

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

January 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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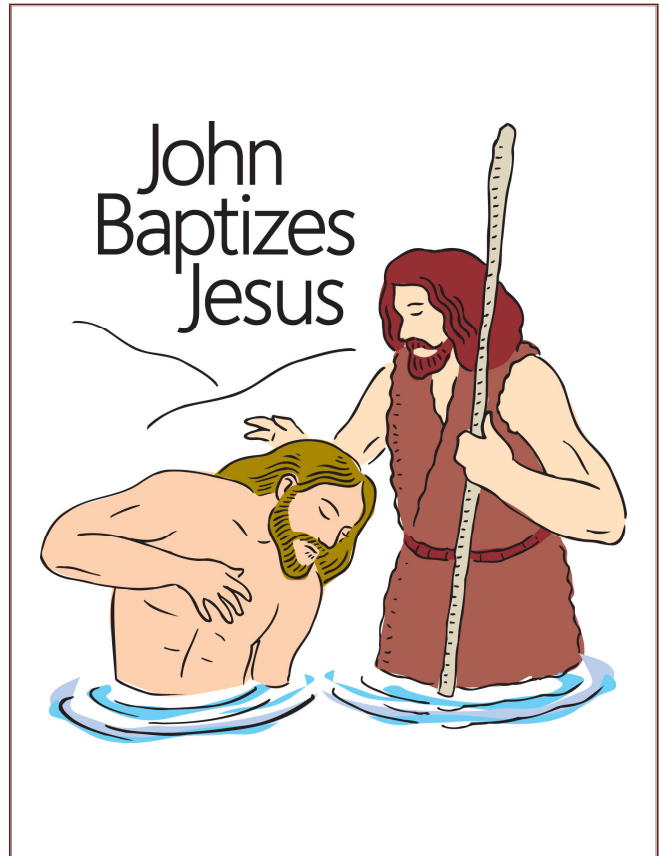
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Weekday MASS

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:

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9th Grade – 12th Grade
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RCIA Calendar – Our next session will be on Wednesday, January 13, on Baptism and Confirmation led by Bruce Peterson. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm in the church. All are welcome.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) – Thank you to everyone who donated to CASA and helped us meet our goal. We collected a total of \$59,721.40 towards our parish goal of \$38,944.50. Thank you so much for your generous support in helping our diocese to grow and carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

Campana Católica de Arkansas a Compartir (CASA) Gracias a todos que donó a CASA y nos ayudó a cumplir nuestro objetivo. Se colecto un total de \$59,721.40 hacia nuestra meta de \$38,944.50. Muchas gracias a ustedes por su generoso apoyo al ayudar a nuestra diócesis a seguir creciendo y llevando a cabo el trabajo misionero de Jesús.

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.

St Stephen Video Club Adult Virtual Sessions is set to resume with a new series in January! Don't miss this special opportunity to grow in your faith and connect with your fellow parishioners.

Join us as we explore the "Saints of the Reformation – the True Reformers." We will look in at that most difficult period in Church History and learn how it applies to our struggles today. Their strength can become ours. Our sessions will start January 12th and meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM for an hour for 6 weeks. We meet virtually using Zoom. Using the format like a book club, we'll watch a video individually before the meeting, then come together to mediate, discuss and share our faith. Each session is independent, so you can join as many of sessions as you can. To sign up, please email Ken Hunter at StStephenVideoClub@arhunters.us. We'll send you all the instructions you need to get started. We look forward to connecting with you!

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.

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

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 – 260
- 7:45am – 122
- 10:00am – 265
- 11:45am (Spanish) – 228
- 5:00pm – 231

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.

St Stephen Preschool will be offering pre-enrollment to parishioners February 1-14. If your child will be three or four years old by August 1, and you would like to enroll them for the 2021-2022 school year please contact Cathy Townzen by email at preschool@ststephenbentonville.com or by phone 479-273-1240 for more information.

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

FORMED: Catholic Faith on Demand

Will have The Augustine Institute Show with Dr. Tim Gray. This is a weekly Catholic talk show that brings the truth and beauty of the Gospel to Catholics all over the world. Dr. Tim Gray will be joined by a special guest each week to discuss new and exciting developments in the Catholic Church.

- To join simply visit formed.org
- Click on I belong to a parish
- Entre the St. Stephen Catholic Church
- Make an account

NWA Respect Life Upcoming Events – January is the month of many pro-life activities. Mark your calendars for a few of the upcoming events in NWA:

- **Saturday, January 16 at 7:00 PM** – Procession of Roses. The Procession of Roses is an inspiring yet somber remembrance of lives lost to abortion since the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion on January 22, 1973. Forty-eight representatives, each born in a year since 1973, will be at the First Church of the Nazarene in Rogers to offer a white rose in remembrance of lives lost in that year. The event is no longer than an hour - invite friends and family to this short but extremely powerful ceremony. If you, or someone you know, was born between 1973-2021 please consider participation. They need people born in (1978, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2015). For more details or call/txt Sheila at 469-231-1959, Melanie at charm.elliott@yahoo.com or visit www.signupgenius.com/go/409044ea5af22a6fc1-procession to sign-up.
- **Box Trot** – In place of a NWA March for Life, they will celebrate their first ever "Box Trot." As you may know, the Safe Haven Baby Box, www.shbb.org, has been approved for a fire station in Springdale and another in Rogers. Following delivery and installation of these lifesaving resources, we will have a "Box Trot" from one location to the next. A short rally and blessing will be held at the first Fire Station Baby Box location and then pro-lifers will drive pro-life decorated cars/vans/trucks, etc. to the second Fire Station Baby Box location for another short rally and blessing. We are hoping that the Safe Haven Baby Boxes will go live in January. Date and time of "Box Trot" TBA.
- **Little Rock March for Life** is day, Sunday, January 17, NWA Respect Life will once again join forces with Benton and Washington County Right to Life to promote life. We will caravan to Little Rock for the annual March for Life. This is a peaceful and prayerful observance of the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. The Bentonville caravan will meet at 9:00 AM the morning of January 17th at the NWACC parking lot - 1 College Dr. Bentonville, AR 72712. The Fayetteville caravan will meet at 9:30am the morning of January 17th at the Walmart parking lot off MLK - 2875 M.L.K. Jr Blvd, Fayetteville, AR. Plans are to stop for a quick lunch and arrive in plenty of time for the 2:00 - 3:00 PM March for Life. Caravans will leave immediately following the March and return to NWA by 7:00 PM. Please respond no later than Friday, January 15th so drivers can be coordinated. RSVP on the Facebook event or email bcright2life@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Retrouvaille Arkansas – Help Our Marriage Program

