

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SAN ESTEBAN

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

February 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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Monday – Thursday / Lunes -Jueves 9:00am-3:00pm

Friday / viernes 9:00am-12:00pm

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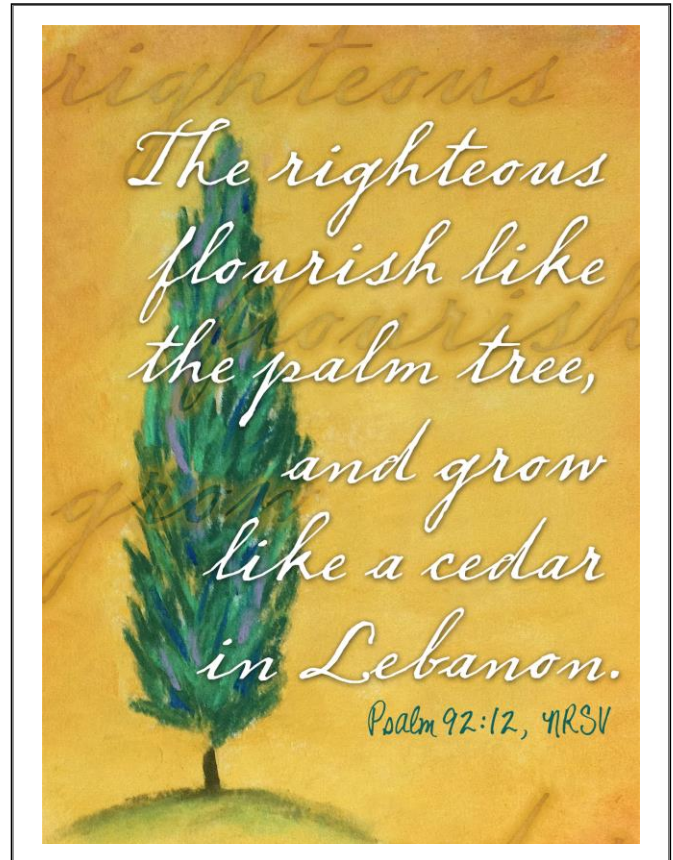
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Weekday MASS in English / Misa entre semana en Inglés

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.

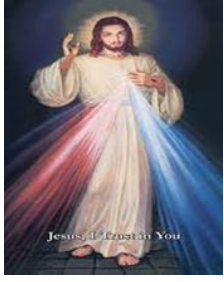
RCIA - Sessions open to those interested in learning about or renewing their connection to the Catholic Faith.

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.

RCIA Calendar – Rite of Sending will take place Sunday, Feb. 27th at 10:00am with sponsors.



**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS
FEB. 23RD – APR. 27TH**

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.

**Ash Wednesday Masses
March 2nd 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

The Knights of Columbus (KoC) will have their *World Famous Fish Fry* on March 4th 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



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.



Lenten Penance Services – The following are dates of Penance Services offered in our area during the season of Lent. Several priests will be available at each:

- Thurs., March 3, 7:00pm – St. Mary – Siloam Springs
- Tues., March 8, 6:30pm – St. Joseph – Tontitown
- **Thur., March 17, 7:00pm – St. Stephen – Bentonville**
- Tues., March 29, 7:00pm – St. Joseph – Fayetteville
- Wed., March 30, 5:00pm - St. Anne – Berryville
- Thurs., March 31, 6:30pm – St. Vincent de Paul – Rogers
- Wed., April 6, 11:45am & 8:00pm – St. Bernard – Bella Vista
- Thurs., April 7, 5:00pm – St. Raphael – Springdale
- Tues., April 12, 6:00pm – St. Thomas Aquinas – Fayetteville



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

- March 4, 5:30pm - hosted by EDGE with Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
- March 11, 5:30pm - lead by IMPACT with dinner.
- March 18, 5:30pm - hosted by LifeTeen, no dinner.
- March 25, 5:30pm - hosted by Msgr. Scott, no dinner.
- April 1, 5:30pm - hosted by Catholic Kids with dinner.
- April 18, 5:30pm - hosted by Ladies of Grace.

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.

Vía Crucis Viviente se llevará a cabo el domingo 11 de marzo a la 1:00pm después de la Misa en Español y el lunes, 12 de marzo a las 7:00pm. La obra será realizada por los niños de nuestra parroquia en el salón Centro de Vida Parroquial.



We're Going Skating! On Sunday, March 6th, 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!!!

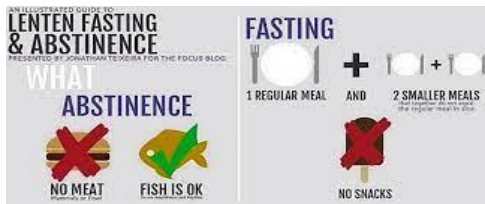
¡Nos vamos a patinar! El domingo 6 de marzo, de 4:00 p. m. a 6:00 p. m., los niños/jóvenes de St. Stephen están invitados a una tarde de patinaje sobre ruedas o patines en Great Day Skate en Bentonville. El costo será de \$5.00 por persona y cubrirá la entrada y el alquiler de patines. Deberá traer dinero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



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 6th, all classes (Preschool through 4th 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.

2022 Arkansas Catholic Subscription Drive - The diocese's weekly newspaper, kicks off its annual subscription drive at the end of February in all parishes across Arkansas. New subscribers can obtain a subscription envelope for the print edition at their parish (table in Narthex). A discount is given to parishioners 65 years and older. The digital edition is free and may be subscribed at: digital.arkansas-catholic.org. Subscribers may choose the print or digital editions or both. For more information, call (501) 664-0125 or visit www.arkansascatholic.org.



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/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 of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59.

El Ayuno y la Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma – Practicar como lo instruye la Iglesia es un buen comienzo. Una forma corporal de recordarnos a nosotros mismos que necesitamos a Dios sobre todas las cosas, el ayuno también es un sacrificio, un regalo a Dios de la intención de nuestro corazón de depender más completamente de Dios. El libre deseo interior de profundizar nuestra relación con Dios es la esencia del ayuno de Cuaresma. La siguiente es una pregunta/respuesta para ayudarle:

P: ¿Cuáles son las reglas sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia?

R: El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia. La ley del ayuno permite una comida completa y dos más pequeñas. La ley de abstinencia prohíbe comer carne.

Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia en los Estados Unidos. La obligación de abstinencia comienza a los 14 años. La ley del ayuno obliga a todos entre los 18 y los 59 años.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (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.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC) It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart. Thank you for your donations. Pantry needs: Toilet paper and cereal.

Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl (SSBC) - Es cierto que las donaciones llegan a la Sociedad porque una buena persona produce bondad del bien en su corazón. Gracias por tus donaciones. Necesidades de la despensa: papel higiénico y cereales.

Did you attend St. Vincent de Paul School? - SvDP School graduates and former students are serving Jesus near and far, and we would love to connect with you. Please email: almuni@svdpschool.net and share your name, address, phone number and email with us.

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!

40 Days for Life - March 2 - April 10, 40 Days for Life prayer campaign will be the biggest Spring campaign ever! 588 cities world-wide are on board for what will be *one of the largest mobilizations of pro-lifers in history!* You can sign up: 40daysforlife.com/rogers and commit to an hour praying in front of Planned Parenthood, 1222 W. Poplar, Rogers. Be sure you have signed the Statement of Peace. Sign in sheet and signs are available at the site.

We are delighted to tell you that FORMER Planned Parenthood Manager, Ramona Trevino, will be giving her personal testimony of conversion and current pro-life activities IN SPANSIH on Saturday, March 5th at 7:00pm on the St. Vincent de Paul campus - Paul Hall (old church bldg). The following day, Sunday, March 6th at 2:00 p.m., Ramona will give the keynote address at our 40 Days for Life Kick-off Rally in English. Rally will be at Planned Parenthood. Music and Prizes.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

Lent is the season in which we ought to be surprised by joy. Our self-sacrifices serve no purpose unless, by laying aside this or that desire, we are able to focus on our heart's deepest longing: unity with Christ. In him--in his suffering and death, his resurrection and triumph, we find our truest joy.

Church Operations for February

Expenses Month-to-Date \$75,265.42
 Loan Balance - \$590,415.91

May good fruit come forth as a result of our stewardship, motivated by being "fully devoted to the work of the Lord."

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$79,015.53	\$105,000.00
Building Fund	\$11,798.53	\$20,000.00

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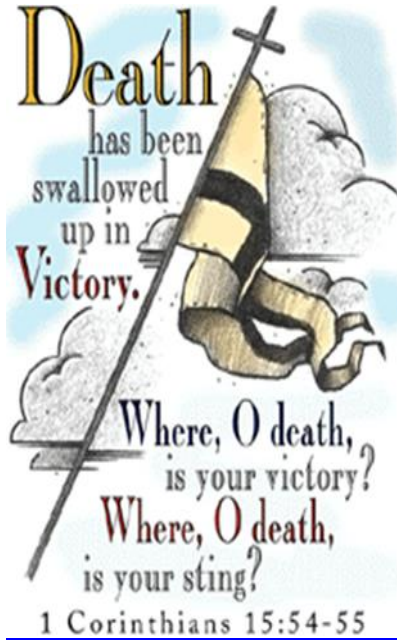
Pre-School Director - Cathy Townzen
preschool@ststephenbentonville.com
 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM September - May

Faith Formation (Religious Education):

Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director
 Suzanne Sutton (Pre-K - 6th Grade)
ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com

Confirmation Prep. Coordinator
 Monica Shoemaker
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Faith Formation Coordinator
 Josh Coppick (7th - 12th grade)
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Scripture Readings for 03/06/2022

Dt. 26: 4-10
 Psalm 91 (90): 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
 Romans 10: 8-13
 Luke 4: 1-13

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 26
 5:00pm Ron D. Smith †

Sunday, February 27
 7:45am Parishioners
 10:00am Danielle Bucaria †
 11:45am Angelina Pérez
 5:00pm S. Anthony †

Monday, February 28
 12:00pm Theodore Cholewinski †

Tuesday, March 1
 12:00pm Jerry Branch Sr. † and Family

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday
 12:00pm Laura Shelby Holmstrom †
 5:30pm Dorothy Power
 7:00pm Antonio Pérez Pria †

Thursday, March 3
 12:00pm Ron D. Smith †

Friday, March 4
 12:00pm Robert Swaim †

Saturday, March 5
 9:00am Betty Joan Gallenstein †
 5:00pm Ron D. Smith †

Sunday, March 6
 7:45am Parishioners
 10:00am Dorothy Power
 11:45am Andrés Lemus Cano †
 5:00pm Alice Jansen



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Mar. 5-6	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Mar. 5 5:00 PM	Paul Prebil	Jon Terlouw	Susan McDaniel Pamm Prebil	Andy Fosdick Gary VanOverschelde Dave Brandenburg Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED	Mark Jechura	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Mar. 6 7:45 AM	Ryan Pulkrabek	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Kira O'Shaughnessy Christina Baker	Amanda Cantu Gerard Davenport Peggy Estes Jake Estes		Amanda Cantu
Sunday, Mar. 6 10:00 AM	Children's Mass	Theresa Brauburger	Ted Brauburger Diedra or Steven Dourth	Steve Harrington Tim Koch Daniel Cruz Charlotte Champagne Ken Butler Brian Rabal		Kathryn Gough
Sunday, Mar. 6 11:45 AM	Sandra Valdes	Mima Serrano	Beatriz Aguirre Olga Serrano	J. Concepción Serrano María Dolia López Víctor López María Salcedo Bertha Váldez María Barajas		Ivan Sanabria
Sunday, Mar. 6 5:00 PM	Eric Belin	Bryan Bacon	Susan Davis Chris Davis	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon