

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

April 11, 2021

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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*All  
the  
Believers  
were One  
in Heart  
and Mind.*

*Acts 4:32*

### 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](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.

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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

[preschool@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:preschool@ststephenbentonville.com)

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

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

### Kids/Youth Faith Formation:

#### Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

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Pre-K - 6th Grade

#### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

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Pre-K - 4th Grade

#### Confirmation

Monica Shoemaker

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Confirmation: 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Life Teen / EDGE Youth

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 to connect. 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](mailto: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 para conectarse. 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](mailto: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.

**Vacation Bible School** – VBS will be June 16-18 from 6:00-8:30pm. Our theme this year is Rocky Railway- Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through. The kids will explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop. They will experience Bible Adventures, Imagination Station, Chew Chew snacks and Loco Motion games while learning more about our Catholic faith. Registration will be open until May 30. Look for the sign up table in the Narthex.

**Heaven Sent Cookbook** – A collection of recipes from the parishioners of St. Stephen will be available after Mass on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> by the Knights of Columbus. The Knights will be selling the parish cookbook along with Hooper's Pens, a hand-crafted collectible made from Olive Trees in Bethlehem. All proceeds will be donated to the St. Stephen Preschool. Please stop by the KofC tables outside the church to purchase these cherished items and help the St. Stephen Preschool.

**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 Neighbors*

*My neighbors need to be forgiven, Lord. For all their noise, letting their property run down, not tying up their dogs who run through my yard, not taking in their trash barrels, being prejudiced and running down the neighborhood, I do forgive them.*

**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.

**Hard Hat Collection** this 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** este 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](mailto:BentonvilleKofC@gmail.com).

**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 and 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 (479) 273-1240 or [AKrus@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:AKrus@ststephenbentonville.com). If you are hesitating to sign-up, please come between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**St. Stephen Benevolent Conference (SSBC)** – Today as we place our gifts in the Poor Box, know, that you are the sign of God’s love and peace to those who are hungry and suffering. \*\*Pantry needs: household cleaning products and toilet paper

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.aktr2021.com). No tickets necessary. Login to bidpal [www.bidpal.net/aktr2021](http://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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information, contact Sandra Stephens, Admissions Director, at (479) 636-4421 or [admissions@svdpschool.net](mailto:admissions@svdpschool.net).

**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 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. at Fire Station #6, 1623 S. 48<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Matthew 26:64:** Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

**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 & 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, May 1<sup>st</sup> or the feast of the Holy Family, or 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:**

Model of artisans, Pray for us, Glory of home life, Pray for us, Guardian of virgins, Pray for us, Pillar of families, Pray for us, Solace of the wretched, Pray for us, Hope of the sick, Pray for us, Patron of the dying, Pray for us, Terror of demons, Pray for us,	Protector of Holy Church, Pray for us, Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, Spare us O Lord, Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, Graciously hear us, O Lord, Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, Have Mercy on us.
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**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.

**Church Operations for April**

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 24,232.08  
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,233,042.66

As we read in the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples were united as one, devoting themselves to the communal life, sharing their financial resources. May God's Divine Mercy endure forever on those who continue this practice of fraternal love, social outreach and mutual support.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 25,198.11	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 3,091.00	\$ 23,000

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John 11:25

**Scripture Readings for 04/18/2021**

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19,  
 Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9  
 1 John 2:1-5a  
 Luke 24:35-48

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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  
**Monday, April 12**  
 12:00pm Lichti Family  
**Tuesday, April 13**  
 12:00pm Dorothy Power  
**Wednesday, April 14**  
 12:00pm Alice Jansen  
**Thursday, April 15**  
 12:00pm Sally Mann †  
**Friday, April 16**  
 12:00pm Jane Cowell †  
**Saturday, April 17**  
 5:00pm Veralee & Calvin Burchfield †  
**Sunday, April 18**  
 7:45am Bui / Le Ancestors  
 10:00am Parishioners / Feligreses  
 11:45am Maria de Jesus Fajardo †  
 5:00pm Special Intention



April 17 - 18	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Mark Jechura	Bryan Bacon	Jill Saulsbery Susan McDaniel	Dave Brandenburg Andy Fosdick Steve Saulsbery <b>NOT FILLED</b> (F - G)	Bryan Bacon	Amy Fulmer	Rachael Saulsbery
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Janet Palmer	<b>Not Filled</b>	Peggy Estes Robbie Estes	Philip Palmer Bruce Peterson Karen Howard Geri Oswald Len Oswald		Bruce Peterson	
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Maria Mendez	Joe Hartnett	Greg Brandenburg Joe Hartnett	Harrington Charlotte Champagne Daniel Cruz Tim Koch Brian Rabal <b>NOT FILLED</b> PLC		Kathryn Gough	Gina Koch
<b>Domingo, 11:45 AM</b>	Sandra Valdes	Ivan Sanabria	Maria Elena Calderon Carmen Sepulveda	Maria Barajas Fernando Perez Martha Mendoza Victor Lopez Maria Dalia Lopez Maria Salcedo Maria Munoz		Ivan Sanabria	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	Eric Belin	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Ken Hunter Katie Morris	Rob Brothers <b>NOT FILLED</b> (C - G)	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Jennifer Haddinger