



# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

November 15, 2020

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Pastor

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*For to all those  
who have, more  
will be given,  
and they will  
have an  
abundance.*

*Matthew 25:29, NRSV*



### Weekday MASS

Monday - Friday 12:00 PM - English

### Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 AM (music returns on  
Christ the King,  
November 22, 2020)

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

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

Pre-K - 6th Grade

#### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker

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

Pre-K - 4th Grade

#### EDGE/Confirmation Director

Chris Teague

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

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

Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

**Christmas Masses** – Due to the diocesan and governmental restrictions on capacity, we can only seat about 400 people in the building per Mass time. Therefore, we will be using a reservation system for our six Christmas Masses. Our Mass times are: Christmas Eve, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 8:00pm, all in English; Christmas Day, 8:00am and 10:00am both in English followed by 11:45am in Spanish. **You will need a reservation for a seat in the building, it is not a guarantee for a seat in the main worship space in the Church.** Seating will begin 45 minutes prior to Mass and will be done on a “first-come-first-choice” basis, like any normal Mass. Reservations will become invalid 15 minutes before the start of Mass. Reservations are limited to 10 seats per family; if you need more than 10 seats, please email Elizabeth. To reserve your seats now, visit our website at [www.ststephenbentonville.com](http://www.ststephenbentonville.com) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ststephen.church](https://www.facebook.com/ststephen.church). Reservations will be available until December 15<sup>th</sup> unless we reach our Mass capacity sooner. If you have any issues finding the link or have additional questions email Elizabeth at [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:marketing@ststephenbentonville.com).

**We are Hiring** – We (St. Stephen) are looking for a Parish Manager. Responsibilities include: meeting regularly with the pastor, maintaining an atmosphere of collaboration and cooperation with clergy, deacons, diocese, parish & finance councils and parishioners, reviewing and evaluating direct reports, monitoring financial reports & budgets with finance council/parish accounting, assisting with liturgical and sacramental programs, overseeing parish life programs and communications with parish social media coordinator. Must be actively involved in the parish, have experience managing compensation processes & supervising staff, knowledge of employment, finance, liability & property insurance including legal requirements, skills to manage multiple projects, strong verbal and written communication skills, ability to use finance software and Microsoft Office programs and diocesan finance, human resources/insurance and solid understanding of church safe environment programs; bachelor of science degree in accounting or finance preferred. Please send resumes to [apply@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:apply@ststephenbentonville.com).

**RCIA Calendar** – Our next session is Wednesday, November 18 on Liturgical Calendar I led by Bruce Peterson. 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.

**2021 Calendars Are Here** – Be sure to get your copy of the 2021 Calendar while we have them. They are located on the bulletin table as you exit the church.

**Calendarios de 2021 Están Aquí** – Asegúrese de obtener su copia del calendario mientras que los tenemos. Están en la mesa de los boletines al salir de la iglesia.

**Ushers, We need Your Help** – Ushers are needed for the 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Masses and 8:00 and 10:00 AM English & 11:45 AM Spanish Christmas Masses. If you are a trained usher or would like to get trained, please contact the parish at [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com) or 479-273-1240. We appreciate your help!

**St. Stephen MASS Attendance** – We are delighted to have you here for Mass. With increasing attendance numbers comes unique challenges! We want to give you an update on Mass attendance. Our allowed capacity is 215 in the Church making it a total of 400 in the building according to COVID-19 regulations. Last week’s Mass attendance was:

- 5:00pm – 137
- 7:45am – 194 (music will return on the Feast of Christ the King, November 22, 2020)
- 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.



Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of January, February and March. Please note that January 1 was included in last quarter’s schedule. This schedule will include special Masses for Ash Wednesday (February 17). Please let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter **by Monday, December 14** by calling 273-1240 or emailing Bethany at [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com). No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time. If you do not indicate a preferred Mass time for Holy Days, please note that 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.

**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.

- ★ 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.
- ★ Homebound – 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 being “completely detached from sin” and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence. These conditions are Confession, reception of Holy Communion and 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 recommended are “prayers for the deceased, Morning or Evening Prayer from the Office of the Dead, the Rosary, 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.”

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – Due to covid-19, Eucharistic Adoration has moved to the 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 needs 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.

**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. 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. If you have items to donate to the food pantry please place them in the cart located in front of the Church or the cabinets in the narthex labeled “food pantry.” 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

**Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal** kicks-off this weekend. 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.

**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).

**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 event 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).

**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.

***Titus 2:13:** Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.*



## Church Operations for November

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 40,632.20

Loan Balance - \$ 1,309,795.55

Inspired by today's Gospel, may we carefully invest the many resources and use the various talents entrusted to us by the Lord, so that we might hear His words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 35,733.82	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 7,169.12	\$ 23,000

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### 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 & Peter Thong Le †

### Monday, November 16

12:00pm Jansen Family

### Tuesday, November 17

12:00pm Margaret Power

### Wednesday, November 18

12:00pm All Souls Novena

### Thursday, November 19

12:00pm Kaylee Nguyen †

### Friday, November 20

12:00pm Louise Smith †

### Saturday, November 21

5:00pm Sally Crenshaw †

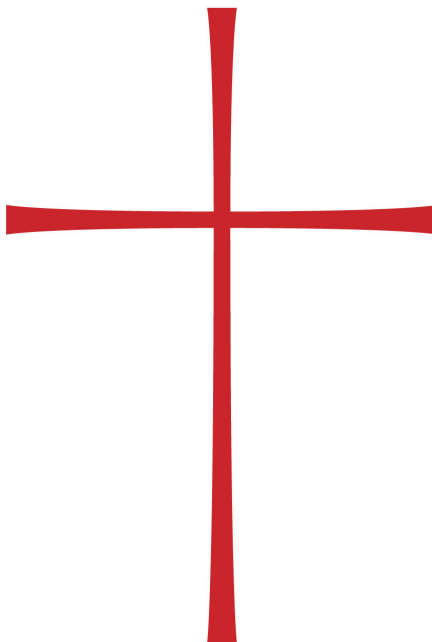
### Sunday, November 22 (Christ the King)

7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

10:00am Peter Paraskos †

11:45am All Souls Novena

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



Happy are those whose  
transgression  
is forgiven,  
whose sin  
is covered.

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## Scripture Readings for 11/15/20

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

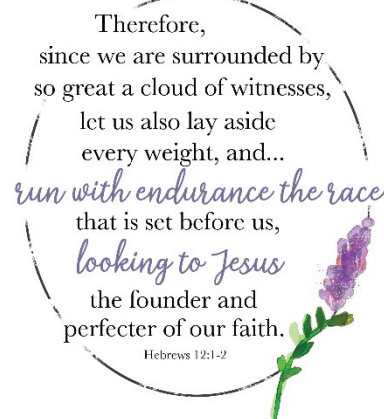
Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46

**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 21 - 22	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Amylynn Smith	Jon Terlouw	Susan McDaniel Margie O'Grady	Joseph Giovannucci Steve Saulsbery <b>NOT FILLED</b> (C - G)	Joseph Giovannucci	Jon Terlouw	Tracy Sullivan
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b> (Music Returns)	Pat Moberley	Bruce Peterson	Robbie Estes Christina Baker	Karen Howard Len Oswald Geri Oswald <b>NOT FILLED</b> (D - G)		Bruce Peterson	Peggy Estes
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Rose Hartnett	Joe Hartnett	TJ LaPlant Gina Koch	Tim Koch Daniel Cruz Charlotte Champagne <b>NOT FILLED</b> (D - G)		Joe Hartnett	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM</b> (Spanish MASS)	Fernando Barbosa	Crimilda Viera	Hector Rangel Crimilda Viera	Fernando Perez J. Concepcion Serrano Victor Lopez Maria Dalia Lopez Bertha Valdez Martha Mendoza Maria Salcedo		Crimilda Viera	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	Eric Belin	Bryan Bacon	<b>Sun Needed</b> Lisa Richard (B)	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (A - G)		Bryan Bacon	Jennifer Haddinger