

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

November 10, 2019

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Pastor

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

### Associate Pastor

Fr. Balaraju (Bala) Akkala

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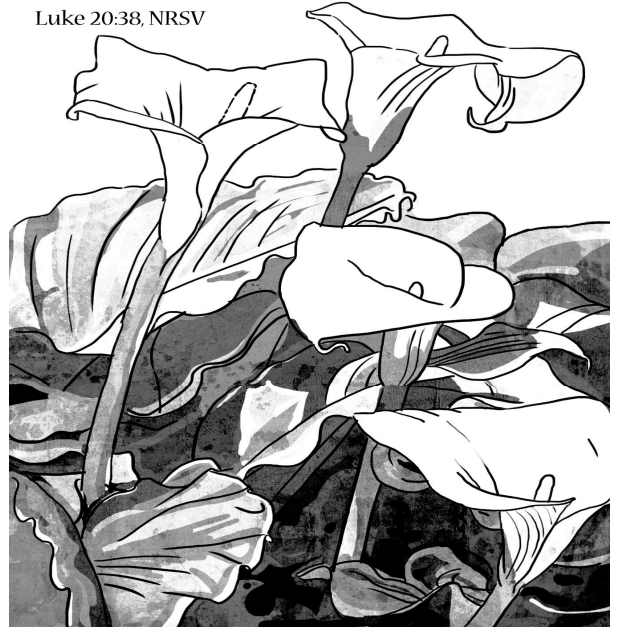
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Now he is God not of the dead,  
but of the living ...

Luke 20:38, NRSV



### Weekday MASS

Monday Mass 12:00 PM

Tuesday Mass 5:30 PM

Wednesday Mass 12:00 PM

Thursday Mass 8:30 AM

Friday Mass 12:00 PM

### Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM

Sunday 11:45 AM – Spanish

Sunday 5:00 PM – LifeTeen

### Reconciliation/Reconciliación

Every Saturday/Cada Sábado

Bilingual/Bilingüe 3:30–4:30pm

30 minutes before each Weekday Mass

30 minutos antes de cada Misa de los días entre semana.

### No hay reconciliación los domingos

### Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 12:00pm (5 days prior to the publication date). Please email

articles to the receptionist office

[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.

### Catholic Marriage

Marriage preparation required. Contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance. Two additional months' notice needed for wedding in another country.

If you plan on getting married, always contact the church before setting a date or booking a reception site.

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### RCIA

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

### Infant Baptism

Contact the parish office to schedule. Baptism preparation required. Parents need to be registered members of St. Stephen.

### No baptisms in December.

### Pre-School Director

Cathy Townzen

[preschool@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:preschool@ststephenbentonville.com)

Office Hours: M–W–F

9:00am–12:00pm September–May

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

Administrator: Fr. Balaraju (Bala) Akkala

Mass Times

Saturday Mass 6:00 PM – Spanish

### Kids/Youth Faith Formation:

#### Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

Suzanne Sutton

[ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com)

Pre-K – 6th Grade

#### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker

Pre-K – 4th Grade

[youthoffice@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:youthoffice@ststephenbentonville.com)

#### EDGE/Confirmation Director

Chris Teague

[edge@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:edge@ststephenbentonville.com)

Edge: 7th & 8th Grade

[confirmation@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:confirmation@ststephenbentonville.com)

Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

#### Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

[lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com)

9th Grade – 12th Grade

Facebook: Life Teen Bentonville

**Sunday Missals** – We now have the Sunday Missals for Liturgical Year A available for \$5. Look for them on the window ledge outside the parish office.

**St. Stephen Associate Pastor** – Fr. Balaraju (Bala) Akkala has been appointed the associate pastor by Bishop Anthony Taylor. Fr. Bala will also be the administrator of Blessed Stanley Rother Church in Decatur. Let us welcome him to St. Stephen warmly. Also, we are glad to announce that we will be adding a new weekday Mass time beginning this week: Mondays at 12:00pm, with confessions starting at 11:30am.

**Párroco Asociado de San Esteban** – Padre Balaraju (Bala) Akkala a sido nombrado párroco asociado por el Obispo Anthony Taylor. El Padre Bala será también el administrador de la iglesia Bendecido Stanley Rother en Decatur. Le damos la bienvenida al Padre Bala. También nos complace anunciar que agregaremos una misa nueva a partir de esta semana: los lunes a las 12:00 PM con confesiones a partir de las 11:30 AM.

**RCIA Calendar** – Our next session is Wednesday, November 13 on Prayer led by Mark Jechura. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the St. Jerome room. All are welcome.

**Hard Hat Collection Weekend** – This weekend, November 9/10 there will be a second collection for the church loan. All donations to this collection go to repay our loan with the Diocese of Little Rock. We appreciate your prayerful consideration and support of this effort.

**Colecta Casco** – Este fin de semana, el 9 y 10 de noviembre habrá una segunda colecta para el préstamo de la iglesia. Todas las donaciones a esta colecta son para cubrir nuestro préstamo con la Diócesis de Little Rock. Apreciamos su consideración y apoyo de este esfuerzo.

**Funeral Meal Ministry Needs Volunteers** – When one of our parish families experiences a death in their family, one of the most thoughtful ways we can support them is by offering a meal for family and friends prior to or following the funeral. We want to begin this ministry once again, but will need many volunteers to offer to help in different ways to make it successful. If you are willing to assist in providing food, setting up, serving, and/or cleaning up, please sign up either on our parish's Facebook page, email [pww0112@gmail.com](mailto:pww0112@gmail.com) or call Pam Willis at 479-790-3009. Your heartfelt consideration is appreciated.

**Potluck Dinner Night** – Join us on Saturday, November 23rd, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a Potluck dinner in the Family Life Center. Come enjoy food and fellowship with your church family. For dinner, please bring an item from the category that corresponds with your last name: A-D bring main dish; E-N bring side dish; O-Z bring dessert or drinks. Please bring enough to serve 8-10 people. Please RSVP. If you have questions or to RSVP, please contact Desirae Cox, 479-345-0011 or [desirae.cox@gmail.com](mailto:desirae.cox@gmail.com).

**Knights of Columbus** will host a pasta dinner on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 PM. The menu: mixed salad with Caesar dressing, Italian Meat Sauce on pasta, (vegetarian option: Pesto Alfredo on pasta), green beans with onions/mushrooms, garlic bread and Tiramisu for dessert. As a thank you to the parish for all of their support, we are keeping the price low at \$5 per person - kids 6 and under free. For entertainment will be Italian dining background music.

**Hora Santa** – Es una oportunidad magnífica para hacer ese silencio interior en el que el Señor nos habla de una manera muy especial. Al rezar en la Iglesia, tenemos la ventaja de estar en la presencia del Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento. Acompáñenos a celebrar una Hora Santa en español el martes 12 de noviembre a las 7:00pm.

**Life Teen** will be selling Advent Candles this weekend after all Masses as a fundraiser for all 2020 retreats, mission trips, and pilgrimages. The candles are available for pre-order and will be available for pick up the last weekend of November in the Narthex. Please see the sign up table in the Narthex for more information. Thank you for your support of Life Teen scholarships in our parish.

**Advent by Candlelight: "A Special Evening for Women"** - Mark your calendar for the Ladies of Grace Scripture/Book Study Group who is hosting their Bi-Annual Advent by Candlelight on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. The event is for Women (must be 21 years or older) and will be an evening of fellowship and food in preparation for the Advent Season. Look for our "Display Table" in the Narthex and ladies to answer questions and give you information flyers - along with registration and reservation forms after all Masses on November 9/10, 16/17 and 23/24 weekends. Seating is limited.

