

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

October 18, 2020

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Pastor

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

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### 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

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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

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

9th Grade - 12th Grade

Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

**RCIA Calendar** – The next session will be Wednesday, October 21 on The Study of Scripture led by Bruce Peterson. 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 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.

**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 – 186

7:45am – 205 (This MASS will continue with no music until further notice).

10:00am – 305

11:45am (Spanish) – 262

5:00pm Life Teen – 219

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.

**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. 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 that 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.

*Prayer for Spiritual Communion*

*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.*

**Election Prayer** – Almighty God, Lord of Life and King of all Nations, we beg you to look kindly upon our country and help us to wisely choose our new leaders. Inform our consciences and enlighten our judgement, that we may elect those who will mercifully uphold justice and strive to protect the least among us. Help us to discern which candidates will uphold both the letter and spirit of the law. May our nation once again respect religious freedom, authentic marriage, the importance of family and the value of every human life - from conception to natural death. Heal the divisions which wound our unity and help us to overlook political tensions that keep us from becoming a united force for good. May our great land, built on both personal responsibility and charity towards the less fortunate, always balance prosperity with care for the elderly, the poor, the sick and the abandoned. May we elect honest and trustworthy candidates who will always uphold the common good and protect our God-given rights. In concert with the great founders of our nation, may we confidently proclaim, "In God we trust." Amen.

Pedro de la Cruz

**Oracion Electoral** – Dios todopoderoso, Rey de las naciones, Te rogamos que veas a nuestro país con tierno cariño y ayúdenos a escoger sabiamente a nuestros líderes en las proximas elecciones. Ilumine nuestro juicio de modo que podamos elegir a quienes pueden defender con Misericordia, la justicia y luchar para proteger a los menos entre nosotros. Ayúdenos a distinguir a cuales candidatos mantendrán no solo la ley al pie de la letra sino tambien el espíritu de la ley. Rogamos que nuestra nación otra vez recupere el respeto a nuestra libertad de religión, al matrimonio auténtico, a la importancia de la familia y al volar de cada vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Por favor sane las divisiones que hieren nuestra unidad y ayúdenos a pasar por alto las tensiones políticas que dividen nuestro país. Que nuestro gran país, fundado a base de la responsabilidad personal y la caridad hacia los menos afortunados, siempre mantenga un balance entre la prosperidad y el cuidado hacia los ancianos, los pobres, los enfermos y los abandonados. Ayúdenos a elegir a candidatos honestos quienes siempre defiendan la Constitución, el bien común, y que protejan nuestros derechos que nos vienen de Dios, y no solo del gobierno. De acuerdo con los padres fundadores de nuestra nación que podemos siempre proclamar con fe, "En Dios confiamos."

- Pedro de la Cruz

**World Priest Day** – Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring World Priest Day on October 25. World Priest Day focuses on celebrating the ongoing affirmation of priests who are committed to their Vocation, Sacrament and building of relationships between couples and priests. The mission and purpose of World Priest Day is to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to Our Lord and Our Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for priests they know and develop relationships with priests they don't know. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or World Priest Day visit their website at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

**James 5:7:** *Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.*

**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 in 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 empujo 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 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 más información [www.dolr.org/one-church-spanish](http://www.dolr.org/one-church-spanish).

**Retrouvaille Arkansas (Help Our Marriage)** is a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. A Virtual Weekend on ZOOM will be held Oct. 22-25. To sign-up go to [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com). For further information call 800-470-2230 or 501-834-1956

**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).

**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 concludes with lunch on November 1. To register, contact 479-934-1290 or [couryhouse@subi.org](mailto:couryhouse@subi.org).

**Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) Conway** – A new and permanent home for CCM is imminent and we are needing to reconnect with Alumni to help launch a new generation of Campus Ministry in Central Arkansas. If you graduated or attended UCA, Hendrix College, Central Baptist College or UACCM, visit [www.conwaycatholic.com](http://www.conwaycatholic.com) and update your information, or contact Dc. Richard Papini, at [catholic@cyberback.com](mailto:catholic@cyberback.com), (501) 454-9146; or Msgr. Jack Harris, at [fr2jack@hotmail.com](mailto:fr2jack@hotmail.com), (501) 215-6928. Thank you in advance for helping to strengthen and grow the Catholic Church on Campus, and in Arkansas.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** – You are invited to prayerfully consider answering Our Lady's call to join pilgrims from the Bentonville, AR area who will meet pilgrims from around the USA who are travelling to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina next year from June 11 - 20 which offers an add-on extension for Our Lady's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on June 25. Our Lady invites you to experience, the gift of her Son during this prayer-filled journey. Since May 2019, Pilgrimages are authorized and encouraged by the Vatican. Contact Julie Brummitt at 817-602-8999 (former St. Stephen parishioner who now lives in Ohio) to register or for more information visit [www.pilgrimages.com/brummitt](http://www.pilgrimages.com/brummitt). There seats from XNA to Chicago that connect flights to Europe are limited so early reservations are suggested. Later reservations may join the group in Croatia for the transfer to Medjugorje. Each day is filled with Holy Mass in the Morning in English, and the evening program which offers the opportunity for confession, International Mass, adoration, and many other moments of grace. Come join & may God Bless You!

**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.

**Respect Life** – Please join Bishop Taylor on praying the Rosary for Life on October 23 at 11:00 AM outside Planned Parenthood. 40 Days for Life is a campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful vigil in front of abortion businesses. The fall campaign in Little Rock is now-November 1 and will take place across the street from Planned Parenthood 1501 Aldersgate Road. Please contact Marsha Boss 501-960-5051, Nancy Meneley 501-952-3141 or visit the Little Rock campaign website to sign up for vigil hours or for more information. Remember that COVID-19 precautions are necessary we must wear face and keep at least 6 feet apart during our public witness at this campaign. It is a contradiction to claim, we are pro-life & then willingly endanger the life of one another.

**Memorial Crosses** – Each cross placed represents 3 babies aborted in Arkansas within the last year. So many people want to memorialize the little ones who are now known only to God. Especially in these days - what a beautiful witness for life! Crosses will be at St. Joseph until Friday, 10/23. Upcoming schedule is as follows:

- St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1722 Starr Dr., Fayetteville  
Cross Removal: Friday, 10/23 at 8:30 AM
- St. Vincent Catholic Church, 1416 W. Poplar, Rogers  
Marking the grounds: Friday, 10/23 at 3:00 PM  
Cross Placement: Saturday, 10/24 at 10:00 AM  
Cross Removal: Wednesday, 11/4 at 8:00 AM

The motor coach express (is faster than expected so we will be leaving from the Johnson House at 8:30 AM instead of 7:30 AM and leave Planned Parenthood in Little Rock at 4:00 PM. Signs, drinks & snacks will be provided. Remaining days are Thursday, October 22 and Wednesday, October 28.

**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).



**Church Operations for October**

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 43,768.96  
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,324,999.70

Always be mindful of our obligation to contribute to the support of the Church in spreading the Good News of the Gospel, may we conscientiously render "to God what belongs to God."

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 48,771.77	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 9,045.19	\$ 23,000

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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

**Monday, October 19**

12:00pm Flossie DeSalvo †

**Tuesday, October 20**

12:00pm Sally Crenshaw †

**Wednesday, October 21**

12:00pm Gee M Daniel Mobley †

**Thursday, October 22**

12:00pm Martinez Family

**Friday, October 23**

12:00pm Pham / Dinh Family

**Saturday, October 24**

5:00pm Alfred Mariotti †

**Sunday, October 25**

7:45am Louise Smith †

10:00am Maria Nhu Bui and Peter Thong Le †

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm Anthony Ayala Rodriguez



**Scripture Readings for 10/25/20**

Exodus 22:20-26  
 Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51  
 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10  
 Matthew 22:34-40

**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 24 - 25	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	Sherolyn Johnson Margie O'Grady	<b>NOT FILLED (A-G)</b>	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM (No Music)</b>	Irma Holasek	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Peggy Estes Robbie Estes	Gerard Davenport Amanda Cantu Karen Howard Greg Woodell <b>NOT FILLED (E-G)</b>		Barb Hamernik	Tracy Sullivan
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Maria Mendez	Theresa Brauburger	Paul Krapf Theresa Brauburger	Steve Harrington Brian Rabal Tim Koch <b>NOT FILLED (D-G)</b>		Ted Brauburger	Gina Koch
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)</b>	Marugel Monzalvo	Raquel Perez	Raquel Perez Beatriz Aguirre	Fernando Perez J. Concepcion Serrano Martha Mendoza Maria Rocio Cervantes Maria Salcedo Victor Lopez Maria Dalia Lopez		Ivan Sanabria	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Lisa Richard	<b>NOT FILLED (A-G)</b>		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger