



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

December 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"THE VIRGIN WILL
conceive
and
GIVE BIRTH
to a
son,
AND THEY WILL
call him
IMMANUEL"
(which means "God with us").
MATTHEW 1:23, NIV



Weekday MASS

Monday Mass 12:00 PM
Thursday Mass 8:30 AM
Friday Mass 12:00 PM

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Tuesday Mass, December 24,
4:00pm and 6:00pm - English
Wednesday Mass, December 25,
10:00am - Bilingual

Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM - English
Sunday 11:45 AM – Spanish
Sunday 5:00 PM

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.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 12:00pm (5 days prior to
the publication date). Please email
articles to the receptionist office
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 booking a
reception site or setting a date.

RCIA

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

Infant Baptism

Offered once a month in English and
Spanish. Contact the parish office to
schedule. Baptism preparation required.
Parents must be registered members of
St. Stephen. **No baptisms in December.**

Pre-School Director

Cathy Townzen
preschool@ststephenbentonville.com
Office Hours: M–W–F
8:30am–12:30pm 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

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9th Grade – 12th Grade
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Parish Office will be closed Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 26. Please hold all calls for when we are back to normal office hours.

In order to accommodate the number of worshippers at Christmas, live simulcasting of the Mass will be provided in the Family Life Center for overflow crowd at the Vigil Mass for Christmas 4:00pm and 6:00pm. Also a temporary ramp will be installed for easier access to the extra parking on the grassy lot near "J" Street.

RCIA Calendar – Due to Christmas and New Year break, our next session will be on Wednesday, January 8, on Introduction to the Sacraments led by Msgr. Scott Marczuk. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm.

Ushers, We need Your Help – We are in need of one usher for the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. If you are a trained usher or would like to get trained, please contact the parish office at ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com or 479-273-1240. We appreciate your help!

2020 Calendars Are Here – Be sure to get your copy of the 2020 Calendar while we have them. They are located on the bulletin table as you exit the church.

Calendarios de 2020 Están Aquí – Asegúrese de obtener su copia del calendario mientras que los tenemos. Están en la mesa de los boletines al salir de la iglesia.

St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) Corner
Thank you for all your support to this year's SSBC Cookie Walk and Silent Auction this last weekend. As a parish, you donated over 7,200 cookies, that is 600 dozen. Between the cookies, silent auction & many other items, we raised over \$5,500. You helped over 30 neighbors in need with your generosity. Thanks once again and God Bless You!

Black Bag Collection – Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there. Through your gift to next weekend's Black Bag Collection, "Light" will have shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets & neighborhood.

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day - Mass Schedule:

December 24 – Christmas Pageant - 3:15pm
December 24 – Mass, 4:00pm - English
December 24 – Mass, 6:00pm - English
December 25 – Mass, 10:00am - Bilingual

Solemnity of Mary – New Year's Mass Schedule

December 31 – Mass, 5:30pm - English
January 1 – Mass, 10:00am – English
January 1 – Mass, 11:45am – Spanish

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.

"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 & Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as they searched for a room. We have been celebrating this tradition at St. Stephen for the past years and this year is no different. The Posadas start at 7:00pm now thru Monday, Dec. 23 in Spanish.

Fake Solicitation Going Around – Please be aware, there are impostors claiming to be priests contacting parishioners via email and text messages, trying to solicit money or gift cards. If you receive any suspicious emails or texts, or are ever unsure about the legitimacy of a message received, please call to report this information to the parish office.

Small Altar Linens – We need some help with ironing the linens from the church. Helping would require weekly stops at the church to pick up and return the linens, folded and ironed with starch. If you are interested, please call Bethany in the parish office (479)273-1240.

Pequeños Liensos del Altar – Necesitamos un poco de ayuda con el lavado de los liensos de la iglesia. La ayuda requiere paradas semanales en la iglesia, para recoger y devolver los liensos, doblado y planchado con almidón. Si usted está interesado, por favor llame a Bethany en la oficina parroquial (479)273-1240.

Messages from the Finance Council – Please consider the Parish's financial needs in your year-end giving plans. To assist with our growth, we hope you consider a year-end offering to either our building fund or stewardship accounts. You donate on the St. Stephen website or on the app simply follow the "Donate" sign or you may also donate at www.ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org. We are also prepared to handle donations of stock. It's almost a wrap! Remember, when you finish your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com, AmazonSmile donates to St. Stephen Catholic Church at no cost to you!

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

Un Mensaje del Consejo Financiero – Por favor considere las necesidades financieras de la parroquia en sus planes de fin del año. Para ayudar con el crecimiento de nuestra parroquia, esperamos que usted considere una oferta adicional este fin del año para nuestras cuentas de administración o fondos de construcción. Puede donar en línea en www.ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org, o siga el enlace "Donar" en el sitio web de St. Stephen o en la aplicación. También estamos preparados para manejar 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. Cuando compra para los días festivos en smile.amazon.com/ch/71-0339061, AmazonSmile dona a la Iglesia Católica de San Esteban?

Winter Weather Policy – With winter approaching we would like to remind you of our policy regarding the cancellation of programs, except for Mass times. We follow the Bentonville school district; if they cancel school, then we cancel our programs. This policy will also apply to the parish office; if Bentonville schools are closed, the parish office is closed. We will also post our cancellations on KNWA, KHOG 40/29, and KFSM.

St. Dymphna Society Support Group will not meet in December at St. John Center in Little Rock. The group is open to those struggling with mental illness and their families. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 28. Please contact Rebecca Cargile 501-664-0340, Ext. 355 with any questions.

Save the Date - 2020 St. Stephen Parish Mission:

Jesse Romero – Jesse Romero will conduct a Parish Mission at our parish on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, in English at 7:00 pm and on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Spanish. Jesse is a bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist, who is nationally acclaimed for his dynamic, upbeat Christ centered preaching. His 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. He was 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. Currently on virginmostpowerfulradio.org hosting "The Terry and Jesse Show," & "Jesus 911." Jesse is also 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 year 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."

Knights of Columbus (K of C) News – Your K of C wish all our St. Stephen Parishioners a Merry and Blessed Christmas - let's be sure to "Keep Christ in Christmas." The new 2020 year brings plenty of action with the return of the Chili Competition / Karaoke on January 25, two Lenten Fish Fries and our May Rummage Sale (begin stock piling treasures). Also, we'll sponsor several parish attic cleanings for sports balls, kids books, suitcases and medical equipment for our various donor organizations. If you are interested in becoming a Knight, please contact Josh Tinker (joshtinker62@yahoo.com) or Dan Reiff [dj13151@gmail.com](mailto:djr13151@gmail.com) - we'd love to have you.

St. Stephen Nursery has an opening for a part time Nursery Director. The qualifications for this position include: Experience with children, safe environment and CPR trained, and 21 years old or older. Pay is \$15/hour. Must be available evenings. If interested, please contact the parish at ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com.

St. Stephen Nursery will be closed for Christmas and New Year break until January 10.

La Guardería San Esteban estara cerrada por la temporara de Navidad y Ano Nuevo hasta el 10 de enero.

Clergy Welfare Fund Collection will be collected in all parishes on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. 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. Your contributions make retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity that they share with us.

Fondo para el Bienestar del Clero sera colectada en todas las misas en Nochebuena y Navidad. Este fondo provee beneficios de jubilación y cuidado de salud a los sacerdotes jubilados y enfermos en nuestra diócesis. Nuestros sacerdotes pasan cada día de su vida adulta como siervos humildes y devotos, haciendo el trabajo de Dios y sirviéndonos hasta que la edad o la enfermedad los llame. Sus contribuciones hacen la jubilación de nuestros sacerdotes posible. Por favor compartan con ellos la generosidad que ellos comparten con nosotros.

Reservé la fecha para la "Misión parroquial de San Esteban 2020: Jesse Romero" – Jesse Romero llevará a cabo una Misión parroquial aquí en nuestra parroquia San Esteban el lunes 17 de febrero, en Inglés a las 7:00 pm y el martes, 18 de febrero a las 7:00 pm en Español. Jesse es un católico laico bilingüe, aclamado a nivel nacional por su predicación dinámica y optimista centrada en Cristo. Él predicará el apostolado sobre "La evangelización de fuego." Durante años como alguacil en Los Angeles, California, Jesse experimentó el lado oscuro de la sociedad, a cual explica en su nuevo libro: "El diablo en la ciudad de ángeles: mis encuentros con lo diabólico". Jesse es un esposo, padre y abuelo, también fue tres veces campeón de boxeo de la Policía Mundial y dos veces campeón de Kickboxing de EE. UU. Tiene títulos en Teología de la Universidad Mount St. Mary's en Los Ángeles y la Universidad Franciscana en Steubenville, Ohio. Él ha estado en la radio católica durante más de 15 años y actualmente se encuentra en virginmostpowerfulradio.org presentando el show "The Terry and Jesse" y "Jesus 911." También es presentador en un programa de la red española "Enfamilia Radio" en Phoenix, Arizona. Ha predicado en más de 1,000 iglesias católicas, en los últimos años con energía y convicción. Él dice "Soy un tirador directo; Disparo directo al corazón. Tengo convicción, pasión y doy charlas directas, sin tonterías, sin vueltas, de cuello azul, centrado en la Biblia, el catolicismo marca de fuego del Espíritu Santo."

Mark Your Calendar – Saturday, January 18th at 5:00 p.m. will be the Communion at Vigil Mass followed by the procession of roses. One person born in each year since the legalization of abortion in 1973, will carry a rose to the altar. Each person represents over 900,000 people aborted in the year of their birth. This is a very moving ceremony to remember those who have died.

Sunday, January 19th at 2:00 pm is the NWA 5th Annual March for Life! In making a public stand for life, Pro-lifers will walk 2.5 miles from St. Raphael Church to Shiloh Square in downtown Springdale. A short rally will follow with Treese and John Muller providing music. Doug Sprouse, Mayor of Arkansas' first pro-life city of Springdale and Washington County Judge, Joseph Wood will be featured speakers. All are welcome! For more details visit www.nwarespectlife.org for any of the above two Masses.

Ozark Catholic Academy's Winter Wonderland Dance is scheduled for Friday, January 10th from 7:00pm-9:30pm in the St. Joseph Parish Hall, Tontitown. Dress attire is casual and cost to enter is \$5.00. Come and shake off the wintertime blues in exchange for you to join us for our Winter Wonderland Dance! All 7th and 8th graders are invited to come. Bring a friend for a night of fun, dancing, games, and refreshments.

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.

"The birth of Christ is the central event in the history of the earth — the very thing the whole story has been about."
– C. S. Lewis

Church Operations for December

Month-to-Date - \$ 64,055.12
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,661,630.83

As Joseph took Mary into his home, may we, grateful stewards of God's many blessings, follow Joseph's example and generously welcome the Christ Child and His Mother into our homes.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 77,439.42	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 13,935.26	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 21

5:00pm John Ratski †

4th Sunday of Advent, December 22

7:45am Msgr. James Mancini †

10:00am Scripture Sisters

11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00pm Richard Hurtig †

Monday, December 23

12:00pm Frances Davis †

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00pm Roxanne Santini

6:00pm Parishioners/Feligreses

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:00am Alberto Flores

Thursday, December 26

8:30am Nhu Maria Bui †

Friday, December 27

12:00pm Damian †

Saturday, December 28

5:00pm John Ratski †

Sunday, December 29

7:45am Mary Katherine Youll †

10:00am Reparation for Fayetteville

Planned Parenthood

11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00pm Charles E. Harper Jr. †



**A SEASON
of JOY**

Scripture Readings for 12/29/19

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Colossians 3:12-21, or 3:12-17

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

This Week – 12/23/19 to 12/29/19

Mon: 12:00pm **MASS**

Mon: NO Confirmation Class

Mon: 7:00pm Posadas

Tue: Parish Closed

Tue: 3:15pm Christmas Pageant

Tue: 4:00pm **MASS - English**

Christmas Eve - Children's

Tue: 6:00pm **MASS - English**

Christmas Eve

Wed: Parish Office Closed

Wed: 10:00am **MASS - Bilingual**

Christmas Day

Wed: No Classes

Thu: Parish Office Closed

Thu: 8:30am **MASS**

Thu: 9:00am-9:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**

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

Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sun: 7:45am **MASS**

Sun: NO Classes – Christmas Break

Sun: 10:00am **MASS**

Sun: 11:45am **MASS - Español**

Sun: 5:00pm **MASS**

Sun: 6:00-8:00pm LT – NO Life Night



December 28 - 29	Lector	EMC -Head Minister	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bob Monfils	Mark Jechura	Jill Saulsbery Michaelene Morgan Kim Monfils	Kim Dial Joyce Moppin Margie Story Bryan Bacon	Todd Albert Gary VanOverschelde Steve Saulsbery	Mark Jechura	Beverley Harrington Leacadia Harrington Rachael Saulsbery	Mark Jechura
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Mike Fontana	Bruce Peterson	Maggie Peterson Robbie Estes Peggy Estes	Elizabeth Costantini Gerry Whiting Lance Crider Susan Eagleson	Fred Costantini Gabriel Costantini Greg Woodell		Dhane Boskus Zack Kublanov Max Kublanov	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Mary Pablo Paul Prebil	Theresa Brauburger	Nancy Verlage Pamm Prebil Pam Willis Steve Harrington Charlotte Champagne	TJ LaPlant Claudia Garcia Angela Mensah Bonnie Kupillas Patricia LaChance Ted Brauburger	Jeff Maas Ken Butler Bo Patterson		Peter Kreuter Moorea Swango Melelea Swango	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish Mass)	Fernando Barbosa Marta Hernandez	Mirna Serrano	Fernando Perez Carmen Sepulveda Beatriz Aguirre	Eva Miramon Emilia Ortiz Olga Serrano Crimilda Viera	J. Concepcion Serrano Julian Serrano Erika Gomez		Isaac Barbosa Brayan Miramon Erick Chavez April Limon	Crimilda Viera
Sunday, 5:00 PM		Bill Murphy	Melissa Godoy Michelle Evans	Catherine Garner Bekah Haught	Rob Brothers		Andrew Brothers Jack Brothers Hunter Sonnentag	Jolene Murphy