



# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

May 23, 2021

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### Pastor

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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

Monday / lunes - Friday / viernes

11:30 - 11:55am

Saturday / sábado - Bilingual / Bilingüe

3:00 - 4:00 PM

### 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](mailto: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.

### St. Stephen also attends to Blessed Stanley Rother Church in Decatur:

Mass Time (Spanish Only)

Saturday Mass 6:00 PM

### Pre-School Director

Cathy Townzen

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM September - May

### Youth Faith Formation:

### Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

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Pre-K - 6th Grade

### Catholic Kids / Confirmation

#### Youth Minister

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Pre-K - 4<sup>th</sup> / Confirmation: 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades

### Life Teen / EDGE Youth

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Presentation on the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Since June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Msgr. Scott will give a presentation at 6:30 pm. The evening will include Acts of Consecration and Reparation and the Litany to the Sacred Heart, with explanation of the blessings promised to those who practice this devotion. Msgr. Marczuk will also present a power-point talk on this devotion, from Church History, Scripture, teachings of popes and saints, including various mystics and visionaries, especially St. Margaret Mary. The presentation will be in the Family Life Center.

**Corpus Christi Festival and BBQ** – Join us Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> for our first annual Corpus Christi Festival! The fun starts after the 10:00am Mass until 3:00pm. Tickets are \$10/person or \$25/family this includes unlimited food, bounce houses, pot painting, Bingo, karaoke, and so much more! The Knights will also be providing a beer garden. You may purchase your tickets on WeShare or after Mass this weekend. For questions please contact Elizabeth Ganey at [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:marketing@ststephenbentonville.com). We can't wait to see you all there!

**Festival de Corpus Christi y BBQ**– ¡Únase a nosotros el domingo 6 de junio para nuestro primer festival anual de Corpus Christi! La diversión comienza después de la Misa de 10:00am hasta las 3:00pm. La entrada es de \$10/persona o \$25/familia, esto incluye comida ilimitada, casas de rebote, pintura para pintar maceteras, bingo, karaoke, y mucho más. Los Caballeros también proveerán un jardín de cerveza. Puede comprar sus entradas en WeShare o después de Misa este fin de semana. Si tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:marketing@ststephenbentonville.com). ¡No podemos esperar a verlos a todos!

**Ministry Schedule** – Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of July, August and September. Please let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter before Monday, June 14 by emailing us at [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com) or calling the church office. No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time. A friendly reminder that the parish office does not find subs.

**Bereavement Committee** – Coming together as family is essential during times of grief. As we work to resume normalcy, we plan to again offer meals to families following a loved one's funeral. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry, please contact Amy Robertson at [akr1@swbell.net](mailto:akr1@swbell.net). We are not currently scheduling, but would like to be ready when these and other ministries are open. Thank you for considering this important gift of love and solace to our church family.

**Registration for Religious Education Classes** is now open for kids/youth 4yrs through the 12th grade for the 2021-2022 year. Look for the forms at the registration table located in the Narthex. Please also consider volunteering as a co-teacher or small group leader and all religious fees will be waived.

**Inscripción para las clases de Educación Religiosa** para los niños y jóvenes de 4 años hasta el grado 12 ya comenzó este fin de semana para el año académico de 2021-2022. Las formas para inscripción están en la mesa localizada en el Nártex. Usted también puede ofrecerse como un co-maestro o líder de grupo pequeño y no tiene que pagar el costo para la clase.

**Special Collection** – We have a special collection for this weekend, May 22/23. This collection will help the Diocese of Nellore where Fr. Bala is from. We thank you for your generosity, during this difficult pandemic.

**St. Stephen Archangels Softball** – Last week the Archangels beat Gospel Light Church 8-7 in game 1 but lost the second game 14-10. Both games went back and forth on the scoreboard! In game one the offense put together a last inning drive that pushed for the win and in game two, we could not manage to string together enough hits to keep up. The final game for the season for co-ed league only is Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and the men's league has three games left for the season 7:00 PM and the men's league on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 and 9:00PM on the field at 2150 N. Dixieland Rd, Rogers, AR 72756 (the corner of Dixieland and Hudson in Rogers).

**Vacation Bible School** – VBS will be June 16-18 from 6:00-8:30pm. Our theme this year is Rocky Railway-Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through. The kids will explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop. They will experience Bible Adventures, Imagination Station, Chew Chew snacks and Loco Motion games while learning more about our Catholic faith. Registration will be open until May 30. Look for the sign up table in the Narthex or you may register online at <https://ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/>.

**La Doctrina de Verano para Niños** se llevarán a cabo del 16 al 18 de junio de 6:00 a 8:30pm. Nuestro tema de este año es "El poder de Jesús nos atrae." Los niños explorarán el poder de Jesús y cómo podemos confiar en que Jesús nos ayudará cuando la vida se sienta como un valle o la cima de una montaña. Busque la hoja de registro en el Nártex para inscribir a sus hijos. El costo para cada niño/a es \$10 dólares. Las inscripciones estarán disponibles hasta el 30 de mayo. Para inscripción busque la mesa de en el Nártex o regístrese en línea al <https://ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/>.

**St. Stephen Communication Platform** launched a new communication called Flocknote. The platform allows us to easily communicate any changes to Mass schedules, events, and volunteer opportunities in a way that is easier for you! There is no app to download; simply text BENTONVILLE to 84576 to connect. You'll get a welcome text back that invites you to set up your profile and answer a few introductory questions such as email or phone number and any parish organizations you would like to learn about. If you have any questions or concerns please email Elizabeth Ganey at [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:marketing@ststephenbentonville.com).

**Plataforma de Comunicación de San Esteban** en lanzan una nueva comunicación llamada Flocknote. ¡La plataforma nos permitirá comunicar fácilmente eventos, oportunidades de voluntariado y cualquier cambio en los horarios de misa de una manera que sea aún más fácil para usted! No hay aplicación para descargar; solo envíe un texto a 202-765-3441 con BENTONVILLE para conectarse. Recibirá un texto de bienvenida que le invita a configurar su perfil y responder a algunas preguntas introductorias como el correo electrónico o número de teléfono y cualquier organización parroquial sobre la que desee obtener más información. Si tiene alguna pregunta comuníquese con Elizabeth Ganey al [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:marketing@ststephenbentonville.com).



### Why Eucharistic Adoration?

Have you ever attended Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Stephen? Do you realize it is offered for you? Eucharistic Adoration is the practice of worship before the tabernacle, keeping the Lord company. This means spending time with the Lord at least one hour a week,

placing before Him your own concerns and those of the community. Silenced Prayer can include moments of adoration, contrition, and thanksgiving, as well as petitions. For every hour we give Him, He showers us with many gifts including peace of mind and heart. You may visit our Lord (Blessed Sacrament) from Monday through Thursday from 9:00am – 3:00pm, and Friday 9:00am-12:00pm, close for noon Mass. Please consider joining us in our holy prayer time, once a routine is established, it will be easier to continue.

**Formed.org** has a series on Saint Joseph. Since this year was proclaimed by Pope Francis to be the year of Saint Joseph from December 8, 2020, through December 8, 2021, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to reflect on the earthly father chosen by the Heavenly Father for his Son, Jesus Christ. This four-part series will begin by looking at Joseph from the Old Testament and comparing him with Saint Joseph from the New Testament, and then move into reflections on three of Saint Joseph's titles; Guardian of the Redeemer, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron of the Domestic Church.

**Pentecost Sunday (May 23)** – Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, on a day called Pentecost, the Christian church was born. Because Pentecost was a holiday celebrating the harvest (a bit like our Thanksgiving), the apostles and a large crowd had gathered to celebrate in Jerusalem.

Many people had assembled near Peter and the other followers of Christ when "suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind..." (Acts 2:2 NASB). Then tongues of fire descended on everyone in the crowd.

After the wind and fire descended, all sorts of languages, known and unknown, came out of the crowd..."we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God." (Verse 11). No wonder Luke wrote, "they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" (verse 12)

The whole affair was mind-boggling and life-changing. The Holy Spirit had come upon many people; they knew God was powerfully at work in their midst. On Pentecost many years ago, some 3,000 people came to believe in Christ. That's why today Christians remember this powerful event as the birthday of the church.

**St. Bernard Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring a bus trip to the Diocese of Little Rock Priesthood Ordination on Saturday, May 29th. The bus will leave Allen's parking lot Saturday morning. The cost is \$52 per person & includes, bottle water & OJ, breakfast snack. They will stop at a rest area for a restroom break in Clarksville. You arrive at the Barton Coliseum about 9:30AM and departure is immediately following ordination Mass. Driver for that day is Dean Mechels. Paid reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, May 25th. Minimum travelers count is 45. A refund will be made if they do not meet the minimum reservations. If you would like to attend or have questions email Mike Young at [mike9young@aol.com](mailto:mike9young@aol.com).

**May month of Mary** – Our last Wednesday of the Holy Rosary is Wednesday, May 26 at 6:30 pm in English and 7:00 pm in Spanish in the Church. Do not miss this opportunity to obtain Indulgences and remember the rosary was one of the most requested devotions in the message of Fatima.

**Mayo mes de María** – El ultimo miercoles del Santo Rosario en nuestra parroquia, es el miércoles 26 de mayo a las 6:30pm en inglés y a las 7:00 pm en español. No deje pasar esta oportunidad de obtener Indulgencias y recuerde que el rosario fue una de las devociones más solicitadas en el mensaje de Fátima.

**Pilgrimage of a Lifetime** – Arkansas Catholic is hosting an 11-day pilgrimage to see the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, June 22-July 2, 2022. Pilgrims will visit Austria, Switzerland and Lichtenstein. Father William Burmester will be the spiritual adviser and will celebrate Mass for the group daily. Only 20 spots are left so sign up today. This event happens every 10 years there are only 20 tickets are highly coveted sign up today For details, contact Kathy Primm at Sue Smith Vacations at (501) 771-0987 or [kathy@suesmithvacations.com](mailto:kathy@suesmithvacations.com).

**Search #148 Retreat** – Registrations are now being accepted for a retreat that helps juniors and seniors in high school and recently graduated seniors to get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. Search #148 will be at St. John Center, Little Rock, on July 16-18. Cost is \$135. For information and/or for registration forms visit [www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-148\\_0.pdf](http://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-148_0.pdf). Partial scholarships are available at <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesanscholarshipapplication.pdf>. For any questions please contact Trish Gentry [tgentry@dolr.org](mailto:tgentry@dolr.org) or at the diocese of office 501-664-0340, ext. 418.

**Glory on the Grounds Youth Festival** will be held outside St. John's Catholic Center in Little Rock on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Bring your lawn chairs! The festival will close with an outdoor Mass. Cost is \$25 per person. All youth, Junior High and High School are invited. For information and/or to register visit [www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/outdoor-youth-rally-registration-21.pdf](http://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/outdoor-youth-rally-registration-21.pdf). Scholarships available at [www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesanscholarshipapplication.pdf](http://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesanscholarshipapplication.pdf).

**Rosary Month** – Pope Francis first appealed to Catholics worldwide to pray the rosary to end the COVID-19 pandemic in May 2020. In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Throughout May, a livestream of the 30 chosen Marian shrines will lead the prayer at 6:00 PM Rome time (11:00 AM central) on Vatican media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube). Pope Francis will conclude the rosary on May 31.

**Mes del Rosario** – El Papa Francisco primero pidió a los católicos en todo el mundo rezar el rosario por el fin de la pandemia COVID-19 en mayo 2020. En la tradición católica, el mes de mayo está dedicado a María. A lo largo del mes de mayo, habrá transmisiones en vivo desde uno de los 30 santuarios Marianos elegidos para guiar la oración a las 6:00 PM horario de Roma (11:00 AM hora del centro) en plataformas de medios de comunicación del Vaticano (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube). El Papa Francisco concluirá el 31 de mayo.

### Church Operations for May

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 125,652.32

Loan Balance - \$ 779,839.47

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit filled the Apostles with spiritual gifts to enrich the Church for Her mission of renewing the face of the earth, and bring unity from diversity. As faithful stewards, may we use all our gifts for the glory of God and the building up of His Church.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 76,330.65	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 9,754.43	\$ 23,000

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**LORD,**  
you have been  
our **dwelling**  
**place** in all  
generations.

**PSALM 90:1, NRSV**

### Scripture Readings for 05/30/2021

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Psalms 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, May 22

5:00pm Lichti Family

#### Sunday, May 23

7:45am Maria Nhu Bui †

10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses

11:45am Thomasa Pina † y Bruno Lizardo †

5:00pm Anna Gomez †

#### Monday, May 24

12:00pm Regina Cleven †

#### Tuesday, May 25

12:00pm Frank Verucchi †

#### Wednesday, May 26

12:00pm Frank Verucchi †

#### Thursday, May 27

12:00pm Joe Giovannucci †

#### Friday, May 28

12:00pm Joe Demartino †

#### Saturday, May 29

5:00pm Larry Wewers †

#### Sunday, May 30

7:45am Peter Thong Le †

10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses

11:45am Herminia y Cirilo Garcia Morales †

5:00pm Frank Verucchi †



**PSALM 116:16**

May 22 - 23	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Amylynn Smith	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon Susan McDaniel	Andy Fosdick Dave Brandenburg <b>NOT FILLED</b> (D – Overflow)	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Irma Holasek	Christina Baker	Elizabeth Costantini Christina Baker	Amanda Cantu Geri Oswald Len Oswald Greg Woodell Gerard Davenport		Barb Hamernik	Dan Reiff
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Greg Brandenburg	Theresa Brauburger	TJ LaPlant Theresa Brauburger	Steve Harrington Tim Koch Charlotte Champagne Daniel Cruz Brian Rabal <b>NOT FILLED</b> (PLC)		Kathryn Gough	Gina Koch
<b>Domingo, 11:45 AM</b>	Sandra Valdes	Raquel Perez	Hector Rangel Raquel Perez	Maria Barajas Fernando Perez J. Concepcion Serrano Victor Lopez Maria Dalia Lopez Martha Mendoza Maria Munoz		Ivan Sanabria	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	Bryan Bacon	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Lisa Juan	Rob Brothers <b>NOT FILLED</b> (C - Overflow)	Bryan Bacon	Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger