

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

October 11, 2020

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Pastor

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

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... he leads  
me beside  
still waters;  
he restores  
my soul.

*Psalm 23:2-3, NRSV*

### 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

[preschool@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto: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

#### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

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Pre-K - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### EDGE/Confirmation Director

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Edge: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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Confirmation: 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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9<sup>th</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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**RCIA Calendar** – The next session will be Wednesday, October 14 on The History of the Church - Part II led by Mary Ruger. RCIA meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the St. Jerome room.

**Columbarium All Souls Special Blessing** – The Columbarium Committee will be hosting the annual All Saints/All Souls Blessing on Sunday, November 1, immediately following the 11:45am Mass. *This Special Blessing will be recorded for viewing on the St. Stephen YouTube channel.*

**Bendición Especial Anual del Columbario para Todas las Almas (Difuntos)** – El Comité del Columbario presentará una bendición anual de Todos los Santos/Todas las Almas el domingo, 1 de noviembre, inmediatamente después de la Misa de las 11:45 AM. *Esta bendición especial será grabada para verse en el canal de YouTube de nuestra parroquia St. Stephen.*

**News from Bishop Taylor** – He is happy to announce that our anti-COVID protocols have been effective in preventing the spread at Mass. We are not aware of a single case of transmission linked to participation in worship at any Catholic Church in Arkansas or for that matter, not any Catholic Church in the United States where these protocols are in place. Therefore, we are now in a position to *lift the dispensation from the obligation of in-person Sunday Mass attendance* for everyone who is in good health and not especially vulnerable or caring for someone who is especially vulnerable effective immediately.

**Noticias de El Obispo Taylor** – El esta alegre anunciar que nuestros protocolos contra el COVID han surtido efecto en prevenir la propagación de la enfermedad en la Misa. No estamos enterados siquiera de ningún caso de transmisión vinculado a la participación en el culto en ninguna iglesia católica en Arkansas — de hecho, en ninguna otra iglesia católica en los Estados Unidos que observa estos protocolos. "Por lo tanto, ahora estamos en una postura de *levantar la dispensa de la obligación de asistir a la Misa Dominical en persona* para todos aquellos que gozan de buena salud y que no están especialmente vulnerables o que estén cuidando de alguien que esté especialmente vulnerable a partir de hoy.

**Special Collection for the Emergency Disaster Fund** – This weekend our parish will take up an emergency collection to help with relief efforts of Hurricane Laura, the wildfires in California and Oregon, and the other natural disasters in the U.S. The funds collected will be used by the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to support the efforts of Catholic Charities agencies and Catholic Relief Services as they respond to emergency needs such as water, food, shelter & medical care/aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts; and the USCCB for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church. Please be generous.

**Coleta Especial para el Fondo de Desastres de Emergencia** Este fin de semana nuestra parroquia realizara una colecta de emergencia para ayudar con los esfuerzos del Huracán Laura, los incendios forestales en California y Oregón y los otros desastres naturales en los EE. UU. Los fondos recaudados serán utilizados por el Fondo de Emergencia de los Obispos para Desastres para apoyar los esfuerzos de las agencias de Caridades Católicas y Servicios Católicos de Ayuda que responden a necesidades de emergencia como agua, alimento, refugio y cuidado médico y ayuda a largo plazo y la USCCB para las necesidades pastorales y de reconstrucción de la Iglesia. Por favor sea generoso.

**St. Stephen MASS Attendance** – We are delighted to have you here for Mass. With increasing attendance numbers comes unique challenges! We wanted to give you an update on Mass attendance. Our allowed capacity is 215 in the Church making it a total of 400 in the whole building according to COVID-19 regulations. Last week's Mass attendance was:

- 5:00pm – 200
- 7:45am – 200 (This MASS will continue with no music until further notice).
- 10:00am – 260
- 11:45am (Spanish) – 250
- 5:00pm Life Teen – 212

We continue to thank you for your patience and support during this time. Please know that you have additional options for Mass should you choose to attend, such as utilizing overflow seating available in the family life center, chapel, and narthex; or, participating in the Mass via YouTube in your car, or listening over the speakers in the courtyard, and coming inside for Holy Communion only.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – Due to COVID-19, Eucharistic Adoration has moved to St. Francis of Assisi Chapel and is available Mon. – Thur. 9:00 – 11:50am and 1:00 – 3:00pm, and Friday 9:00 – 11:50am. Jesus said: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Are you tired because of the burden of your duties, because of frustration due to unsuccessful projects, because many misunderstand you? Are you heavy laden with guilt from past sins? Are you trying to find hope and meaning in life? Do not lose your heart! Abandon yourself to Jesus in this "Sacrament of Love" He will refresh you! Those who are devoted to the Eucharistic Adoration program witness a happier and more content life knowing that the Lord is with them always. For every hour we give Him, He showers us with many, many gifts, including peace of mind and heart. The Guardian Angels of the Blessed Sacrament ministry is in need of adorers who would like to commit One Hour every week. Our goal is to have a permanent and continuing Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this time of difficulties. If you are interested, please call the parish office to schedule a proper training.

**Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento** – Debido al covid-19, la Adoración Eucarística se trasladó a la Capilla San Francis de Asisi y está disponible de lunes a jueves de 9:00 a 11:50AM y de 1:00 a 3PM. Viernes 9:00 - 11:50 AM. Jesús dijo: "Vengan a mí todos los que están cansados de trabajo, y yo les daré descanso" ¿Estás cansado por la carga de tus deberes, por la frustración por proyectos fallidos, porque muchos te malinterpretan? ¿Estás cargado de culpa por pecados pasados? ¿Estás tratando de encontrar esperanza y sentido a la vida? ¡No pierdas el corazón! Abandonarte a Jesús en este "Sacramento de Amor" ¡Él te refrescará! Aquellos que se dedican a la Adoración Eucarística dan testimonio de una vida más feliz, más contenta, sabiendo que el Señor está con ellos siempre. Por cada hora que le damos, Él nos colma de muchos, muchos dones, incluyendo paz mental y de corazón. El ministerio de los Ángeles Guardianes del Santísimo Sacramento necesita adoradores que quieran dedicar Una Hora cada semana. Nuestro objetivo es tener una Exposición permanente y continua del Santísimo Sacramento durante este tiempo de dificultades. Si está interesado, llame a la oficina parroquial para programar la capacitación adecuada.

**Pumpkin Painting** – On October 18<sup>th</sup>, during the Fall Fest, we will be having our annual Pumpkin Painting. You will buy tickets at the Fall Fest and use them for Pumpkin Painting and other activities. However, I still need to know how many pumpkins and supplies to buy so look for the sign up table in the Narthex.

**Knights of Columbus (K of C)** will have a modified and safe Fall Fest & Rummage Sale on the weekend of October 17/18. The events are still in planning since modifications are necessary & precautions needed. This year, no clothing is accepted, but electronics, small appliances, tools, small furniture (i.e. no armoires), working sports equipment, etc. If you have a donation contact Dan Reiff at 479-685-3561 or [djr13151@gmail.com](mailto:djr13151@gmail.com) or Troy Ward at 479-899-2196 or [chiefsfaninark@gmail.com](mailto:chiefsfaninark@gmail.com). Please contact John Brunner, Grand Knight [johnbrunner62@yahoo.com](mailto:johnbrunner62@yahoo.com) /801-450-0384 for input on the event.

**One Church (Unite Arkansas in Faith and Mission)** – The diocesan initiative One Church invests each year in a small mission church in our diocese that needs a leg up to become a thriving community. The 2020-2021 partner is St. Bartholomew Church in Little Rock. All funds donated to One Church for the next 12 months will help the parish build a new Parish Life Center, which they currently don't have. Please pray for this project and give today. To give or for more information [www.dolr.org/one-church](http://www.dolr.org/one-church).

**Una Iglesia (Uniendo Arkansas en Fe y Misión)** – La iniciativa diocesana Una Iglesia invierte cada año en una pequeña misión parroquial en nuestra diócesis que necesite un empujoncito para convertirse en una comunidad próspera. La iglesia colaboradora de 2020-2021 es la Iglesia de San Bartolomé en Little Rock. Todos los fondos donados a Una Iglesia en el transcurso de los próximos 12 meses ayudarán a la parroquia a construir un nuevo Centro de Vida Parroquial, que no tienen actualmente. Por favor oren por este proyecto y contribuyan hoy. Para donar o para más información [www.dolr.org/one-church-spanish](http://www.dolr.org/one-church-spanish).

**Grief Support Group via Zoom** – Our Lady of Holy Souls Grief Ministry will offer a Grief Support Group on Zoom beginning on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> for 10 weeks (skipping Thanksgiving) from 6 to 7 PM. You can join the group from the privacy of your home via zoom but still draw strength from others' experience in their grief journey. No matter how recent or distant the loss, if you feel the need to talk with others who share your experience, to gain comfort in a safe, no pressure environment, please find support here. Everything we discuss in the group is kept in confidence. Please contact Laura in the church office at [lhumphries@holysouls.org](mailto:lhumphries@holysouls.org) or 501-663-8632 or Mary Ann Stafford 2dings@sbcglobal.net to register for the group. Registration is required to participate. Deadline to register is October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Surviving Divorce (Helping You Find Peace, Power & Passion after Your Divorce)** – The group is open to adult who has experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated, divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. In this program, you will listen and learn from Catholic men and women who share their stories of finding help in coping with the devastating effects of divorce. The meetings will be on-line on Mondays, now through December 21 at 6:30 PM. To register or for information visit [WWW.CDOM.ORG](http://WWW.CDOM.ORG).

**Fall Virtual Marriage Encounter** – Weather-proof your marriage, a strong marriage can weather any storm! A Marriage Encounter Virtual Weekend {enjoy it under your own roof} Worldwide Marriage Encounter; October 23-25. Apply [www.wwme10.org](http://www.wwme10.org). For questions contact Allen Fields; [allen.monika.fields@wwme.org](mailto:allen.monika.fields@wwme.org), 915-861-0131.

**Path to Interior Freedom** – A retreat lead by Fr. Jerome Kodell, OSB, at Coury House, Subiaco Abbey, from October 30 - November 1. Cost is \$150 per person in a shared room or \$200 for a private room. This will cover all conferences, two nights' accommodations in Coury House and six meals. Check in will be from 3:00 – 5:00 PM on Friday, October 30 followed with dinner at 6:00 PM. The retreat will conclude with lunch on November 1. To register, contact 479-934-1290 or [couryhouse@subi.org](mailto:couryhouse@subi.org).

**Respect Life** – During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Simple steps are provided to help you celebrate Respect Life month at [www.respectlife.org](http://www.respectlife.org).

**Memorial Crosses** – With great enthusiasm the display will be at St. Joseph Church in Fayetteville located at 1722 Starr Drive, Fayetteville. It will start with marking the ground on Saturday, October 10 at 7:30 AM followed with placement at 9:00 AM with the removal on Friday, October 23 at 8:30 AM.

**40 Days for Life** – Let's join our comrades for the 40 Days for Life in Little Rock to accomplish the same victory! God has provided us a luxurious motor home – and space is limited! We will travel and rest between prayer shifts in comfort and style. Plenty of signs will be available. Our driver, John Conrad, has also offered drinks and food trays for the trip. Please plan on joining us on one or more of the scheduled days:

- Wednesday, 10/7 leave Fayetteville 8:00AM leave Little Rock Planned Parenthood at 5:00PM
- Friday, 10/16 leave Fayetteville 7:30AM leave Little Rock Planned Parenthood @ 4:00 PM
- Thursday, 10/22 leave Fayetteville 7:30AM leave Little Rock Planned Parenthood @ 4:00PM
- Wednesday, 10/28 leave Fayetteville 7:30AM leave Little Rock @ 4:00PM

If you would like to join them but can't make the above times sign up at [www.40daysforlife.com/littlerock](http://www.40daysforlife.com/littlerock).

Offer your prayers and sacrifices for an end to abortion and the conversion of hearts. Participants are welcome to bring their favorite Scripture passages and reflections to our Pro-Life pilgrimage.

**Procession of Roses** – It might seem a bit early, but time will be here before we know it! A person born in each year since the infamous Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 carries a rose to honor babies aborted in that year. If you or someone you know born in 1973 or later and would like to be a part of this procession visit [www.signupgenius.com/go/409044EA5AF22A6FC1-procession](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044EA5AF22A6FC1-procession).

**Diocesan Directory** – The 2021 Diocese of Little Rock Directory is coming soon. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your house or car to find Mass times for another parish or to call or e-mail a parish, priest, deacon or religious in the diocese. It costs only \$15, which includes shipping. Send your check or money order to Directory, Arkansas Catholic, P.O. Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217. Directories will be shipped in late October.

**Matthew 24:44:** *Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

**Church Operations for October**

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 28,511.01  
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,324,999.70

In Philippians 4:12-14, St. Paul admits that he knew how to live in humble, needy circumstances as well as in abundance. As God's faithful servants and stewards of His blessings, we can do all things with the Lord who provides and strengthens us.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 23,200.30	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 6,357.00	\$ 23,000

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, October 10**

5:00pm Sally Crenshaw †

**Sunday, October 11**

7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

10:00am Scripture Sisters

11:45am Bruno Verlage

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

**Monday, October 12**

12:00pm Tammy Fortner Family

**Tuesday, October 13**

12:00pm Anthony Ayala Rodriguez & Family

**Wednesday, October 14**

12:00pm Anthony Ayala Rodriguez & Family

**Thursday, October 15**

12:00pm Anthony Ayala Rodriguez & Family

**Friday, October 16**

12:00pm Louise Smith †

**Saturday, October 17**

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

**Sunday, October 18**

7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

10:00am Nicholas LaChance

11:45am Anthony Ayala Rodriguez

5:00pm Special Intention



**Scripture Readings for 10/18/20**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
 Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10  
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b  
 Matthew 22:15-21

**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.



October 17- 18	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Amylynn Smith	Bryan Bacon	Jill Saulsbery Margie O'Grady	Steve Saulsbery Joseph Giovannucci <b>NOT FILLED (C - G)</b>	Bryan Bacon	Amy Fulmer	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM (No Music)</b>	James Gaffigan	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Theresa Gaffigan Chris O'Shaughnessy	Bruce Peterson Karen Howard Len Oswald Geri Oswald <b>NOT FILLED (E - G)</b>		Bruce Peterson	Dan Reiff
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Greg Brandenburg	Ted Brauburger	Angela Mensah Thomas Ganey	Charlotte Champagne Tim Koch Steve Harrington <b>NOT FILLED (D - G)</b>		Ted Brauburger	Gina Koch
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)</b>	Teresita Perez	Ivan Sanabria	Maria Elena Calderon Olga Serrano	J. Concepcion Serrano Martha Mendoza Maria Salcedo Maria Rocio Cervantes Victor Lopez Maria Dalia Lopez Bertha Váldez		Ivan Sanabria	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Lisa Richard	Rob Brothers <b>NOT FILLED (B - G)</b>		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger