

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

March 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

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Weekday MASS

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday 12:00 PM - MASS

Wednesday 12:00 PM - MASS

Holy Thursday 7:00 PM - MASS - Bilingual

Good Friday 5:30 PM Service

7:30 PM Servicio - español

Saturday Vigil & Sunday MASSES

Holy Saturday 8:00pm Vigil

Easter Sunday 7:45am & 10:00am

Domingo Pascua 11:45am - español

5:00pm NO MASS

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Monday / lunes - No Confession / Confesion

Tuesday / martes - 11:30 - 11:55am

Wednesday / miercoles 11:30 - 11:55am

*No confession Thursday - Sunday of Holy Week

*No reconciliación jueves - domingo de semana santa.

Adoration Times / Horario de Adoración

Monday / lunes - Wednesday / miercoles

9:00am - 11:30 AM and 12:45 - 3:00 PM

Thursday / jueves - Friday / Viernes

NO Adoration / Adoracion

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.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 12:00 PM (5 days prior to the publication date). Email articles to receptionist@ststephenbentonville.com.

St. Stephen also attends to Blessed Stanley Rother Church in Decatur:

Mass Time (Spanish Only)

Saturday Mass 6:00 PM

Pre-School Director

Cathy Townzen

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM September - May

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

Thank You – We would like to say Thank You to the Bentonville Police Department for keeping an eye out on St. Stephen Catholic church.

New St. Stephen Communication Platform – We are launching a new communication platform called Flocknote. This platform will allow us to easily communicate events, volunteer opportunities, and any changes to Mass schedules in a way that is even easier for you! There is no app to download; simply text BENTONVILLE to 84576 or connect to www.ststephencatholicchurch9.flocknote.com. You'll get a welcome text back that invites you to set up your profile and answer a few introductory questions such as phone number or email and any parish organizations you would like to learn more about. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Elizabeth Ganey at marketing@ststephenbentonville.com.

Nueva Plataforma de Comunicación de San Esteban
Estamos lanzando una nueva plataforma de comunicación llamada Flocknote. ¡Esta plataforma nos permitirá comunicar fácilmente eventos, oportunidades de voluntariado y cualquier cambio en los horarios de misa de una manera que sea aún más fácil para usted! No hay ninguna aplicación para descargar; simplemente envíe un texto con BENTONVILLE a 202-765-3441 o conéctese en línea en www.ststephencatholicchurch9.flocknote.com. Recibirá un texto de bienvenida que le invita a configurar su perfil y responder a algunas preguntas introductorias como el número de teléfono o correo electrónico y cualquier organización parroquial sobre la que desee obtener más información. Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, por favor comuníquese con Elizabeth Ganey al marketing@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 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 problema o pregunta, llame a la oficina parroquial o contacte a Elizabeth Ganey marketing@ststephenbentonville.com.

Fake Emails and Texts – Please be aware, there are impostors claiming to be priests contacting parishioners via email and text messages, trying to solicit money. If you receive any suspicious emails or texts, or are ever unsure about the legitimacy of a message you have received, please call to report this information to the parish office.

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 12th at 6:30 PM.

RCIA Calendar – Our final session will be the rehearsal for Easter Vigil this Wednesday, March 31. We will meet in the Church. RCIA meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Ushers, We need Your Help! There are many open spaces in need of ushers for Holy Week. If you are a trained usher and are able to serve any of these times, please call or email the parish office.

- ♦ Good Friday, April 2 5:30pm – 7 Ushers
- ♦ Holy Saturday, April 3 8:00pm – 4 Ushers
- ♦ Easter Sunday, April 4 7:45am 3 Ushers; 10:00am 5 Ushers

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11 – St. Stephen will celebrate the Feast of Mercy at 3:00pm (the Hour of Great Mercy) in the Church. The celebration lasts approximately 45 minutes. It will consist of the acknowledgment of this Feast with reflections about St. Faustina, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the Mercy Stations. All are invited.

Good Friday Collection – Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. This collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday. Please be generous!

Colecta del Viernes Santo – El Papa Francisco ha pedido el apoyo de nuestra parroquia para la Colecta Pontificia del Viernes Santo, que ayuda a los cristianos en Tierra Santa. Su apoyo ayuda al ministro de la iglesia en las parroquias, proporciona escuelas católicas y ofrece educación religiosa. Esta colecta también ayuda a preservar los santuarios sagrados. Las guerras, los disturbios y la inestabilidad han sido especialmente difíciles para los cristianos. En estos tiempos de crisis, la colecta ofrece ayuda humanitaria a los refugiados. Cuando contribuyen a esta colecta, se convierten en un instrumento de paz y se unen a los católicos de todo el mundo en solidaridad con la Iglesia en Tierra Santa. ¡Por favor sean generosos! Para más información visite www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Holy Week/Easter Mass Schedule
Holy Thursday, April 1 - 7:00pm Bilingual Mass
** No Thursday 12:00pm Mass or Confession
Good Friday, April 2 - 5:30pm English; 7:30pm Spanish
** No Friday 12:00pm Mass or Confession
Holy Saturday, April 3 - 8:00pm Vigil Mass
** No Saturday 9:00am or 5:00pm Mass or Confession
Easter Sunday, April 4 - 7:45am, 10:00am English; 11:45am Spanish
** No 5:00pm Mass

Horario de Misas de Semana Santa/Pascua
Jueves Santo, 1 de abril - 7:00pm Misa Bilingüe
** No habrá misa ni confesión el jueves de 12:00pm
Viernes Santo, 2 de abril - 5:30pm inglés; 7:30pm español
** No habrá Misa ni confesión de 12:00pm el viernes
Sabado de Gloria, 3 de abril - 8:00pm Misa de Vigilia
** No habrá misa ni confesión de 9:00am y 5:00pm sábado
Domingo de Pascua, 4 de abril - 7:45am, 10:00am inglés; 11:45am español
** No habrá misa a las 5:00pm

Knights of Columbus has medical equipment available at no charge for our parishioners who may need items but are not able to afford or obtain through insurance. Please refer to the parish website for a list of available items and how to contact Jim Morrison. He can also be contacted if you would like to donate equipment. In addition, you can contact the Knights at BentonvilleKofC@gmail.com.

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. **Q: What are the rules about fasting and abstinence? A: Good Friday is a day 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 of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges 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 profundizara nuestra relación con Dios es la esencia de un ayuno de Cuaresma. ** Q: ¿Cuál es la regla sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia? R: El Viernes Santo es día 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 de la abstinencia comienza a los 14 años de edad y del ayuno obliga a todos entre las edades de 18-59.

St. Stephen MASS Attendance – According to COVID regulations, our allowed capacity is a total of 400 in the building. Attendance on the first weekend of spring break:
5:00pm – 150 7:45am – 209 10:00am – 333
11:45am (Spanish) – 221 5:00pm – 166
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 & guide your mind to groups or persons you need to forgive. The following is from the book of Fr. Robert DeGrandis S.S.J. & Betty Tapscott.

Forgive My Spouse

Lord, I forgive my spouse for lack of love, affection, consideration, support, attention, communication; for faults, failings, weaknesses and those other acts or words that hurt or disturb me.

St. Vincent de Paul Benevolent Society (SSBC) "The St. Joseph's Altar" – On this Palm Sunday we begin the holiest week for Christians. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and follow Jesus through death and to new life. During this year, through your gifts we have helped the heart of the poor by assisting 86 families with an average of \$242 for their needs, food, rent, & utilities. Our parish is a true example of the St Joseph's Family. Thank You for your support.

The Events of Holy Week:

Holy Week includes the days from Palm Sunday through Easter.

Palm or Passion Sunday has contrasting names, one because of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (the waving palm branches), & the other because this Sunday begins our focus on Jesus' days of suffering & death.

Paschal Triduum, from Latin for "three days," extends from evening Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday.

Maundy (Holy) Thursday gets its name from Jesus' "new commandment" (maundatum in Latin) to love one another, which he spoke during the Passover meal when he washed his disciples' feet and instituted the Holy Eucharist. Typically, the Catholic Church now refers to this day as Holy Thursday.

Good Friday marks the events of Jesus' trial, crucifixion, death and burial, sometimes with special Tre Ore (three hour) observances. The altar is stripped of all decoration and the church is darkened until Saturday's Easter Vigil.

Easter Vigil is celebrated the evening of Holy Saturday after sundown; traditionally a time for baptizing, confirming, and receiving new members.

Easter, named after an ancient spring festival, is the "great Sunday," on which each Sunday Eucharist is modeled.

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Los Eventos de la Semana Santa:

Semana Santa incluye los días desde el Domingo de Ramos hasta el día de Pascua.

Domingo de Ramos o de La Pasión del Señor tienen nombres que contrastan, uno por causa de la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén (a las ramas de palma que agitaron), y el otro porque este domingo comienza nuestro enfoque en los días de sufrimiento y muerte de Jesús.

Triduo Pascual, del latín por "tres días", extiende desde la tarde del Jueves Santo hasta el Domingo de Pascua.

Jueves Maundy (Santo) recibe el nombre del "mandamiento nuevo" de Jesús (maundatum en latín) de amarnos unos a otros, cuando Él habló durante la cena de la Pascua y les lavó los pies a sus discípulos e instituyó la Santa Eucaristía. La Iglesia Católica se refiere ahora a este día como el Jueves Santo.

Viernes Santo marca los eventos de juicio de Jesús, la crucifixión, muerte y sepultura, a veces con las conmemoraciones especiales de Tre Ore (tres horas). El altar es despojado de toda decoración y la iglesia se oscurece hasta el sábado de Vigilia Pascual.

Vigilia Pascual se celebra el Sábado Santo por la noche después de la puesta del sol; tradicionalmente es un tiempo para bautizar, confirmar y recibir miembros nuevos.

Pascua, es el nombre de un festival de primavera antigua, es el "gran domingo", en la que la Eucaristía se modela cada domingo.

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La Sociedad Benevolente de San Vicente de Paúl (SSBC) "El Altar de San José" – En este Domingo de Ramos comenzamos la semana más Santa para los cristianos. Oremos por la gracia para tomar nuestra propia cruz y seguir a Jesús a través de la muerte y a la nueva vida. Durante este año, a través de su donación hemos ayudado al corazón de los pobres al asistir 86 familias con un promedio de \$242 para necesidades, comida, alquiler y servicios públicos. Nuestra parroquia es un verdadero ejemplo de la familia de San José. Gracias por su apoyo.

Church Operations for March

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 72,015.51
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,233,042.66

We have been practicing the traditional hallmarks of Lenten devotion with prayer, fasting, and charitable almsgiving. Singing "Hosanna," as we approach Easter, may we continue our faithful support of the regular stewardship collection, and consider volunteering our services at the Holy Liturgy.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 134,382.69	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 12,585.06	\$ 23,000

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Scripture Readings for 04/04/2021

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
 John 20:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 †

Monday, March 29
 12:00pm NO MASS

Tuesday, March 30
 12:00pm Sally Wahlmeier †

Wednesday, March 31
 12:00pm John Paul McAdams

Thursday, April 1
 12:00pm NO MASS
 7:00pm Richard Boyes, Sr. †

Friday, April 2
 12:00pm NO MASS
 5:30pm NO Intention
 7:30pm NO Intencion

Saturday, April 3
 9:00am NO MASS
 5:00pm NO MASS
 8:00pm Stephen Hacala †

Sunday, April 4
 7:45am Andrew Lac Tran †
 10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses
 11:45am Emmanuel Perez †
 5:00pm NO MASS

April 1 - 4	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Holy Thursday, 7:00 PM	Ramon Portilla	Joe Hartnett	Ken Hunter Ivan Sanabria	Tim Koch Bruce Peterson Amanda Cantu Greg Woodell Maria Barajas J. Concepcion Serrano Fernando Perez	Joe Hartnett	Joe Hartnett	Gina Koch
Good Friday, 5:30 PM	Ted Brauburger	Christina Baker	Ken Hunter Tony Baker	NOT FILLED (A - G)		Joe Hartnett	Charlotte Champagne
Viernes Santo, 7:30 PM	Marta Hernandez	Crimilda Viera	Beatriz Aguirre Julian Serrano	Martha Mendoza Maria Munoz Maria Salcedo Bertha Valdez NOT FILLED (E - G)	NOT FILLED	Crimilda Viera	
Holy Saturday, 8:00 PM	Janet Palmer	Bryan Bacon	Ken Hunter Jill Saulsbery	Philip Palmer Steve Saulsbery Andy Fosdick (C) NOT FILLED (D - G)	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon	Rachael Saulsbery
Easter Sunday, 7:45 AM	James Gaffigan	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Theresa Gaffigan Kira O'Shaughnessy	Gerri Oswald Len Oswald Karen Howard Greg Woodell NOT FILLED (E - G)		Amanda Cantu	Dan Reiff
Easter Sunday, 10:00 AM	Rose Hartnett	Joe Hartnett	Ken Hunter TJ LaPlant	Daniel Cruz Brian Rabal NOT FILLED (E - G)		Joe Hartnett	Charlotte Champagne
Domingo de Pascua, 11:45 AM	Sandra Valdes	Ivan Sanabria	Maria Elena Calderon Hector Rangel	Maria Barajas J. Concepcion Serrano Fernando Perez Victor Lopez NOT FILLED (E - G)	NOT FILLED	Ivan Sanabria	