**Save the Date** – St. Stephen Benevolent Conference Annual Cookie Walk and Silent Auction has been scheduled for the weekend of December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

**Save the Date for "2020 St. Stephen Parish Mission: Jesse Romero"** – Jesse Romero will conduct a Parish Mission here at our parish St. Stephen on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, in English at 7:00 pm and Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Spanish. He is a bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist, who is nationally acclaimed for his dynamic, upbeat Christ centered preaching. Jesse's preaching apostolate is "On Fire Evangelization." During his years as a Deputy Sheriff in Los Angeles, CA, Jesse experienced the dark side of society, which he explains in his new book: "The Devil in the City of Angels: My Encounters with the Diabolical." He is a husband, father and grandfather. Jesse was also a three time World Police boxing champion and a two time U.S.A. Kickboxing champion. He has degrees in Theology from Mount St. Mary's University in L.A. and Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Jesse has been on Catholic radio for over 15 years now and is currently on [www.virginmostpowerfulradio.org](http://www.virginmostpowerfulradio.org) hosting "The Terry and Jesse Show," & "Jesus 911." He is a host on a Spanish network show "Enfamilia Radio" in Phoenix, Arizona. He has preached in well over 1,000 Catholic Churches, in the last couple of years with energy and conviction. He says: "I am a straight shooter; I shoot straight for the heart. I have conviction, passion and I give straight talk, no-nonsense, no-spin, blue-collar, bible-centered, Holy Spirit fire brand Catholicism."

**St. Raphael Catholic Book & Gift Shop** will have Holiday Open House on November 16/17 from 9:00am-5:30pm on Saturday and Sunday from 9:30am-2:30pm. They will also have a 20% off storewide savings. Many of their items are in English and Spanish. Enjoy free gift bags, beverages and cookies while you shop. Like their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cathbkqfshop](https://www.facebook.com/cathbkqfshop) or visit [www.straphaelcc.org](http://www.straphaelcc.org) for information or updates.

## **The month of November is dedicated to the Poor**

**Souls in Purgatory** – Remember, this is the month for All Souls. Please pray for our parishioners who have died this past year. Remember to pray frequently for the dead, especially when you pass by a cemetery or when you recall a person you knew who has died. Pray for the most forgotten and abandoned souls that have no one else to pray for them, and any souls who may be suffering in purgatory due to our poor example or some fault of ours.

Our Lord told St. Gertrude that this prayer would release 1000 souls from purgatory each time it is said:

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family, Amen."

**Las Pobres Almas del Purgatorio** – Recuerde que este mes es para Todas las Almas (Difuntos). Por favor de orar por nuestros feligreses que han fallecido este año pasado. Recuerde de orar con frecuencia por los muertos, especialmente cuando pase por un cementerio o cuando recorde una persona que ha muerto. También oren por las almas abandonados y olvidados que no tienen a nadie que ore por ellos, y para las almas que puedan estar sufriendo en el purgatorio debido a nuestro mal ejemplo o por un error de nuestra parte.

Nuestro Señor le dijo a Santa Gertrudis la Grande, que esta oración puede librar 1000 Almas del purgatorio cada vez que se rece:

Oración de Santa Gertrudis La Mayor para todas las Almas del Purgatorio

*"Padre eterno, yo te ofrezco la preciosísima Sangre de Tu Divino Hijo Jesús, en unión con las misas celebradas hoy día a través del mundo por todas las benditas ánimas del purgatorio. Por todos los pecadores del mundo. Por los pecadores en la Iglesia universal, por aquellos en propia casa y dentro de mi familia, Amén."*

## **One Church: Unite Arkansas in Faith and Mission**

supports a rural mission in our diocese that needs a leg up to become a thriving community. Join the Diocese of Little Rock's in-state mission initiative. This year's partner is Holy Spirit Church in Hamburg, a vibrant Spanish-speaking congregation in Southeast Arkansas that is struggling to pay off their new church complex. Pray for the success of this project and give today at [www.dolr.org/one-church](http://www.dolr.org/one-church).

**Uniando Arkansas en Fe y Misión** apoya a una misión rural en nuestra diócesis que necesite un empujón para convertirse en una comunidad próspera. Únase a la iniciativa de misión en el estado en la Diócesis de Little Rock. El colaborador de este año es la Iglesia del Espíritu Santo en Hamburg, una vibrante congregación de habla hispana en el Sureste de Arkansas que está luchando para pagar su nuevo complejo parroquial. Ruegue por el éxito de este proyecto y done hoy en [dolr.org/one-church-spanish](http://dolr.org/one-church-spanish).

**Right to Life** – Has the president done anything to protect the Unborn? What do we expect him to do in the future? Would you like to be informed about the most important issue for the upcoming election? Come and hear speaker Wayne Mays-PAC, Director for Arkansas Right to Life answer these questions and more on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Bella Vista Church of Christ. Refreshments provided. You can submit a question in advance to [bcright2life@gmail.com](mailto:bcright2life@gmail.com).

**Search #147 Retreat** – Registrations are now being accepted for Search #147, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to incoming juniors, seniors and recently graduated seniors. Search #147 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of December 6-8. The fee is \$135. For more information and registration forms visit: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-147.pdf>. Partial scholarships are available, use the link: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesan-scholarshipapplication.pdf>. If you have questions please contact Trish Gentry [tgentry@dolr.org](mailto:tgentry@dolr.org) at the Diocese of Little Rock Youth Ministry office 501-664-0340, ext 418.

## **2020/21 New Student Registration Begins November 12<sup>th</sup>**

– Join St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Rogers for an Open House on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Come meet our teachers and visit the classrooms during this evening drop-in session. Registration applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be accepted starting on November 12<sup>th</sup> on a first come, first accepted basis. Space is limited, especially in our Pre-K programs. Please enter through the front entrance by the flagpole. Staff and parent volunteers will be available in the lobby for tours and to answer questions. Discover how a Catholic education may be one of the best decisions you make for your child! Any questions on the Open House please contact Sandra Stephens, Admissions Director [admissions@svdpschool.net](mailto:admissions@svdpschool.net) or (479)636-4421.

**November is National Adoption Month** – As we celebrate and support adoptive families, let us also discern if God might be calling us or someone we know to adopt. Adoption can be done in different ways: private, domestic or international, infant adoption through an adoption agency or attorney and adoption of children of any age through the foster care system. Have you ever considered adoption for your family? Is it possible God might be calling you to adopt? If you would like information on an adoption plan for your baby or becoming adoptive parents, contact Antje Harris, LSW, director of Catholic Adoption Services, at (501) 664-0340, ext. 347.

**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 Coordinators for the Diocese of Little Rock: Dr. George or Dr. Sherry Simon 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 usted está enterado de algún abuso o ha sido abusado por Clérigos, voluntarios o funcionarios de la Iglesia, por favor comuníquese a la Línea de Ayuda del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños al (800) 482-5964 y con el Canciller para Asuntos Canónicos, Diác. Matthew A. Glover (501) 664-0340, ext. 361. Para asistencia pastoral, por favor comuníquese con los: Coordinadores de Asistencia para Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock Dr. George Simon o Dra. Sherry Simon (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



**Church Operations for November**

Month-to-Date - \$ 123,971.54

Loan Balance - \$ 1,689,752.02

May God's "good hope" keep us strong in faith, ready and willing to "speed forward" with our faithful worship of God, in ministry of service to others. May He direct our hearts to love, as we demonstrate our commitment to our regular stewardship contributions.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 105,372.54	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 14,034.88	\$ 23,000

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, November 9**

5:00pm All Souls

**Sunday, November 10**

7:45am Parishioners/Feligrases

10:00am All Souls

11:45am Lucila Dominguez †

5:00pm George Rapple †

**Monday, November 11**

12:00pm Hector Garcia Jr.

**Tuesday, November 12**

5:30pm All Souls

**Wednesday, November 13**

12:00pm All Souls

**Thursday, November 14**

8:30am All Souls

**Friday, November 15**

12:00pm All Souls

**Saturday, November 16**

5:00pm All Souls

**Sunday, November 17**

7:45am All Souls

10:00am Jesus Mendez †

11:45am Parishioners/Feligrases

5:00pm Judy Warrior †

**Scripture Readings for 11/17/19**

Malachi 3:19-20a

Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

**This Week – 11/11/19 to 11/17/19**Mon: 12:00pm **MASS**Mon: 6:30-8:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Confirmation ClassTue: 5:30pm **MASS**

Tue: 6:00pm Choir Practice

Tue: 7:00pm Hora Santa – Español

Tue: 7:00pm Spanish Choir

Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**

Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary

Wed: 4:30-6:00pm CK Early Blue

Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE

Wed: 6:30-8:00pm CK Late Blue

Wed: 6:30-8:00pm LT Bible Study

Wed: 7:00pm RCIA

Thu: 8:30am **MASS**

Thu: 9:00am-5:00pm Eucharist Adoration

Thu: 9:30-11:30am Mujeres de Fe

Thu: 6:00pm First Reconciliation  
(2<sup>nd</sup> year First Communion prep only)

Thu: 6:30-8:00pm Amor y Respeto

Fri: 10:15-11:30am Women's Scripture

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**

Sat: 3:30-4:30pm Bilingual Reconciliation

Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**Sat: 5:30pm Knights of Columbus  
Spaghetti Fundraiser

Sat: 6:30pm Rosary Prayer Group

Sun: 7:45am **MASS**

Sun: 8:45-9:45am Catholic Kids

Sun: 8:45am SSBC Meeting

Sun: 10:00am **MASS**

Sun: 11:00am Sunday Social

Sun: 11:45am **MASS** - EspañolSun: 5:00pm **MASS**

Sun: 6:00-8:00pm LT - Life Night

November 16 – 17	Lector	EMC -Head Minister	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Bob Monfils	Philip Palmer	Janet Palmer Jill Saulsbery Carolyn Brophy Margie O'Grady Bruce Peterson	Ron Brophy Lori Terlouw Jon Terlouw Kim Dial Amy Fulmer Bryan Bacon	Steve Saulsbery Gary VanOverschelde Joseph Giovannucci	Joseph Giovannucci	Rachael Saulsbery Beverley Harrington Leacadia Harrington	Bruce Peterson
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Mike Fontana	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Kira O'Shaughnessy Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck	Gary Delperdang Gerry Whiting Robbie Estes Peggy Estes	Geri Oswald Len Oswald Greg Woodell		Karianne O'Shaughnessy Meghan Estes Jake Estes	Barb Hamernik
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Pam Willis Ted Brauburger	Theresa Brauburger	Claudia Garcia TJ LaPlant Charlotte Champagne Kathryn Gough Imelda Robinson	Michaelene Morgan Bonnie Kupillas Angela Mensah Thomas Ganey Brian Rabal Maxine Olson	Steve Harrington Daniel Cruz Bo Patterson		Gabriel Rocha Patrick Rocha Thomas Rocha	Kathryn Gough
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish Mass)</b>	Rosalba Ortiz Dulce Ortiz	Ivan Sanabria	Emilia Ortiz Eva Miramon Maria Elena Calderon	Beatriz Aguirre Carmen Sepulveda Mirna Serrano Olga Serrano	Jose Ortiz Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez		April Limon Brayan Miramon Angela Munoz Erick Chavez	Ivan Sanabria
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>		Bill Murphy	Terry Shepard Bekah Haught	Paul Krapf Joyce Hutchens	Rob Brothers		Andrew Brothers Jack Brothers Salvador Fernandes	Jolene Murphy