



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

August 23, 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**"YOU ARE THE
MESSIAH,
THE SON OF THE
LIVING
GOD"**

Matthew 16:16, 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: Monday-Thursday

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

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Pre-K - 4th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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9th Grade - 12th Grade

Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

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.

RCIA Calendar – The first session is Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00pm in the Church. The session will be a Welcome and Introduction class led by the RCIA team leaders. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the Church.

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!

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.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection – Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Colecta de Misiones Católicas – Gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada al Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. ¡Si ustedes no alcanzo a contribuir al llamado, aun lo pueden hacer, solamente visite www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

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), Immaculate Conception (Dec. 7-8), 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. 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, 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.

****Last Chance to Register for Religious Education Fall Classes** for kids/youth 4yrs through the 12th grade is now open for the 2019-2020 year. Please consider volunteering as a small group leader or co-teacher and all fees will be waived. Deadline to register is August 30. To register visit <https://ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/ReligiousEducation>.

****Ultima Oportunidad de Inscripción para las clases de Educación Religiosa** para niños/jóvenes de 4 años hasta grado 12 comenzaron para el año 2019-2020. También considere ser voluntario como líder de grupo pequeño y se le descontará todos los cargos. La fecha limite de inscripción es el 30 de agosto. Para inscribirse solo visite <https://ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/ReligiousEducation>.

Free for All – If you have not set up an account for www.Formed.org this would be a great opportunity to do so. Formed.org is an online service that St. Stephen pays for so you and your families can have free access to Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore faith anywhere. The Parish Access code is: KFNNGY

Gratis para Todos - Si no ha configurado una cuenta para www.Formed.org, esta sería una gran oportunidad para hacerlo. Formed.org, un servicio en línea que St. Stephen paga para que usted y sus familias puedan tener acceso al mejor contenido católico de más de 60 organizaciones para ayudar a las parroquias, familias e individuos a explorar su fe en cualquier lugar. El código de acceso es: KFNNGY

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory – Our Lord told St. Gertrude that this prayer would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it is prayed:

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

Oración para todas las Almas del Purgatorio - Nuestro Señor le dijo a Santa Gertrudis la Grande, que esta oración puede librar mil almas del purgatorio cada vez que se rece

Oración de Santa Gertrudis La Mayor
"Padre eterno, yo te ofrezco la preciosísima Sangre de Tu Divino Hijo Jesús, en unión con las misas celebradas hoy día a través del mundo por todas las benditas ánimas del purgatorio. Por todos los pecadores del mundo. Por los pecadores en la Iglesia universal, por aquellos en propia casa y dentro de mi familia. Amén."

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 and 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.

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.

Arkansas Tech University (ATU) – Are you or do you know of someone attending ATU this Fall? If so, please contact them at St. Leo the Great Catholic University Parish on ATU's campus. They are trying to contact incoming freshmen and transfer students, so please provide them with any contact information as soon as possible. You may contact them at stleoatu@gmail.com or through their Facebook page (St. Leo the Great Catholic University Parish at Arkansas Tech University). You can message Pat Buford or Mary Corkins with any questions. This is an unprecedented school year, so they need to be in constant communication with those attending. They are located on campus due to their new center, so we need to be able to share our location and activities with the students. We look forward to meeting you & starting a great school year!

John 14:1-3: “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

Luke 21:34-36: “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

NWA Respect Life – Since NWA remains abortion center free - Praise God! - we will not host a 40 Days for Life in our area but we will support our brothers and sisters with 40 Days for Life in Little Rock, Wednesday, September 23rd - Sunday, November 1st. Sheila Pursell, Director of NWA Respect Life will be going at least once a week and if you'd like to join her please call 469-231-1959 or visit www.nwarespectlife.org.

Serving the Homeless - Once again, NWA Respect Life has the privilege of serving the homeless by sharing a home cooked meal on Thursday, September 10. Due to COVID, we won't have the opportunity to directly serve the meals as in the past, rather we will prepare 110 carry out boxes at St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) church kitchen. Please bring your dish to SVdP located at 1416 W. Poplar in Rogers at 3:30 p.m. Meals will be boxed, then brought to the 8th Street Motel at 5:00 p.m. If you have an item but unable to deliver it to the church, please call Sheila at 469-231-1959 for pick-up. To sign-up please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044EA5AF22A6FC1-8thstreet>.

Memorial Cross Display - Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus at St. Stephen and St. Bernard, Rebecca Woodard in Lincoln, Bob Huckleberry in Rogers and the Cox Family of Bella Vista - we are almost finished with building 1,000 crosses for the display! Crosses are displayed in church yards or other permissible grounds to remember the approximately 3,000 unborn babies who are aborted in Arkansas each year. The numerous crosses are a visual display of the travesty of abortion as well as a reminder to pray for healing in their parents and our nation. To date, 4 churches have committed to the display - would you like the memorial crosses in your area? If your answer is yes and/or you would like to help set up the crosses at a church already committed, please email or text/call Sheila at 469-231-1959.

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.

Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA) is accepting applications for grades 9-12 for the 2020-2021 school year. Apply online at www.ozarkcatholic.org or call us at 479-316-3445. Follow us @ozarkcatholic! #onlyoca

Drivers Needed for OCA High School in Tontitown is looking for part-time drivers for both school vans and a bus during the school year. Bus driver would need a CDL license. If you are interested in the different routes and times available and would like more information, please contact Brendan Wiley at 479-692-1671 or email him at brendan.wiley@ozarkcatholic.org.

Prayer in Times of Anxiety and Fear:

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away;
God never changes. Patience obtains all things,
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.*

St. Teresa of Avila wrote this beautiful poem and is used as a prayer.

Church Operations for August

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 65,361.32

Loan Balance - \$ 1,340,155.40

From the depths of the riches, wisdom and knowledge of God, He gave the keys of authority to Peter the rock of the Church, to bind and loose. How can we fully ever repay the Lord for all that He has done for us?

| Revenue | Month-to-Date | Monthly Goal |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Stewardship and Other | \$ 61,462.10 | \$ 117,000 |
| Building Fund | \$ 21,788.41 | \$ 23,000 |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 †

Monday, August 24

12:00pm Dr. John Bruchalski

Tuesday, August 25

12:00pm Special Intention

Wednesday, August 26

12:00pm Sarah Hughey †

Thursday, August 27

12:00pm Gregory Wineland †

Friday, August 28

12:00pm Pham/Dinh Family

Saturday, August 29

5:00pm Dorothy Hesse †

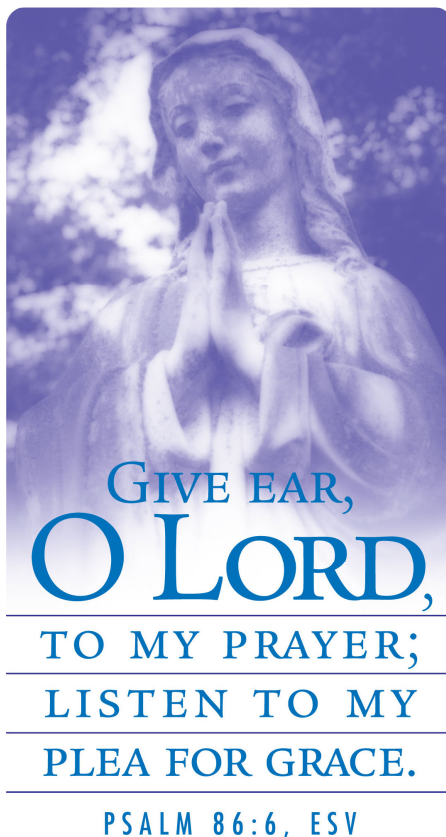
Sunday, August 30

7:45am Dana Green Robben †

10:00am Maria Nhu Bui †

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm Richard Nauert †



Scripture Readings for 08/30/20

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

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.



| August 29 - 30 | Lector | Eucharist Minister - Host | Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels | Usher | Lock-Up | Sacristan & Vessels | Projector Operator |
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| Saturday, 5:00 PM | Tracy Sullivan | Margie Story Jon Terlouw | Jon Terlouw | Joseph Giovannucci NOT FILLED (B-G) | Joseph Giovannucci | Jon Terlouw | NOT FILLED |
| Sunday, 7:45 AM | Christy Yuska | Chris O'Shaughnessy Kira O'Shaughnessy | Chris O'Shaughnessy | Greg Woodell Gerard Davenport Karen Howard Amanda Cantu NOT FILLED (E-G) | | Barb Hamernik | Peggy Estes |
| Sunday, 10:00 AM | Greg Brandenburg | Charlotte Champagne Angela Mensah | Charlotte Champagne | Bo Patterson Tim Koch Jeff Maas Daniel Cruz NOT FILLED (E-G) | | Charlotte Champagne | Gina Koch |
| Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS) | Ramón Portilla | Hector Rangel Raquel Pérez | Raquel Pérez | Fernando Pérez Bertha Valdez Maria Salcedo Maria Roció Cervantes Marta Mendoza Maria Dalia López | | Crimilda Viera | |
| Sunday, 5:00 PM | Eric Belin | Katie Morris Allyson Brothers | Cary Richard | Lukas Bacon Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (C-G) | | Cary Richard | Jennifer Haddinger |