

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SAN ESTEBAN

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

March 20, 2022

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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Rev. Msgr. Scott L. Marczuk, J.C.L.

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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](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** – There will be no class on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Spring Break. Our next session will be Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, *Confession/Reconciliation* lead by Msgr. Scott. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

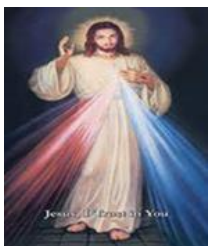
**St. Vincent de Paul Benevolent Society (SSBC)** – Our parish is blessed with an abundance of resources, which we wish to share with our neighbors in need. There will be a St. Joseph’s Altar in the Narthex and for the next two week-ends (ending on the week-end of the feast of St. Joseph), we ask you to bring non-perishable foods such as pasta, dried beans, rice, peanut butter, paper goods, toiletries/ personal hygiene, diapers, or any other products. Food Pantry also needs jelly, canned fruit, pasta sauce, and household items. Place your offering on the St. Joseph altar, say a prayer of thanksgiving for all you have and for those you are helping, and pray for your family to be a replica of the Holy Family. If you are blessed with work, enough to eat, and money for a rainy day give thanks to God our Lord for His goodness. Thank you for support to this appeal in honor of St. Joseph & our neighbors in need!

**Prayer to St. Joseph** - Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**La Sociedad Benevolente de San Vicente de Paúl (SSBC)** - Nuestra parroquia es bendecida con una abundancia de recursos, que deseamos compartir con nuestros hermanos necesitados. Habrá un Altar de San José en el Nártex y los próximos dos fines de semana (finalizando el fin de semana de la fiesta de San José), le pedimos que comparta trayendo alimentos como pasta, frijoles secos, arroz, crema de cacahuete, artículos de papel, artículos de tocador, pañales, o cualquier otro producto. El almacén de alimentos también necesita mermelada, fruta enlatada, salsa de pasta y artículos para el hogar. Ponga su ofrenda en el altar de San José, diga una oración de acción de gracias por todo lo que tiene y por aquellos que está ayudando, y oren por su familia que sea una réplica de la Sagrada Familia. Si eres bendecido con el trabajo, lo necesario para comer, y dinero para un día lluvioso, dé gracias a Dios nuestro Señor por su bondad. ¡Gracias por su apoyo a este llamamiento en honor de San José y nuestros hermanos necesitados!

**Oración a San José** - Salve, custodio del Redentor y esposo de la Santísima Virgen María. A ti Dios te confió a su único Hijo; en ti María depositó su confianza; contigo Cristo se forjó como hombre. Oh, bienaventurado José, muéstrate Padre también a nosotros y guíanos en el camino de la vida. Concédenos gracia, misericordia, valentía, y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.



**Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena** From Feb. 23- Apr. 27, Wednesday’s at 6:00pm, 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.



**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:

- 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
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**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 25, 5:30pm - hosted by Msgr. Scott, no dinner.
- April 1, 5:30pm - hosted by Catholic Kids with dinner.
- April 8, 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.



**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.

**Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** - Charity should begin at home' is an old proverb, and for Catholics across our state, charity really begins at CASA. The Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal is our annual campaign to fund a multitude of projects around our diocese. You name it and it is probably supported by CASA: Catholic Schools, a charitable Medical Clinic, Youth Ministries, Seminarian Education, Disaster Relief, Adoption Services..the list is almost endless. Charity does begin at home, so please give generously and make a difference in our own back yard by becoming a CASA supporter.

**Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** - La caridad debe comenzar en el hogar' es un viejo proverbio. Y para los católicos en el estado, la caridad verdadera mente comienza en CASA. La Campana Católica de Arkansas a Compartir es nuestra campaña anual para financiar una inmensidad de proyectos en nuestra diócesis. Nómbrelo y probablemente es un proyecto apoyado por CASA: Escuelas Católicas, una Clínica Medica caritativa, Ministerio de Jóvenes, Educación para Seminaristas, Ayuda de Emergencia, Servicios de Adopción... la lista casi nunca termina. La caridad comienza en el hogar, así que de generosamente para hacer la diferencia en nuestro propio jardín al convertirse en un colaborador de CASA.



**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 Gottspomer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

**La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock** está comprometida a proteger a los niños y jóvenes. Si tiene conocimiento de abuso o ha sido abusado por clérigos, voluntarios de la Iglesia o trabajadores de la Iglesia, comuníquese con la Línea Directa del Estado de Arkansas para Delitos contra los Niños al 1-800-482-5964 y con el Canciller de Asuntos Canónicos, Dcn. Mateo A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. Para asistencia pastoral, comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock: Laura Gottspomer al (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

**The Catholic Relief Service Collection March 26-27**

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's Love to those most in need. Learn more at: [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Colecta Especial 26-27 de marzo** - La próxima semana nuestra parroquia llevará a cabo *The Catholic Relief Services Collection*. Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan alimento al hambriento, ayuda a los refugiados desplazados y llevan el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a los pueblos vulnerables aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la colecta y revelen el amor de Cristo a los más necesitados. Infórmense más en: [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



**Summer Camp at Subiaco Abbey** - for boys ages 9-13 inclusive, is an active all boys camp with fishing, archery, riflery, go-karts, boating & tubing, climbing wall and much more. Camp is June 19 - 25 or June 26 - July 2, 2022.

Sign at [www.CampSubiaco.org](http://www.CampSubiaco.org) or for more information, call 479-934-1001. Don't delay to register.



Calling all future Arkansas State students: We at St. John Newman University Parish are here for you. We have mass at

5:00pm every Sunday as well as Faith Night on Wednesdays. Check us out on your website at [astatecnc.com](http://astatecnc.com) or on social media @ASTATECNC.

- 5:00pm Mass Every Sunday Evening (Followed by Dinner)
- 4:30pm Rosary Every Sunday Evening
- 5:45pm Faith Night Every Wednesday Evening



**Catholics Returning Home(CRH)**

- Our six-week series starts on the first Thursday after Easter (April 21) from 6:30pm -8:00pm in Faith Hall at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale. No reservation is required. All you have to do is

come! For more information, please call the parish office (479) 756-6711. The six sessions are free of charge:

- Week 1: Welcome, Overview of the Series
- Week 2: Sharing Stores of Faith
- Week 3: The Church Today: Changes since Vatican II
- Week 4: Explanation of the Mass
- Week 5: Explanation of the Sacrament of Penance
- Week 6: Explanation of the Nicene Creed



We have completed one quarter of our 40 Days for Life vigil and I am humbled by the beautiful witness of so many people. Thank you for

those of you who have given a prayerful witness thus far. God is powerfully using your public, peaceful, prayerful presence in a variety of ways. If you haven't done so already, go to [40daysforlife.com/rogers](http://40daysforlife.com/rogers) and ask the Lord to give you the courage and commitment to be a witness for Life. You just never know how He will use you! Only in the next life will we see the fullness of all He does with your, "Yes."

**How did Lent come to be?** - Since the earliest origins of the Church, there's evidence of a period of a Lenten preparation before Easter, according to Catholic Education Resource Center. It all began after Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, which Matthew 3:13-17 says marked his messianic mission, and he headed to the desert for 40 days. 40 days is a significant number in Jewish-Christian traditions, representing the duration of the Great Flood in the Bible scripture Genesis, Moses's time spent in the wilderness before receiving the Ten Commandments, and the days Hebrews spent in the desert before reaching the Promised Land.

During Jesus' 40-day fasting period in the desert, Christians believe he overcame temptations from Satan and a series of tests, which gave him the power to carry out his mission of preaching, healing, and saving humanity from sin once he returned. There's also historical evidence that "our forefathers" — also known as Jesus' apostles — fasted for 40 days, 24 hours a day, before Easter. In fact, a letter written to Pope St. Victor I from St. Irenaeus in 203 A.D. mentioned the act of fasting for "40 hours" or "40 days, seven hours a day."

It was not until 325 C.E. that Lent was formalized during the First Council of Nicaea. Strict fasting laws allowed for one meal a day, so long as no meat, wine, oil, or dairy products were involved. However, aside from on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the strict fasting laws of Roman Catholics were renounced during World War II.

Source: [Womansday.com](http://Womansday.com)

**What Are You Giving Up?**



**Church Operations for March**

Expenses Month-to-Date \$51,521.47  
 Loan Balance - \$590,415.91

*Like Moses, we too are standing on "holy ground," made so by the Lord God's Divine presence. May it bear fruit for the future, with God's grace and our stewardship and volunteering for ministries and service.*

| Revenue               | Month-to-Date | Monthly Goal |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Stewardship and Other | \$61,868.38   | \$105,000.00 |
| Building Fund         | \$9,868.10    | \$20,000.00  |

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**Pre-School Director** - Cathy Townzen  
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 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
 8:30 AM -12:30 PM September – May

**Faith Formation Team:**

**Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director**  
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**Scripture Readings for 03/27/2022**

Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12  
 Psalm 34 (33): 2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21  
 Luke 15: 1-3,11-32

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, March 19**  
 5:00pm In Thanksgiving  
**Sunday, March 20**  
 7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses  
 10:00am Rosemary Heitert †  
 11:45am Por las Almas de la Familia López Rodríguez  
 5:00pm Connie Gempfer  
**Monday, March 21**  
 12:00pm Jane Byrd  
**Tuesday, March 22**  
 12:00pm NO NOON MASS  
**Wednesday, March 23**  
 12:00pm NO NOON MASS  
**Thursday, March 24**  
 12:00pm NO NOON MASS  
**Friday, March 25**  
 12:00pm Ron D. Smith †  
**Saturday, March 26**  
 5:00pm Larry Wewers †  
**Sunday, March 27**  
 7:45am Parishioners /Feligreses  
 10:00am Shirley Ruffin Ricks †  
 11:45am Adelaida Bermudez †  
 5:00pm Pam & Maurice Willis



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| Mar. 26-27                          | Lector                | Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels | Eucharist Minister – Host        | Usher  | Lock-Up      | Sacristan & Vessels |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>Saturday, Mar. 26</b><br>5:00 PM | Nicholas Tyburski     | Mark Jechura                     | Margie O'Grady<br>Jill Saulsbery | Gary VanOvershelde<br>Dave Brandenburg<br>Steve Saulsbery<br>Andy Fosdick<br><b>NOT FILLED</b>               | Mark Jechura | Mark Jechura        |
| <b>Sunday, Mar. 27</b><br>7:45 AM   | James Gaffigan        | Janet Palmer                     | Theresa Gaffigan<br>Tom Stawicki | Bruce Peterson<br>Gerard Davenport<br>Geri Oswald<br>Len Oswald  |              | Amanda Cantu        |
| <b>Sunday, Mar. 27</b><br>10:00 AM  | Maria Mendez          | Bruce Beckham                    | Gina Koch<br>Mary Kate Beckham   | Steve Harrington<br>Tim Koch<br>Charlotte Champagne<br>Daniel Cruz<br>Ken Butler<br>Brian Rabal              |              | Kathryn Gough       |
| <b>Sunday, Mar. 27</b><br>11:45 AM  | Rosalba Ortiz         | Mirna Serrano                    | Julián Serrano<br>Olga Serrano   | María Dalila Lopez<br>Víctor López<br>J. Concepción Serrano<br>María Salcedo<br>José Ortiz<br>Martha Mendoza |              | Ivan Sanabria       |
| <b>Sunday, Mar. 27</b><br>5:00 PM   | Sylvester Fernandes ( | Bryan Bacon                      | Catherine Gamer<br>Melissa Godoy | Rob Brothers<br><b>NOT FILLED</b>  | Bryan Bacon  | Bryan Bacon         |