

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

March 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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"People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7, NLT

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

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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Pre-K - 4th Grade

Confirmation

Monica Shoemaker

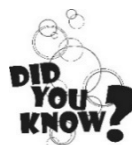
youthoffice@ststephenbentonville.com

Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen / EDGE Youth

7th Grade - 12th Grade

Daylight Savings Time – Daylight Savings begins this weekend Sunday, March 14 at 2:00am. Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour.



Sin – Sin is to choose deliberately – that is, both knowing it and willing it – something gravely contrary to the divine law and to the ultimate end of man is to commit a Mortal Sin. This destroys in us the charity without which eternal beatitude is impossible. Unrepented, it brings eternal death. Venial Sin constitutes a moral disorder that is reparable by charity, which it allows to subsist in us. The repetition of sins – even venial ones – engenders vices, among which are the capital sins.

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.

Holy Week/Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1 - 7:00pm Bilingual Mass
** No Thursday 12:00pm Mass
Good Friday, April 2 - 5:30pm English; 7:30pm Spanish
** No Friday Noon Mass
Holy Saturday, April 3 - 8:00pm Vigil Mass
** No Saturday 5:00pm Mass or Confessions
Easter Sunday, April 4 - 7:45am, 10:00am English;
11:45am Spanish
** No Life Teen 5:00pm Mass

Horario de Misas de Semana Santa/Pascua

Jueves Santo, 1 de abril - 7:00pm Misa Bilingüe
** No habra misa el jueves a las 8:30am y 12:00pm
Viernes Santo, 2 de abril - 5:30pm inglés; 7:30pm español
** No habra Misa de mediodía del viernes
Sabado de Gloria, 3 de abril - 8:00pm Misa de Vigilia
** No habra misa de 5:00pm el sábado
Domingo de Pascua, 4 de abril - 7:45am, 10:00am inglés;
11:45 español
** No habra misa de Life Teen a las 5:00pm

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 – 231 7:45am – 250 10:00am – 388
11:45am (Spanish) – 242 5:00pm – 221
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.

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 Sister and Brothers

Lord, I extend forgiveness to my sisters and brothers. I forgive those who rejected me, lied about me, hated me, resented me, competed for my parents' love, those who hurt me, who physically harmed me. For those who were too severe on me, punished me or made my life unpleasant in any way, I do forgive them.

RCIA Calendar – First Confessions of RCIA Candidates with Msgr. Marczuk will be this Wednesday, March 17. We will meet in the Church. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

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 please visit www.ststephenbentonville.com/links! If you have any issues or questions call the parish office or contact Elizabeth Ganey marketing@ststephenbentonville.com.

Misa de Pascua – Tendremos cuatro misas de Pascua este año, Vigilia del Sábado Santo, es el 3 de abril a las 8pm, Domingo de Pascua, el 4 de abril a las 7:45am y 10:00am en inglés y 11:45am en español. Volveremos a utilizar el sistema de reservas, pero hemos abierto más espacios. Para reservar su lugar por favor visite www.ststephenbentonville.com/links! Si tiene cualquier problema o pregunta, póngase en contacto con Elizabeth Ganey marketing@ststephenbentonville.com o llame a la Oficina Parroquial.

Stations of the Cross are offered each Friday during Lent. Stations are 5:30pm in English & 7:00pm in Spanish. Dates are March 19, 5:30pm - Ladies Prayer Group and March 26, 5:30pm - hosted by Msgr. Scott.

Estaciones de la Cruz se ofrecen todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma. Las estaciones se llevaran 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. A meal of fish, French Fries, coleslaw & cheddar baked biscuit sponsored by Red Lobster will be available for \$7.00. St. Joseph family prayer card and activity packets will be included with purchase. You can preorder by filling out a form located at the entrance of the church or drive up to the Family Life Center on that day. 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.

Prayer is a recognition that we need help to turn back to God. From daily Mass to the Rosary to Centering Prayer to the Stations of the Cross to Eucharistic Adoration, the church encourages a wealth of prayerful practices. A very simple way to pray is to sit quietly for a moment before taking up one of the Gospels and slowly reading a passage that you like. Simply sit with the passage for a bit, savoring the Word and allowing it to touch you, read it again slowly, and then respond to God. – *All Saints Press*

La Oración es reconocimiento que necesitamos ayuda para volver a Dios. De la misa diaria, a la Oración del Rosario, a las Vías Crucis, y a la Adoración Eucarística, la Iglesia anima una gran cantidad de prácticas de oración. Sentarse en silencio un momento antes de tomar uno de los Evangelios es una forma para orar y leer poco a poco un pasaje que te gusta. Sentarse con el pasaje y absorbe la Palabra y permita que te toque, lentamente leer de nuevo, y luego responder a Dios. – *All Saints Press*

Ozark Catholic Academy is hosting an Easter egg hunt fundraiser "Egg My Yard". Purchase candy-filled plastic eggs to be hidden in your yard, or surprise a friend! Fee is as follows 25 eggs-\$50; 50 eggs-\$100; 100 eggs-\$200. Candy may contain nuts or be processed in a facility that handles nuts. Order deadline Sunday, March 28 by 11:59pm. To order visit www.bit.ly/EggMyYardOCA.

NWA Respect Life "Memorial Cross Display" – On Saturday, March 20th at 10:00 a.m. will be the most visible memorial cross display yet. The display is scheduled to be at St. Mary's Church, 1998 US-412, Siloam Springs. Thousands of passers by will see the beautiful yet somber display of over 1000 crosses to remember the 3,000 unborn babies aborted in AR each year. Bring your rubber mallets.

Hope & Healing – A 12-week via Zoom Bible study just for women suffering from a past abortion. The Bible study will begin in April; deadline to register is March 29th. On this journey you will meet 12 amazing women who have suffered just like you. Call or text the confidential phone line 501-663-0996 for more information.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) – 'Charity should begin at home' is an old proverb, and for Catholics across our state, charity really begins at CASA. CASA is our annual campaign to fund a multitude of projects around our diocese. You name it & it is probably supported by CASA: Catholic Schools, a charitable Medical Clinic, Youth Ministries, Seminarian Education, Disaster Relief, Adoption Services, the list is almost endless. Charity does begin at home, so please give generously and make a difference by becoming a CASA supporter. Our parish goal is \$46,650.

Campana Católica de Arkansas a Compartir (CASA) 'La caridad debe comenzar en el hogar' es un viejo proverbio y para los católicos en nuestro estado, la caridad verdadera mente comienza en CASA. CASA es nuestra campaña anual para financiar una inmensidad de proyectos en nuestra diócesis. Nómbralo y probablemente es un proyecto apoyado por CASA: Escuelas Católicas, una Clínica Médica caritativa, Ministerio de Jóvenes, Educación para Seminaristas, Ayuda de Emergencia, Servicios de Adopción, la lista casi nunca termina. La caridad si comienza en el hogar, así que de generosamente y sea la diferencia por convertirse en un colaborador de CASA. La meta de nuestra parroquia es de \$46,650.

St. Vincent de Paul Benevolent Society (SSBC) "The St. Joseph's Altar" – Please help us celebrate in thanksgiving all that God has given us. Our neighbors in need are so grateful for our parish's demonstration of great love for them during their time of need. Through your giving you perform far greater works than you know. Currently, our food pantry currently needs jelly, pasta sauce, pancake syrup, and canned fruit. We thank you for generous support to 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) "El Altar de San José" – Por favor ayúdanos a celebrar en acción de gracias todo lo que Dios nos ha dado. Nuestros vecinos necesitados están tan agradecidos por la demostración de gran amor de nuestra parroquia por ellos durante su tiempo de necesidad. A través de su entrega de preformas, mucho más de lo que sabe. Nuestra despensa de alimentos necesita jalea (mermelada), salsa de pasta, jarabe de panqueques, e fruta enlatada. ¡Le agradecemos por su generoso apoyo a nuestros vecinos necesitados!

Oración a San José

Salve, custodio del Redentor y esposo de la Santísima Virgen María. A ti Dios confió a su 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School News – If you've thought about a Catholic education for your child, now is the time to make that happen! Registration for the 2021/2022 school year is open. Limited spots available in PreK 3 through 8th grade. For more information, contact Sandra Stephens, Admissions Director, at (479)636-4421 or admissions@svdpschool.net. Join St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School families and friends on Saturday, April 17th for "A Knight to Remember Home Sweet Home" virtual event at 6pm presented by TekTrendz benefitting SvDP School. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. Questions? Please contact Dr. Ashley Davis, Assistant Principal, at (479) 636-4421.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection is known "Help Jesus in Disguise." This collection will take place this weekend. With this collection we help six Catholic agencies provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace & reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider your support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Colecta de Ayuda para la Organización de Servicios Católicos (CRS) que se conoce como "Ayudar a Jesús con otro Rostro" se realizará este fin de semana. ¿Le ayudará? Esta colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a brindar alivio y apoyo a las comunidades y trabajar por la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados, aquí y alrededor del mundo. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a esta colecta. Para más información visite www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Church Operations for March

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 37,414.69
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,248,491.38

Cyrus, King of Persia says (in 2 Chronicles 36) that the Lord "charged me to build him a house." May we too be faithful supporters of the Lord's House, with our time, talent and treasure, as we look upon Christ Crucified lifted up for our salvation.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 86,158.55	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 7,492.02	\$ 23,000

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

Revelation 4:8

**IF 2 AGREE
 ON EARTH
 ABOUT ANYTHING YOU
 ASK,
 IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU
 BY MY
 FATHER
 IN
 HEAVEN.
 MATTHEW 18:19, NRSV**

Scripture Readings for 03/21/2021

Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
 Hebrews 5:7-9
 John 12:20-33

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 13
 5:00pm Rita Streuli †
Sunday, March 14
 7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses
 10:00am Scripture Sisters
 11:45am Pedro Miramon Garcia † y Estila May Pedrosa †
 5:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †
Monday, March 15
 12:00pm Phyllis Hughes †
Tuesday, March 16
 12:00pm Phyllis Hughes †
Wednesday, March 17
 12:00pm Phyllis Hughes †
Thursday, March 18
 12:00pm Phyllis Hughes †
Friday, March 19
 12:00pm Gabriel Harbaugh
Saturday, March 20
 5:00pm Madonna Eversman †
Sunday, March 21
 7:45am Bui / Le Ancestors †
 10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses
 11:45am Odilon y Carmelita Miramon Garcia †
 5:00pm Mary Hurtig

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March 20 - 21	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon	Kim Dial Ken Hunter	NOT FILLED (A - G)	Bryan Bacon	Mark Jechura	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier	Bruce Peterson	Elizabeth Costantini Susan Eagleson	Gary Delperdang Bruce Peterson Geri Oswald Len Oswald Gerard Davenport		Bruce Peterson	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Mary Pablo	Theresa Brauburger	Theresa Brauburger Imelda Robinson	Steve Harrington Daniel Cruz Tim Koch Brian Rabal Ken Butler NOT FILLED		Kathryn Gough	Gina Koch
Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)	Dolores Pena	Crimilda Viera	Ricardo Almaraz Olga Serrano	J. Concepcion Serrano Maria Barajas Maria Munoz Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez Bertha Valdez Martha Mendoza		Crimilda Viera	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Terry Shepard	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (B - G)		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger