

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

March 1, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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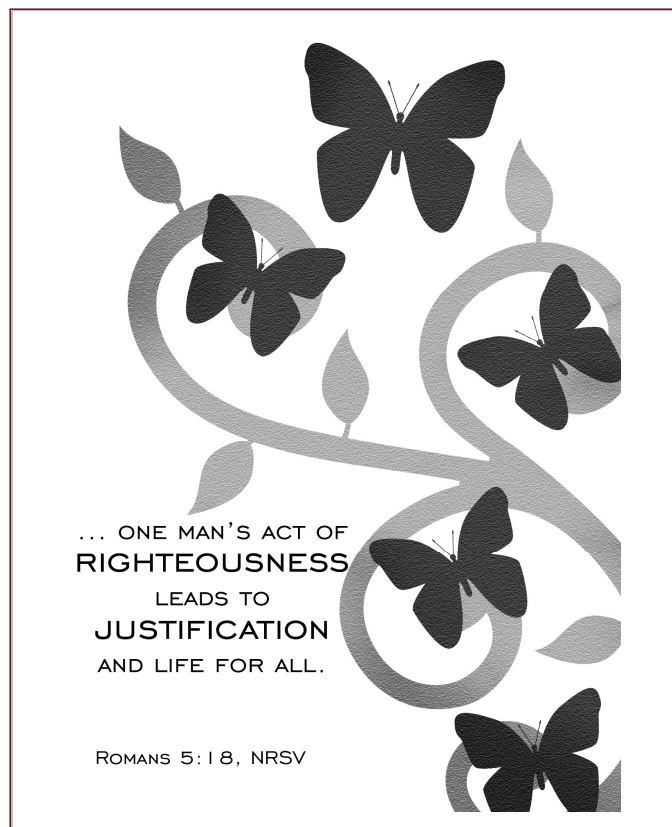
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Lenten Mass (In the Chapel)

Monday Mass 8:30 AM

Tuesday Mass 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM

Wednesday Mass 12:00 PM

Thursday Mass 8:30 AM & 12:00 PM

Friday Mass 12:00 PM

Saturday Mass 9:00 AM

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 3:30–4:30 PM

30 minutes before each Weekday Mass

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

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 12:00 PM (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

preschool@ststephenbentonville.com

Office Hours: M–W–F

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM 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

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Pre-K – 6th Grade

Catholic Kids Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker

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Pre-K – 4th Grade

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Edge: 7th & 8th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen Youth

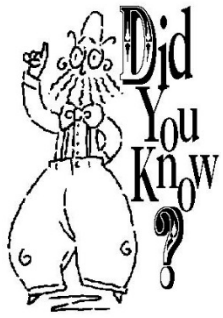
Jessica Petter

lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com

9th Grade – 12th Grade

Facebook: Life Teen Bentonville

Daylight Savings Time – Daylight Savings begins Sunday, March 8 at 2:00am. Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour.



It takes between 14 to 19 volunteers to make each Mass happen? Becoming a minister, lector, or usher is something that is a minimal time commitment on your part but makes such a difference to our church. Each quarter, before the schedule comes out, the parish office sends out an email asking each volunteer when they are available.

Maybe you're hesitant to volunteer because you have small children or

you travel or you have an unpredictable work schedule. You can still consider volunteering. As a head minister, we are often looking for subs. Telling the head minister when you arrive at church that you are available serves a great need.

All volunteers must be at least 16 years of age; have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and if married, be validly married within the Catholic Church.

Lector and Usher training is March 2nd at 6:00pm, and training for Ministers of Communion is March 9th at 6:00pm. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. Call or email the parish office to register for a training session.

Hard Hat Collection Weekend – This weekend, March 7/8 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 7 y 8 de marzo 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.

Save the Date – The 3rd Annual Wine Social will be April 18th, from 6:00-9:00pm! Cost is \$20 a person, must be over 21 to attend. Watch the bulletin for information on ticket sales. Join us for a night of wine, food & fellowship.

RCIA Calendar – The next session will be Wednesday, March 4 on Introduction to Morality and Conscience led by Msgr. Marcuk. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm.

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.

Welcome Father Daniel Brandenburg – Father Daniel is associated with the Legionaries of Christ where he was ordained as a priest in December 2007. He has spent most of his Vocation time in the United States and Canada promoting Vocations in the Church. Fr. Daniel is a survivor of a heart attack, acute kidney failure, multiple myeloma cancer and a bone marrow transplant. Father Daniel will be here to celebrate Mass this Sunday, March 1 at 5:00pm. All are welcomed to attend.

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

- March 6, 5:30pm - hosted by Catholic Kids with dinner
- March 13, 5:30pm - hosted by Life Teen with 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

El Vía Crucis 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 llevara a cabo el domingo 29 de marzo a la 1:00pm después de la Misa en Español y el miercoles, 18 de marzo a las 7:00pm en Inglés. La obra será realizada por los niños de nuestra parroquia en el Centro de Vida Familiar.

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

Social Media Coordinator – If you need help promoting your church-related events or have ideas on ways to help promote the church. Ideas & suggestions are appreciated, no event or program is too small to be promoted! Please reach out to our new Social Media Coordinator, Elizabeth Ganey, marketing@ststephenbentonville.com.

Life Teen is hosting a LENT-Ertaining scholarship fundraiser dinner following their presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 13th from 5:30 – 7:00 in the Family Life Center. Join us for an Italian feast while being entertained by our Life Teen students. Cost is \$8 per person, with a capped cost of \$40 per family. All proceeds benefit students through scholarship within our youth group including the National March for Life in DC, Steubenville, and Leadership Conference. Your support is much appreciated!

The St. Stephen College Scholarship Application for high school seniors through Life Teen is now open and is only available digitally this year. You must apply online: <http://bit.ly/LTgradapp2020>. The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 1st and no late submissions will be accepted. Scholarships are judged based on participation in our parish Life Teen program, financial need, and other merits. Included in the application is the RSVP for Grad Night (May 3rd) when the scholarships will be presented. If you have any questions, contact Jessica lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com.

Finance Council News – Due to your generosity, St. Stephen has been able to send another \$202,601.10 to the Diocese of Little Rock for the principal reduction of our loan. The loan balance is now \$1,430,080.82. Our monthly payment remains at \$19,439.73. Your continued generosity as we work to reduce our debt is greatly appreciated.

St. Stephen Knights of Columbus Lenten Opportunity

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. If you wish to lead a rosary contact Dan Reiff bentonvillekofc@gmail.com or Jacob Winkel jacob@bhhssolutionsre.com.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every Thursday from 9am to 9pm. We need adorers who would like to commit One Hour every Thursday for a period of three months. Our goal is to have a permanent and continuing Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at least one day a week. We have the time slots available. Visitors and guests are welcome from 9:00am-4:00pm by entering through the main doors. To be a Guardian Angel of this ministry (as a registered Adorer) call the parish office 479-273-1240 or email AKrus@ststephenbentonville.com to receive training. Adorers are needed who would like to commit One Hour every Thursday.

Softball Season is here! If you are interested in joining the St. Stephen Archangels softball teams, please contact Bryan Bacon by calling or texting 479-381-6186 or email bcbacon01@gmail.com. They play in both the Rogers Men's Church and Coed Open Leagues. Games start the week of April 13th, more details will be sent to those who express interest. Go Team!

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 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 profundizará nuestra relación con Dios es la esencia de un ayuno de Cuaresma. 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.

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. For more information, call Emily Roberts at (501) 664-0125 or for an official entry form and complete rules visit www.arkansas-catholic.org. Caroline A. Brodell photo was on the cover of the directory with the 1933 Sacred Heart of Jesus statue.

Catholic Kids Paper Drive – It's that time of year again for the Catholic Kids to collect paper products for the needy. All classes (Preschool through 4th grade) will be competing against one another to see who can collect the most items before Easter. The grade who donates the most will get a Pizza/Donut party in April. All items go to our own SSBC Food Pantry. Look for the handout that lists what each age should bring. Let's take this opportunity to teach our kids compassion for others.



Time to pick up your Rice Bowls – Join our faith community and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger, how it affects our human family and learn about the challenges faced by families around the world. Rice bowls will be available in the Narthex on Ash Wednesday. Seventy-five percent of every donation goes to CRS program in targeted countries worldwide while twenty-five percent remains in our diocese from which the donation came, supporting initiatives that help alleviate poverty. To learn more visit orb.crs.org.

Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA) is introducing a new tuition rate that rewards continuous Catholic school education starting with the 2020-21 school year. To learn more, visit www.ozarkcatholic.org and click on the Continuing Catholic Education logo on the homepage. If you have any questions email CCE@ozarkcatholic.org.

NWA Catholic Respect Life – Dr. Natalie Rodden, M.D. a Palliative Care physician at St. Anthony Hospital in Westminster, CO will have 2 conferences at 12:30-1:30pm and 5:30-6:30pm on Friday, March 20th, at Mercy Hospital Auditorium in Rogers on "Palliative Care is Intensive Caring: Providing Relief for Serious Illness." Palliative Care is specialized medical care for people living with a serious illness. This type of care focuses on upholding the dignity of the person while providing relief from the symptoms and stress of the illness. Admission is free but donations are appreciated. For information please contact Sheila at nwarespectlifecouncil@gmail.com or 469-231-1959.

Magnificat Meal will be on Saturday, March 14 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Joseph's in Conway. Magnificat is a Catholic woman-to-woman ministry. The speaker, 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.

Summer Intern - College students are invited to apply for Arkansas Catholic's summer internship an unpaid position but college credit is possible, deadline is April 24. The applicants must be Catholic, at least 18 years old and working on a degree in English, seeking a career in a communications field or journalism To apply, call (501) 664-0125, text to (501) 554-9595 or mhargett@dolr.org.

40 Days for Life – We praise and thank God, Planned Parenthood abortion center has not found another location in NWA. Once again we join prayer warriors in Tulsa, Little Rock and individual prayer groups specifically praying for life (two such groups are STILL meeting from the last vigil! Thursday, 9:00 a.m. in Springdale and Friday, 11:15 a.m. in Fayetteville).

Church Operations for February

Month-to-Date - \$ 112,571.84

Loan Balance - \$ 1,430,080.82

May we be protected from temptations so that, with open eyes, we may see how to properly use all material things in the service of God and others.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 95,624.28	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 21,440.15	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, February 29**

5:00pm Grace Elizabeth Ameigh †

Sunday, March 1

7:45am Guerca Family

10:00am Msgr. John O'Donnell †

11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00pm Maria Nhu Bui & Peter Thong Le †

Monday, March 2

12:00pm Leah McCalmon

Tuesday, March 3

12:00pm Sally Crenshaw †

5:30pm Dick & Mary Kelley

Wednesday, March 4

12:00pm Jim Corbell

Thursday, March 5

8:30am Jim Corbell

12:00pm Robert Swaim

Friday, March 6

12:00pm Jim Corbell

Saturday, March 7

9:00am Guerca Family

5:00pm Margaret Harbert †

Sunday, March 8

7:45am Bui / Le Ancestors

10:00am Scripture Sisters

11:45am Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00pm Special Intention

**Scripture Readings for 03/01/20**

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Matthew 4:1-11

This Week – 03/02/20 to 03/08/20Mon: 12:00pm **MASS**Mon: 6:30-8:00pm 1st Year ConfirmationTue: 12:00pm **MASS**Tue: 5:30pm **MASS**

Tue: 6:00pm Choir Practice

Tue: 7:00pm Practica de Coro

Wed: 12:00pm **MASS**

Wed: 12:30pm Legion of Mary

Wed: 6:00-8:00pm IMPACT

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

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

Wed: 7:00pm RCIA

Thu: 8:30am **MASS**

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

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

Thu: 12:00pm **MASS**

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

No Meat Friday

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

Fri: 12:00pm **MASS – First Friday**Fri: 5:30pm Stations of the Cross & Dinner
hosted by Catholic Kids

Fri: 7:00pm Estaciones de la Cruz

Sat: 9:00am **MASS**

Sat: 9:00am-12:00pm Called & Gifted – Sp.

Sat: 9:30am-12:00pm Quinceanera Retreat

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

Sat: 5:00pm **MASS**

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sun: 7:45am **MASS**

Sun: 8:45am CK Class

Sun: 10:00am **MASS – Children's**Sun: 11:45am **MASS - Español**Sun: 5:00pm **MASS**

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

March 7-8	Lector	EMC -Head Minister	EMC - Host	EMC - Cup	Usher	Lock-Up	Altar Server	Sacristan
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bob Monfils	Mark Jechura	Kim Monfils Maggie Peterson Margie O'Grady Carolyn Brophy Kim Dial	Ron Brophy Amy Fulmer Bruce Peterson Susan McDaniel Jill Saulsbery Joyce Moppin	Gary VanOverschelde Lori Terlouw Jon Terlouw	Kim Monfils	Emily Stockand Gabrielle Stockand Rachael Saulsbery	Kim Monfils
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Mike Fontana	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Amanda Cantu Brenda Kleck Gary Kleck	Karen Howard Theresa Gaffigan Kira O'Shaughnessy Susan Eagleson	Brian Swisher Michael Swisher Greg Woodell		Jack Coco Zack Kublanov Max Kublanov	Amanda Cantu
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Children's Mass	Ted Brauburger	Angela Mensah Patricia LaChance TJ LaPlant Pam Willis Pamm Prebil	Ann Watson Theresa Brauburger Michaelene Morgan Bonnie Kupillas Steve Harrington Maxine Olson	Bo Patterson Rusty Adams Daniel Cruz		Tristen Watson Jack Corey Anna Watson	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish)	Dolores Pena Marta Hernandez	Mirna Serrano	Eva Miramon Fernando Perez Olga Serrano	Julian Serrano Ricardo Almaraz Crimilda Viera Raquel Perez	Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez Maria Rocio Cervantes		Marta Lizbeth Hernandez Brayan Miramon Angela Munoz Diego Flores	Crimilda Viera
Sunday, 5:00 PM		Cary Richard	Bryan Bacon Bekah Haught	Joyce Hutchens Rob Brothers	Juan Carlos Segura		Andrew Brothers Lulu Segura Helena Bacon	Bryan Bacon