



# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

February 28, 2021

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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*From the cloud came a  
voice,*



*"This is my Son,  
the Beloved;  
listen to him!"*

MARK 9: 7, NRSV

### 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](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 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  
[ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com)  
Pre-K – 6th Grade

#### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker  
[youthoffice@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:youthoffice@ststephenbentonville.com)  
Pre-K – 4th Grade

#### Confirmation

Monica Shoemaker  
[youthoffice@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:youthoffice@ststephenbentonville.com)  
Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

#### Life Teen / EDGE Youth

Jessica Petter  
[lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:lifeteen@ststephenbentonville.com)  
7th Grade – 12th Grade  
Instagram: Lifeteenststephen

**A Big Thank You** to Jessica Petter, for the dedication and love that you brought to the youth of our parish. We would also like to say congratulations on your new position with a different diocese where you will have an even greater impact on the Church. May the Holy Spirit guide you in this next chapter of life.

**Winter Storm Damage** – We had a water line freeze in the education wing last week. The leak flooded the hall, restrooms, and four classrooms. The cracked pipe was repaired and we are still working through the water mitigation process.

**St. Vincent de Paul Benevolent Society (SSBC)** – This is year devoted to St. Joseph, the patron of the Universal Church. It seems fitting for the SSBC of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to initiate a new, annual spring food drive in St. Joseph's honor. Our parish is blessed with an abundance of resources, which we wish to share with our neighbors in need. There will be a St. Joseph's Altar in the Narthex and for the next three week-ends (ending on the week-end of the feast of St. Joseph), we ask you to bring non-perishable foods such as pasta, dried beans, paper goods, toiletries, diapers, or any other products you feel a family might need. Place your offering on the St. Joseph altar, say a prayer of thanksgiving for all you have and for those you are helping, and pray for your family to be a replica of the Holy Family. If you are blessed with work, enough to eat, and money for a rainy day give thanks to God our Lord for His goodness. Thank you for support to this appeal in honor of St. Joseph & our neighbors in need!

*Prayer to St. Joseph*

*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, to us too, 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.*

**La Sociedad Benevolente de San Vicente de Paúl (SSBC)** – Este año es dedicado a San José, el patrón de la Iglesia Universal, apropiado para la Conferencia Benevolente de San Esteban de la Sociedad San Vicente de Paúl, iniciar una nueva campaña anual de alimentación de primavera en honor a San José. Nuestra parroquia es bendecida con una abundancia de recursos, que deseamos compartir con alegría con nuestros hermanos necesitados. Habrá un Altar de San José en el Nártex y para los próximos tres fines de semana (finalizando el fin de semana de la fiesta de San José), le pedimos que comparta trayendo alimentos como pasta, frijoles secos, artículos de papel, artículos de tocador, pañales, o cualquier otro producto que usted piense que una familia podría necesitar. Ponga su ofrenda en el altar de San José, diga una oración de acción de gracias por todo lo que tiene y por aquellos que está ayudando, y oren por su familia que sea una réplica de la Sagrada Familia. Si eres bendecido con el trabajo, lo necesario para comer, y dinero para un día lluvioso, de gracias a Dios nuestro Señor por su bondad. ¡Gracias por su apoyo a este llamamiento en honor de San José y nuestros hermanos necesitados!

*Oración a San José*

*Salve, custodio del Redentor y esposo de la Santísima Virgen María. a ti Dios te confió a su único Hijo; en ti María depositó su confianza; contigo Cristo se forjó como hombre. Oh, bienaventurado José, muéstrate Padre también a nosotros y guíanos en el camino de la vida. Concédenos gracia, misericordia y valentía, y defendernos de todo mal. Amén.*

**Lenten Penance Services** – Our Lenten Penance Service will be this Thursday, March 4 at 7:00pm. Several priests will be available to hear confession in English and Spanish.

**Celebración Penitencial** – Nuestra parroquia ofrecerá una celebración penitencial el día 4 de marzo a las 7pm. Se trata de una oración guiada por el sacerdote para ayudar a la comunidad, cuyo fin es llevarnos al arrepentimiento y deseos de reconciliarnos con Dios y nuestros hermanos. Varios sacerdotes se reunirán para confesar en inglés y español.

**RCIA Calendar** – Our next session will be Wednesday, March 3, an Introduction to Morality/Conscience led by Msgr. Scott Marczuk. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm in the church. All are welcome.

**St. Joseph Presentation** – In honor of St. Joseph Feast Day, Monsignor Marczuk will present a PowerPoint on "The Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys of St. Joseph," a reflection with which every parent can relate. The presentation will be held Monday, March 8 from 6:30-8:00pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to join.

**Presentación de San José** – El 22 de marzo, Monseñor Marczuk tendrá una presentación de PowerPoint en Español sobre "Los Siete Dolores y Siete Gozos de San José, a las 6:30pm en el centro de vida familiar. Poco sabemos sobre la vida de San José, así que, no se pierda esta gran oportunidad de reflexión con la que todos los padres pueden relacionarse. Todos son bienvenidos.

**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](mailto: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.*

**Forgiveness Prayer** – Often, such a prayer will bring to mind other areas that need forgiveness. This Lent Season let the Holy Spirit move freely and guide your mind to persons or groups that you need to forgive. The following is a prayer from the book of Fr. Robert DeGrandis S.S.J. and Betty Tapscott.

*Forgive Everyone*

*I ask today to forgive everyone in my life. I know that You will give me the strength to forgive and I thank You that You love me more than I love myself and want my happiness more than I desire if for myself. Father, I forgive You for the times death has come into the family, hard times, financial difficulties, or what I thought were punishments sent by You and people said, "It's God's will" and I become bitter and resentful toward you.*

**2 Timothy 4:1** – *I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom.*

**Consecration to St. Joseph Study Group for Fathers** meets every Monday morning, 6:30-7:30 AM, in the St. Stephen Library now to March 15<sup>th</sup> ending March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 AM with the consecration on the morning of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Contact Chris Teague to sign up [cteague@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:cteague@ststephenbentonville.com).

**Hard Hat Collection** will be next weekend, March 6/7. 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 proximo fin de semana el 6/7 de marzo. 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 – 150    7:45am – 176    10:00am – 370  
11:45am (Spanish) – 212    5:00pm – 215  
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.

**Stations of the Cross** are offered each Friday during Lent. Stations are 5:30pm in English & 7:00pm in Spanish.  
\*March 5, 5:30pm - hosted by EDGE/Life Teen  
\*March 12, 5:30pm - hosted by Catholic Kids  
\*March 19, 5:30pm - Ladies Prayer Group  
\*March 26, 5:30pm - hosted by Msgr. Scott

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

**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 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 law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14.

**El Ayuno y la Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma** – Es un buen comienzo practicar como la Iglesia instruye. Una forma corporal a recordarnos a nosotros mismos que necesitamos a Dios sobre todas las cosas, el ayuno es un sacrificio también, un regalo para Dios de nuestro corazón a depender más completamente en Él. El libre deseo interior profundizara nuestra relación con Dios es la esencia de un ayuno de Cuaresma. La ley de la abstinencia prohíbe el consumo de carne. Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia en los Estados Unidos. La obligación de abstinencia comienza a 14 años de edad.

**Dear St. Stephen Parish Community,** It has been my honor and joy to serve you as the Life Teen Youth Director these past five years. I have witnessed so many of your children come up through the program that have graduated, or will soon be graduating from college. Thank you for the opportunity you've given me to walk with your teens and lead them closer to Christ! It will always be counted among one of the greatest joys of my life. I want to thank you personally for all the support you've shown both me and the ministry over the last five years. I also wanted to let you know that I will be using the experience I've gained here at St. Stephen to advance the kingdom of God in a new way. I have accepted a position of Assistant Director of Evangelization and Catechesis in another diocese and will soon be leaving our parish community. I am very excited about this new mission the Lord has called me to. Please continue to pray for me and for those I am called to serve. Lastly, to all the teens and adults I have had the honor of ministering to – thank you for your yes! Thank you for showing up week after week, growing your relationship with Jesus and striving to be the saint God is calling you to be. Remember that God sees striving and never give up. You are all uniquely called to transform the face of this earth, so never be afraid to say yes to all that God is asking of you! Trust in His plan for your life. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you a future and a hope." – Jeremiah 29:11 Yours always in Christ, Jessica Petter

**The Knights of Columbus** will conduct a Fish Fry on Friday, March 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in honor of St. Joseph, the care giver of the Holy Family. A meal of fish, French Fries, coleslaw and cheddar baked biscuit sponsored by Red Lobster will be available for \$7.00. You can preorder by filling out a form located at the entrance of the church or simply drive up to the Family Life Center. You may pay ahead by using Venmo # 479-685-3561 or at pick up with cash, check, or credit card. Meals will be delivered to your car. Proceeds benefit St. Stephen. To honor the year of St. Joseph, family prayer and activity packets will be included.

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**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 - \$ 116,853.69

Loan Balance - \$ 1,248,491.38

Because Abraham was obedient and willing to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac, God abundantly blessed him. May the Good Lord give us everything we need in Jesus as we practice sacrificial giving.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 98,348.46	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 10,273.24	\$ 23,000



# PRESENT YOUR BODIES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE,



# HOLY

—AND—

# ACCEPTABLE TO GOD.

ROMANS 12:1, ESV

### Scripture Readings for 03/07/2021

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, February 27

5:00pm Bob & Pat Brock

#### Sunday, February 28

7:45am Andrew Lac Tran †

10:00am Special Intention

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm Maria Luisa Centeno †

#### Monday, March 1

12:00pm Joyce Mader †

#### Tuesday, March 2

12:00pm Frances Hobbs †

#### Wednesday, March 3

12:00pm Frances Hobbs †

#### Thursday, March 4

12:00pm Debra G. Hobbs †

#### Friday, March 5

12:00pm Frank Letzig Jr. †

#### Saturday, March 6

9:00am Frances Hobbs †

5:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †

#### Sunday, March 7

7:45am Janice Sabo †

10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses

11:45am J. Refugio Trujillo †

5:00pm Phyllis Hughes †

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March 6 - 7	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Jon Terlouw	Bryan Bacon	Lisa Juan Jill Saulsbery	Steve Saulsbery <b>NOT FILLED</b> (B - G)	Bryan Bacon	Jon Terlouw	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Irma Holasek	Christina Baker	Tony Baker Christina Baker	Bruce Peterson Amanda Cantu Geri Oswald Len Oswald Gerard Davenport <b>NOT FILLED</b> (F - G)		Bruce Peterson	Dan Reiff
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Greg Brandenburg	Theresa Brauburger	TJ LaPlant Theresa Brauburger	Charlotte Champagne Steve Harrington Tim Koch Ken Butler <b>NOT FILLED</b> (E - G)		Kathryn Gough	Gina Koch
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM</b> (Spanish MASS)	Marugel Monzalvo	Mirna Serrano	Julian Serrano Mirna Serrano	Bertha Valdez Martha Mendoza Maria Salcedo J. Concepcion Serrano Maria Munoz Fernando Perez Maria Barajas		Crimilda Viera	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Katie Morris	Rob Brothers <b>NOT FILLED</b> (B - G)		Cary Richard	<b>NOT FILLED</b>