



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

January 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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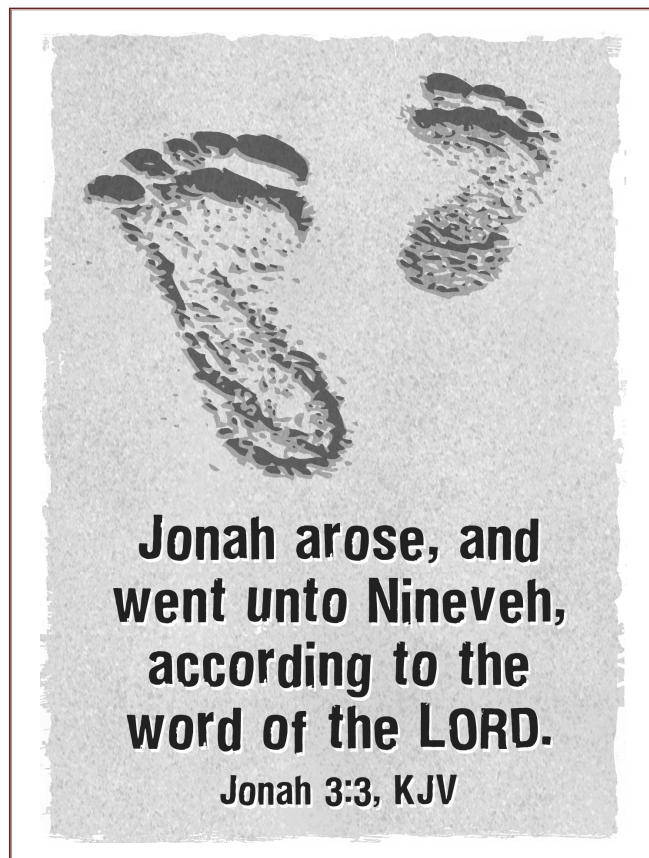
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Weekday MASS

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:

Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

Suzanne Sutton
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Pre-K – 6th Grade

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Pre-K – 4th Grade

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Monica Shoemaker
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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen / EDGE Youth

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7th Grade – 12th Grade
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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.

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 – 240
- 7:45am – 143
- 10:00am – 323
- 11:45am (Spanish) – 198
- 5:00pm – 203

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 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.

Spiritual Work of Mercy – It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the deceased. The death toll in the United States is now 399,000+ and world-wide death toll is now at 2,040,000+ due to Covid-19. Many of these persons have been buried without the customary religious services, and some have no one to pray for the repose of their souls. While we continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and 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

Obra Espiritual de Misericordia – Es una Obra Espiritual de Misericordia orar por los difuntos. El número de los muertos debido al Covid-19 en los Estados Unidos es 399,000+ y el número de muertes en todo el mundo debido al Covid-19 ahora es 2,040,000+. Muchas de estas personas han sido enterradas sin los servicios religiosos habituales, y algunas no tienen a nadie para rezar por el descanso de sus almas. Mientras continuamos orando por el fin de la pandemia y todos los que han sido afectados, por caridad, no olvidemos ayudar a los fieles difuntos con nuestras oraciones y misas.

Fiel Oración por los Difuntos

Concédeles Señor, el descanso eterno, y brille para ellos la luz perpetua. Que las almas de los fieles difuntos, por la misericordia de Dios, descansen en paz. Amén

Mardi Gras – St. Stephen will host their annual Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 13 from 6:00-8:00 PM. The event will be outside. Join us for some food and fun.

RCIA Calendar – Our next session will be Wednesday, January 27, on Marriage and Theology of the Body led by Msgr. Scott / Amylynn. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm in the church. All are welcome.

Help in Mass – Have you considered serving in Mass? Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? Lector? Usher? Projector Operator? We are always in need of participants to help at all Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in helping with any of these ministries.

Candlemas – Join us for Mass on The Presentation of the Lord on Tuesday, 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 martes 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 Friendly Reminder – St. Stephen would like to remind our parishioners to please update any changes to your personal information. This would include your phone number, email address, and especially your mailing address. We have had a lot of returned church envelopes due to the parish office not having your correct mailing address. If you have enrolled in electronic giving and no longer wish to receive envelopes, please email accounting@ststephenbentonville.com. Contact the parish office at ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com or call 479-273-1270 to update the minister call list with your new phone number.

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).

Winter Weather Policy – With winter here we would like to remind you of our policy regarding the cancellation of programs, except for the Masses. We follow Bentonville school district; if they cancel school, we cancel our programs. This policy also applies to the parish office. We will also post our cancellations on facebook.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School News – If you have thought about a Catholic education for your child, now is the time to make that happen! Short, scheduled tours will be offered for new families on Sunday, January 31st from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Masks are required and temperature checks will be taken. For more information, please contact Sandra Stephens, Admissions Director, at (479) 636-4421 or admissions@svdpschool.net.

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.

Black and Indian Mission Collection – Next week, our parish will take up the 136th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Our diocese also received \$37,000 in grant funding from this collection last year, benefiting Arkansas Council of Black Catholics, St. Peter's in Pine Bluff, St. Bartholomew and St. Augustine.

Colecta para Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas
La próxima semana, nuestra parroquia empezará la 136ª Colecta anual para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas. Nuestro apoyo a esta colecta ayuda a construir la iglesia en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de los Nativos de Alaska de costa a costa, ¡Las escuelas, los programas parroquiales de educación religiosa y los ministerios diocesanos dependieron de su generosidad para ayudar a proclamar el evangelio de Jesucristo!

El año pasado nuestra diócesis también recibió \$37,000 en financiamiento de esta colecta, y se benefició el Consejo de Arkansas de los católicos Afroamericanas, San Pedro en Pine Bluff, San Bartolomé y San Agustín.

Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference – Will be an online virtual event “Are you man enough to be like Jesus?” Join them this year for the online premier event for Catholic Men in Arkansas. Continuing the tradition, they will have a trio of dynamic speakers sure to inform, delight and challenge you to become more like Jesus!
► Fr. Mauricio Carrasco - Pastor at St. John in Russellville, St. Andrew in Danville, St. Augustine in Dardanelle
► Dc. Danny Hartnedy - Deacon at Christ the King in Little Rock
► Fr. Stephen Gadberry - Pastor at St. Mary in Batesville and St. Cecilia in Newport
The conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 6 at 9:00-11:00 AM. The link will be provided on day of event. Register today at www.arcatholicmen.com. Follow them at www.facebook.com/ArkansasCatholicMensConference or @ArCatholicMen1.

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
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

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/>.

Matthew 24:30-31 – Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Church Operations for January

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 98,440.42

Loan Balance - \$ 1,263,890.87

St. Paul warns that "time is running out" (1 Cor 7) as the world's goods pass away and come to an end. Like Jesus' disciples, may we put aside our distractions, so to follow Him in faithful service and stewardship, laying up treasures in Heaven.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 121,411.48	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 14,117.43	\$ 23,000



God Hears and Answers Prayers


 am the
RESURRECTION
 and the
LIFE;
HE
 who believes in
ME
 though he die,
 yet shall
HE
LIVE.

John 11:25

Scripture Readings for 01/31/21

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**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

Monday, January 25

12:00pm Shoemaker Family

Tuesday, January 26

12:00pm Tara Stevens †

Wednesday, January 27

12:00pm Harold Dolan †

Thursday, January 28

12:00pm Angela Curry Maynard †

Friday, January 29

12:00pm Francis Wahlmeier †

Saturday, January 30

5:00pm Maria Nhu Bui †

Sunday, January 31

7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

10:00am Special Intention

11:45am Olga Serrano y Familia

5:00pm Robert Thielemier †

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January 30 - 31	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	NOT FILLED (A - G)	NOT FILLED	Jon Terlouw	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Christy Yuska Chris O'Shaughnessy	Bruce Peterson Amanda Cantu Gerard Davenport Karen Howard NOT FILLED (E - G)		Bruce Peterson	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Maria Mendez	Ted Brauburger	Angela Mensah Ted Brauburger	Charlotte Champagne Ken Butler (B) Daniel Cruz (C) Tim Koch (D) Brian Rabal (E) NOT FILLED (F - G)		Kathryn Gough	Gina Koch
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Marugel Monzalvo	Fernando Perez	Olga Serrano Carmen Sepulveda	J. Concepcion Serrano Maria Salcedo Bertha Valdez Martha Mendoza Maria Barajas Maria Munoz Maria Dalia Lopez		Fernando Perez	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Eric Belin	Bryan Bacon	Ken Hunter Katie Morris	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (B - G)		Bryan Bacon	Jennifer Haddinger