- A Marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.
- A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.
- Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect.
- Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. A Virtual Weekend on Zoom will be held January 28-31. To sign-up go to helpourmarriage.org. For further information call 800-470-2230 or 501-834-1956.

Mass for Life – On Sunday January 17, Bishop Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock at 12:05 PM. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Little Rock YouTube Channel. Use this website link to watch the Mass at www.bit.ly/3pPw4Xz. Unfortunately, because of the ongoing pandemic, there will not be Eucharistic Procession for Life or a Hearts for Life Conference in 2021. Arkansas Right to Life still plans to host the March for Life on January 17 at 2:00 PM behind the Capitol. Learn more about the March for Life here www.artl.org/march-for-life/. Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email cphillips@dolr.org for more information.

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. Utilice el enlace de este sitio para ver la misa: www.bit.ly/3pPw4Xz. Desafortunadamente, debido a la continua pandemia, no habrá Procesión Eucarística por la Vida o una Conferencia Corazones por la Vida en 2021. Arkansas Right to Life todavía planea haber la Marcha por la Vida el 17 de enero a las 2:00 PM detrás del Capitolio. Obtenga más información sobre la Marcha por la Vida aquí: www.artl.org/march-for-life/. Comuníquese con la Oficina de Respeto a la Vida al 501-664-0340 ext. 326 o envíe un correo electrónico a cphillips@dolr.org para obtener más información.

A Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

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Pre-Cana Day is an event for couples who are engaged and wish to be married in the Catholic Church. This one-day retreat invites couples to spend time together reflecting on their relationship and future marriage. It is sponsored by the diocesan Family Life Office. Registration is required one week prior to the event.

2021 Pre-CANA dates (English Classes)

January 23 - St. John Center, Little Rock

March 30 - St. John Center, Little Rock

Spring TBA - Christ the King, Ft. Smith

May 15 - St. John Center, Little Rock

June 19 - St. John Center, Little Rock

August 21 - St. John Center, Little Rock

Fall TBA - Christ the King, Ft. Smith

October 16 - St. John Center, Little Rock

Convalidation Class (English) - February 27 at St. John Center, Little Rock.

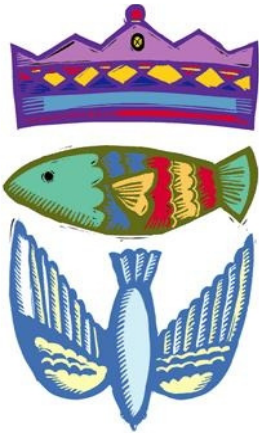
PRE-CANA/Convalidation Class (Spanish) - April 17 at St. John Center, Little Rock.

Church Operations for January

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 27,221.45
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,279,241.29

Being baptized into Jesus Christ, we share in His graces "richly poured out on us." May our regular stewardship demonstrate our fidelity to His mission, and may He reward us with His generous love.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 40,822.66	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 4,201.00	\$ 23,000



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Scripture Readings for 01/17/20

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
 Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
 John 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 †
Monday, January 11
 12:00pm Almaraz – Trujillo Family
Tuesday, January 12
 12:00pm Angela Wineland †
Wednesday, January 13
 12:00pm Florencia Perez
Thursday, January 14
 12:00pm Marta Wada
Friday, January 15
 12:00pm Special Intention
Saturday, January 16
 5:00pm Sally Crenshaw †
Sunday, January 17
 7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses
 10:00am Scripture Sisters
 11:45am Las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio
 5:00pm Special Intention

?? Bible Quiz ??

According to Matthew, who was present at Jesus' baptism? (Choose as many as apply.)

- A. John the Baptist
- B. The Spirit of God
- C. Jesus' mother, Mary
- D. His first disciples

Answer: A and B (See Matthew 3:13-17.)

January 16 - 17	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bruce Peterson	Bruce Peterson	Bruce Peterson Jill Saulsbery	Steve Saulsbery Joseph Giovannucci NOT FILLED (C - G)	Joseph Giovannucci	Amy Fulmer	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Tom Stawicki	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Chris O'Shaughnessy Susan Eagleson	Karen Howard Amanda Cantu Gerard Davenport NOT FILLED (D - G)		Amanda Cantu	Dan Reiff
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Brian Rabal	Joe Hartnett	Greg Brandenburg Joe Hartnett	Daniel Cruz Ken Butler Charlotte Champagne Tim Koch NOT FILLED (E - G)		Kathryn Gough	Gina Koch
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Marugel Monzalvo	Raquel Perez	Olga Serrano Raquel Perez	J. Concepción Serrano Fernando Pérez María Dalia López Víctor López María Barajas Bertha Valdez Martha Mendoza		Crimilda Viera	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Lisa Juan	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (B - G)		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger