

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH IGLESIA CATOLICA DE SAN ESTEBAN

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

December 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb.

Luke 1:41, ESV

Weekday MASS in English / Misa entre semana en Inglés

Monday – Friday / lunes – Viernes
12:00 PM – English

Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES / Misa de Vigilia y Misas en domingo

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 AM

Sunday 10:00 AM

Sunday 11:45 AM – Español

Sunday 5:00 PM

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Monday / lunes – Friday / viernes

11:30 – 11:55am

Saturday / sábado – Bilingual / Bilingüe

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Adoration Hours / Horario de Adoración

Monday - Thursday / Lunes - Jueves

9:00 – 11:30 AM and 12:45 – 3:00 PM

Friday / Viernes – 9:00- 11:30 AM

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

Mass Time (Spanish Only)

Saturday Mass 6:00 PM

Membership - We extend our hands and hearts in Christian Fellowship. Longtime residents or newly arrived, contact the parish office to register.

Membresía - Extendemos nuestras manos y corazones en Cofradía Cristiana. Los residentes o recién llegados, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la parroquia para registrarse.

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.

Matrimonio Católico - Preparación Matrimonial requerido. Comuníquese con la parroquia por lo menos con 9 meses de anticipación. Dos meses de antelación adicionales para la boda en otro país. Si planea casarse, póngase siempre en contacto con la iglesia antes de reservar un lugar de recepción o fijar una fecha.

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.

Bautismo Infantil - Se ofrece una vez al mes en inglés y español. Se requiere preparación para Bautismo. Los padres deben ser miembros registrados de San Esteban.

No habrá bautismos en diciembre.

RCIA - Sessions open to those interested in learning about or renewing their connection to the Catholic Faith.

RICA - Sesiones abiertas a aquellos interesados en aprendizaje o renovación de su conexión con la Fe Católica.

Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday by 12:00 PM (5 days prior to publication date). Email articles to bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com.

Fecha límite del Boletín - Martes a las 12:00 PM (5 días antes de la fecha de publicación). Envíe artículos a bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com.

Solemnity of Christmas Day – Because Christmas day falls on a Saturday this year, we will not have a vigil Mass for the Feast of the Holy family. We are obliged to attend Mass twice this weekend once for Christmas and once on Sunday for the Feast of the Holy Family.

- Dec. 24th – Christmas Pageant –3:15pm
- Dec. 24th – Mass, 4:00pm – English (Christmas Vigil)
- Dec. 24th – Mass, 6:00pm – English (Christmas Vigil)
- Dec. 24th – Mass, 8:00pm – English (Christmas Vigil)
- Dec. 25th – Mass, 10:00am – Bilingual (Christmas Day)
- Dec. 25th – **NO MASS** at 5:00pm
- Dec. 26th – Mass, 7:45am – English (Holy Family)
- Dec. 26th – Mass, 10:00am – English (Holy Family)
- Dec. 26th – Mass, 11:45am – Spanish (Holy Family)
- Dec. 26th – Mass, 5:00pm – English (Holy Family)

RCIA Calendar – Due to Christmas / New Year break, our next session will be on Wednesday, January 5, "This is our Faith" Part 3 led by Bruce Peterson. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

Year End Donations – Please consider the Parish's financial needs in your year-end giving plans. You can donate at <https://ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/>. We are also prepared to handle donations of stock.

Please remember that the collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This is an important collection but these funds do not stay in our parish. Your prayerful consideration of our parish's financial situation is appreciated.

Donaciones Fin de Año – Por favor considere las necesidades financieras de la Parroquia en sus planes de donaciones de fin de año. Puede donar en: <https://ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/> También estamos preparados para recibir donaciones de acciones.

Recuerde que la colecta en la Misas de Nochebuena y el día de Navidad son para el Fondo del Clero Diocesano. Estas colectas son muy importantes, pero estos fondos no se quedan en nuestra parroquia. Su apoyo para la situación financiera de nuestra parroquia es muy apreciado.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Eucharistic Adoration is in the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel from Mon. – Thur. 9:00 – 11:45am and 1:00 – 3:00pm and Friday 9:00 – 11:45am. Do not lose your heart! Abandon yourself to Jesus in this "Sacrament of Love" He will refresh you. The Guardian Angels of the Blessed Sacrament ministry needs adorers who would like to commit One Hour every week. If you are interested please call parish office to schedule a training.

Procession of Roses – Mark your Calendar! Saturday, January 15th at 7:00pm, **NWA Respect Life** will again sponsor a *PROCESSION OF ROSES* and Pastor James Longmate from New Hope Assembly of God, 2626 W. New Hope Rd., Rogers welcomes, you to their church! The procession is a beautiful and sobering service to remember the little ones who have been aborted since the legalization of abortion in 1973. We have a person born in each year since 1973 to carry a rose to the altar. But we need your help! Were you or someone you know born after 1973? If you have any questions, contact Mary Young at young.mary.louse@gmail.com or you may sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45AEA822A1FD0-2022.

Condolences - This is to inform you of the death of Eddy Atunzu, brother of Fr. Kevin Atunzu, who died last weekend in Atlanta Georgia. Please pray for the repose of his soul, and keep the Atunzu Family in your thoughts and prayers. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Condolencias – Informamos el deceso de Eddy Atunzu, hermano del P. Kevin Atunzu, quien falleció el fin de semana pasado en Atlanta, Georgia. Por favor oren por el reposo de su alma, y mantengan a la Familia Atunzu en sus pensamientos y oraciones. Que su alma descanse en paz eterna.

Clergy Welfare Collection December 24 and 25 – The collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity, that they continue to share with us.

Colección para el Bienestar de Clero Fondo diciembre 24 y 25 – La colección a todas las Misas en Nochebuena y Navidad será para el Bienestar de Clero Fondo. Este fondo provee retiro y cuida de salud beneficios a el retirado y enfermizo sacerdotes alrededor nuestro diócesis. Nuestros sacerdotes pasan cada día de sus vidas adultas como sirvientes humildes y dedicados, haciendo el trabajo de Dios y nos sirva hasta edad o enfermedad llama al retirado. Sus contribuciones a el Bienestar de Clero Fondo hacen posible el retirado de nuestros sacerdotes. Por favor se comparte con ellos, la generosidad que ellos continúan a compartir con nosotros.



BHS Chamber Orchestra – Monday, December 20 at 6:30pm at St. Stephen Catholic Church. Enjoy the music of the Holidays performed by the Bentonville High School Chamber Orchestra. Performance is free. Donations are greatly appreciated. All Proceeds help fund Chamber Orchestra's competition in the March 2022 National Orchestra Cup in NYC.



"Las Posadas" (meaning the "Inn") is a unique tradition. For nine nights leading up to Christmas and it commemorates the events in the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as they searched for a room. We have been celebrating this tradition at St. Stephen and this year is no different. The Posadas start on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00pm thru Thursday, December 23 in Spanish.



Family Movie Night - Join us for a Family Movie Night on Friday December 17th at 6pm in the Parish Life Center. Come enjoy popcorn and the animated movie "The Star". Please RSVP by scanning the QR code.



Noche de Cine en Familia Únase a nosotros para una Noche de Cine en Familia el viernes 17 de diciembre a las 6 m en el Centro de Vida Parroquial. Ven a disfrutar de las palomitas de maíz y de la película animada "The Star". Por favor, RSVP (Responda) escaneando el código QR.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC) - Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood. Pantry needs: Jelly, paper towels, toilet paper.

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl (SSBC) - Por medio de tu regalo a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, "La Luz de Jesús" ilumina el real, duradero y profundo júbilo a los corazones a aquellos quienes viven en la oscuridad de nuestras calles y vecindarios. Necesidades de la Despensa: Jalea, toallas de papel, papel toilette.

Eucharistic Procession & Mass for Life: On Sunday January 16, 2022, Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated in the Wally Allen Ballroom of the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock at noon. Bishop Taylor will lead the Eucharistic Procession for Life, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the plaza in front of the DoubleTree Hotel (Broadway and Markham Sts), through the Riverfront Park in downtown Little Rock, approximately 3/4 mile. There will be Eucharistic Adoration before Mass. Join hundreds of Catholics at this event as we give public witness to our faith and hope in Jesus Christ! Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email cphillips@dolr.org for more information.

Procesión Eucarística y Misa por la Vida: El domingo 16 de enero de 2022, el Obispo Anthony Taylor presidirá nuestra Misa por la Vida diocesana anual. La misa se celebrará en el Wally Allen Ballroom del Centro de Convenciones Statehouse en Little Rock al mediodía. El Obispo Taylor dirigirá la Procesión Eucarística por la Vida, comenzando a las 10:00 a.m. en la plaza frente al Hotel DoubleTree (Broadway y Markham Sts), a través del Riverfront Park en el centro de Little Rock, aproximadamente 3/4 de milla. ¡Únase a cientos de católicos en este evento mientras damos testimonio público de nuestra fe y esperanza en Jesucristo! 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.

Christmastime – For most, Christmas is over by December 26 and life has resumed its normal activities. The Church, on the other hand, observes an Octave of Christmas until January 1 (after the Jewish practice of an 8 day celebration) and an extended Christmastime until January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany. (It is now celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.) The popular Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," is rooted in the festive celebration of Christmastime and a celebration of the Catholic faith, from a time in England and Ireland when Catholics had to disguise their Catholic beliefs.

During Christmastime, there are feasts of three martyrs: St. Stephen on December 26, who represents those who went to their death willingly; St. John the Evangelist on December 27 who represents those who were willing to die but were not put to death, and the Holy Innocents on December 28, representing those who were put to death without their choice, recalling the events surrounding the Birth of Christ.

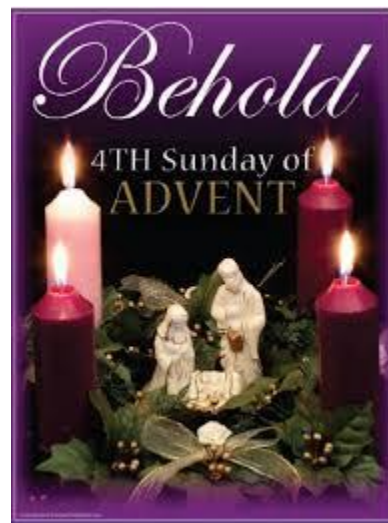
On the Sunday between Christmas and January 1, the Church celebrates the Holy Family. This feast is especially important today as many families today face struggles and challenges in living their Faith.

Hearts for Life Conference: The Hearts for Life Conference will be held on Saturday January 15, 2022 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. John Center, 2500 N. Tyler, Little Rock. This conference is will explore pro-life issues and will include dinner. The conference is free, but preregistration is required. Registration deadline is January 7, 2022. To register, please call 501-664-0340 ext 326 or email the Respect Life Office cphillips@dolr.org.

Conferencia Corazones por la Vida: La Conferencia Corazones por la Vida será el sábado 15 de enero de 2022 de 5:00 a 8:00 p.m. en St. John Center, 2500 N. Tyler, Little Rock. Esta conferencia, que se presentará en inglés, explorará temas pro-vida e incluirá cena. La conferencia es gratuita, pero se requiere inscripción previa. La fecha límite de inscripción es el 7 de enero de 2022. Para registrarse, llame al 501-664-0340 ext 326 o envíe un correo electrónico a la Oficina de Respect Life cphillips@dolr.org.

March for Life: On behalf of Arkansas Right to Life, the Respect Life Office invites everyone to participate in the 44th annual March for Life at the State Capitol in downtown Little Rock. This rally against the grave evil of abortion will be held on January 16, 2022 beginning at 2:00 p.m., after the Mass for Life. The staging area is behind the Capitol building on W. Capitol St., between Battery & Wolfe Sts. For more information please contact Arkansas Right to Life 501-663-4237 or email artl@artl.org.

Marcha por la Vida: La Oficina de Respeto a la Vida invita a todos a participar en la 44ª Marcha por la Vida, patrocinado por Arkansas Right to Life, en el Capitolio del Estado en el centro de Little Rock. Esta manifestación contra el grave mal del aborto provocado será el 16 de enero de 2022, comenzará a las 2:00 p.m., después de la Misa por la Vida. El punto de encuentro está detrás del edificio del Capitolio en W. Capitol St., entre Battery y Wolfe Sts. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Arkansas Right to Life 501-663-4237 o envíe un correo electrónico artl@artl.org.



“Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Lk 1:41-45)

A Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent – *Mother Mary, pray for us, that we might be inspired by the way you received your life and God's. Draw us close to your Son, that we might trust Him with our lives, as He learned to trust His Father by His Trust in you. Amen* (Prayer from www.cccb.ca)

Church Operations for December

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$84,211.58
 Loan Balance - \$ 677,342.34

As sacrifices and offerings were given to the Lord in the temple, may we, who have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus, gratefully return to Him a portion of our resources as a gift.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$66,268.92	\$105,000
Building Fund	\$8,295.32	\$20,000

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Pre-School Director - Cathy Townzen
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Scripture Readings for 12/26/2021

Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14
 Psalm 128 (127): 1-2, 3, 4-5
 Colossians: 3: 12-21
 Luke 2: 41-52

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 18
 5:00pm M. V. Joseph †
4th Sunday of Advent, December 19
 7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses
 10:00am Scripture Sisters
 11:45am Adelaida Bermúdez †
 5:00pm Maggie Torres
Monday, December 20
 12:00pm Mary Ann Mincic †
Tuesday, December 21
 12:00pm Clementina Covarrubias †
Wednesday, December 22
 12:00pm For All Deceased Souls
Thursday, December 23
 7:00am For All Souls
 12:00pm Lichti Family
Friday, December 24
 12:00pm No Mass
 4:00pm Steve Culling †
 6:00pm Parishioners/Feligreses
 8:00pm Frank Butler † & Family
Saturday, December 25
 10:00am Eleanor Piontek
 5:00pm No Mass
Sunday, December 26
 7:45am Maria Nhu Bui †
 10:00am Parishioners/Feligreses
 11:45am Guadalupe Yepes † & Ramón Ochoa
 5:00pm Fidel Rivera † & Juan López

Dec. 25-26	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Dec 25, 10:00 AM	Marta Hernandez (First Reading & Announcements) Marta Hernández (Segunda Lectura y Anuncios)	NOT FILLED	Bruce Beckham Mary Kate Beckham Beatriz Aguirre Noel Pérez	Víctor López María Dalia López María Barajas NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED		NOT FILLED
Sunday, Dec 26, 7:45 AM	Christy Yuska	Christina Baker	Tony Baker Bruce Peterson	Gerard Davenport Len Oswald Geri Oswald NOT FILLED		Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Dec 26, 10:00 AM	Lily Farley	Charlotte Champagne	Greg Brandenburg Claudia Garcia	Daniel Cruz Steve Harrington NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED		Kathryn Gough
Sunday, Dec 26, 11:45 AM	Ramon Portilla	Crimilda Viera	Eva Miramón Ricardo Almaraz	José Ortiz María Salcedo J. Concepción Serrano Fernando Pérez María Muñoz Martha Mendoza		Crimilda Viera
Sunday, Dec 26, 5:00 PM	Crystal Valentine	Bryan Bacon	Ken Hunter Melissa Godoy	Jeff Maas Rob Brothers NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon