

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

August 16, 2020

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Pastor

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

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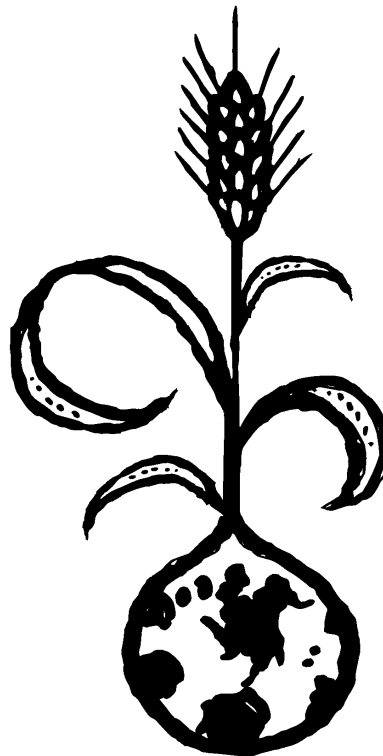
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PSALM 67:6, ESV

### 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](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.

### 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

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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

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Edge: 7th & 8th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

#### Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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9th Grade - 12th Grade

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**Mass News** – Join us for Mass on Wednesday, September 23 at 12:00PM on St. Padre Pio's Feast Day. If you bring your own salt to Mass it will be blessed by Msgr. Scott.

Padre Pio is known to describe his childhood as being like "a noodle without salt." The saying in Italian is "un macheroni senza sale." Please place your name on the salt and place it on the table by Mother Mary in the church.

**Spiritual Work of Mercy** – It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the deceased. The death toll now in the United States is **163,000+** and world-wide death toll is now at **732,000+** due to Covid-19. Many of these persons have been buried without the customary religious services, & some have no one to pray for the repose of their souls. While we continue to pray for an end to the pandemic & all those who have been affected, in charity, let us not forget to assist the faithful departed with our prayers & Masses.

*Faithful Departed Prayer*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen*

**Obra Espiritual de Misericordia** – Es una Obra Espiritual de Misericordia orar por los difuntos. El número de muertes en los Estados Unidos es **163,000+** y el número de muertes en todo el mundo debido al Covid-19 ahora es de **732,000+**. Muchas de estas personas han sido enterradas sin los servicios religiosos habituales, y algunas no tienen a nadie para rezar por el descanso de sus almas. Mientras continuamos orando por el fin de la pandemia y todos los que han sido afectados, por caridad, no olvidemos ayudar a los fieles difuntos con nuestras oraciones y misas.

*Fiel Oración por los Difuntos*

*Concédeles Señor, el descanso eterno, y brille para ellos la luz perpetua. Que las almas de los fieles difuntos, por la misericordia de Dios, descansen en paz. Amén*

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

**Registration for Fall Religious Education Classes** is open for the 2020-2021 year for 4yrs old through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Please consider volunteering as a co-teacher or small group leader and religious fees will be waived. To register visit [www.ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/ReligiousEducation](http://www.ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/ReligiousEducation).

**Inscripción para las clases de Educación Religiosa** comenzaron para el año 2020-2021 para la edad de 4 años hasta grado 12. Por favor considere también ser voluntariado como co-maestro o pequeño líder de grupo y no tiene que pagar el costo de la clase. Solo visite <https://ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/ReligiousEducation> para inscribirse.

**Ministry Schedule** – Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of October, November, and December. This will include special Masses for Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26), Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Please let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter before Monday, September 14 by calling the church office or emailing us at [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com). No response indicates you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time. If you do not indicate a preferred Mass time for Holy Days or Holidays, please note that you may be scheduled at a time you do not normally attend Mass on those special days. A friendly reminder that the parish office does not find subs.

**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](mailto: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.

**St. Stephen K-12 Faith Formation** – Many people think of faith formation as religious education classes. They aren't wrong! But it is so much MORE than just that... it begins the process of lifelong growth in the faith. We strive to meet each child the same way the Lord approached children, and meet them where they are. Understanding each unique situation and ministering from there. Our faith formation programs are more than just classes, they are community, they are accountability, and they are FUN! During the current situation, we are all experiencing a temporary "new normal." Now, more than ever we must keep Jesus at the center of our lives. Our Impact, Edge, and Life Teen programs being the formation for life! Don't discount the benefit of ongoing faith formation regardless of sacraments received! There is no graduation in our faith, just growth! We are busy planning and building the religious programs for the 2020-2021 year. Register at <https://ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/ReligiousEducation>. We will be following all Diocesan and state safety guidelines. At this time, we are offering a blended ministry approach. If you want to attend in person, that is currently available to you. If you feel more comfortable attending virtually, that is also available. Please note that these offerings are subject to change following local guidelines. We are involved in ministry because we believe in need for life long faith formation, and it starts right here at St. Stephen! Register your child today!

**Six Month Developing Baby** – Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. His/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 our 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:** paper towels, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, liquid dish soap, cleaning supplies, instant mash potatoes, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, canned fruit, and laundry detergent.

**Thank You** – SSBC wants to say thank you to the Knights and all the Parishioners who generously brought food to help our neighbors in need. All your support and prayers are graciously accepted. From your SSBC Family

**Church Guidelines** – Bishop Taylor's dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect. An English and a Spanish Mass will be live streamed on Sunday. Your full cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please abide by the following:

- Please stay home if you do not feel well or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Masks are required for individuals 10 years of age & up.
- 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.

### COVID-19 Prayer of Solidarity:

*For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.*

*For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.*

*For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.*

*For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.*

*For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.*

*For those afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.*

*For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.*

*For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.*

*Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.*

**Retreat in Daily Life (October 2020-April 2021)** – A Ministry of St. Scholastica Monastery Spirituality Program Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola Classes will be offered mornings and evenings for men and women via zoom. Days will be determined at a later date upon consideration of availability of participants. If you are interested in this great opportunity for daily prayer, scripture reflection and journaling or want more information contact Lainie Snider 806-584-4160 or email [lainiesnider@yahoo.com](mailto:lainiesnider@yahoo.com).

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection** – Over 40% of dioceses in the United States are known as mission territories because they are unable to essentially fund pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, & other programs that build faith communities in the United States. Thank you for your support. For information visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**Colecta de Misiones Católicas** – Más del 40% de diócesis en Estados Unidos es considerado territorio misionero ya que esas diócesis no pueden financiar labores pastorales básicas que se necesitan en sus comunidades. Su apoyo financia la educación religiosa, formación de seminaristas, la formación de ministros laicos y otros programas que construyen comunidades de fe en los Estados Unidos. Gracias por su apoyo. Más información en [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**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. Su cooperación será muy apreciada. Por favor, siga lo siguiente:

- Por favor, quédese en casa si no se siente bien o ha estado expuesto a COVID-19.
- Se requiere cubre boca 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.

### COVID-19 Oración de Solidaridad:

*Por todos los que han contraído el coronavirus, oramos por atención y curación.*

*Por aquellos que son particularmente vulnerables, oramos por seguridad y protección.*

*Por todos los que experimentan miedo o ansiedad, oramos por paz mental y espiritual.*

*Por las familias afectadas que enfrentan decisiones difíciles entre la comida en la mesa o la seguridad pública, oramos por políticas que reconozcan su difícil situación.*

*Por los que no tienen un seguro médico adecuado, oramos para que ninguna familia enfrente las cargas financieras.*

*Para los que tienen miedo de acceder a la atención debido a su estado migratorio, oramos por el reconocimiento de la dignidad otorgada por Dios a todos.*

*Por nuestros hermanos y hermanas de todo el mundo, oramos por la solidaridad compartida.*

*Por los funcionarios públicos y los responsables de la toma de decisiones, oramos por sabiduría y orientación.*

*Padre, durante este tiempo tu Iglesia sea signo de esperanza, consuelo y amor para todos. Concede la paz.*

*Otorga consuelo. Concede sanación. Quédate con nosotros, Señor. Amén.*

**Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory** – 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

*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*

**Church Operations for August**

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 32,968.22  
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,355,262.81

As faithful stewards of God's irrevocable gifts and blessings, may our regular offerings and sacrifices be acceptable to God in His House of prayer for all peoples.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 42,239.19	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 5,312.94	\$ 23,000

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, August 15**

10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses  
 5:00pm Special Intention

**Sunday, August 16**

7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses  
 10:00am Sarah Herbert †  
 11:45am Natalia Macias †  
 5:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †

**Monday, August 17**

12:00pm Louise Smith †

**Tuesday, August 18**

12:00pm Mary Lois O'Connor †

**Wednesday, August 19**

12:00pm Helen Reiss †

**Thursday, August 20**

12:00pm Sarah Hughey †

**Friday, August 21**

12:00pm Michael Kidd Family

**Saturday, August 22**

5:00pm Branch Ward †

**Sunday, August 23**

7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses  
 10:00am Catherine Meyers †  
 11:45am Rebeca Garcia †  
 5:00pm Peter Thong Le †

**Scripture Readings for 08/23/20**

Isaiah 22:19-23  
 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
 Matthew 15:21-28

**Church News** – Monsignor will continue to bless salt, candles, olive oil, water, and 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.



LET THE WORDS OF  
**MY MOUTH**

— AND THE —  
 MEDITATION OF  
**MY HEART**

BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU,  
**O LORD,**  
**MY ROCK**

— AND —  
**MY REDEEMER.**

PSALM 19:14, NRSV



August 22 - 23	Lector	Eucharist Minister - Host	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Bruce Peterson	Jill Saulsbery Bruce Peterson	Bruce Peterson	Steve Saulsbery <b>NOT FILLED (B-G)</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Amy Fulmer	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Tom Stawicki	Susan Eagleson Chris O'Shaughnessy	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Gerard Davenport Gabriel Costantini Fred Costantini Geri Oswald Len Oswald Amanda Cantu <b>NOT FILLED (G)</b>		Amanda Cantu	Tracy Sullivan
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Maxine Olson	Bruce Beckham Imelda Robinson	Bruce Beckham	Brock Schulte Charlotte Champagne Tim Koch Brian Rabal <b>NOT FILLED (E-G)</b>		Joe Hartnett	Gina Koch
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)</b>	Marugel Monzalvo	Noel Pérez Brenda Cruz	Fernando Pérez	J. Concepcion Serrano Maria Dalia López Víctor López Bertha Valdez Maria Roció Cervantes Marta Mendoza Maria Salcedo		Fernando Pérez	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	Paul Krapf	Bryan Bacon Susan Davis	Bryan Bacon	Lukas Bacon Rob Brothers <b>NOT FILLED (C-G)</b>		Bryan Bacon	Jennifer Haddinger