

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

January 3, 2021

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Pastor

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

Associate Pastor - Administrator of Blessed Stanley Rother Church in Decatur

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On entering, they saw
the child with Mary his
Mother; and they
knelt down and
paid him homage.
Matthew 2:11,
NRSV



Weekday MASS

Monday – Friday 12:00 PM – English

Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 AM

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 / lunes – Thursday / jueves
9:00am – 11:30 AM and 12:45 – 3:00 PM
Friday / Viernes – 9:00- 11:30 AM

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

Catholic Kids Youth Minister

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Pre-K – 4th Grade

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Edge: 7th & 8th Grade
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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen Youth

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9th Grade – 12th Grade
Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

Thank you from the Parish Office – The staff here at St. Stephen would like to extend an appreciative thank you to all our volunteers. We could not do our Masses without your help as lectors, ministers, ushers, servers, and sacristans. If you are interested in being trained to serve in Mass please contact the parish office at (479)273-1240.

RCIA Calendar – Our next session will be on Wednesday, January 6, Introduction to the Sacraments led by Msgr. Marczuk. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm in the church. All are welcome.

Hard Hat Collection – There will be a Hard Hat collection on January 2 / 3 to go toward paying the loan we received from the Diocese for church repairs. As the hard hats will not be passed around, please place your donation in the regular collection basket. Our goal is to collect \$19,440 each month to cover the loan payment. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Colecta Casco – Este fin de semana, el 2 y 3 de enero habrá una Colecta de Casco para pagar el préstamo que recibimos de la Diócesis para las reparaciones de la iglesia. Como no se pasarán los cascos, coloque su donación en la canasta de colecta regular. Nuestro objetivo es recaudar \$19,440 cada mes para cubrir el pago del préstamo. Gracias por su consideración en oración.

Small Altar Linens – We need some help with laundering the linens from the church. Helping would require weekly stops at the church to pick up and return the linens, folded and ironed with starch. If you are interested, please call Bethany in the parish office (479)273-1240.

Pequeños Liensos del Altar – Necesitamos un poco de ayuda con el lavado de los liensos de la iglesia. La ayuda requiere paradas semanales en la iglesia, para recoger y devolver los liensos, doblado y planchado con almidón. Si usted está interesado, por favor llame a Bethany en la oficina parroquial (479)273-1240.

Winter Weather Policy – With winter approaching we would like to remind you of our policy regarding the cancellation of programs, except for the Masses. We follow the Bentonville school district; if they cancel school, then we cancel our programs. This policy will also apply to the parish office; if Bentonville schools are closed the parish office is closed as well. We will also post our cancellations on KNWA, KHOG 40/29, and KFSM.

Movie Night at St. Stephen – We will have a showing of Pray (The Story of Fr. Patrick Peyton) on Saturday, January 9th after the 5:00 PM Mass. We will use our reservation system located in the app or website at www.ststephenbentonville.com/links. All those in attendance will receive chalk blessed by Msgr. Scott with directions on how to label your home for the Epiphany. One lucky family will also receive a special "Pray" branded prayer kit. If you need assistance call the parish office or email Elizabeth at marketing@ststephenbentonville.com. To learn more about Fr. Peyton visit www.praythefilm.com/.

Acts 16:30-31 – He said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

St. Stephen MASS Attendance – We are delighted to have you here for Mass. With increasing attendance numbers comes unique challenges! According to COVID regulations, our allowed capacity is a total of 400 in the building. Last week's attendance:

5:00pm – 233 7:45am – 148 10:00am – 298
11:45am (Spanish) – 217 5:00pm – 199

We continue to thank you for your patience and support during this time. Please know that we will keep you informed of our Mass attendance should you would like to return. You are always welcome to utilize our overflow seating available in the building. You may listen over the speakers in the courtyard, and come inside for Holy Communion only or you can even participate via YouTube.

Advent Blessings, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from Life Teen – Start the New Year off right by staying connected with us through social media! We are on Facebook www.facebook.com/LifeTeenStStephen and on Instagram www.instagram.com/lifeteenststephen/ to stay in touch with you, and to keep you up to date on Life Teen events, pivots, and meaningful moments.

The Benevolent Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC) has had 86% increases in assistance needed this year due to the pandemic! Your SSBC volunteers work every day with families to provide emergency food, help keep electricity on, and avoid eviction. COVID-19 has impacted many families. SSBC is asking for monetary donations. The QR code can be scanned with a smart phone if you would like to donate. Thank you for your generous help!

How to Donate

- Return your envelope to the collection basket
- Drop your donation in the SVdP Donation Box in the Narthex (Poor Box)
- Scan the QR Code
- In PayPal, send a donation to SSBCfundraiser@gmail.com
- Please consider making a monthly donation.



Como Donar

- Devuelva su sobre en la canasta de la colecta
- Deje su donación en la caja de donación de SVdP en nártex (caja pobre)
- Escanea el código QR
- En PayPal, envíe una donación a SSBCfundraiser@gmail.com
- Por favor, considere hacer una donación mensual

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St. Stephen Catholic Church

- Visit/Visite: formed.org
 - Click on **Register**/Haga clic en **Registrarse**
 - Enter Code/Introduzca el Código: **KFNNGY**
- Enjoy and share with others in our community!
Disfrute y comparte con otros en nuestra comunidad!

Safe Haven Baby Box – Springdale has agreed to have a Safe Haven Baby Box! It was a unanimous decision! Mayor Doug Sprouse, Councilman Colby Fulfer and all the Springdale City council voted for the installation of a "baby box" in one of their fire stations. And if that's not enough, NWA Respect Life recently learned that the city of Rogers will also participate in this life saving effort!

The Arkansas Safe Haven law has existed for almost 20 years with similar laws in all 50 states. The Safe Haven law allows a parent to bring a child, 30 days old or younger to an employee at any hospital emergency room or law enforcement agency without facing prosecution for endangering or abandoning a child. In 2019, AR amended the law to include fire departments or a designated newborn safety device (a baby box). The baby box provides an anonymous surrender as well as brings more attention to the existence of the law

Mass for Life – On Sunday January 17, Bishop Taylor will preside our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock at 12:05 PM. This Mass will also be live streamed on the Diocese of Little Rock YouTube channel. Unfortunately, there will not be Eucharistic Procession for Life or a Hearts for Life Conference in 2021 due to Covid. Arkansas Right to Life will host the March for Life on January 17 at 2:00 PM behind the Capitol. For information please contact Respect Life Office (501)664-0340 ext. 326 or cphillips@dolr.org.

Misa por La Vida – El domingo 17 de enero, el obispo Taylor presidirá nuestra misa diocesana anual por la vida. La Misa se celebrará en la Catedral de San Andrés en Little Rock a las 12:05 PM. Esta misa también se transmitirá en vivo en el canal de YouTube de la Diócesis de Little Rock. Desafortunadamente, no habrá Procesión Eucarística por la Vida o una Conferencia Corazones por la Vida en 2021, debido a COVID. Arkansas Derecho a la vida todavía planea la Marcha por la Vida el 17 de enero a las 2:00 PM detrás del Capitolio. Comuníquese con la Oficina de Respeto a la Vida (501)664-0340 ext. 326 o cphillips@dolr.org para obtener información.

Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA) is accepting applications for the new 2021-2022 school year. To start your process visit www.ozarkcatholic.org/admissions or contact the AdmissionsOCA@ozarkcatholic.org for more information or to schedule a visit and family interview. If applying for financial aid, applications will start being accepted on January 6th and the deadline to apply is February 5th. A copy of 2019 tax return & 2020 W-2(s) must be provided at www.ozarkcatholic.org/affording-oca. Families must apply in FACTS. They will provide remote workshops on Monday, January 11th, from 10:00-11:00 AM, and Thursday, January 14, 6:00-7:00 PM to assist with questions and Spanish translators to help upon request. To register, email Robbie.Estes@OzarkCatholic.org.

NWA Respect Life "Procession of Roses" will take place at the First Church of the Nazarene 4911 W. Pleasant Grove Rd., Rogers. The church is blessed with beautiful accommodations & lots of space to spread out for adequate social distancing. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 16 at 7:00 PM. for this extremely moving ceremony. We are about half-way there, for sign-ups in securing people born between 1973-2021 visit www.signupgenius.com/go/409044ea5af22a6fc1-procession.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School is doing open registration for grades Kinder through 8th for 2021-2022 school year. For more information, please contact Sandra Stephens (479)685-3576 or admissions@svdpschool.net. Their goal is to put a catholic education within reach for all families. You can help by donating at <https://bit.ly/SVdPscholarships>.

The Annual Come and See Discernment Retreat for men ages 16 and older interested in learning more about answering God's call to seminary will be held in Little Rock at St. John Catholic Center on January 2-3. The retreat is sponsored by the Vocations Office and seminarians of the Diocese of Little Rock. For more information, contact Maria Izquierdo (501)664-0340, ext. 378 or email mizquierdo@dolr.org. Registration forms can be found on the Diocesan website.

Prayer for the Renewal of Family Life during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Loving God, we pray that you renew the world's appreciation for the gift of family. Turn the hearts of parents back to their children and the hearts of the children back to their parents. Bring forth the deeper joy, fidelity, peace and devotion in family life. Since many are unable to gather at your altars and deprived of receiving the Sacraments, please help married couples recall that they can celebrate the grace of Holy Marriage each day in the love they share with each other and in cherishing the fruit of that Sacrament, their children. May Jesus, Mary, and Joseph guide us into a deeper renewal of marriage and family life during this time of struggle. Amen

- Pedro de la Cruz

Oracion para la Renovacion de la Vida Familiar durante la Pandemia Coronavirus

Cariñoso Dios, oramos que usted renueve el aprecio para el regalo que es la familia. Voltee de nuevo los corazones de los padres hacia sus hijos y los corazones de los hijos hacia los padres. Que renazca la alegría profunda, la fidelidad, la paz y la devoción en la vida familiar. Como muchos no se pueden reunir en sus altares y están privados de recibir los sacramentos, le rogamos que ayude a las parejas casadas a recordar que pueden celebrar la gracia del santo matrimonio cada día con el amor que comparten los dos y con el aprecio al fruto del sacramento – sus hijos. Que Jesús, María y José nos guíen hacia una más profunda renovación del matrimonio y de la vida familiar durante estos tiempos difíciles. Amen

- Pedro de la Cruz

Prayer for Solidarity

Almighty and ever-living God, empower your one human family to join hands on our journey of faith. Send us your spirit of hope, so that we may work to alleviate human suffering and foster charity and justice in our world. Amen.

- USCCB

Oración por la solidaridad

Dios todopoderoso y eterno, te pedimos que capacites a la única familia humana para que tomados de la mano avancemos en el camino de la fe. Envíanos tu Espíritu de esperanza, para aliviar los sufrimientos humanos, y promover la caridad y la justicia en el mundo. Amén.

- USCCB

1 Corinthians 11:32 – But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

Church Operations for December

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$127,458.94
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,279,241.29

As the Magi offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child, we offer ourselves symbolized in the regular contributions made to the support of the Church along with our talent and our volunteer service of time.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$122,719.71	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$11,977.24	\$ 23,000



Organizational Directory

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Scripture Readings for 01/10/20

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 55:1-11
 Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
 Acts of Apostle 10:34-38 or John 5:1-9
 Mark 1:7-11

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 2
 9:00am Special intention
 5:00pm Special Intention
Sunday, January 3
 7:45am Maria Nhu Bui †
 10:00am Ken Heitert †
 11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses
 5:00pm Norbert Wewers †
Monday, January 4
 12:00pm Ministers of Communion
Tuesday, January 5
 12:00pm Diane Shastid
Wednesday, January 6
 12:00pm All Children
Thursday, January 7
 12:00pm Norbert Wewers †
Friday, January 8
 12:00pm Hortencia Andrade †
Saturday, January 9
 5:00pm Sally Crenshaw †
Sunday, January 10
 7:45am St. Stephen Staff
 10:00am Kay Neville †
 11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses
 5:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †

January 9 - 10	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Jon Terlouw	Jon Terlouw	Lori Terlouw Jon Terlouw	Joseph Giovannucci Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED (C - G)	Joseph Giovannucci	Jon Terlouw	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Christy Yuska	Mark Jechura	Mark Jechura Kira O'Shaughnessy	Gary Delperdang Amanda Cantu Gerard Davenport Greg Woodell NOT FILLED (E - G)		Mark Jechura	Dan Reiff
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Paul Krapf	Charlotte Champagne	Thomas Ganey Imelda Robinson	Steve Harrington Ken Butler Tim Koch NOT FILLED (D - G)		Charlotte Champagne	Gina Koch
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Ramon Portilla	Ivan Sanabria	Maria Elena Calderon Eva Miramon	Bertha Valdez Martha Mendoza Maria Salcedo Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez J. Concepcion Serrano Maria Munoz		Ivan Sanabria	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Catherine Garner	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (B - G)		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger