



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

March 7, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Moses cried to the Lord...

Exodus 17:4



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 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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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.

RCIA Calendar – Our next session will be Wednesday, March 10, on Confession/Reconciliation 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 family live center. 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.

Hard Hat Collection will be this 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 este 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.

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 emailing us at 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.*

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 15th ending March 19th 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.

Easter Mass – We will have four Easter Masses this year, Holy Saturday Vigil on April 3 at 8pm, Easter Sunday, April 4 at 7:45am and 10:00am in English and 11:45am in Spanish. We will be using the reservation system again but have opened up more spaces. To reserve your spot today please visit www.ststephenbentonville.com/links! If you have any issues or questions reach out to Elizabeth Ganey marketing@ststephenbentonville.com or call the Parish Office.

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, rice, peanut butter, paper goods, toiletries, diapers, or any other products. Food Pantry also needs jelly, canned fruit, pasta sauce and household items. 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 nuestros hermanos necesitados. Habrá un Altar de San José en el Nártex y 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, arroz, crema de cacahuete, artículos de papel, artículos de tocador, pañales, o cualquier otro producto. El almacén de alimentos también necesita mermelada, fruta enlatada, salsa de pasta y artículos para el hogar. 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.

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 you need to forgive. The following is from the book of Fr. Robert DeGrandis S.S.J. & Betty Tapscott.

Forgive my Mother

Lord, I truly forgive my mother. I forgive her for all the times she hurt me, she resented me, she was angry with me and for all the times she punished me. I forgive her for the times she preferred my brothers and sisters to me. I forgive her for the times she told me I was dumb, ugly, stupid, the worst of the children or that I cost the family a lot of money. For the times she told me I was unwanted, an accident, a mistake or not what she expected, I forgive her.

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 – 283 7:45am – 181 10:00am – 321

11:45am (Spanish) – 281 5:00pm – 198

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 participate via YouTube.

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 & 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 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 & 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

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection will take place next weekend. This collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here & abroad. Next week, please give generously and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Colecta de Ayuda para la Organización de Servicios Católicos (CRS) se realizará la próxima fin de semana en nuestra parroquia. Esta colecta proporcionan alimentos al hambre, apoyo a refugiados desplazados y traen el amor y misericordia de Cristo a todas las personas aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana por favor contribuyan generosamente ya que es Jesús con otro rostro.

Novena to St. Joseph – We invite you to participate in a bilingual novena to St. Joseph, starting Wednesday, March 10-18, at 6:30pm here at the church.

Novena a San José – Los invitamos a participar en una novena a San José, en inglés y español, empezando el miércoles 10 al 18 de marzo a las 6:30pm aquí en la iglesia.

Stations of the Cross are offered each Friday during Lent. Stations are 5:30pm in English & 7:00pm in Spanish.

* 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.

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. The meal is \$7.00. 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.

March for Life will be Saturday, March 14th at 2:00PM at the Arkansas State Capitol in Little Rock. All COVID precautions will be in place. This year Benton County caravan will depart at 9:00am on March 14th from NWACC parking lot 1 College Dr. in Bentonville. Washington County caravan will leave at 9:30am on March 14th at the Walmart parking lot off MLK - 2875 M.L.K. Jr Blvd in Fayetteville. We will stop for lunch, and be there for the march. After the march we will head back to NWA and be back by 7pm. To RSVP contact bcright2life@gmail.com.

Ozark Catholic Academy will be selling raffle tickets after Masses on March 6th/7th to support their Leadership Trips & financial aid. Tickets are \$2 each or \$20 for a booklet. Students will explain the prizes and answer any questions.

Revelation 22:12 – "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done."

Church Operations for February

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 116,853.69

Loan Balance - \$ 1,248,491.38

The Almighty gives us His commandments as words of everlasting life. May our faith inspire us to return to Him a portion of all the blessings bestowed upon us, for worship at His Holy Temple.

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

Organizational Directory

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Scripture Readings for 03/14/2021

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 †

Monday, March 8

12:00pm Mary Hurtig

Tuesday, March 9

12:00pm Kay Baier †

Wednesday, March 10

12:00pm Debbie Hobbs †

Thursday, March 11

12:00pm Juan & Alicia Mendez

Friday, March 12

12:00pm Irvin Aldana Mojica

Saturday, March 13

5:00pm Rita Streuli †

Sunday, March 14

7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

10:00am Scripture Sisters

11:45am Pedro Miramon Garcia

Estila May Pedrosa †

5:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †

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March 13 - 14	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Mike Power	Jon Terlouw	Lori Terlouw Jon Terlouw	Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED (B - G)	NOT FILLED	Jon Terlouw	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Christy Yuska	Bruce Peterson	Peggy Estes Robbie Estes	Gerard Davenport Karen Howard Amanda Cantu Len Oswald		Mark Jechura	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Ramon Portilla	Joe Hartnett	Rose Hartnett Thomas Ganey	Daniel Cruz Brian Rabal Ken Butler Tim Koch NOT FILLED		Joe Hartnett	Gina Koch
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Marugel Monzalvo	Ivan Sanabria	Maria Elena Calderon Ivan Sanabria	Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez J. Concepcion Serrano Maria Salcedo Maria Munoz Maria Barajas Bertha Valdez		Crimilda Viera	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Lisa Richard	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (B - G)		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger