

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

March 21, 2021

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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“ALTHOUGH  
HE WAS A  
SON,  
HE LEARNED  
OBEDIENCE  
THROUGH WHAT  
HE SUFFERED.”  
Hebrews 5:8



### 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

### 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

#### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker

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Pre-K - 4th Grade

#### Confirmation

Monica Shoemaker

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

#### Life Teen / EDGE Youth

7th Grade - 12th Grade



**The Precepts of the Church (CCC)** – The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to & nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor:

The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of obligation.”) requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord.

The precepts of the Church specify the Law of the Lord more precisely; “on Sundays and other Holy Days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in Mass.” The precept of participating in the Mass satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic Rite. The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.

**RCIA Calendar** – There will be no RCIA this Wednesday, March 24 due to Spring Break. Next session will be the rehearsal for Easter Vigil on Wednesday, March 31. We will meet in the Church. RCIA meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm.

**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 – 298    7:45am – 172    10:00am – 367  
11:45am (Spanish) – 275    5:00pm – 283

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.

**Almsgiving** readjusts our priorities while expressing our love of neighbor and our trust in God. A free gift to those in need confirms our trust in Providence while concretely helping those in need. Just as we fast without starving ourselves, so we give alms without jeopardizing our security or that of our family. The point is to give from the heart. – *All Saints Press*

**La Limosna** reajusta nuestras prioridades mientras se expresa en nuestro amor al prójimo y nuestra confianza en Dios. Un regalo para los necesitados confirma nuestra confianza básica en la Providencia, mientras concretamente ayudamos a los necesitados. Del mismo modo que ayunamos sin pasar hambre, por lo que damos limosna sin poner en peligro nuestra seguridad o la de nuestra familia. El punto es dar desde el corazón. – *All Saints Press*

**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 In-Laws

*Lord God, I forgive in-laws, my mother-in-law, father-in-law, son/daughter-in-law and other relatives by marriage, who treat my family with a lack of love. For all their words, thoughts, actions or omissions which injure and cause pain, I forgive them.*

**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 visit [www.ststephenbentonville.com/links](http://www.ststephenbentonville.com/links)! If you have any issues or questions call the parish office or contact Elizabeth Ganey [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto: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. Volvemos a utilizar el sistema de reservas, pero hemos abierto más espacios. Para reservar su lugar por favor visite [www.ststephenbentonville.com/links](http://www.ststephenbentonville.com/links)! Si tiene problema o pregunta, llame a la oficina parroquial o contacte a Elizabeth Ganey [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:marketing@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 12:00pm 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 de 12:00pm  
Viernes Santo, 2 de abril - 5:30pm inglés; 7:30pm español  
\*\* No habra Misa de 12:00pm el viernes  
Sabado de Gloria, 3 de abril - 8:00pm Misa de Vigilia  
\*\* No habra misa de 5:00pm el sábado ni confesiones  
Domingo de Pascua, 4 de abril - 7:45am, 10:00am inglés; 11:45am español  
\*\* No habra misa de Life Teen a las 5:00pm

**Stations of the Cross** – Join us for the last Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 26 hosted by Msgr. Scott. Stations will be in English at 5:30pm & Spanish at 7:00pm.

**Estaciones de la Cruz** – Únase a nosotros para el último Vía Crucis este viernes, 26 de marzo presentado por Monseñor Scott. Las estaciones se llevaran a cabo a 5:30pm en inglés y 7:00pm en español.

**Abstinence during Lent** – 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** – Una forma corporal a recordarnos a nosotros mismos que necesitamos a Dios sobre todas las cosas, el ayuno es un sacrificio, 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.

**Presentación de San José** – El 22 de marzo, Monseñor Marczuk hará una presentación en 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.

**Presentation on The Bread of Life: The Eucharist**

Is this truly the body and blood of Jesus Christ? There are only 2 possible scenarios: 1) It is simply bread and wine. 2) It is truly the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Come join Eric Belin in the Parish Life Center as he gives an apologetic on the Real Presence on Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. The presentation will be on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**St. Vincent de Paul Benevolent Society (SSBC) "The St. Joseph's Altar"** – Please help us celebrate in all that God has given us. Today's Gospel, Jesus says "Whoever serves Me must follow me and be a servant, the Father will honor whoever serves Me." As you place your gift at the St. Joseph's Altar, know that you are a sign of God's love and this gives our Neighbors in Need Easter hope and Joy. \*\*Pantry needs peanut butter, jelly, and canned fruit

**La Sociedad Benevolente de San Vicente de Paúl (SSBC) "El Altar de San José"** – Por favor ayúdanos a celebrar todo lo que Dios nos ha dado. El Evangelio de hoy, dice Jesús "El que quiera servirme, que Me siga, y sea Mi servidor, el que Me sirve será honrado por Mi Padre." Al colocar su donación en el Altar de San José, usted es un signo del amor de Dios y esto le da a nuestros vecinos necesitados esperanza y alegría pascual. Nuestra despensa de alimentos necesita crema de cacahuete (mantequilla de maní), mermelada (jalea) e fruta enlatada.

**Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)** – Mi CASA es tu casa. This Hispanic saying holds a special meaning for us here in Arkansas. CASA is a way for all of us to make a difference right here at home. No matter your resources, your monthly support can fit your budget; it's not the amount of the gift that is the most important. As they say, many hands make the work light. If we all give a little, with God's blessing, it will be enough. Become a CASA supporter today; return your CASA gift/pledge in the envelopes provided. Our parish goal is \$46,650.

**Campana Católica de Arkansas a Compartir (CASA)** Mi CASA es tu casa. Este refrán hispano mantiene un significado especial para nosotros aquí en Arkansas. CASA es una media para que todos nosotros hagamos la diferencia aquí en casa. Sin importar sus recursos, su apoyo mensual puede ajustarse a su presupuesto, la cantidad de la ofrenda no es lo más importante. Como dicen, el trabajo compartido es más llevadero. Si todos damos un poquito, con la bendición de Dios, será suficiente. Conviértase en un colaborador de CASA hoy, regrese su Ofrenda/Promesa de CASA en los sobres proporcionados. La meta de nuestra parroquia es de \$46,650.

**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](http://www.bit.ly/EggMyYardOCA).

**Lenten Day of Recollection** – Due to COVID restrictions, space was limited for the retreat. This year the retreat will be offered again on Tuesday, March 23 at the Coury House. The retreat will be led by Br. Roch McClellan, OSB. The day begins with registration at 8:30 am and includes 2 conferences, opportunity for reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, noon prayer with the monks, lunch and ends with Mass in the Coury House chapel. Cost is \$25. Call 479-934-1290 or e-mail [couryhouse@subi.org](mailto:couryhouse@subi.org) for reservations. Space is limited to 20 people.

**Hope & Healing** – A 12-week online Bible study just for women who have been wounded by abortion, will begin in April. We will explore the impact of past abortion decisions on our lives and discover what we need to do to heal from these traumatic experiences. On this journey of self-discovery and empowerment we will meet 12 amazing women who, just like us, are wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends and faced the same struggles and challenges that we face. Any woman, anywhere, can participate either anonymously or with a virtual group of soon-to-be friends. Call or text the confidential phone line 501-663-0996 for more information. Register by March 29.

**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](mailto:admissions@svdpschool.net).

**St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School** families and friends on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 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. If you have any questions please contact Dr. Ashley Davis, Assistant Principal, at (479) 636-4421.

**St. Vincent de Paul School PTO** is once again offering two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. Scholarship Criteria:

- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Attended St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School for a minimum of 5 consecutive years
- Graduated from the 8th grade
- Involvement in school, church, and community activities
- Application including the essay question

Please submit your application prior to Wednesday, March 31 deadline to <https://tinyurl.com/2021svdpscholarship>. If you have any questions, please contact this year's PTO Scholarship Chairperson, Teisha Weisenfels at [teisha.weisenfels@rpsar.net](mailto:teisha.weisenfels@rpsar.net).

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection** – Thank you for your generous support of the CRS collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection and would like to donate please visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

**Colecta de ayuda para la Organización de Servicios Católicos** - Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo a la colecta de ayuda para la Organización de Servicios Católicos y por ayudar a Jesús con otro rostro. Sus contribuciones hacen una diferencia para el pobre y el marginado alrededor del mundo. ¡Si no alcanzaron a dar en la colecta, y desea donar por favor visite [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

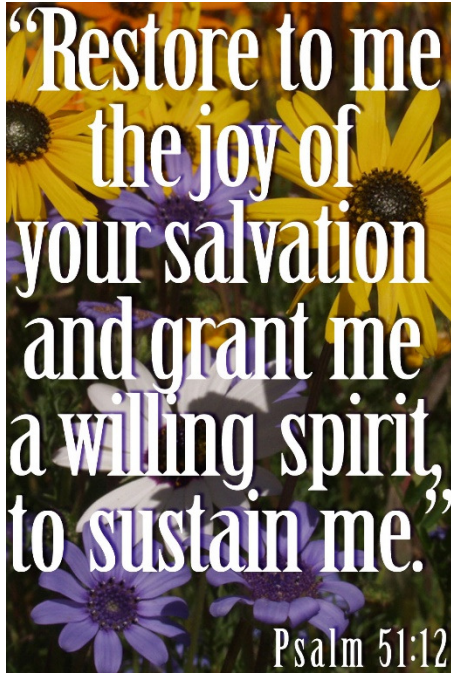
**Church Operations for March**

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 72,015.51

Loan Balance - \$ 1,233,042.66

Like the grain of wheat, may we die to ourselves, in our committed volunteering of time, talent and Biblical stewardship, so that God will produce much fruit eternally.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 109,444.20	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 10,131.69	\$ 23,000



**Scripture Readings for 03/28/2021**

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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

**Monday, March 22**

12:00pm Sarah Hughey †

**Tuesday, March 23**

12:00pm Frances Hobbs †

**Wednesday, March 24**

12:00pm Victor Ventrano †

**Thursday, March 25**

12:00pm Steven Kauffman †

**Friday, March 26**

12:00pm Larry Wewers †

**Saturday, March 27**

5:00pm Esther Stover †

**Sunday, March 28**

7:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

10:00am Peter Thong Le & Maria Nhu Bui †

11:45am Juan y Usevia Maya †

5:00pm Douglas Eric Yoho †

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March 27 - 28	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister - Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon	Susan McDaniel Margie O'Grady	<b>NOT FILLED (A - G)</b>	Bryan Bacon	Bruce Peterson	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	James Gaffigan	Bruce Peterson	Bruce Peterson Theresa Gaffigan	Geri Oswald Len Oswald Gerard Davenport Amanda Cantu Greg Woodell		Bruce Peterson	Dan Reiff
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Ted Brauburger	Theresa Brauburger	Claudia Garcia Theresa Brauburger	Steve Harrington Daniel Cruz Tim Koch <b>NOT FILLED (F - G)</b>		Kathryn Gough	Gina Koch
<b>Sunday, 11:45 AM (Spanish MASS)</b>	Marugel Monzalvo	Raquel Perez	Eva Miramon Raquel Perez	Maria Dalia Lopez Victor Lopez Bertha Valdez Fernando Perez Martha Mendoza Maria Salcedo Maria Munoz		Ivan Sanabria	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Chris Davis	Rob Brothers <b>NOT FILLED (B - G)</b>		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger