



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

February 16, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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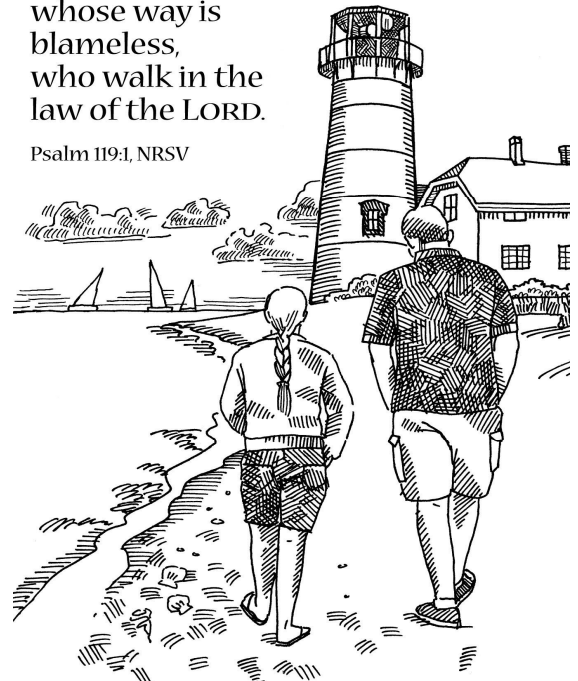
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Happy are those
whose way is
blameless,
who walk in the
law of the LORD.

Psalms 119:1, 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 - 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.

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**

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.

Pre-School Director

Cathy Townzen

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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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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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9th Grade – 12th Grade

Facebook: Life Teen Bentonville

RCIA Calendar – Our next session will be Wednesday, February 19, Liturgical Seasons 2 led by Bruce Peterson. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm.

Ash Wednesday and Ash Services, February 26

This year we will have an ash service (NO MASS) at 6:30am in English. We will also have three Masses with the distribution of ashes scheduled for Noon and 5:30pm in English and 7:30pm in Spanish.

Palm Fronds Collection – Are you wondering what to do with last year's palm fronds? We are currently collecting last year palms until Friday, February 21. They will be burnt for use in this year's Ash Wednesday services on February 26.

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

- February 28, 5:30pm - hosted by EDGE with Fish Fry
- March 6, 5:30pm - hosted by Catholic Kids with dinner
- March 13, 5:30pm - hosted by Life Teen with Lentertaining Dinner
- March 20, 5:30pm - hosted by IMPACT with Fish Fry
- March 27, 5:30pm - hosted by Msgr. Scott
- April 3, 5:30pm - hosted by Women's Scripture Study with dinner

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.

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 3, 6:30pm – St. Joseph, Tontitown
- Tues., March 10, 7pm – St. Mary's, Siloam Springs
- Wed., March 11, 5pm - St. Anne, Berryville
- Thur., March 12, 7pm – St. Stephen, Bentonville
- Tues., March 24, 7pm – St. Joseph, Fayetteville
- Thur., March 26, 6:30pm – St. Vincent, Rogers
- Tues., March 31, 11:45am – St. Bernard, Bella Vista
- Tues., March 31, 5pm - St. Raphael, Springdale
- Thur., April 2, 6:30pm – St. Thomas UofA, Fayetteville

Ash Wednesday Collection will be on February 26, this collection will directly fund priests, nuns and others in ministry in our diocese who serve in parishes and communities that by themselves would be unable to cover their costs. One hundred percent of every dollar given to this collection is used to support missionary work that reaches out and serve Catholics in our own diocese. Please be as generous as you can when you give so that the great gift of our faith can be nourished among our Catholic brothers and sisters in all parts of our state.

Miércoles de Ceniza se llevara a cabo el 26 de febrero, esta colecta financiará directamente a sacerdotes y religiosas en nuestra diócesis que sirven en parroquias y comunidades que solas no podrían cubrir su costo. Cien por ciento de cada dólar que dan a esta colecta se utiliza para apoyar a las hermanas y sacerdotes misioneros, así como ellos, quienes tienden la mano y sirven a los católicos en nuestra propia diócesis. Por favor sean tan generosos como puedan cuando den su ofrenda para que el gran don de nuestra fe pueda alimentarse entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos católicos en todas partes de nuestro estado.

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 9-12). Let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter **before Monday, March 16** by via email ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com or calling the church office at (479) 273-1240. 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 26 at 2:00pm, or Confirmation Mass, Saturday, May 2 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.

Mardi Gras is next Saturday, February 22, in the Family Life Center from 6-9 PM. There will be Cajun food, dancing, carnival for the kids & more. For questions please contact Kate Pantier at katepantier@gmail.com or 501-258-8303. Purchase your tickets after Mass, at the door or online: <https://ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/MardiGrasParty>.

Calling all Catholic Foster and Adoptive Families

If you are a current or former foster and adoptive family, there is a new ministry "Holy Family Foster and Adoption Support Ministry" especially for you! They are a newly created ministry to support Catholic Families in Northwest Arkansas who have or are in the fostering and/or adoption process. They are working on ways to support your families. They would love to hear from you please email and let them know who you are & your needs (childcare, meals, support group, etc.) at fostersupportministry@svdprogers.com!

Knights of Columbus (K of C) will host their highly acclaimed fish fry on the first Friday of Lent, February 28, immediately following the Stations of the Cross. All you can eat fish, fries, etc. Adults \$10, kids \$5, family max \$35.

St. Stephen Knights Lenten Opportunity –

Each Thursday during Lent (starting Feb 27th), the Knights will lead the rosary in the Chapel at 5:00 PM. Please come join them and bring the whole family! The family who prays together stays together. Prayer to our Blessed Mother is most powerful and a strong pillar for family prayer life. Please also consider a visit to the Adoration Chapel before or after the Rosary. If you wish to lead a rosary let Dan Reiff bentonvillekofc@gmail.com or Jacob Winkel jacob@bhhsolutionsre.com.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal 2020 (CASA) – If you took your pledge card home please be sure to bring it back in the pre-paid envelope and place it in the collection basket. Your generous response is appreciated and your money will be administered wisely.

Campaña 2020 de Católica de Arkansas a Compartir (CASA) – Si se llevo a casa su tarjeta de promesa de donativo por favor asegúrese de traerla de regreso en el sobre pre-pagado y coloquelo en la canasta de colecta. Se aprecia su generosa respuesta y su dinero será administrado prudentemente.

Holy Spirit, please quiet my heart of all distractions so I can give you my full attention.

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: Good Friday is a day 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 ages 18-59.

El Ayuno y la Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma –

Como la Iglesia instruye la práctica es un buen comienzo. Una forma corporal a recordarnos a nosotros mismos que necesitamos a Dios sobre todas las cosas, el ayuno es también un sacrificio, un regalo para Dios de nuestro corazón a depender más completamente en Él. El libre deseo interior profundizara nuestra relación con Dios es la esencia de un ayuno de Cuaresma. La siguiente es una pregunta/respuesta para ayudarlo:

P: ¿Cuál es la regla sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia?

R: Viernes Santo es día de ayuno y abstinencia. La ley de ayuno permite una comida completa y dos pequeños. La ley de la abstinencia prohíbe el consumo de carne. Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia en los Estados Unidos. La obligación de la abstinencia comienza a la edad de 14 años. La ley del ayuno obliga a todos entre las edades de 18-59.

2020 St. Stephen Parish Pre-Lenten Mission – Jesse Romero will conduct a Parish Mission at our parish on Monday, Feb. 17 in English at 7:00 pm and on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7:00 pm in Spanish. Jesse is a 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." The two topics he will be discussing are 1) The Power of Prayer: Discern the difference between the three forms of prayer. You will also learn the three ways God answers your prayers. 2) How to get to Heaven: Learn the most important points of how to live in an intimate relationship with God. This keeps you protected from the devil and guarantee you get to heaven and be Holy!

Antes de Cuaresma Misión parroquial de San Esteban

2020 – Jesse Romero llevará a cabo una Misión parroquial aquí en la parroquia San Esteban el lunes, 17 de febrero, en Inglés a las 7:00pm y martes, 18 de febrero a las 7:00pm en Español. Jesse es un católico laico bilingüe, aclamado a nivel nacional por su predicación dinámica y optimista centrada en Cristo. El predicará el apostolado sobre "La evangelización de fuego." Durante años como alguacil en Los Angeles, CA, 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." Las dos temas que Jesse discutirá son: 1) El poder de Oración: Aquí van a escuchar la diferencia entre las tres formas de oración. También aprenderás las tres maneras en que Dios contesta tus oraciones. 2) Como llegar al Cielo: Van a escuchar 12 puntos de cómo vivir en relación íntima con Dios. Esto te mantiene protegido del diablo y te garantiza llegar al cielo y ser Santo!

Magnificat Meal – Ladies, join St. Joseph's in Conway for the next Magnificat Meal on Saturday, March 14 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Magnificat is a Catholic woman-to-woman ministry. The speaker will be Patti Drake, co-founder of Miracles for Mary, Inc. a foundation that helps families coping with traumatic brain injury. She will share how she and her family experienced God's Love during difficult moments in their lives. For information and to purchase tickets visit www.sjparish.org/magnificat.

Arkansas Catholic is running a photo contest to choose for the cover of the 2021 diocesan directory. Any Arkansas photographer 18 years old or older, professional or amateur, may enter their photo of a Catholic Church or institution. March 6 is the deadline to enter the contest. For an official entry form and complete rules visit www.arkansas-catholic.org. For more information, call Emily Roberts at (501) 664-0125. Caroline A. Brodell photo was featured on the cover of the 2020 directory with a photo of the 1933 Sacred Heart of Jesus statue in front of the new Blessed Sacrament Church in Jonesboro.

NWA Catholic Respect Life is pleased to welcome Natalie Rodden, M.D., who will be giving a presentation on Palliative Care & Symptom Management in Palliative Care. Dr. Rodden will be continuing to Little Rock on Saturday, March 21st where Arkansas Right to Life will host a symposium from 10:00am-3:00pm on End of Life issues. The conference is on Friday, March 20th from 12:30-1:30pm or 5:30-6:30pm in the Mercy Hospital Auditorium next to the chapel.

Palliative Care is specialized medical care for people living with a serious illness. This type of care is focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of the illness. The goal is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family.

Help Our Marriage – Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. The retreat is a peer ministry of volunteer couples who can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. It is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but open to all faiths and non-religious couples. For information on this retreat for February 21-23 at St. John Center in Little Rock contact Mike and Carole Glancy at 800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This week, our special collection supports the churches in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccce.

Apoya a la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental – Esta semana nuestra colecta especial apoya a la Iglesias en Europa Central y Oriental. Sus contribuciones de hoy ayudan a restaurar la Iglesia y a construir el futuro en más de 20 países que siguen luchando para recuperarse del régimen comunista. Los fondos de esta colecta ayudan financiando la reconstrucción, la educación, la formación y los programas de extensión dirigido a los pobres. Por favor, sean generosos en la colecta de hoy. Para más información, por favor, visiten www.usccb.org/ccce.

Church Operations for February

Month-to-Date - \$ 49,590.22

Loan Balance - \$ 1,647,502.78

Blessed are those servants who follow the law of the Lord and choose good over evil, life over death, returning to God a portion of all that He has given to us.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 47,980.52	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 11,226.60	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, February 15**

5:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †

Sunday, February 16

7:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00am Scripture Sisters

11:45am Refugio Trujillo †

5:00pm Margaret Rose O'Donnell †

Monday, February 17

12:00pm Alexandra Espinosa

Tuesday, February 18

5:30pm Tina Mattis

Wednesday, February 19

12:00pm Tina Mattis

Thursday, February 20

8:30am Tina Mattis

Friday, February 21

12:00pm Special Intention

Saturday, February 22

5:00pm Russel Yoho Jr. †

Sunday, February 23

7:45am All Lonely Souls

10:00am Alicia & Juan Mendez

11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00pm Guerca Family

**Scripture Readings for 02/23/20**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

This Week – 02/17/20 to 02/23/20Mon: 12:00pm **MASS**Mon: 6:30-8:00pm 1st Year Confirmation

Mon: 7:00pm Presentation on the Power of Prayer and How to get to Heaven by Jesse Romero

Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**

Tue: 6:00pm Choir Practice

Tue: 7:00pm Presentacion en El Poder de la Oracion y Como Llegar al Cielo por Jesus Romero

Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**

Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary

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

Wed: 6:00-8:00pm EDGE

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

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

Wed: 7:00pm RCIA Rehearsal

Thu: 8:30am **MASS**

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

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

Thu: 7:00pm Practicá de Coro

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

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS**

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

Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**

Sat: 6:00pm Mardi Gras Carnival

Sun: 7:45am **MASS**

Sun: 8:45am NO CK Class

Sun: 10:00am **MASS - Rite of Sending**Sun: 11:45am **MASS - Español**Sun: 5:00pm **MASS**

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

February 22 - 23	Lector	EMC -Head Minister	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Kim Monfils	Bob Monfils Margie O'Grady Amy Fulmer Ron Brophy Carolyn Brophy	Kim Dial Susan McDaniel Michaelene Morgan Joyce Moppin	Lori Terlouw Jon Terlouw Gary VanOverschelde	Kim Monfils	Emily Stockand Gabrielle Stockand Helena Bacon	Amy Fulmer
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Pat Moberley	Mark Jechura	Maggie Peterson Bruce Peterson Susan Eagleson	Kira O'Shaughnessy Chris O'Shaughnessy Gary Kleck Brenda Kleck	Geri Oswald Len Oswald Karen Howard		Karianne O'Shaughnessy Zack Kublanov Max Kublanov	Barb Hamernik
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Pam Willis Ted Brauburger	Theresa Brauburger	Nancy Verlage Thomas Ganey Greg Brandenburg Angela Mensah Brian Rabal	Bonnie Kupillas Ann Watson Rose Hartnett Joe Hartnett Paul Krapf Maxine Olson	Steve Harrington Bo Patterson Ken Butler		Tristen Watson Jack Corey Anna Watson	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish Mass)	Teresita Perez Sandra Valdes	Ivan Sanabria	Raquel Perez Fernando Perez Eva Miramon	Maria Elena Calderon Beatriz Aguirre Carmen Sepulveda Ricardo Almaraz	Maria Rocio Cervantes Martha Mendoza Bertha Valdez		Brayan Miramon Angela Munoz Diego Flores	Ivan Sanabria
Sunday, 5:00 PM		Cary Richard	Sub Needed Lisa Richard	Lisa Juan Katie Morris	Joe Poe		Ryder Johnson Hayden Poe Peter Kreuter	Cary Richard