



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

February 7, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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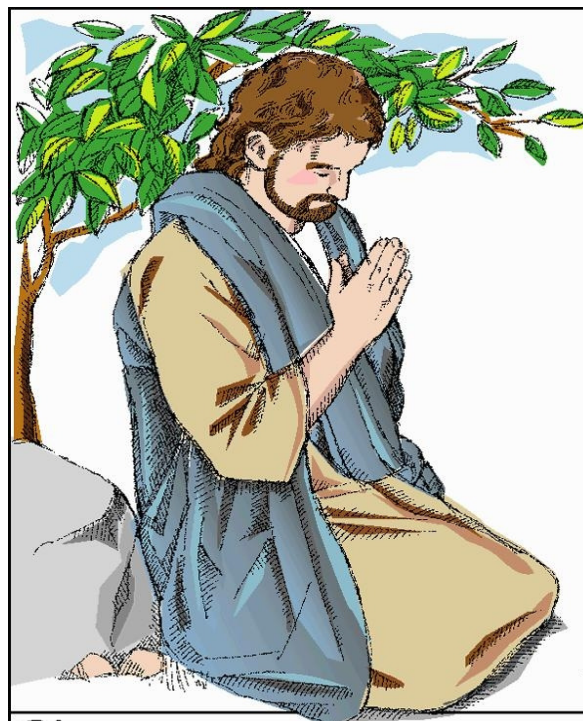
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Very early in the morning ... Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Mark 1:35

Weekday MASS

Monday – Friday 12:00 PM – English

Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 AM

Sunday 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 / lunes – Thursday / jueves

9:00am – 11:30 AM and 12:45 – 3:00 PM

Friday / Viernes – 9:00- 11:30 AM

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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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen / EDGE Youth

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7th Grade – 12th Grade

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Mardi Gras - Join us for a Mardi Gras celebration on Saturday, February 13 from 6:00-8:00 PM! The party this year will be outside, complete with a bonfire, beer garden, social distancing, and Cajun food. Feeling like you want to stay home? No problem, we will be offering take-home food and bags of fun Mardi Gras activities to complete at home. Check the website, app, or Facebook page for details on how to reserve your spot!

Hard Hat Collection will be next weekend, February 13/14. The collection goes toward paying the loan we received from the Diocese for church repairs. As hard hats will not be passed around, please place your donation in the regular collection basket. Our goal is to collect \$19,440 each month to cover the loan payment. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Colecta Casco será el próximo fin de semana el 13/14 de febrero. La colecta es para pagar el préstamo que recibimos de la Diócesis para las reparaciones de la iglesia. Como no se pasarán los cascos, coloque su donación en la canasta de colecta regular. Nuestro objetivo es recaudar \$19,440 cada mes para cubrir el pago del préstamo. Gracias por su consideración en oración.

St. Stephen MASS Attendance – According to COVID regulations, our allowed capacity is a total of 400 in the building. Last week's attendance:

- 5:00pm – 195
- 7:45am – 166
- 10:00am – 302
- 11:45am (Spanish) – 245
- 5:00pm – 185

Please know we will inform you of our Mass attendance should you would like to return. You are always welcome to utilize our overflow seating available in the building. You may listen over the speakers in the courtyard, and come inside for Holy Communion only or you can even participate via YouTube.

Consecration to St. Joseph Study Group for Fathers: Begins February 15th – In the midst of crisis, confusion, and a world at war with the Church, it's time to come home again to our spiritual father, St. Joseph. In this richly researched and lovingly presented program of consecration to St. Joseph, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, brings to life the wonders, the power, and the ceaseless love of St. Joseph, Universal Patron of the Church and the Terror of Demons. All fathers are welcome to join this group that meets every Monday morning, 6:30-7:30 am, in the St. Stephen Library from February 15th to March 15th. With the consecration on the morning of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19th at 6:30 am. Contact Chris Teague to sign up or for questions cteague@ststephenbentonville.com.

Lent and Easter Reflections on St. Joseph with G.K. Chesterton. Sign up for free at: <https://www.chesterton.org/2021-lenten-reflections/>.

Ozark Catholic Academy – No tuition or fee increase at OCA for four years! Reinforcing the commitment to keep Catholic education affordable, OCA has announced it will not raise tuition or fees for the next 4 school years! Made possible by a generous donor, the cost to attend OCA will remain flat through the 2024-25 school year! Enrollment for the 2021-22 school year is open. Start your journey by going to www.ozarkcatholic.org/admissions.

RCIA Calendar – Our next session will be Wednesday, February 10, on Liturgical Calendar 2 led by Bruce Peterson. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm in the church. All are welcome.

Ash Wednesday Masses and Services on February 17th

- 6:30am Ash Service in English (No Mass)
- 12:00pm Mass in English with the distribution of ashes
- 5:30pm Mass in English with the distribution of ashes
- 7:30pm Mass in Spanish with the distribution of ashes

Distribution of ashes will be different this year because of the pandemic, as we will be following the guidance as directed by the Holy See. Ashes will be sprinkled on the head, instead of tracing the cross on the forehead. This alternate approach is already the common practice in some parts of the world.

Servicios para el Miércoles de Ceniza, el 17 de febrero

- 6:30 am servicio de ceniza en inglés (Sin Misa)
- 12:00pm Misas es igles con la distribución de cenizas
- 5:30pm Misa en ingles con la distribución de cenizas
- 7:30pm Misa en español con la distribución de cenizas

La distribución de las cenizas será diferente este año debido a la pandemia, ya que estaremos siguiendo la orientación que nos ha dirigido la Santa Sede. Las cenizas se esparcirán sobre la cabeza, en lugar de trazar la cruz en la frente. Este enfoque alternativo ya es una práctica común en algunas partes del mundo.

Palm Fronds Collection – Are you wondering what to do with last year's palm fronds? We will be collecting palms from last year, beginning this weekend. They will then be burnt for use in this year's Ash Wednesday services on February 17.

Colección de palmas – ¿Te estás preguntando qué hacer con las palmas del año pasado? Vamos a recoger las palmas del año pasado, a partir de este fin de semana. Luego serán quemadas para su uso en los servicios del Miércoles de Ceniza de este año, 17 de febrero.

Stations of the Cross will be offered each Friday during Lent. Stations will be in English at 5:30pm and Spanish at 7:00pm.

*Feb. 19, 5:30pm

*Feb. 26, 5:30pm - hosted by IMPACT

*March 5, 5:30pm - hosted by EDGE/Life Teen

*March 12, 5:30pm - hosted by Catholic Kids

*March 19, 5:30pm

*March 26, 5:30pm - hosted by Msgr. Scott

Estaciones de la Cruz se ofrecerán todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma. Las estaciones se llevarán a cabo a las 5:30pm en inglés y a las 7:00pm español.

St. Stephen Preschool has pre-enrollment open from now until February 14 for parishioners. If your child will be three or four years old by August 1, and you would like to enroll them for the 2021-2022 school year or need more information please contact Cathy Townzen at preschool@ststephenbentonville.com or 479-273-1240.

Knights of Columbus Rosary for Lent – Please join the Knights as they pray the Rosary prior to Stations of the Cross at 5:00 PM in the church on Fridays during Lent.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) – If you take your pledge card home please be sure to bring it back the following week or mail in the pre-paid envelope. Your generous response is appreciated and your money will be administered wisely. "Through CASA we can open our hearts and our wallets to the Lord and welcome him with all that we have and all that we are as faithful servants."

Campaña Católica de Arkansas (CASA) – Si se lleva a casa su tarjeta de promesa de donativo por favor asegúrese de traerla de regreso la semana entrante o de enviarla por correo en el sobre prepagado. Se aprecia su generosa respuesta y su dinero será administrado prudentemente. "A través de CASA podemos abrir nuestros corazones y carteras al Señor y darle la bienvenida con todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos-como fieles servidores."

A Lenten Day of Recollection will be offered at Coury House, Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, AR, Tuesday, March 9. Br. Roch McClellan, OSB, will direct the retreat on "Constructing Our Lives for Christ." The day begins at 8:30 am with registration and refreshments; two conferences, opportunity for reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church, noon prayer with the monks; lunch and Mass. At the moment, participation is limited to 16 people. Cost for the day is \$25. Please call 479-934-1290 or e-mail couryhouse@subi.org to reserve a place.

Catholic Young Professionals (CYP) – Looking for community during the pandemic? Want to get involved while staying safe? The NWA Catholic Young Professionals group may have something for you! Here are some of our regular events: weekly Monday Meetup, an online Bible Study group at 7:00 PM on Mondays; monthly virtual Theology on Tap and monthly socially-distanced outdoor social events. To learn more or to join us for an event, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NWACYPro or contact us at NWACYPro@gmail.com.

National Marriage Week 2021 – This year's theme from USCCB is: "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." There will be two live-streamed events during National Marriage week: 1) February 10 at 2:00 PM EDT: A Conversation about Fatherhood and Spousal Love as inspired by St. Joseph hosted by Dominic Lombardi, Executive Director for the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth (LMFLY) & Fr. Daniel Hanley, Associate Director for the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations (CCLV); 2) February 12 at 3:30 PM EDT: Rosary led by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Chairman and staff of the Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth.

Arkansas Catholic Annual Photo Contest is open to choose a photo for the cover of the 2022 diocesan directory. Any Arkansas photographer 18 or older, professional or amateur, can enter their photo of a Catholic church or institution in the diocese. The entry deadline is March 18. Complete rules and an official entry form are available at www.arkansas-catholic.org. For more information, call Emily Roberts at (501) 664-0125.

Pre-Cana Day is an event for couples who are engaged and wish to be married in the Catholic Church. This one-day retreat invites couples to spend time together reflecting on their relationship and future marriage. It is sponsored by the diocesan Family Life Office. Registration is required one week prior to the event.

- **PRE-CANA Marriage Preparation Class** - English
March 30, May 15, June 19, August 21,
and October 16 will all take place at St. John Center,
Little Rock. Spring and Fall TBA will be at Christ the
King, Ft. Smith.
- **Convalidation Class** - English
February 27 at St. John Center, Little Rock
- **PRE-CANA/Convalidation Class** - Spanish
April 17 at St. John Center, Little Rock

NWA Respect Life – Lent is a time for reconciliation and forgiveness. There are many men and women silently suffering from a past abortion. This lent, make peace with your past and come back to God, who is love and mercy. There is forgiveness and hope after abortion. Call or text (501)663-0996 Project Rachel Ministry. The call is confidential and non-judgmental

NWA Respeto a la Vida – La Cuaresma es un tiempo de reconciliación y el perdón. Hay muchos hombres y mujeres que sufren en silencio por un aborto pasado. Esta cuaresma, haz la paz con tu pasado y vuelve a Dios, que es amor y misericordia. Hay perdón y esperanza después del aborto. Llama o text (501)663-0996 al Ministerio Proyecto Raquel la llamada es confidencial y sin juzgar.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend offers couples the chance to focus on their marriage, improve communication, deepen intimacy and spend quality time together, free of distractions. To safeguard against COVID-19, the weekend of February 12-14 is being offered virtually from the comfort of your own home. It is sponsored by the diocesan Family Life Office. To apply or for information visit www.arkansaswwme.org/calendar. If you do not receive a confirmation email within an hour after applying online please email Brian or Tina Little at btlittle2@me.com or call them at (281) 773-4014.

2021 Year of St. Joseph (February) "Joseph Most Chaste" – Chaste love requires that one wills the good to another without taking the other to oneself as one's own. To Joseph was entrusted the Divine Child and His fairest Mother. Chaste in body but also in heart, Joseph loved freely which created the interior tranquility of order in the Holy Family. The prayer is by www.catholicprayercard.org.

St. Joseph Prayer

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer;
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen*

Acts 17:31 – "Because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

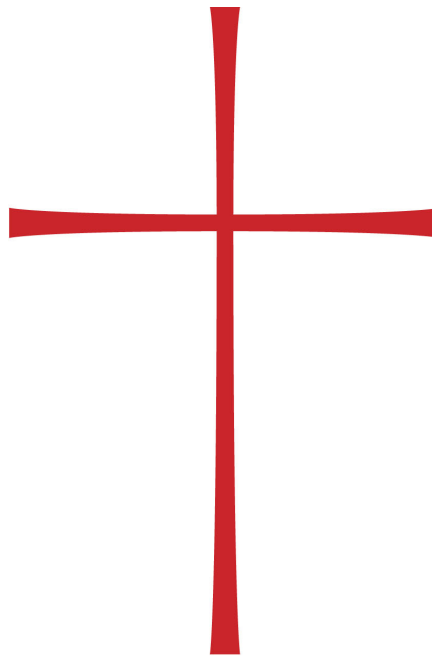
Church Operations for February

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ \$36,136.03

Loan Balance - \$ 1,263,890.87

As St. Paul was entrusted with a stewardship of preaching the Gospel, we too share our part in continuing this ministry of spreading the Good News and concretely supporting the Church's charitable outreach.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 23,608.28	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 553.00	\$ 23,000



Happy are those whose
transgression
is forgiven,
whose sin
is covered.

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Scripture Readings for 02/14/2021

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 6

9:00am Max Olson

5:00pm George Eversman †

Sunday, February 7

7:45am Gayle Vonnegut †

10:00am Scripture Sisters

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †

Monday, February 8

12:00pm Debra Gail Hobbs †

Tuesday, February 9

12:00pm David Olson

Wednesday, February 10

12:00pm Fred Olson

Thursday, February 11

12:00pm Max K. Graham †

Friday, February 12

12:00pm Debra G. Hobbs †

Saturday, February 13

5:00pm Victor Burchfield †

Sunday, February 14

7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

10:00am Maria Nhu Bui †

11:45am Fallecidos de la Familia Lopez

5:00pm Anne E. Childers †

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February 12 - 13	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Mark Jechura	Bryan Bacon	Sherolyn Johnson Susan McDaniel	NOT FILLED (A - G)	NOT FILLED	Mark Jechura	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Tom Stawicki	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Chris O'Shaughnessy Kira O'Shaughnessy	Karen Howard Amanda Cantu Gerard Davenport Greg Woodell NOT FILLED		NOT FILLED	Peggy Estes
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Mary Pablo	Ted Brauburger	TJ LaPlant Imelda Robinson	Steve Harrington Ken Butler Brian Rabal Tim Koch NOT FILLED		Ted Brauburger	Gina Koch
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Dolores Pena	Fernando Perez	Beatriz Aguirre Hector Rangel	Bertha Valdez Martha Mendoza Maria Salcedo Maria Munoz Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez J. Concepcion Serrano		Fernando Perez	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Cary Richard	NOT FILLED (A - G)		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger