



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

January 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor

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

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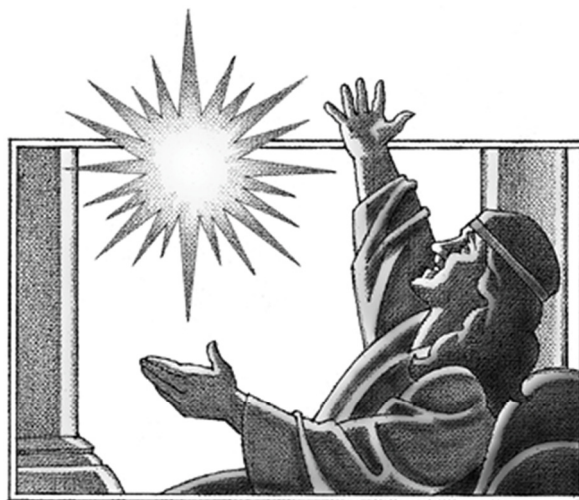
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And Samuel said,

**“Speak, for your
servant is listening.”**

1 Samuel 3:10, 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

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

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9th Grade – 12th Grade

Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

Church News - We have installed new doors that are automatic. The automatic doors are facing North on your right side as you are walking to the building and the South side doors. These doors will open when you hover your hand over the sensory button (no touch required) located on the brick wall as you come into the Church and when using the button located inside the building when exiting. The automatic doors will help our parishioners who are using walkers, handicap chairs, strollers etc.

RCIA Calendar – Our next session will be Wednesday, January 20, on The Eucharist led by Gary Delperdang. 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 colectó 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 used in the Mass. Helping would require weekly stops at the church to pick up and return the linens, folded and ironed with starch. There are several volunteers scheduled to help, so you don't have the sole responsibility of this ministry every single week. If you are interested, please call Bethany in the parish office to volunteer or for more information: (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 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.

Social Media Coordinator – If you need help promoting your church-related events or have ideas on ways to help promote the church, contact Elizabeth Ganey, our Social Media Coordinator, marketing@ststephenbentonville.com. Ideas and suggestions are appreciated, no event or program is too small to be promoted.

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.

Candlemas – Join us for Mass on The Presentation of the Lord on Wednesday, February 2 at 12:00PM. You may bring candles to bless at this Mass. Please make sure to label your candles with your name and number in case any get left behind.

Candelaria - Únase a nosotros para la Misa de la Presentación de Nuestro Señor el miércoles 2 de febrero a las 12:00 PM. Puede traer sus velas para que sean bendecidas en esta Misa. Por favor, asegúrese de poner su nombre y número en caso de que se queden.

St. Stephen MASS Attendance – 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

Please know we will inform you 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 Benevolent Conference (SSBC) Food Pantry – Thank you for your support to the SSBC Food Pantry. Assisting our neighbors in need is living Gospel values. If you would like to help by donating monetary, please place donation in the SSBC Box in the narthex or simply place any of the following items in the cart located outside the entrance of St. Stephen Catholic Church.
**Pantry needs: paper towels, toilet paper, liquid dish soap, diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6, baby wipes, wet wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, breakfast cereal, and jelly (grape/strawberry).

Thank You – Benevolent Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC). We would like to thank all of our Parishioners for your Generous support of our December Fund Raiser. We are able to help so many more families in the upcoming months. Covid has hit our community in such a hard way and all of your support has kept their electricity on - a roof over their heads and food on their tables. Thank you from all of us at SSBC!

Knights of Columbus (K of C) invite the parish to their blood drive on Thursday, January 21st from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the St. Stephen parking lot. Juice & snacks will be provided. American Red Cross will be there with their blood mobile. Walk-ins are welcome or sign-up online at www.redcrossblood.org. Please wear your mask.

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 Zoom sessions meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM for an hour for 6 weeks. 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 sessions you can. Please email Ken Hunter at StStephenVideoClub@arhunters.us to sign up. We look forward to connecting with you!

Keep praying for the protection of human life especially the unborn.



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

Nine Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life starts January 21-29. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join Catholics across the country in praying for the protection of human life throughout 9 Days for Life through livestreamed prayer events. To learn more or to receive notifications sign up at <https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2021-english/>.

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. 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. 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.

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.

- **PRE-CANA Marriage Preparation Class - English**
January 23, March 30, May 15, June 19, August 21, and October 16 will all take place at St. John Center, Little Rock. Spring and Fall TBA will be at Christ the King, Ft. Smith.
- **Convalidation Class - English**
February 27 at St. John Center, Little Rock
- **PRE-CANA/Convalidation Class - Spanish**
April 17 at St. John Center, Little Rock

Catholic Young Professionals (CYP) – Looking for community during the pandemic? Want to get involved while staying safe? The NWA Catholic Young Professionals group may have something for you! Here are some of our regular events: weekly Monday Meetup, an online Bible Study group at 7:00 PM on Mondays; monthly virtual Theology on Tap and monthly socially-distanced outdoor social events. To learn more or to join us for an event, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NWACYPro or contact us at NWACYPro@gmail.com.

Retrouvaille Arkansas – Helps married couples with restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, and it is open to where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. This is primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but couples sharing their personal marital struggle stories and the tools they used to rediscover their love. A virtual weekend on Zoom will be held January 28-31. To sign-up visit www.helpourmarriage.org or for further information call 800-470-2230 or 501-834-1956.

Guided Spiritual Retreat – You are invited to attend a this retreat on January 28-31, a ministry of St. Scholastica Monastery based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Life during the pandemic has been draining both emotionally and spiritually. This is an opportunity to step away from the world and untangle yourself from everything that might be keeping you from being free enough to respond to God daily. The retreat includes group sharing sessions and private sessions with a Spiritual Director each day. All will be via Zoom, cost is \$150. The Benedictine tradition has always been hospitality to all, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Those who have been blessed with more may wish to contribute more, and those who have less give less “so that all may be at peace in the house of God.” For more information or to register email retreats@stscho.org.

****Cancelled NWA Respect Life - March for Life** – This decision has been made in the interest of safety for the thousands of individuals, including elderly and disabled, and families with children who travel from all parts of the state to attend our annual march. In light of political unrest across the U.S. and reports of potential volatility at our State Capitol – combined with the ongoing high number of COVID-19 cases locally – this decision comes with much thought and consideration of all who love and defend human life in our state. Our organization's peaceful March for Life will still happen though not this week. Supporters please visit www.artl.org for the latest information on rescheduling of the March for Life and other pro-life activities.

Respect Life will have a “Box Trot” in place of a NWA March for Life. 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.

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

**Organizational Directory**

Adult Formation Virtual Sessions

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Cary Richard, 479-685-4253

Columbarium Chairperson

Charlotte Champagne, 479-531-9345

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RCIA (Catechumenate) Coordinator /

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Respect Life

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Tanya Dixon

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Jonah 3:1-5

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**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

Monday, January 18

12:00pm Darlene Corbett †

Tuesday, January 19

12:00pm Joy McCarthy †

Wednesday, January 20

12:00pm Raymond Casey

Thursday, January 21

12:00pm Marta Wada

Friday, January 22

12:00pm Florencia Perez

Saturday, January 23

5:00pm Catherine Ertl †

Sunday, January 24

7:45am Andrew Lac Tran †

10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses

11:45am Nilda Parquet †

5:00pm Bui / Le Ancestors



January 23 - 24	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Jon Terlouw	Jon Terlouw	Jon Terlouw Kim Dial	NOT FILLED (A - G)	NOT FILLED	Jon Terlouw	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Robbie Estes Chris O'Shaughnessy	Greg Woodell Amanda Cantu Gary Delperdang Gerard Davenport NOT FILLED (E - G)		Bryan Bacon	Peggy Estes
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Pam Willis	Ted Brauburger	Gina Koch Claudia Garcia	Tim Koch Steve Harrington Ken Butler Charlotte Champagne NOT FILLED (E - G)		Ted Brauburger	Dan Reiff
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Dolores Pena	Ivan Sanabria	Maria Elena Calderon Ricardo Almaraz	Bertha Váldez Martha Mendoza Maria Salcedo Maria Munoz Maria Barajas Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez		Ivan Sanabria	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Terry Shepard	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (B - G)		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger