



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

April 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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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

Monday / lunes - Friday / viernes

11:30 - 11:55am

Saturday / sábado - Bilingual / Bilingüe

3:00 - 4:00 PM

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.

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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

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Pre-K - 4th Grade

Confirmation

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Confirmation: 8th & 9th Grade

Life Teen / EDGE Youth

7th Grade - 12th Grade

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 Flockote. ¡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.

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.

Divine Mercy Novena (Zoom) - Join other parishioners on Zoom to pray this novena which Jesus gave to St. Faustina asking her to seek God's Mercy. We have within our grasp the means of effectuating a great Miracle of Divine Mercy for the entire world. Feel free to join us all 9 days, April 2 – April 10 at 3:00 pm, or whatever days you are able. Email a request for the Zoom invite to mercynovena@gmail.com.

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 welcome. The following are five intentions given by Pope John Paul II:
For use in recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to end abortion, to end the Culture of Death, to Build a Civilization of Love.

1. For mothers, that they not abort their offspring;
2. For infants in danger of being put to death in the womb;
3. For a change of heart of providers of abortions and of their collaborators;
4. For human victims of stem cell research, genetic manipulation, cloning, and euthanasia;
5. And for all entrusted with the government of peoples, that they may promote the Culture of Life, so as to put an end to the culture of death.

Parish Office Closed – The parish office will close on Monday, April 5. Please hold your visits and calls until Tuesday, April 6.

Hard Hat Collection will be next weekend, April 10/11. 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 próximo fin de semana el 10/11 de abril. 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.

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.

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 – 221 7:45am – 204 10:00am – 426
11:45am (Spanish) – 296 5:00pm – 268

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. and Betty Tapscott.

Forgive My Relatives

Please help to forgive my relatives, my grandmother and grandfather, aunts, uncles, cousins, who may have interfered in our family, been possessive of my parents, who may have caused confusion or turned one parent against the other.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- The purpose of adoration is to highlight the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. When a consecrated host is placed in the monstrance, it is said to be a solemn exposition. Join us for private prayer in adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 – 11:45am & 12:30 – 3:00pm; Friday from 9:00 – 11:45am in the chapel. We need Adorers! Would you like to be an Adorer? Right now we have some time slots available. If you are interested please contact Ana Krus at AKrus@ststephenbentonville.com or (479) 273-1240. If you are hesitating on signing-up as an Adorer, you are welcome to come between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM without a commitment to see if being an Adorer is for you.

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.

A Knight to Remember (Family Virtual Event) – This year's theme is "Home sweet Home." Join St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School families and friends on Saturday, April 17th from the comfort of your own home or from anywhere! They will still feature many of their popular auction items. To participate visit www.aktr2021.com. No tickets necessary. Login to bidpal www.bidpal.net/aktr2021 the week leading to the event to have a sneak peek on items or to start an early bid. Presented by TekTrendz benefitting SVdP School.

NWA Respect Life (Safe Haven Baby Box blessing)

Plan on joining NWA Respect Life for a ceremony & blessing for Springdale's Safe Haven Baby Box. The ceremony will be Sunday, April 25th from 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. at Fire Station #6, 1623 S. 48th, Springdale. The Arkansas 2001 Safe Haven Law was passed to protect babies from being hurt or killed from abandonment. The law allows a parent(s) to relinquish their baby, 30 days or younger, to an employee at any emergency room, law enforcement agency, or fire department with no questions asked. The Safe Haven "Baby Box" at Fire Station #6 gives the parent anonymity. Join Mayor Doug Sprouse, Fire Chief Mike Irwin, and CEO & Founder of the Safe Haven Baby Box, Monica Kelsey, for God's blessing on this Life Saving effort.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) – Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world. (James 1:27, NAB) Did you know a portion of your CASA gift goes to support the work of Catholic Charities here in Arkansas as well as many other outreaches throughout our diocese? Why not practice your Catholic Religion by becoming a monthly supporter of CASA and help reach your world with the love of Christ? Return your CASA Gift/Pledge in the envelopes provided. Our parish goal is \$46,650.

Campana Catolica de Arkansas a Compartir (CASA) La religión verdadera y perfecta ante Dios, nuestro Padre, consiste en esto: ayudar a las huérfanos y a las viudas en sus necesidades y no contaminarse con la corrupción de este mundo (Santiago 1, 27). Sabía usted que una parte de su ofrenda a CASA es dirigida para apoyar el trabajo de Caridades Católicas aquí en Arkansas al igual que muchos programas de beneficencia en toda la diócesis? Por qué no practicar nuestra religión católica convirtiéndonos en colaboradores mensuales de CASA y ayudar al mundo con amor cristiano? Regrese su Ofrenda/Promesa de CASA en los sobres proporcionados. La meta de nuestra parroquia es de \$46,650.

Job Opening (Part-time Director of Music) – There will be an upcoming vacancy for a part time Director of Music at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Bella Vista. The duties are: plan hymns for Mass; schedule cantors and pianists for weekend, funeral, and all Special Masses; attend liturgy meetings; direct the choir at Mass; and prepare the annual music budget. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office at 479-855-9069.

Plenary Indulgences for year of St. Joseph was proclaimed by Pope Francis. This special year will last from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions which include:

1. Your soul being free of attachment to sin on the day of indulgence,
2. You offer a prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father on the day of the indulgence,
3. You receive Holy Communion on the day of the indulgence, and
4. You receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Penance within 20 days of the day of indulgence.

And during the year of St. Joseph, the above conditions need to be done in addition to one of the following actions:

- 1) Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or be a part of a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
- 2) Perform an act of corporal or spiritual work of mercy,
- 3) Pray the Holy rosary in families and between engaged couples "to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family."
- 4) Through prayer entrust the activities and work of the day to St. Joseph, such that all who are looking for work find it, and such that all have dignified work,
- 5) Recite the Litany of St. Joseph for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all Christians who suffer any form of persecution,
- 6) Recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, especially on the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19th or May 1st or the feast of the Holy Family, or the 19th of every month, or on every Wednesday, the day dedicated to St. Joseph.

This year, one plenary indulgence per day may be granted to oneself or for any deceased soul. Remember a plenary indulgence cannot be requested for another living person.

Litany of St. Joseph:

Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Jesus hear us,
Jesus, graciously hear us,
God the Father of Heaven,
Have mercy on us,
God the Son, Redeemer of the World,
Have mercy on us,
God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us,
Holy Trinity, One God,
Have mercy on us,
Holy Mary,
Pray for us,
St. Joseph,
Pray for us,
Renowned offspring of David,
Pray for us,
Light of Patriarchs,
Pray for us,
Spouse of the Mother of God,
Pray for us,

Chaste guardian of the Virgin,
Pray for us,
Foster father of the Son of God,
Pray for us,
Diligent protector of Christ,
Pray for us,
Head of the Holy Family,
Pray for us,
Joseph most just,
Pray for us,
Joseph most chaste,
Pray for us,
Joseph most prudent,
Pray for us,
Joseph most strong,
Pray for us,
Joseph most obedient,
Pray for us,
Joseph most faithful,
Pray for us,
Mirror of patience,
Pray for us,
Lover of Poverty,
Pray for us.

Church Operations for March

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 129,054.96

Loan Balance - \$ 1,233,042.66

As the whole Church rejoices on the great Feast of Easter, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus, may the light and power of the Risen Christ fill us, His faithful stewards with everlasting joy!

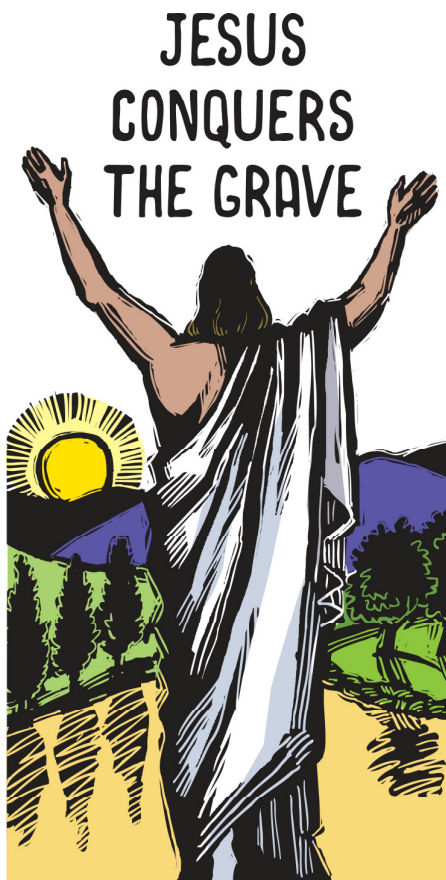
Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 148,184.75	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 13,939.30	\$ 23,000

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Scripture Readings for 04/11/2021

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, April 5

12:00pm Special Intention

Tuesday, April 6

12:00pm Delores Gambardella †

Wednesday, April 7

12:00pm Sarah Hughey †

Thursday, April 8

12:00pm Sarah Hughey †

Friday, April 9

12:00pm Gabriel Harbaugh

Saturday, April 10

5:00pm Lichti Family

Sunday, April 11

7:45am All Lonely Souls

10:00am Scripture Sisters

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm Special Intention



April 10 - 11	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Mark Jechura	Jon Terlouw	Margie Story Sherolyn Johnson	Dave Brandenburg Andy Fosdick NOT FILLED (E - G)	Bryan Bacon	Jon Terlouw	
Sunday, 7:45 AM	James Gaffigan	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Theresa Gaffigan Chris O'Shaughnessy	Bruce Peterson Karen Howard Greg Woodell Geri Oswald Len Oswald		Bruce Peterson	Peggy Estes
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Greg Brandenburg	Theresa Brauburger	Paul Krapf Theresa Brauburger	Daniel Cruz Charlotte Champagne Steve Harrington Brian Rabal Tim Koch NOT FILLED PLC		Kathryn Gough	Gina Koch
Domingo, 11:45 AM	Ramon Portilla	Crimilda Viera	Olga Serrano Crimilda Viera	J. Concepcion Serrano Victor Lopez Maria Dalia Lopez Martha Mendoza Maria Munoz Maria Salcedo Bertha Valdez		Ivan Sanabria	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	NOT FILLED	Cary Richard	Catherine Garner Susan Davis	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (C - G)	NOT FILLED	Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger