

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

November 1, 2020

ALL SAINTS DAY

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See what
great love
the Father has
lavished on us,
that we should
be called
children
of God!

1 JOHN 3:1, NIV

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 / lunes - Friday / 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

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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

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen Youth

Jessica Petter

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9th Grade - 12th Grade

Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

RCIA Calendar – Our next session is Wednesday, November 4 on Our Heavenly Family: Mary and the Saints led by Gary Delperdang. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the church. All are welcome.

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 – 223
- ♦ 7:45am – 203 (This MASS will continue with no music until further notice).
- ♦ 10:00am – 285
- ♦ 11:45am (Spanish) – 233
- ♦ 5:00pm Life Teen – 207

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.

Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal – A Catholic education is a gift that serves the child, their family, and the community throughout their lifetime and beyond. The cost of tuition is a challenge to hundreds of our families who desire a Catholic education for their child. Parish subsidies, school fundraising, and foundations provide funds for financial assistance, but not enough. All funds raised go directly to an Arkansas Catholic school to provide tuition assistance to a family with a demonstrated financial need. Your gift will help keep these children in our Catholic schools. Please be generous, and remember our Catholic schools in your prayers. You will find a donation form in today's bulletin. Thank you.

All Souls Day – Mass Times at St. Stephen for All Souls Day are:

- Monday, November 2 - All Souls Mass in English at Noon
- Monday, November 2 - Todas las Almas Mass in Spanish at 7:00pm

Sunday Missals – We now have the Sunday Missals for Liturgical Year B available for \$5. Look for them on the window ledge outside the receptionist office.

Hard Hat Collection Weekend – Next weekend, November 7/8 there will be a second collection for the church loan. All donations to this collection go to repay our loan with the Diocese of Little Rock. We appreciate your prayerful consideration and support of this effort.

Colecta Casco – El proximo fin de semana, el 7 y 9 de noviembre habrá una segunda colecta para el préstamo de la iglesia. Todas las donaciones a esta colecta son para cubrir nuestro préstamo con la Diócesis de Little Rock. Apreciamos su consideración y apoyo de este esfuerzo.

The St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC) – It is time for our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive which we deliver food baskets to over 80 families in our community. This year the need is greater and local food banks are in short supply so we are asking help from our parishioners. SSBC members will be handing out a list of items needed after each Mass this weekend November 7/8. The items will be collected before each Mass on November 14/15 outside the Church pantry or your donation items may be placed in the cart located in front of the Church. Cash donations are welcome and can be placed in the Poor Box located at each exit in the Narthex. SSBC thanks you for your continued support. Food items needed are:

Canned Vegetables	Rice
Canned Cranberry Sauce	Canned Pumpkin/Pie Mix
Evaporated Milk	Pie Crust/Mix
Cake/Brownie Mix	Stuffing/Dressing Mix
Instant Potatoes	Canned Yams
Mushroom Soup	Gravy/Gravy Mix
Chicken Broth	Dinner Rolls

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) this year is celebrated November 1-7. NVAW is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers & support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which fell on January 13 in 2013. In 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Plenary Indulgence – Many of the Church’s pastors have requested an adaptation to the requirements to obtain the Plenary Indulgence for the deceased in the month of November. Thus, “by the special mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis”, the Apostolic Penitentiary released on Friday, these modifications.

★ Plenary Indulgence during month of November – Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those Who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the Normal dates of 1 to 8 November. This year, the Indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.

★ Plenary Indulgence for Feast of All Souls’ Day – Regarding the Plenary Indulgence attached to All Souls’ Day, 2 November, this year, it can be obtained not only on the preceding or succeeding Sunday, or on the actual Feast day, but on any other day of the month chosen by each member of the faithful. In this case, the indulgence is obtained by “devoutly visiting a church or an oratory”, along with the recitation of the Our Father and the Creed, and the other requirements associated with a Plenary Indulgence.

★ The Homebound – For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including anti-COVID restrictions, they too can obtain the Plenary Indulgence by “uniting themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful”. In this case, the condition of being “completely detached from sin” and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence remain. These conditions are Sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Father’s intentions.

The Decree suggests that such prayer take place before an “image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary”. Among the various prayers that are recommended are “prayers for the deceased, Morning or Evening Prayer from the Office of the Dead, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditating on various Gospel passages proposed for the liturgy of the Dead, or completing a work of mercy by offering to God the suffering & discomforts of one’s own life.”

Accounting News – Thank you for your generous support during the pandemic. You can still make your donations through the following methods:

- Automatic bank draft by St. Stephen – no fee
- Bill Pay from bank – no fee
- In person drop off at Mass – no fee
- In person drop off at the office – no fee
- US Mail – no fee
- We Share online giving – 3-4% fee per transaction paid by St. Stephen
- PayPal – 2.5-3.0% fee per transaction paid by St. Stephen

We encourage you to use a no fee option if possible but will gladly accept “We Share” or “Pay Pal”. Thanks in advance for your financial support. Please contact the accounting office for more information.

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.”

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

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – Prayerfully consider answering Our Lady’s call to join pilgrims from the Bentonville area who will meet pilgrims from around the USA who are traveling to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina next year (June 11-20) which offers an add-on extension for Our Lady’s 40th 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 & encouraged by the Vatican. Contact Julie Brummitt at 817-602-8999 (former St. Stephen parishioner who resides in Ohio) to register or for more information visit 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!

Church Operations for October

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 88,533.42

Loan Balance - \$ 1,309,795.55

Blessed are those who show mercy and care for those who are poor and in need, for their "reward will be great in Heaven," with all the saints.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 88,680.00	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 18,726.73	\$ 23,000

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 31

5:00pm Fayetteville Police Department

Sunday, November 1

7:45am Maria Nhu Bui & Peter Thong Le †

10:00am Sarah Herbert †

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm All Souls Novena

Monday, November 2

12:00pm Darrell Shoemaker †

7:00pm Todas Las Almas

Tuesday, November 3

12:00pm Louise Smith †

Wednesday, November 4

12:00pm All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 5

12:00pm Priscilla Gadin †

Friday, November 6

12:00pm Martinez Family

Saturday, November 7

9:00am Tony Daschinger †

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

Sunday, November 8

7:45am Betty Tlach †

10:00am All Souls Novena

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm Elizabeth Benhard & Klinge



I am the LORD
 which exercise
loving
kindness,
judgment, and
RIGHTEOUSNESS
 in the earth:
 for in these
 things I delight,
 saith the **LORD**
Jeremiah 9:24

Scripture Readings for 11/08/20

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

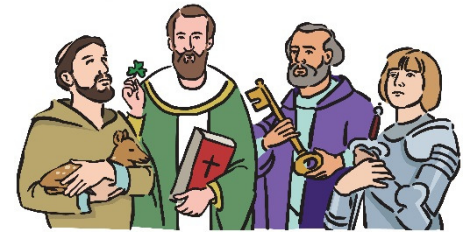
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14

Matthew 25:1-13

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.

For All the Saints



November 7 - 8	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Janet Palmer	Janet Palmer	Margie O'Grady Margie Story	Philip Palmer Mike Power NOT FILLED (C - G)	Janet Palmer	Amy Fulmer	Tracy Sullivan
Sunday, 7:45 AM (No Music)	Christy Yuska	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Chris O'Shaughnessy Kira O'Shaughnessy	Bruce Peterson Len Oswald Geri Oswald Greg Woodell NOT FILLED (E - G)		Bruce Peterson	Dan Reiff
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Ramon Portilla	Ted Brauburger	Thomas Ganey Kathryn Gough	Charlotte Champagne Brian Rabal Steve Harrington NOT FILLED (D - G)		Ted Brauburger	Gina Koch
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Fernando Barbosa	Ivan Sanabria	Maria Elena Calderon Ivan Sanabria	Martha Mendoza Maria Salcedo Maria Rocio Cervantes Victor Lopez Maria Dalia Lopez Bertha Váldez J. Concepcion Serrano		Fernando Perez	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon	SUB NEEDED Katie Morris	NOT FILLED (A - G)		Bryan Bacon	Jennifer Haddinger