporated Milk, Instant Potatoes, Stuffing/Dressing Mix, Canned Pumpkin/Pie Mix, Pie Crust/Mix, Cake/Brownie Mix

**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.

**St. Vincent de Paul School** in Rogers is having new family tours and has open registration for 2021-22 event on Sunday, November 15th. Guided tours are available between 9am-12pm by appointment. Please sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C44AEAA2AA1FB6-202122](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C44AEAA2AA1FB6-202122) for a tour. For an application, please contact Sandra Stephens at [admissions@svdpschool.net](mailto:admissions@svdpschool.net) or (479)636-4421. Space is limited, especially the Pre-K programs. Schedule your visit today!

**Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA) Poinsettia Sale**  
OCA Students are selling beautiful Westwood Gardens red poinsettia plants for the holidays! Each plant is in a 6" pot with gold foil. Plants will be ready for pick up at OCA the afternoon of December 3rd or 4 by 6:00 PM. Your contribution to this fundraiser will help defray the student costs for the class Leadership trips that are planned for later this year. If you know an OCA student, ask about their “house” in order to support their effort, otherwise choose between Houses of Elk, Oak, Mountain, or Water. Fundraising supports all OCA students, the House competition just makes it a little more fun for the students! Deadline for orders is Thursday, November 12! Go to [www.bidpal.net/ocapoinsettias2020](http://www.bidpal.net/ocapoinsettias2020). If you have any questions please call the school at (479)316-3445.

**November is National Adoption Month** – When we think of adoption and pro-life ministry, our thoughts often turn to courageous birth mothers who give life to their babies and love their babies so much that they allow another family to adopt them. Truly, these mothers are heroic. National Adoption Month calls us to look deeper into the needs of birth mothers, but also the needs of children in the foster care system, the needs of families in crisis, and the needs of families experiencing infertility. To learn more about adoption and foster care in Arkansas, visit Project Zero, Catholic Adoption Services, AdoptUSKids Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime (CALL).

**Happy Birthday Spiritually Adopted Baby** – Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month – nine months after his mother conceived him/her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. The baby is no different now than he/she was before birth except that he breathes and eats differently. The baby is truly a miracle. He/she began as a 46-chromosome cell and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who’s just like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved his/her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies for whom you cared enough to pray.

**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 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 please call parish office to schedule a training.

**Procession of Roses** – Looking for people born between the years of 1973 thru 2021. Our January Procession of Roses will be here soon. Please ask friends and relatives if they would like to participate in this beautiful ceremony. This events serves as another step of Faith, another ray of Light and another proclamation of Truth that every human life is of inestimable value. Regardless of what surrounds us - we will always advance a Culture of Life. Click the following link to participate: [www.signupgenius.com/go/409044EA5AF22A6FC1-procession](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044EA5AF22A6FC1-procession).

**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 to One Church for 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](http://www.dolr.org/one-church).

**Job Opening** – The Diocese of Little Rock has an opening for a Secretary in the Chancery Office. This full-time position provides administrative support for the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs. Compensation includes competitive pay and excellent benefits. Minimum requirements include secretarial or administrative support experience, previous work history as parish volunteer or employee, familiarity with the Diocese of Little Rock and its parishes and clergy, excellent computer skills, and the ability to maintain confidentiality. Fluency in English and Spanish is preferred but not required. For a copy of the job description or to submit a cover letter and resume to apply, please contact Paula Lattanzi at [plattanzi@dolr.org](mailto:plattanzi@dolr.org) or at the Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207. (501) 664-0340.

**Acts 1:10-11** – *And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*

**Church Operations for October**

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 88,533.42

Loan Balance - \$ 1,309,795.55

Like the ten wise virgins in the Gospel may we make every effort to be spiritually & materially prepared with sufficient oil, being vigilant and ready for the Divine Bridegroom to come, welcoming Him with lighted lamps.

| Revenue               | Month-to-Date | Monthly Goal |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Stewardship and Other | \$ 88,680.00  | \$ 117,000   |
| Building Fund         | \$ 18,726.73  | \$ 23,000    |

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, November 7**

9:00am Tony Daschinger †

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

**Sunday, November 8**

7:45am Betty Tlach †

10:00am All Souls Novena

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm Elizabeth &amp; Benhard Klinge

**Monday, November 9**

12:00pm Jerry Jung †

**Tuesday, November 10**

12:00pm Tony Daschinger †

**Wednesday, November 11**

12:00pm All Souls Novena

**Thursday, November 12**

12:00pm Martinez Family

**Friday, November 13**

12:00pm Debbie Armstrong †

**Saturday, November 14**

5:00pm Paul Desmarais †

**Sunday, November 15**

7:45am All Souls Novena

10:00am Scripture Sisters

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

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



**GOD  
SHINES  
FORTH.**  
**PSALM 50:2**

**Scripture Readings for 11/15/20**

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

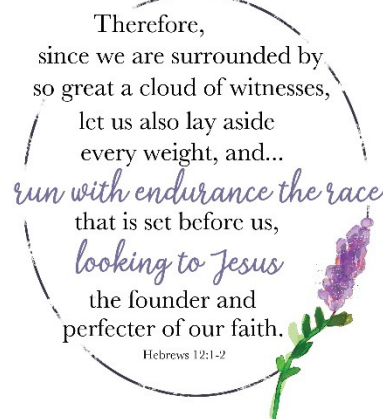
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**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.



| November 14 - 15                          | Lector        | Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels | Eucharist Minister - Host                   | Usher   | Lock-Up     | Sacristan & Vessels | Projector Operator |
|---|---------------|----------------------------------|---|---|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>                  | Janet Palmer  | Bryan Bacon                      | Jill Saulsbery<br>Sherolyn Johnson          | Steve Saulsbery<br><b>NOT FILLED</b><br>(B - G)   | Bryan Bacon | Amy Fulmer          | <b>NOT FILLED</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b><br>(No Music)      | Tom Stawicki  | Chris O'Shaughnessy              | Elizabeth Costantini<br>Chris O'Shaughnessy | Amanda Cantu<br>Len Oswald<br>Geri Oswald<br>Gerard Davenport<br><b>NOT FILLED</b><br>(E - G)   |             | Bob Hamernik        | Tracy Sullivan     |
| <b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>                   | Paul Krapf    | Theresa Brauburger               | Gina Koch<br>Theresa Brauburger             | Tim Koch<br>Brian Rabal<br>Daniel Cruz<br><b>NOT FILLED</b><br>(D - G)  |             | Kathryn Gough       | <b>NOT FILLED</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, 11:45 AM</b><br>(Spanish MASS) | Sandra Valdes | Mirna Serrano                    | Olga Serrano<br>Mirna Serrano               | J. Concepcion Serrano<br>Victor Lopez<br>Maria Dalia Lopez<br>Bertha Váldez<br>Martha Mendoza<br>Maria Rocio Cervantes<br>Maria Salcedo |             | Fernando Perez      |                    |
| <b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>                    | Eric Belin    | Cary Richard                     | <b>Sub Needed</b><br>Lisa Richard           | Rob Brothers<br><b>NOT FILLED</b><br>(B - G)  |             | Cary Richard        | Jennifer Haddinger |