



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

July 26, 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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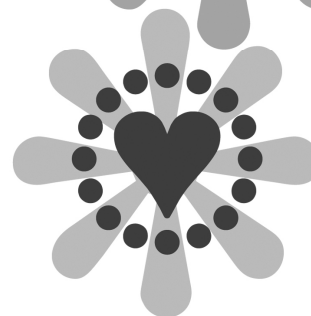
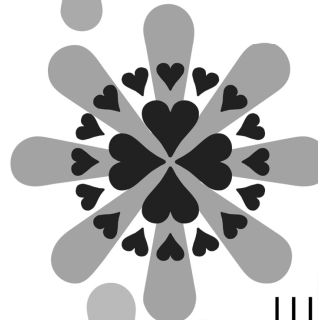
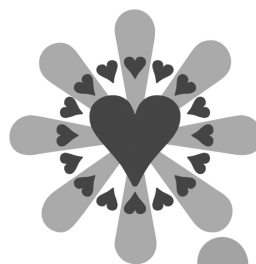
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And God,
who searches
the
heart,
knows
what is the
mind of
the Spirit...

ROMANS 8:27, NRSV

Temporary Weekday MASS

Monday - Friday 12:00 PM - English

Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM

Sunday 11:45 AM – Spanish

Sunday 5:00 PM

Reconciliation/Reconciliación

Saturday / sábado - Bilingual/Bilingüe
3:00 - 4:00 PM

Monday – Friday / miércoles - viernes
11:30 - 11:55am

Adoration Times / Horario de Adoración

Monday – Thursday / lunes – jueves
9:00am – 11:30am & 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Friday / viernes 9:00am – 11:30am

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 12:00 PM (5 days prior to the publication date). Email articles to 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 parish at least 9 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:

Mass Time (Spanish Only)

Saturday Mass 6:00 PM

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

EDGE/Confirmation Director

Chris Teague

edge@ststephenbentonville.com

Edge: 7th & 8th Grade

confirmation@ststephenbentonville.com

Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com

9th Grade – 12th Grade

Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

****Last 2:00pm Sunday Mass this Weekend** – During COVID-19 when the church resumed public Masses, we added the Sunday 2:00pm Mass on temporary basis without music, attendance has varied from 60 to 35 people. Due to low attendance, this Mass will be discontinued at the end of July. We have an overflow section in the Family Life Center which is still not being used during phase 2; so there is plenty of space available, and the other Masses are being live streamed in the space.

Hard Hat Collection Next Weekend – There will be a Hard Hat collection today to go toward paying the loan we received from the Diocese for church repairs. As the hard hats will not be passed around, please place your donation in the regular collection basket. Our goal is to collect \$19,440 each month to cover the loan payment. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Colecta Casco el Proximo Fin de Semana – Hoy habrá una colecta de Casco para pagar el préstamo que recibimos de la Diócesis para las reparaciones de la iglesia. Como no se pasarán los cascos, coloque su donación en la canasta de colecta regular. Nuestro objetivo es recaudar \$ 19,440 cada mes para cubrir el pago del préstamo. Gracias por su consideración en oración.

Masks for Masses – Thank you all for the overwhelming response to this program which helps to support SSBC Neighbors in Need. Now that face masks are readily available, we will discontinue providing masks in the Narthex effective July 31. Wearing a mask is still required to attend Mass. Again, we appreciate your support.

Church Guidelines – Bishop Taylor's dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect. Both an English and a Spanish Mass will be Live Streamed on Sunday. Please abide by the following:

- Please stay home, if you do not feel well or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- A mask is required for all individuals 10 years of age and up.
- Please make sure to use hand sanitizer prior to entering the church. If possible, please supply your own.
- Remember to keep physical distance of 6 feet while entering the church, sitting in the pews, in line for communion and when exiting the church.
- Families may sit together.
- Procedures for taking communion will be explained prior to and during the Mass.

Your full cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Directivos de La Iglesia – La dispensa del obispo Taylor de la obligación de la misa dominical sigue vigente. Tanto una misa en inglés como en español se transmitirá en vivo el domingo. Por favor, siga lo siguiente:

- Por favor, quédese en casa si no se siente bien o ha estado expuesto a COVID-19.
- Se requiere una máscara para todas las personas de 10 años y mayor.
- Use desinfectante para manos antes de entrar a la iglesia. Si es posible, proporcione el suyo.
- Recuerde mantener una distancia física de 6 pies entrando a la iglesia, mientras se sienta en las bancas, cuando hace fila para la comunión y a la salida.
- Las familias pueden sentarse juntas.
- Los procedimientos para la comunión se explicarán antes y durante la Misa.

Su cooperación será muy apreciada.

RCIA Registration Begins – We welcome all who are interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith to register for our Rite of Christian Initiation classes. RCIA officially begins Wednesday, August 26. We always begin with what is called time of Inquiry. The Inquiry period is a time for individuals seeking information and guidance into the rites, doctrines and sacraments that are intricate parts of the Catholic religion. We welcome all who would like to journey with us this fall by calling the parish office at ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com or call 273-1240. Our schedule follows the school calendar. We will meet every Wednesday except for Thanksgiving week, Christmas and Spring Break. Schedules with topics will be furnished along with easy to read materials for weekly discussion. All are welcome.

Life Teen News – Hello! Have you been looking for a way to be involved in the parish, or help mentor the young church? Have you been curious about how to get involved in the awesome work of leading teens closer to Christ, and growing your faith at the same time? Look no further! Life Teen is in need of a few new friends to join our Core Team. We meet weekly to work with teenagers, and monthly to grow in faith together as adults. Last year we had 13 amazing adults leading teens closer to Christ, and are looking to add a few more to our team! If God has been putting service into your heart, perhaps it is in leading young people closer to HIS heart. Almost everything in our world has changed, but faith, relationship, encounter, and discipleship have not. Holiness, and leading others to Jesus cannot be cancelled! Will you pray about joining us in leading teens closer to Christ? For more information email lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com.

Registration for Fall Classes – Religious Education Classes for kids/youth 4yrs through the 12th grade is now open for the 2020-2021 year. Look for the forms at ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/ReligiousEducation. Please also consider volunteering as a co-teacher or small group leader and religious fees will be waived.

Inscripción para las clases de Educación Religiosa
Las clases de educación religiosa para niños/jóvenes de 4 años hasta grado 12 comenzaron para el año 2020-2021. Busque los formularios en línea solo visite www.ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/ReligiousEducation. Por favor considere también ser voluntariado como co-maestro o pequeño líder de grupo y no tiene que pagar el costo de la clase.

Taste of Faith (August 8) – Normally Taste of Faith, is an in-person dinner held four to five times a year across Arkansas to raise money for seminarian education. But this year, because of COVID-19, these dinners have been combined into one, live event where everyone can participate online. You can watch and donate online from the safety of your home. The seminarians have an exciting event planned for you that will take the form of a late-night talk show hosted by Msgr. Scott Friend featuring interviews, introduction of our seminarians and a day in the life of a seminarian at the House of Formation. You will even discover one of our guy's secret recipes. All are invited to watch "Taste of Faith: Virtual Edition" live from the House of Formation on Saturday, August 8 at 7:00p.m. on the diocese website www.dolr.org, www.facebook.com/cdolr or www.youtube.com/cdolr. For more information, contact Dianne Brady, Director of Stewardship and Development, at dbrady@dolr.org or call her at (501) 664-0340, ext. 391.

Sixth Month Developing Baby – Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. His or her weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed.

Justice O'Connor has remarked that the Roe v. Wade decision is on a collision course with itself. Each passing year, we witness medical advances that allow our medical professionals to save younger and younger premature infants.

St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) Society of St. Vincent de Paul – SSBC has been busy helping our area's neighbor in needs through rent payment, utility payments, and of course food pantry needs. As we all know there has been more than usual need for food. NWA Food Bank has been operating above capacity and we get as much food as we can to support out Pantry. There are a few items we fell short of this month. We are asking if you would please help contribute the following items to the grocery cart in front of the Church doors.

****Food Pantry:** canned fruit, Mac & Cheese, dried pinto beans, corn bread mix, cake mix & frosting, brownie mix, Chicken Noodle Soup, tuna or canned chicken, bread and/or buns, paper towels, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies.

Spiritual Communion – For various reasons we may be prevented from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. We may have broken the one hour fast, be in a state of mortal sin, or we could even be homebound, unable to leave our home to attend Mass or no Masses available. In these cases, the Church encourages us to make an act of "spiritual communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with Him when we are unable to complete, union in the reception of Holy Communion. It remains true, however, that with the sacraments the grace is greater and more precise if we participate in the sacrament in fact and not only in desire. So, our spiritual Communion is always a desire to receive the Lord sacramentally, but it is still in virtue of the sacrament that we receive the grace of a spiritual Communion. A spiritual Communion is a genuine, though less sacramentally perfect, sharing in the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Día de Oración y Retiro de Sanación – El Ministerio de Proyecto Raquel, está ofreciendo un retiro de un día de sanación en Espanol para post aborto para mujeres y hombres el sabado, 8 de agosto en Little Rock, con precauciones de Covid19. El retiro es de naturaleza católica, pero cualquier persona que desee comenzar o continuar su camino hacia la esperanza y la sanación es bienvenido. La ubicación exacta del retiro sólo se revela a los participantes. Para hablar con alguien sobre un retiro o otras oportunidades de sanación llama o envía un texto a la línea telefónica confidencial 501-663-0996 o envía un correo electrónico a rpuello@dolr.org. Todas las consultas son estrictamente confidenciales.

Rx for Your Body and Soul:

For Your Body

Wash your hands often.
Avoid Close contact with other people.
Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
Stay home if you are sick except to get medical care.
Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.

For Your Soul

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.
Pray the Rosary.
Participate in a televised or live-stream Mass.
Take time for family prayer.
Practice Lectio Divina.
Don't forget to help your parish with donations.

(Together in Christ) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Rx para Su Cuerpo y Alma:

Para Su Cuerpo

Lávate las manos con frecuencia.
Evite el contacto cercano con otra gente.
Limpiar y desinfectar superficies frecuentemente tocadas.
Quédate en casa si estás enfermo excepto para obtener atención médica.
Cubra la toz y los estornudos con un pañuelo

Para Su Alma

Haga un acto de Comunión Espiritual.
Reza el rosario.
Participe en una misa televisada o en vivo.
Tóme el tiempo para orar como familia.
Practica Lectio Divina.
No te olvides de ayudar con donaciones.

(Juntos en Cristo) Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos

Comunión Espiritual – Por varias razones se les puede impedir de recibir la Eucaristía en la Misa. Es posible que hayamos roto el ayuno de una hora, que estemos en un estado de pecado mortal, o incluso podríamos estar en casa, incapaces de salir de nuestro hogar para asistir a la misa o no hay misa disponible. En estos casos, la Iglesia nos anima a hacer un acto de "comunión espiritual", donde nos unimos a Dios a través de la oración. Es una hermosa manera de expresar a Dios nuestro deseo de estar unidos a Él cuando no somos capaces de completar esa unión con la recepción de la Santa Comunión. Sin embargo, sigue siendo cierto que con los sacramentos la gracia es mayor y más precisa si participamos de hecho en la Santa Cena y no sólo en el deseo. Así que nuestra Comunión espiritual es siempre un deseo de recibir al Señor sacramentalmente pero todavía está en virtud de la Santa Cena que recibimos la gracia de una Comunión espiritual. Una Comunión espiritual es verdadera, aunque menos perfecta sacramentalmente, compartiendo el Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor.

Oración de Comunión Espiritual

Dios mío, creo que estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento. Te amo por encima de todas las cosas, y deseo recibirte en mi alma. Puesto que en este momento no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí y me unieras totalmente a Ti. Nunca me permitas separarme de Ti. Amén.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17: *For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

Church Operations for July

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ \$71,853.89

Loan Balance - \$ 1,355,262.81

Solomon asked God for wisdom, not material riches. So by our generous charitable giving, may we too seek Heavenly treasures.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 82,461.26	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 18,127.87	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, July 25**

5:00pm Sally Crenshaw †

Sunday, July 26

7:45am George Tlach †

10:00am Special Intention

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

2:00pm Intention of the Celebrant

5:00pm Clark & Jean Garner †

Monday, July 27

12:00pm Ken Schmitt

Tuesday, July 28

12:00pm Georgie Schmitt †

Wednesday, July 29

12:00pm Linda Newton †

Thursday, July 30

12:00pm Special Intention

Friday, July 31

12:00pm Special Intention

Saturday, August 1

9:00am Ken Schmitt

5:00pm Sally Crenshaw †

Sunday, August 2

7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

10:00am Scripture Sisters

11:45am Ramon Torres †

5:00pm Bui / Le Ancestors †

**Scripture Readings for 07/26/20**

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Church News – Monsignor will continue to bless salt, candles, olive oil, water, & religious sacramentals during this time of need. When bringing in the items please place those on the cart outside the office, write your name and phone number on the paper provided. We will call you when the items have been blessed.

Noticias de la Iglesia – El Monseñor continuará bendecir sal, velas, aceite de oliva, agua y sacramentales religiosos durante este tiempo de necesidad. Cuando traiga los artículos, colóquelos en el carrito fuera de la oficina, escriba su nombre y número de teléfono en el papel provisto. Nosotros le llamaremos cuando los artículos hayan sido bendecidos.



August 1 - 2	Lector	Eucharist Minister - Host	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bruce Peterson	Jon Terlouw Lori Terlouw	Jon Terlouw	Joseph Giovannucci Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED (C-G)	Joseph Giovannucci	Amy Fulmer	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Tracy Sullivan	Chris O'Shaughnessy Elizabeth Costantini	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Gabriel Costantini Fred Costantini Geri Oswald Len Oswald Karen Howard Gerard Davenport NOT FILLED (G)		Barb Hamernik	Peggy Estes
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Rose Hartnett	Joe Hartnett Greg Brandenburg	Joe Hartnett	Bo Patterson Steve Harrington Daniel Cruz NOT FILLED (D-G)		Joe Hartnett	Gina Koch
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Rosalba Ortiz	Carmen Sepulveda Dulce Ortiz	Fernando Perez	Jose Ortiz Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez Bertha Valdez J. Concepcion Serrano Maria Salcedo Marta Mendoza		Fernando Perez	
Sunday, 2:00 PM	Bruce Peterson	Bruce Peterson	Bruce Peterson			Bruce Peterson	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Cary Richard Lisa Richard	Cary Richard	Lukas Bacon Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (C-G)		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger