



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

February 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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He leads the
HUMBLE
in what is
right, and
teaches the
HUMBLE
his way.



PSALM 25:9

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 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
ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com
Pre-K – 6th Grade

Catholic Kids Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker
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Pre-K – 4th Grade

Confirmation

Monica Shoemaker
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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen / EDGE Youth

Jessica Petter
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7th Grade – 12th Grade
Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

RCIA Calendar – Our next session will be Wednesday, February 24 due a make-up snow day. This session is on Liturgical Calendar II led by Bruce Peterson. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm in the church. All are welcome.

Ministry Scheduling – Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of April, May and June. This schedule will include special Masses for Holy Week (April 1-4). Let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter **before Monday, March 8** by calling the church office at (479) 273-1240 or via email ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com. No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time or the Holy Days mentioned above.

If you would be willing to serve at our First Communion Mass, Sunday, April 25 at 2:00pm, or Confirmation Mass, Saturday, May 1 at 10:00am please let us know – we really need help at these Mass times!

Also, make use of the sub list to find your replacement if you are unable to attend Mass when you are scheduled – *a friendly reminder that the parish office does not find subs, and it is not the responsibility of the head minister to find a sub for you.*

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	184
Not Updated	
Due to	
Inclement Weather	25
5:00pm	50

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.

Lenten Devotional – As we continue this very different year, it's time to do something different this year for Lent as well. Don't just give up something, but DO something for your faith. Join us for a weekly Lenten Devotional, where we will pray, reflect and focus on our journey through Lent. It's easy – no preparation is needed and it will only take one hour a week. From the comfort and safety of your home, we will meet over Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00pm, starting February 23rd. If you want to make sure Christ is the center of your Lent and Easter, send an email for instructions on how to join the meeting to StStephenLent@arhunters.us.

Consecration to St. Joseph Study Group for Fathers
In the midst of crisis, confusion, and a world at war with the Church, it's time to come home again to our spiritual father, St. Joseph. In this richly researched and lovingly presented program of consecration to St. Joseph, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, brings to life the wonders, the power, and the ceaseless love of St. Joseph, Universal Patron of the Church and the Terror of Demons. All fathers are welcome to join this group that meets every Monday morning, 6:30-7:30 am, in the St. Stephen Library from now to March 15th. With the consecration on the morning of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19th at 6:30 am. Contact Chris Teague to sign up or for questions cteague@ststephenbentonville.com.

Stations of the Cross will be offered each Friday during Lent. Stations will be in English at 5:30pm and Spanish at 7:00pm.

*Feb. 26, 5:30pm - hosted by IMPACT

*March 5, 5:30pm - hosted by EDGE/Life Teen

*March 12, 5:30pm - hosted by Catholic Kids

*March 19, 5:30pm

*March 26, 5:30pm - hosted by Msgr. Scott

Estaciones de la Cruz se ofrecerán todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma. Las estaciones se llevarán a cabo a las 5:30pm en inglés y a las 7:00pm español.

Lent and Easter Reflections on St. Joseph with G.K. Chesterton. Sign up for free at: www.chesterton.org/2021-lenten-reflections/.

Fasting and Abstinence during Lent – Practicing as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast. The following is a question and answer to help you:

Q: What are the rules about fasting and abstinence?

A: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59.

El Ayuno y la Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma –

Como la Iglesia instruye la práctica es un buen comienzo. Una forma corporal a recordarnos a nosotros mismos que necesitamos a Dios sobre todas las cosas, el ayuno es también un sacrificio, un regalo para Dios de nuestro corazón a depender más completamente en Él. El libre deseo interior profundizara nuestra relación con Dios es la esencia de un ayuno de Cuaresma. La siguiente es una pregunta/respuesta para ayudarle:

P: ¿Cuál es la regla sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia?

R: Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia. La ley de ayuno permite una comida completa y dos pequeños. La ley de la abstinencia prohíbe el consumo de carne. Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia en los Estados Unidos. La obligación comienza a los 14 años de edad. La ley del ayuno obliga a todos entre las edades de 18-59.

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.

A Lenten Day of Recollection will be offered at Coury House, Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, AR, Tuesday, March 9. Br. Roch McClellan, OSB, will direct "Constructing Our Lives for Christ." The day begins at 8:30 am with registration and refreshments; two conferences, opportunity for reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, noon prayer with the monks; lunch and Mass. Participation is limited to 16 people. Cost is \$25. To reserve a place call 479-934-1290 or e-mail couryhouse@subi.org.

Knights of Columbus Rosary for Lent – Please join the Knights as they pray the Rosary on Fridays during Lent. This will take place prior to Stations of the Cross at 5:00pm English and 6:30pm in Spanish in the church.

Rosario con los Caballeros de Colón durante la Cuaresma – Están invitados a acompañar a los Caballeros a rezar el Rosario los viernes de Cuaresma. Esto se llevará a cabo antes del Vía Crucis, a las 5:00 pm en inglés y a las 6:30 pm en español en la iglesia.

The Knights of Columbus will conduct a Fish Fry on Friday, March 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in honor of St. Joseph, the care giver of the Holy Family. A meal of fish, French Fries, coleslaw & cheddar baked biscuit sponsored by Red Lobster will be available for \$7.00. You can preorder by filling out a form located at the entrance of the church or simply drive up without preordering at the Family Life Center. You may pay ahead by using Venmo # 479-685-3561 or at pick up with cash, check, or credit card. Meals will be delivered to your car. All proceeds benefit St. Stephen. To honor the year of St. Joseph, family prayer and activity packets will be included with each purchase.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) – Did you know your CASA offerings are a source of funding for the education of our Seminarians? Your faithful support helps provide the best in intellectual, personal and spiritual training and education that all of our Seminarians deserve. They have given everything for us and the Church, do we owe them any less than the best that we can give? Become a Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal supporter. Our parish goal is \$46,650.

Campaña Católica de Arkansas (CASA) – ¿Sabía usted que su ofrenda a CASA es una fuente para financiar la educación de nuestros seminaristas? Su apoyo fiel ayuda a proporcionar el mejor entrenamiento y educación intelectual, personal y espiritual que todos nuestros seminaristas se merecen. Ellos han dado todo por nosotros y por la Iglesia, acaso debemos darles a lo menos que lo mejor? Conviértase en un colaborador de la Campana Católica de Arkansas a Compartir. La meta de nuestra parroquia es de \$46,650.

Church of Central and Eastern Europe Collection

This weekend we will have a special collection for the Church of Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation to this collection helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous and help support this collection. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Colecta para la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental
Este fin de semana se realizará una colecta especial para apoyar a la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. Sus donativos de hoy ayudan a restaurar la Iglesia y construir el futuro en más de 25 países que aún siguen luchando para recuperarse del antiguo régimen comunista. Los fondos de esta Colecta ayudan en la reconstrucción, educación, formación y programas sociales dirigidos a los pobres. Por favor, sean generosos e apoye esta colecta. Para más información, por favor, visiten www.usccb.org/ccee.

Forgiveness Prayer – Often, such a prayer will bring to mind other areas that need forgiveness. This Lenten Season let the Holy Spirit guide your mind and move you freely to persons or groups that you need to forgive.

Forgive Myself

Thank you, Lord, for your grace at this moment. I also forgive myself for any delvings in superstition, using ouija boards, horoscopes, going to seances, using fortune telling or wearing lucky charms. I reject all that superstition and choose You alone as my Lord and Savior. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit.

Ozark Catholic Academy – Reinforcing the commitment to keep Catholic education affordable, OCA has announced it will not raise tuition or fees for the next 4 school years! Made possible by a generous donor, the cost to attend will remain the same through 2024-25 school year! Start your journey by going to www.ozarkcatholic.org/admissions.

Arkansas Catholic Annual Photo Contest is open to choose a photo for the 2022 diocesan directory cover. Any Arkansas amateur or professional photographer 18 or older can enter their photo of a Catholic church or institution in the diocese. For complete rules and an official entry form visit www.arkansas-catholic.org. For information, call Emily Roberts (501) 664-0125. The entry deadline is March 18.

Pre-Cana Day – A one day event for couples who are engaged and wish to be married in the Catholic Church. This retreat invites couples to spend time reflecting on their relationship and future marriage. Registration is required one week prior to the event.

- PRE-CANA Marriage Preparation Class at St. John Center, Little Rock in English are March 30, May 15, June 19, August 21, and October 16
- Convalidation Class at St. John Center, Little Rock in English on February 27 and PRE-CANA/Convalidation Class in Spanish on April 17

2021 Year of St. Joseph (February) "Joseph Most Chaste" – Chaste love requires that one wills the good to another without taking the other to oneself as one's own. To Joseph was entrusted the Divine Child and His fairest Mother. Chaste in body but also in heart, Joseph loved freely which created the interior tranquility of order in the Holy Family.

St. Joseph Prayer of Protection

To thee, O blessed Joseph, do we have recourse in our tribulation, and having implored the help of thy thrice holy Spouse, we confidently invoke thy patronage also. By that charity wherewith thou wast united to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly affection with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee & we humbly pray, that thou wouldst look graciously upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ hath purchased by His Blood, and assist us in our needs by thy power of strength. Most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, protect the chosen people of Jesus Christ; keep far from us, most loving father, all blight of error and corruption: mercifully assist us from heaven, most mighty defender, in this our conflict with the powers of darkness; and, even as of old thou didst rescue the child Jesus from the supreme peril of his life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; keep us one and all under thy continual protection, that we may be supported by thine example and thine assistance, may be enabled to lead holy life, die a happy death and come at last to the possession of everlasting blessedness in heaven. Amen -Pope Leo XIII (www.catholicprayercards.org)

Church Operations for February

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 106,882.10

Loan Balance - \$ 1,248,491.38

The traditional hallmarks of Lenten devotion have been prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In the spirit of Lent, may we be willing to give of ourselves sacrificially in all these areas.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 57,548.98	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 5,783.94	\$ 23,000



Scripture Readings for 02/28/2021

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 20

5:00pm Charles Robertson †

Sunday, February 21

7:45am Denise Kidd †

10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses

11:45am Marlen Chavez y Familia

5:00pm Russel H. Yoho Jr. †

Monday, February 22

12:00pm Steve Mechels

Tuesday, February 23

12:00pm Richard Nauert †

Wednesday, February 24

12:00pm Harold Golubski †

Thursday, February 25

12:00pm Irvin Aldana Mojica

Friday, February 26

12:00pm Debra G. Hobbs †

Saturday, February 27

5:00pm Bob & Pat Brock

Sunday, February 28

7:45am Andrew Lac Tran †

10:00am Special Intention

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm Maria Luisa Centeno †

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February 27 - 28	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon	Jill Saulsbery Margie O'Grady	Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED (B - G)	Bryan Bacon	Amy Fulmer	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Susan Eagleson Chris O'Shaughnessy	Gerard Davenport Amanda Cantu Karen Howard Bruce Peterson Len Oswald		Bruce Peterson	Dan Reiff
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Maria Mendez	Ted Brauburger	Diedra or Steven Dourth Gina Koch	Daniel Cruz Brian Rabal Ken Butler Tim Koch NOT FILLED		Ted Brauburger	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Marugel Monzalvo	Mirna Serrano	Hector Rangel Mirna Serrano	Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez Maria Barajas Bertha Valdez J. Concepcion Serrano Martha Mendoza Maria Salcedo		Fernando Perez	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Lisa Richard	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (B - G)		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger