

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

April 18, 2021

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Pastor

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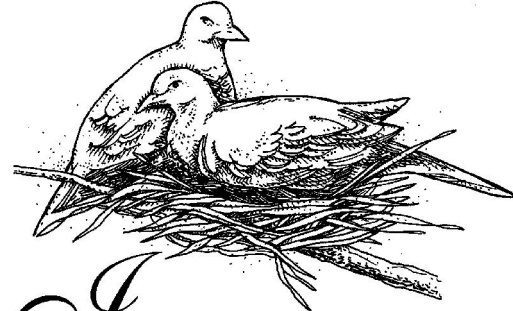
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*I will lie down and  
sleep in peace,  
for you alone,  
O Lord, make  
me dwell in safety.*

*Psalm 4:8*

### Weekday MASS

Monday 12:00 PM - English

Tuesday NO MASS

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday NO MASS

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 11:30 - 11:55am

Tuesday No Confession / No Confesion

Wednesday NO Confession / No Confesion

Thursday No Confession / No Confesion

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

Suzanne Sutton

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

Pre-K - 6th Grade

#### Catholic Kids Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker

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

Pre-K - 4th Grade

#### Confirmation

Monica Shoemaker

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

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

#### Life Teen / EDGE Youth

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**MASS News** – For this week only, there will be NO Reconciliation or weekday MASS on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (April 20 - 22). Reconciliation and Mass as usual on Friday.

**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).

**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.

**Forgiveness Prayer** – Often, such a prayer will bring to mind other areas that need forgiveness. 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 Father

*Lord, I truly forgive my father. I forgive him for any non-support, any lack of love, affection or attention. I forgive him for any lack of time, for not giving me his companionship, for his drinking, arguing and fighting with my mother or the other children. For his severe punishments, for deserting, for being away from home, for divorcing my mother or any running around. I do forgive him.*

**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).

**A Friendly Reminder** – St. Stephen would like to remind our parishioners to please update any changes to your personal information. This would include your phone number, email address, and especially your mailing address. We have had a lot of returned church envelopes due to the parish office not having your correct mailing address. If you have enrolled in electronic giving and no longer wish to receive envelopes, please email [accounting@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:accounting@ststephenbentonville.com). Contact the parish office at [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com) or call 479-273-1270 to update the minister call list with your new phone number.

**High School Seniors** – You are invited to the Graduation Mass at 5:00pm on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by a dinner. Please RSVP with your name, and total number in your party. Deadline to RSVP is Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> sign-up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49abae28a5f94-ststephen](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49abae28a5f94-ststephen) or email [receptionist@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:receptionist@ststephenbentonville.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.

### **Update on Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA)**

If you have not returned your CASA pledge card please do so. You can drop it in the collection basket or return in the pre-paid envelope available at the entrance of the church. To date we have collected a total of **\$41,609.85** toward our parish goal of **\$46,650**. Thanks so much for your generous support in helping our diocese continue to grow and carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

### **Aviso de Campana Católica de Arkansas a Compartir (CASA)**

– Si no ha regresado su tarjeta de promesa de donativo de la Campana Católica de Arkansas a Compartir por favor hágallo. Puede dejarlo en la canasta de colecta o devolverlo en el sobre prepagado disponible en la entrada de la iglesia. A la fecha se han colectado un total de **\$41,609.85** hacia nuestra meta de la parroquia de **\$46,650**. Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo al ayudar a nuestra diócesis a seguir creciendo y llevando a cabo el trabajo misionero de Jesús.

**Catholic Immigration Services** will be offering an orientation about DACA and the services they offer. You can join by Zoom on Friday, April 23 at 7:00PM. Information will be via zoom. If you wish to join visit [www.zoom.us/j/95302678627?pwd=VHdkb052LzBBTW5SVVE2WEIzM25xZz09](https://www.zoom.us/j/95302678627?pwd=VHdkb052LzBBTW5SVVE2WEIzM25xZz09); meeting ID: 953 0267 8627 and passcode: RKAL6T.

**La Oficina de Inmigración de Caridades Católicas** estará ofreciendo información sobre DACA y los servicios en general que se ofrecen. La información sera vía zoom el viernes, 23 de abril a las 7:00 PM. Si desea unirse visite [www.zoom.us/j/95302678627?pwd=VHdkb052LzBBTW5SVVE2WEIzM25xZz09](https://www.zoom.us/j/95302678627?pwd=VHdkb052LzBBTW5SVVE2WEIzM25xZz09); la ID. de reunión: 953 0267 8627 e contraseña: RKAL6T.

**Heaven Sent Cookbook** – The St. Stephen Preschool and the Knights of Columbus worked together to gather a collection of recipes from the parishioners of St. Stephen. "Heaven Sent" is the 2021 cookbook created for the parish by the parish. In addition, Michael Hooper, a Knight created handcrafted pens made from Olive Trees in Bethlehem, and these will be available as well. All proceeds benefit the St. Stephen preschool. The English version of the cookbook is available now, but a Spanish version is being translated - the Knights will take pre-orders for the Spanish version after the Spanish Mass. Please see the Knights of Columbus outside the church this weekend to purchase these once in a lifetime collectibles that benefit the Preschool.

**Libro de Cocina Enviado Cielo (Heaven Sent)** – El preescolar de St. Stephen y los Caballeros de Colón trabajaron juntos para recopilar y publicar una colección de recetas de los feligreses de St. Stephen. "Heaven Sent" es el libro de cocina de 2021 creado para la parroquia y por la parroquia. Además, Michael Hooper, un Caballero de Colón creó bolígrafos artesanales hechos de olivos en Belén, y estos también estarán disponibles. Todas las ganancias beneficiarán al preescolar de St. Stephen. La versión en inglés del libro de cocina está disponible hoy, pero se está traduciendo una versión en español; los Caballeros tomarán pedidos anticipados para la versión en español después de la Misa. Por favor, visite a Caballeros de Colón fuera de la iglesia este fin de semana para comprar estos coleccionables que benefician al preescolar.

**Grief Support Group** – A Grief Support Group via Zoom will be offered and led by Dr. Mary Ann Stafford and Laura Humphries, C.T. The group will meet for 10 sessions, beginning Wednesday, May 5, at 6:30 PM. Support groups help grieving people by introducing them to others who have had similar experiences, thoughts, and feelings. They provide emotional, physical, and spiritual support in a safe, non-judgmental environment. Allowing the mourner to explore their feelings and be compassionate with themselves. If you or someone you know is in need of support, or register please email [2dings@sbcglobal.net](mailto:2dings@sbcglobal.net) (Mary Ann Stafford) or [lhumphries@holysouls.org](mailto:lhumphries@holysouls.org).

**NWA Respect Life (Safe Haven Baby Box blessing)**  
Plan on joining NWA Respect Life for a short ceremony and blessing for Springdale's Safe Haven Baby Box. The blessing ceremony will be Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 2:30 PM 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 hospital 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. Please 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.

**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 more information, please contact the parish office at 479-855-9069.

**St. Leo the Great Catholic University Parish at Arkansas Tech University** has been working hard over the last couple of years to raise funds and build a new center in Russellville, AR. They are excited to announce that starting April 18<sup>th</sup>, they will be having Masses in their new center at 509 West L Street. They will return to their regular Mass schedule, 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM. Due to Covid, we will not have a grand celebration at this time. They will follow Diocesan Covid guidelines. They plan to have a grand celebration during the SLAW (Alumni Weekend) on June 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Taylor will celebrate Mass during that time. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the wonderful miracle of their facility.

**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.

**Be a Man of Prayer, Like St. Joseph**

To suffer with patience the adversities and miseries of this life, be a man of prayer. To obtain courage and strength to conquer the temptations of the enemy, be a man of prayer. To mortify your own will all its inclinations and appetites, be a man of prayer. To know the wiles of the evil one and unmasked his deceits, be a man of prayer. To live in joy and walk pleasantly in the ways of penance, be a man of prayer. To banish your soul troublesome thoughts and vain cares, be a man of prayer. To nourish your soul with the very source of devotion, and keep it always full of good thoughts and good desires, be a man of prayer. To strengthen and keep up your courage in the ways of God, be a man of prayer. To uproot all vices from your soul and plant all virtues in their place, be a man of prayer. It is in prayer that we receive the anointing and grace of the Holy Spirit, who teaches all things.

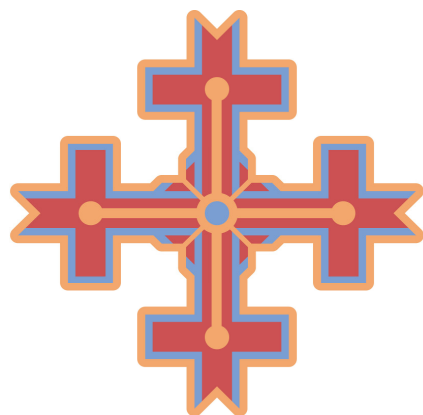
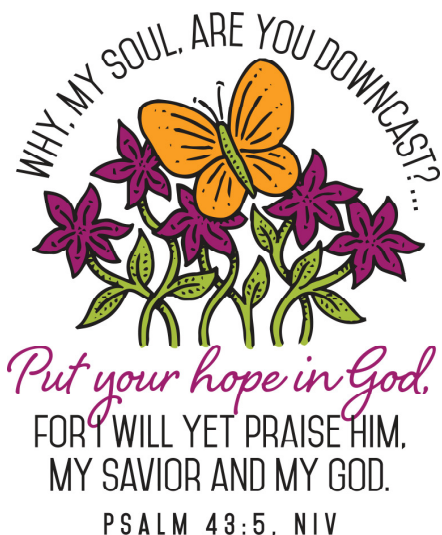
– St. Bonaventure – adapted

**Church Operations for April**

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 43,459.21  
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,233,042.66

St. Paul reminds us that the author of life was put to death, but has been raised. Our faith allows us to see Him in the breaking of the bread. May this same faith inspire us in our regular stewardship through the Sunday collection or giving on-line.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 64,125.25	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 8,174.54	\$ 23,000



WE HAVE THIS

HOPE

AS AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL

FIRM AND SECURE.

HEBREWS 6:19

**Scripture Readings for 04/25/2021**

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12  
 Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29  
 1 John 3:1-2  
 John 10:11-18

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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  
**Monday, April 19**  
 12:00pm Special Intention  
**Tuesday, April 20**  
 12:00pm NO MASS  
**Wednesday, April 21**  
 12:00pm NO MASS  
**Thursday, April 22**  
 12:00pm NO MASS  
**Friday, April 23**  
 12:00pm Sarah Hughey †  
**Saturday, April 24**  
 5:00pm Moira Dwyer †  
**Sunday, April 25**  
 7:45am Andrew Lac Tran †  
 10:00am Fr. Tom Morris †  
 11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses  
 5:00pm Cathy Sievert

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April 24 - 25	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Janet Palmer	Jon Terlouw	Jill Saulsbery Kim Dial	Philip Palmer Andy Fosdick Dave Brandenburg Steve Saulsbery <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Janet Palmer	Jon Terlouw	Rachael Saulsbery
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Irma Holasek	Christina Baker	Tom Stawicki Christina Baker	Karen Howard Gerard Davenport Geri Oswald Len Oswald Amanda Cantu	<b>Not Filled</b>	Bruce Peterson	Dan Reiff
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Steve Harrington	Joe Hartnett	Pam Willis Joe Hartnett	Daniel Cruz Charlotte Champagne Brian Rabal Tim Koch <b>NOT FILLED</b>		Kathryn Gough	Gina Koch
<b>Domingo, 11:45 AM</b>	Ramon Portilla	Mirna Serrano	Olga Serrano Mirna Serrano	J. Concepcion Serrano Victor Lopez Maria Dalia Lopez Martha Mendoza Maria Munoz Maria Salcedo Bertha Valdez		Crimilda Viera	
<b>Sunday, 2:00 PM First Communion</b>	Children	Bruce Peterson	Lisa Juan Katie Morris	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (A - G)		Bruce Peterson	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	Eric Belin	Bryan Bacon	Ken Hunter Susan Davis	Rob Brothers <b>NOT FILLED</b> (C - G)	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon	Jennifer Haddinger