

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

November 22, 2020

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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### Weekday MASS

Monday-Wednesday 12:00 PM - English

Thursday 10:00 AM (Thanksgiving)

Friday 12:00 PM - English

### Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 AM (music returns on

Christ the King,

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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

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Edge: 7th & 8th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

#### Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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9th Grade - 12th Grade

Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

**The Parish Office** will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> this week and remain closed until Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Our weekday Mass schedule will be the same this week with the exception of Thanksgiving Day. Join us for Mass on the morning of Thanksgiving at 10:00am in the church.

**RCIA Calendar** – There will be NO class Wednesday, November 25, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next session will be Wednesday, December 2, on the Commandments 1-10 led by Msgr. Marczuk. RCIA meets in the Church. We meet every Wednesday at 7:00pm.

**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.

**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](http://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).

❖ 4:00 PM Christmas Mass is FULL

**St. Stephen Christmas Pageant and Plays Canceled**  
This year, due to diocesan and government regulations, all our Christmas festivities have been CANCELED: Our Annual Christmas Children's pageant, Our Lady of Guadalupe play, the children's pastorela and the annual Posadas will not take place this year.

**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).

**Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule** –Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Thursday, December 8. This Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated with a Vigil Mass on Monday, December 7 at 5:30pm in English, and Masses on Tuesday, December 8 at Noon and 5:30pm in English, and 7:00pm in Spanish.

**Office News** – The bulletin deadline has changed for Thanksgiving week. The deadline will be Monday, November 23 at noon instead of Tuesday.

**Ushers, We need Your Help** – Ushers are needed for the 6:00 and 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Masses and 8:00 and 10:00 AM English 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!



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.

**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 247,000+ and world-wide death toll is now at 1,330,000+ 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 and 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*

**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 – 255
- ♦ 7:45am – 203 (music will return on the Feast of Christ the King, November 22, 2020)
- ♦ 10:00am – 320
- ♦ 11:45am (Spanish) – 214
- ♦ 5:00pm Life Teen – 189

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.

**Altar Servers** - With the approval of Bishop Taylor, we will be resuming the use of one Altar Server at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. If you are interested in serving please contact Chris Teague at [edge@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:edge@ststephenbentonville.com).

**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.

**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.

**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 special mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis", the Apostolic Penitentiary released 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, and 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 and discomforts of one's own life."



Your Knights of Columbus will restart the gift card program during this Christmas season. Gift cards make a great gift, and with the pandemic, many of our parishioners are trying to stay safe during the holiday shopping season. If you recall from 2017-2018, when you buy a gift card, the Knights received 1-8% of the card value that was put back into the church and community. The card program will only run this December. There are plenty of different cards to order from many area restaurants, retailers and even online companies. The order forms can be picked up next to the bulletins or can be retrieved from the St. Stephen website. Instructions on submitting your order form at church, via email, or via mail is with the order forms. The ordered gift cards may be picked up outside the church after all Masses on December 5/6, 19/20 or on Tuesday, December 22nd.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development** – Please be generous in this weekend's special collection. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. For more information visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano** – Por favor, este fin de semana contribuyan generosamente a nuestra colecta especial. En los Estados Unidos, una de cada seis personas vive en pobreza. Con esta colecta usted apoya programa que tratan con las causas de la pobreza y proporcionan un futuro sostenible a aquellos que luchan en nuestro país. Además, 25% de los fondos recaudados permanecerá en nuestra diócesis para financiar proyectos antipobreza en nuestra localidad. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a esta colecta y trabajar desde la periferia. Para más información visite [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**NWA Respect Life** – Your prayers have been answered! After standing empty close to a year, the former Planned Parenthood space on Crossover has been rented to Diana Holte, APRN and Kellie Chacanaca, APRN who started the Advance Health and Wellness center and offer many services that truly support the community and uphold the dignity of the medical profession. For more information on this wellness center visit [www.advancedhealthnwa.com](http://www.advancedhealthnwa.com). In addition, some AWESOME NEWS from David Cox (a cracker jack researcher within the Little Rock's Family Council) saying that Planned Parenthood is no longer advertising for an abortionist in NWA. This is the first time Planned Parenthood has not had a job opening for a physician listed online. Looks like, at least for the time being, Planned Parenthood has given up on NWA. Praise God! Keep vigilant and keep up your prayers!

**Procession of Roses** – Looking for people born between 1973 thru 2021 for our January Procession of Roses. 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. To participate visit [www.signupgenius.com/go/409044EA5AF22A6FC1-procession](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044EA5AF22A6FC1-procession).

**Church Operations for November**

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 60,802.38  
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,294,542.80

The Son of Man will reward or punish His sheep according to how they practiced the physical works of mercy toward the poor and needy, the least ones. As loyal and supportive stewards, may we inherit the Kingdom prepared for us by Christ.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 55,698.18	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 8,918.04	\$ 23,000

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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 †

**Monday, November 23**

12:00pm Felix Santamaria †

**Tuesday, November 24**

12:00pm Juan Lozano †

**Wednesday, November 25**

12:00pm Sally Crenshaw †

**Thursday, November 26**

10:00am Louise Smith †

**Friday, November 27**

12:00pm Intention of Celebrant

**Saturday, November 28**

5:00pm Madge Spiller †

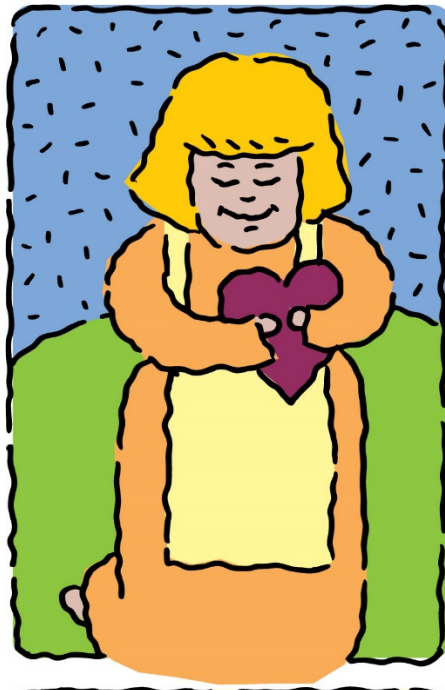
**Sunday, November 29**

7:45am All Souls Novena

10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses

11:45am Adelida Bermudez †

5:00pm Frances Sutton †



**Scripture Readings for 11/29/20**

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

**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 28 - 29	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Amylynn Smith	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Margie Story Kim Dial	Joseph Giovannucci <b>NOT FILLED (B-G)</b>	Joseph Giovannucci	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM (Music Returns)</b>	Irma Holasek	Bruce Peterson	Susan Eagleson Greg Brandenburg	Amanda Cantu Gerard Davenport Greg Woodell (C-G)		Bruce Peterson	Tracy Sullivan
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Mary Pablo	Theresa Brauburger	Claudia Garcia Theresa Brauburger	Charlotte Champagne Steve Harrington <b>NOT FILLED (C-G)</b>		Kathryn Gough	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)</b>	Fernando Barbosa	Ivan Sanabria	Carmen Sepulveda Ivan Sanabria	Martha Mendoza Maria Rocio Cervantes Maria Salcedo Victor Lopez Maria Dalia Lopez Bertha Váldez J. Concepcion Serrano		Ivan Sanabria	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon	Ken Hunter Catherine Garner	Rob Brothers (A) <b>NOT FILLED (B-G)</b>		Bryan Bacon	Jennifer Haddinger