

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SAN ESTEBAN

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

February 20, 2022

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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Do to others  
as you would have them do to you.

Luke 6:31

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com).

**RCIA Calendar** – Our next session will be Wednesday, February 23, 2022, *Liturgical Season 2 Lent, Easter*, led by Bruce Peterson. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome!



**Catholic Kids Pot Painting Activity** – This Saturday (Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>) from 11:00am–2pm, we will be having our Spring parent-child activity for kids preschool through the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. You will be painting clay pots to take home and fill with beautiful flowers. Clay pots will be available for \$5.00 each and you and your parent will purchase them that day, paint them and then take them home when you're finished. All painting supplies and a pizza lunch are included at no additional cost. To determine the quantity of food and clay pots. I will need anyone that is interested to sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex. Suzanne Sutton - Catholic Kids Ministry.



**Catholic Kids Lent Food Drive** – This year the Catholic Kids will be collecting food/dry good items during Lent here at St. Stephen. Starting on March 6<sup>th</sup>, all classes (Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade) will be competing against one another to see who can collect the most items before Easter. The top two classes will get a Pizza party in April. All items go to our own St. Stephen Benevolent Society food pantry. Bring your items to your classroom on the day your class meets so it can be counted. Let's take this opportunity to teach our kids compassion for others. Suzanne Sutton - Catholic Kids Ministry.



#### **LAST WEEKEND for Sign Ups !**

This Lent take some time to grow in your faith by joining a small group! There is a table in the Narthex with more information. Scan the QR link to sign up for a small group.



**¡Ultima semana para Registros!** ¡Esta Cuaresma tómese un tiempo para crecer en su fe uniéndose a un grupo pequeño! Hay una mesa en el Nártex con más información.

Escanee el enlace QR para registrarse en un grupo pequeño.

**The Knights of Columbus** (KoC) will have their *World Famous Fish Fry* on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Life Center. Please join fellow parishioners as we celebrate the beginning of Lent.



**Los Caballeros de Colón** tendrán su famoso pescado frito (*World Famous Fish Fry*) el 4 de marzo de 5:30pm 8:00pm en el Salón de Vida Parroquial (Parish Life Center). Únase a otros feligreses mientras celebramos el comienzo de la Cuaresma



#### **St. Stephen and Ozark Catholic Academy**

– Join us this Monday, February 21 at 6:30pm in the Parish Life Center for our Series event "*Suffering Well*" with Ms. Katie Karp as speaker from the Ozark Catholic Academy. Learn how to draw closer to Christ through our suffering.



**The Knights of Columbus** (KoC) will pray the rosary prior to Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 5 5pm in English and 6:30pm in Spanish. Please join us prior to the Stations of the Cross for the rosary.

**Los Caballeros de Colón** rezarán el Rosario antes de las Estaciones de la Cruz, todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma, a las 5pm en Inglés, y a las 6:30pm en español. Por favor, acompañenos a rezar el rosario antes de las Estaciones de la Cruz.

**Synodal Process:** This week, St. Stephen will be hosting two listening sessions for the synodal process called for by Pope Francis. One in English on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:00pm and one in Spanish on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. If you or a family member or friend are not able to attend a listening session you may provide information via this the following link to allow the Church to "hear" you and your needs. The form does not require that the respondents provide their names.

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**Proceso Sinodal:** Esta semana, St. Stephen organizará dos sesiones de escucha para el proceso sinodal convocado por el Papa Francisco. Uno en inglés el 22 de febrero de 6:00 p. m. a 7:00 p. m. y uno en español el 20 de febrero de 1:00 p. m. a 2:00 p. m. Si usted o un familiar o amigo no puede asistir a una sesión de escucha, puede proporcionar información a través del siguiente enlace para permitir que la Iglesia "escuche" sus necesidades. El formulario no requiere que los encuestados proporcionen sus nombres.

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**We're Going Skating!** On Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, from 4pm-6pm, St. Stephen kids/youth are invited for an afternoon of roller

skating or rollerblading at Great Day Skate in Bentonville. The cost will be \$5.00 per person and that will cover admission and skate rental. You will need to bring extra money for snacks. Siblings and parents are also welcome. Come out and join us for an afternoon of fun!!!

**¡Nos vamos a patinar!** El domingo 6 de marzo, de 4:00 p. m. a 6:00 p. m., los niños/jóvenes de St. Stephen están invitados a una tarde de patinaje sobre ruedas o patines en Great Day Skate en Bentonville. El costo será de \$5.00 por persona y cubrirá la entrada y el alquiler de patines. Deberá traer dinero extra para los refrigerios. Hermanos y padres también son bienvenidos. Ven y únete a nosotros para una tarde de diversión!!!

**Palm Fronds Collection** – Are you wondering what to do with last year's palm fronds? We are collecting palms from last year. They will then be burnt for use in this year's Ash Wednesday services on March 2. Look for the basket in the Narthex.

**Colección de palmas** – ¿Te estás preguntando qué hacer con las palmas del año pasado? Estamos coleccionando las palmas del año pasado. Luego serán quemadas para su uso en los servicios del Miércoles de Ceniza de este año, 2 de marzo. Busca la canasta en el Nártex.



## Ash Wednesday Masses March 2<sup>nd</sup> with the distribution of ashes:

- 12:00pm Mass in English
- 5:30pm Mass in English
- 7:30pm Mass in Spanish

### Misas para el Miércoles de Ceniza, 2 de marzo con la distribución de cenizas:

- 12:00pm Misa en inglés
- 5:30pm Misa en inglés
- 7:30pm Misa en español

### SAVE THE DATE: 2022 Mass for Hope and Healing – Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, Celebrant.

Come and pray for healing for survivors of child sexual abuse, and to commemorate April as the *National Child Abuse Prevention Month*.

**When:** Sunday, April 24, at 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock, Arkansas

**Who:** Anyone who is interested in praying for victims, their families and friends.

**RESERVE LA FECHA” Misa de Esperanza y Sanación 2022** – Obispo Anthony B. Taylor oficiará misa para orar por la sanación de los sobrevivientes de abuso sexual infantil, y para conmemorar el mes de abril como el *Mes Nacional de Prevención contra el Abuso Infantil*.

**Cuándo:** Domingo, 24 de abril, a las 5:30 p.m.

**Dónde:** Catedral de San Andrés, 617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock, Arkansas

**Quién:** Cualquier persona que esté interesada en orar por las víctimas, sus familias y amigos.

**Lenten Day of Recollection** - Fr. Jerome Kodell, OSB, will lead the Lenten Day of Recollection at Coury House in Subiaco Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Topic will be *"The Journey to Easter."* Cost is \$25. Call 479-934-1290 or email [couryhouse@subi.org](mailto:couryhouse@subi.org) to sign up for the day.

**Marriage Challenges?** Retrouvaille is a Lifeline for Married Couples. It helps couples heal and renew their marriages. It provides tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship and improve communication. This program has helped couples renew their relationships, even couples who have separated or divorced. Due to the rise in Covid-19 cases, we will be presenting our next Retrouvaille weekend virtually Thursday, Feb. 24- Sunday, Feb. 27. For further information, call 1-800-470-2230 or 501 834-1956. Register: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

**40 Days for Life** - Still Praying about what you will offer to Jesus for Lent? 40 Days for Life begins on Ash Wednesday, 3/2 and ends Palm Sunday, 4/10. How about offering an hour (or more) a week in prayer at Planned Parenthood? Sign up: [40daysforlife.com/rogers](http://40daysforlife.com/rogers).

**Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** -This annual appeal kicks off in parishes across Arkansas this weekend and continues through Jan. 31, 2023. (CASA) supports various diocesan, parish and school ministries and programs. For more information, contact Dianne Brady, director of the diocesan Stewardship and Development Office, at (501) 664-0340.

**Relationship Ready: The Single Catholic's Roadmap to Marriage** - Why wait until you're engaged? Learn about communication, male/female complementarity, conflict resolution, healing, forgiveness, and much more now! Sessions include presentations, Q&A and small group discussions with other single Catholics from all over the world. Recordings will be available, so no worries if you can't make every session. Sign up now! <https://nationalcatholicsingles.com/relationship-ready/> Program begins February 15th.

**Letters of Support for Father Balaraju (Bala) Akkala** - The Diocese is putting together a request to expedite the processing of Fr. Balaraju Akkala's pending immigration petition. Given current processing times, without an expedited review, Fr. Akkala's current status will expire (without opportunity for extension) before the pending petition is approved, forcing him to leave St. Stephen and Blessed Stanley Rother parishes and return to India, depleting the already short supply of priests in our diocese.

We ask parishioners to prepare letters of support for Fr. Akkala, giving reasons why it is so important for Fr. Akkala to stay and to continue serving their communities. Please include specific examples of how Fr. Akkala's service is important to the communities, how his skills and abilities make a difference, and how his departure would affect the parishes. The letters should be addressed "To Whom it May Concern" and turned in to Fr. Akkala or to the Parish Office by March 1st. The letters of support will be sent as part of the request for expedited processing. Parishioners don't have to include their personal return addresses on the letters of support and can use the Parish address instead. Thank you for your cooperation!

**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 14-17). Let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter before Monday, March 4 by calling the church office at (479) 273-1240 or via email [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto: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 24 at 2:00pm, or Confirmation Mass, Saturday, May 7 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.*



### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS FEB. 23<sup>RD</sup> – APR. 27<sup>TH</sup>

Wednesday's at 6:00pm (Feb. 23-Apr. 27) we will pray together the sung Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena, followed by the Holy Rosary for the reparation of sins and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Parish.

**Church Operations for February**

Expenses Month-to-Date \$47,282.11  
 Loan Balance - \$625,353.03

*In our response to the words of Jesus: "Do to others what you would have them do to you," may we be generous with our time, talent and resources.*

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$52,182.61	\$105,000.00
Building Fund	\$8,742.76	\$20,000.00

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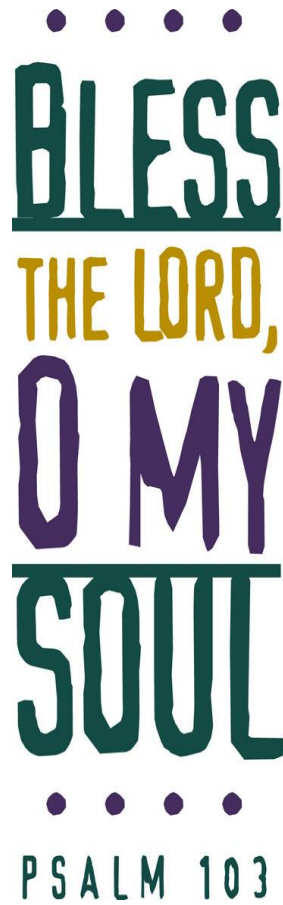
**Pre-School Director** - Cathy Townzen  
[preschool@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:preschool@ststephenbentonville.com)  
 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
 8:30 AM -12:30 PM September – May

**Faith Formation (Religious Education):**

**Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director**  
 Suzanne Sutton (Pre-K – 6th Grade)  
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**Faith Formation Coordinator**  
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**Scripture Readings for 02/27/2022**

Wisdom of Ben Sira: 27: 4-7  
 Psalm 92 (91): 2-3, 13-14, 15-16  
 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58  
 Luke 6: 39-45

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 19**  
 5:00pm Ron D. Smith †  
**Sunday, February 20**  
 7:45am Parishioners  
 10:00am Danielle Bucaria †  
 11:45am Amalia Alejandra Mendoza †  
 5:00pm Dorothy Power  
**Monday, February 21**  
 12:00pm Amelia Villalobos †  
**Tuesday, February 22**  
 12:00pm Danny Mariano †  
**Wednesday, February 23**  
 12:00pm Alice Jansen  
**Thursday, February 24**  
 12:00pm Mary Ann Mincic †  
**Friday, February 25**  
 12:00pm Ron D. Smith †  
**Saturday, February 26**  
 5:00pm Ron D. Smith †  
**Sunday, February 27**  
 7:45am Parishioners  
 10:00am Danielle Bucaria †  
 11:45am Angelina Pérez D.  
 5:00pm S. Anthony †



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Feb. 26-27	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels
<b>Saturday, Feb. 26</b> 5:00 PM	Michael Janick	Bryan Bacon	Jill Saulsbery Margie O'Grady	Steve Saulsbery Andy Fosdick Gary VanOvershelde Dave Brandenburg <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon
<b>Sunday, Feb. 27</b> 7:45 AM	James Gaffigan	Christina Baker	Theresa Gaffigan Peggy Estes	Karen Howard Geri Oswald Len Oswald Bruce Peterson		Mark Jechura
<b>Sunday, Feb. 27</b> 10:00 AM	Maria Mendez	Joe Hartnett	Rose Hartnett Paul Krapf	Steve Harrington Tim Koch Charlotte Champagne Brian Rabal Ken Butler <b>NOT FILLED</b>		Joe Hartnett
<b>Sunday, Feb. 27</b> 11:45 AM	Ramon Portilla	Crimilda Viera	Noel Perez Brenda Cruz	Bertha Valdez Martha Mendoza Mara Munoz Mara Barajas Hector Rangel Mara Dala Lopez		Crimilda Viera
<b>Sunday, Feb. 27</b> 5:00 PM	Sylvester Fernandes	Cary Richard	Lisa Juan Gerry Whiting	Zachery Whiting Rob Brothers <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Cary Richard	Cary Richard