



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

February 14, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Weekday MASS

Monday – Friday 12:00 PM – English

Ash Wednesday Times

Wednesday

12:00 PM – MASS – English

5:30 PM – MASS – English

7:30PM – MASS - Spanish

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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Pre-K – 4th Grade

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen / EDGE Youth

Jessica Petter

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7th Grade – 12th Grade

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Ministry Scheduling – Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of April, May and June. This schedule will include special Masses for Holy Week (April 1-4). Let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter before Monday, March 8 by calling the church office at (479) 273-1240 or via email ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com. No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time or the Holy Days mentioned above.

If you would be willing to serve at our First Communion Mass, Sunday, April 25 at 2:00pm, or Confirmation Mass, Saturday, May 1 at 10:00am please let us know – we really need help at these Mass times!

Also, make use of the sub list to find your replacement if you are unable to attend Mass when you are scheduled – *a friendly reminder that the parish office does not find subs, and it is not the responsibility of the head minister to find a sub for you.*

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 – 184
- 7:45am – 194
- 10:00am – 317
- 11:45am (Spanish) – 225
- 5:00pm – 90 (Superbowl)

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.

Hard Hat Collection will be this 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 este 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.

Ash Wednesday Collection February 17 - Your support to this collection will directly fund priests, nuns and others in ministry in our diocese to serve parishes & communities that by themselves are unable to cover their costs. One hundred percent of every dollar will be used to support missionary work that reaches out and serve Catholics in Arkansas. Please be generous so that the great gift of our faith can be nourished among our Catholic brothers and sisters in all parts of our state.

Colecta el 17 de febrero para Miércoles de Ceniza - Su apoyo a esta colecta financiará directamente a sacerdotes y religiosas en nuestra diócesis que sirven en parroquias y comunidades que solas no podrían cubrir su costo. Cien por ciento de cada dólar que dan se utiliza para apoyar a las misiones que ayudan y sirven a los católicos en Arkansas. Por favor sean generosos para que el gran don de nuestra fe pueda alimentarse entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos católicos en todas partes de nuestro estado.

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: www.chesterton.org/2021-lenten-reflections/.

RCIA Calendar – There will be NO RCIA this Wednesday, February 17 due to Ash Wednesday. The next session will be Wednesday, February 24 on St. Joseph led by Msgr. Marczuk. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm in the church. All are welcome.

Ash Wednesday Masses on February 17th

- 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.

Misas para el Miércoles de Ceniza, el 17 de febrero

- 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 are collecting palms from last year. They will then be burnt for use in this year's Ash Wednesday services on February 17. Look for the basket in the Narthex.

Colección de palmas – ¿Te estás preguntando qué hacer con las palmas del año pasado? Estamos colectando las palmas del año pasado. Luego serán quemadas para su uso en los servicios del Miércoles de Ceniza de este año, 17 de febrero. Busca la canasta en el Nártex.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 – *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Knights of Columbus Rosary for Lent – Please join the Knights as they pray the Rosary on Fridays during Lent. This will take place prior to Stations of the Cross at 5:00pm English and 6:30pm in Spanish in the church.

Rosario con los Caballeros de Colón durante la Cuaresma – Están invitados a acompañar a los Caballeros a rezar el Rosario los viernes de Cuaresma. Esto se llevará a cabo antes del Vía Crucis, a las 5:00 pm en inglés y a las 6:30 pm en español en la iglesia.

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.

Fasting and Abstinence during Lent – Practicing as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast. The following is a question and answer to help you:

Q: What are the rules about fasting and abstinence?

A: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59.

El Ayuno y la Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma – Como la Iglesia instruye la práctica es un buen comienzo. Una forma corporal a recordarnos a nosotros mismos que necesitamos a Dios sobre todas las cosas, el ayuno es también un sacrificio, un regalo para Dios de nuestro corazón a depender más completamente en Él. El libre deseo interior profundizará nuestra relación con Dios es la esencia de un ayuno de Cuaresma. La siguiente es una pregunta/respuesta para ayudarlo:

P: ¿Cuál es la regla sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia?

R: Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia. La ley de ayuno permite una comida completa y dos pequeños. La ley de la abstinencia prohíbe el consumo de carne. Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia en los Estados Unidos. La obligación comienza a los 14 años de edad. La ley del ayuno obliga a todos entre las edades de 18-59.

A Lenten Day of Recollection will be offered at Courty House, Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, AR, Tuesday, March 9. Br. Roch McClellan, OSB, will direct "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, noon prayer with the monks; lunch and Mass. Participation is limited to 16 people. Cost is \$25. To reserve a place call 479-934-1290 or e-mail courthouse@subi.org.

Winter Weather Policy – With winter here we would like to remind you of our policy regarding the cancellation of programs, except for the Masses. We follow Bentonville school district; if they cancel school, we cancel our programs. This policy also applies to the parish office. We will also post our cancellations on facebook.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) – Did you know your CASA offerings are a source of funding for the education of our Seminarians? Your faithful support helps provide the best in intellectual, personal and spiritual training and education that all of our Seminarians deserve. They have given everything for us and the Church, do we owe them any less than the best that we can give? Become a Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal supporter. Our parish goal is \$46,650.

Campaña Católica de Arkansas (CASA) – ¿Sabía usted que su ofrenda a CASA es una fuente para financiar la educación de nuestros seminaristas? Su apoyo fiel ayuda a proporcionar el mejor entrenamiento y educación intelectual, personal y espiritual que todos nuestros seminaristas se merecen. Ellos han dado todo por nosotros y por la Iglesia, acaso debemos darles a lo menos que lo mejor? Conviértase en un colaborador de la Campaña Católica de Arkansas a Compartir. La meta de nuestra parroquia es de \$46,650.

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.

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

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.

Church Operations for February

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ \$ 57,110.45

Loan Balance - \$ 1,263,890.87

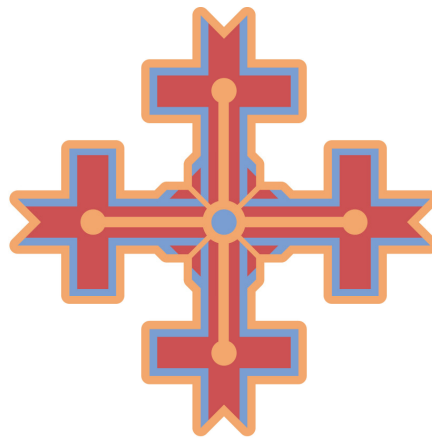
Following the words of St. Paul, may whatever we do, be done for the glory of God, especially seeking the benefit of others, by our outreach and charitable support, that they may be saved.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 51,176.76	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 4,566.77	\$ 23,000



For I know
the plans I have
for you,
declares the LORD,
plans for welfare
and not for evil,
to give you a future
and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11



WE HAVE THIS

HOPE

AS AN ANCHOR
FOR THE SOUL

FIRM AND
SECURE.

HEBREWS 6:19

Scripture Readings for 02/21/2021

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 †

Monday, February 15

12:00pm Jerri & Dean Mechels

Tuesday, February 16

12:00pm Ernie & Jean Marlow

Wednesday, February 17

12:00pm Irvin Aldana Mojica

5:30pm Fr. Tom Morris †

7:30pm Jesus Mendez †

Thursday, February 18

12:00pm Joyce Marlow

Friday, February 19

12:00pm Irvin Aldana Mojica

Saturday, February 20

5:00pm Charles Robertson †

Sunday, February 21

7:45am Denise Kidd †

10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses

11:45am Marlen Chavez y Familia

5:00pm Russel H. Yoho Jr. †

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February 20 - 21	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Jon Terlouw	Jon Terlouw	Lori Terlouw Jon Terlouw	Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED (B - G)	NOT FILLED	Jon Terlouw	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Tom Stawicki Chris O'Shaughnessy	Geri Oswald Len Oswald Bruce Peterson Amanda Cantú Gerard Davenport NOT FILLED (F - G)		Bruce Peterson	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Rose Hartnett	Theresa Brauburger	Pam Willis Theresa Brauburger	Tim Koch Daniel Cruz Steve Harrington Ken Butler NOT FILLED (E - G)		Joe Hartnett	Gina Koch
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Ramon Portilla	Raquel Perez	Carmen Sepulveda Raquel Perez	J. Concepción Serrano Fernando Pérez María Salcedo María Muñoz María Barajas María Dalia López Víctor López		Ivan Sanabria	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Chris Davis	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (B - G)		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger