

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

April 25, 2021

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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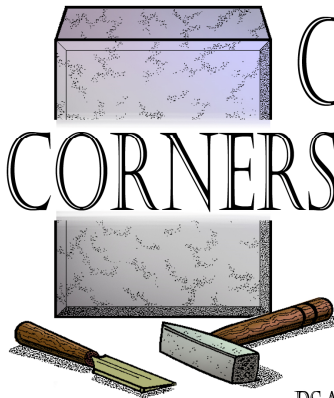
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that the builders  
**REJECTED**  
has become the  
**CHIEF**  
**CORNERSTONE.**



DECATUR MISSOURI

### 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

### Youth Faith Formation:

#### Catholic Kids & IMPACT Director

Suzanne Sutton

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Pre-K - 6th Grade

#### Catholic Kids / Confirmation

##### Youth Minister

Monica Shoemaker

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Pre-K - 4<sup>th</sup> / Confirmation: 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades

#### Life Teen / EDGE Youth

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

**Lector Orientation** – We will be holding an orientation for anyone who is interested in becoming a Lector on Wednesday evening, April 28th, at 6:30pm. You'll have the opportunity to become comfortable with the microphones and other aspects of proclaiming God's word.

**Hard Hat Collection** – There will be a Hard Hat collection on May 1/2 to go toward paying the loan we received from the Diocese for church repairs. As the 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** – El próximo fin de semana, el 1 y 2 de mayo habrá una colecta de Casco 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**La Doctrina de Verano para Niños** se llevarán a cabo del 16 al 18 de junio de 6:00 a 8:30pm. Nuestro tema de este año es "El poder de Jesús nos atrae." Los niños explorarán el poder de Jesús y cómo podemos confiar en que Jesús nos ayudará cuando la vida se sienta como un valle o la cima de una montaña. Busque la hoja de registro en el Nártex para inscribir a sus hijos. El costo para cada niño/a es \$10 dólares. Las inscripciones estarán disponibles hasta el 30 de mayo. Busque la mesa de inscripción en el Narthex.

**Corpus Christi Festival** – Save the date for our first annual Corpus Christi Festival on Sunday, June 6 after the 10am Mass. There will be food, games, music, and a beer garden. More details to come!

**St. Stephen Archangels Softball** – Last Thursday the men's church league team competed in 2 nail biters! We played hard, but came up empty handed losing game one 16-13 and game two 11-10. Upcoming games for the Archangels are the co-ed league on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and 7:00 PM and the men's league on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and 7:00PM on the field at 2150 N Dixieland Rd, Rogers, AR 72756 (at the corner of Dixieland and Hudson in Rogers...exit 86 off of 49, head east towards Rogers).

**Ministry Leaders of St. Stephen** – Do you lead or know of a ministry you want to tell more people about? St. Stephen will be hosting a family BBQ in June 6<sup>th</sup> and want YOU to have a booth! This will be your chance to invite others to not only learn about all you do for our church but they can also learn about how they can become more involved. If you want to host a booth and/or learn more about this opportunity reach out to Elizabeth Ganey – [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:marketing@ststephenbentonville.com).

**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).

**Finance Council News** – The balance of our loan with the Diocese of Little Rock is now under \$1 million! Due to your generosity, St. Stephen has been able to pay \$420,812.25 towards the principal of our loan. The loan balance is now \$796,732.31. Our monthly payment remains \$19,439.73. Your continued generosity as we work to reduce our debt is greatly appreciated.

**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 Flocknote. ¡La 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; solo envíe un texto a 202-765-3441 con BENTONVILLE 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 comuníquese con Elizabeth Ganey al [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:marketing@ststephenbentonville.com).

**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).

### **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 hágalo. Puede dejarlo en la canasta de colecta o devolverlo en el sobre prepago 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 offer an orientation about DACA and the services they offer. The information will be via Zoom on Friday, April 23 at 7:00PM. 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 será 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.

**Glory on the Grounds Youth Festival** will be held outside St. John's Catholic Center in Little Rock on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Bring your lawn chairs! The festival will close with an outdoor Mass. Cost is \$25 per person. All youth, Junior High and High School are invited. For information and/or to register visit [www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/outdoor-youth-rally-registration-21.pdf](https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/outdoor-youth-rally-registration-21.pdf). Scholarships available at [www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesanscholarshipapplication.pdf](https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesanscholarshipapplication.pdf).

**Search #148 Retreat** – Registrations are now being accepted for Search #148, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school and recently graduated seniors to get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. Search #146 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of July 16-18. The fee is \$135 and scholarships are available. For more information and/or to register visit [www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-148\\_0.pdf](https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-148_0.pdf). Partial scholarships are available at [www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesanscholarshipapplication.pdf](https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesanscholarshipapplication.pdf). If you have questions you may contact Trish Gentry [tgentry@dolr.org](mailto:tgentry@dolr.org) at the Diocese of Little Rock Youth Ministry office: 501-664-0340, ext. 418.

**Grief Support Group** – A Grief Support Group via Zoom. The group will meet for 10 sessions, starting Wednesday, May 5, at 6:30 PM. Support groups 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 [lumphries@holysouls.org](mailto:lumphries@holysouls.org).

**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.

### **St. Joseph, Universal Protector of the Church, Deliver Us From Coronavirus Covid-19**

To you, St. Joseph, we bring all the fears and anxieties that weigh us down. This pandemic has attacked God's people, bringing much illness, sorrow and death. We ask you, dearest St. Joseph, to be our guide along this very dark path, for you are the model of faith, courage and fidelity that we need so desperately. May the Lord send forth the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit, to end this outbreak of disease and renew the hearts of the faithful. Guide us to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your beloved bride, and to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the hope of all humanity. O St. Joseph, pray ceaselessly for us during this time of suffering, fear and great mourning. May this current pain inflicted upon mankind be transformed by the power of Christ's cross and lead to a new springtime of hope and devotion. Amen

– Pedro de la Cruz

**Colossians 3:4** – *When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

**Church Operations for April**

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 81,920.99  
 Loan Balance - \$ 1,217,544.56

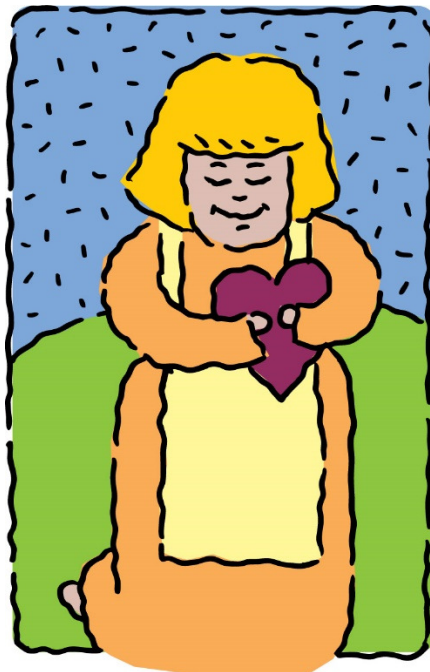
The comforting words of the Gospel remind us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd; may we return to Him a tithe of the many blessings bestowed upon us His beloved sheep.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 92,082.06	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 11,329.05	\$ 23,000

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**Scripture Readings for 05/02/2021**

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31  
 Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
 1 John 3:18-24  
 John 15:1-8

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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  
**Monday, April 26**  
 12:00pm Patricia Nesiewicz †  
**Tuesday, April 27**  
 12:00pm Patricia Nesiewicz †  
**Wednesday, April 28**  
 12:00pm Randy Shinabery †  
**Thursday, April 29**  
 12:00pm John Guenther †  
**Friday, April 30**  
 12:00pm Karen Davidson Dillinger †  
**Saturday, May 1**  
 10:00am Special Intention  
 5:00pm Lichti Family  
**Sunday, May 2**  
 7:45am All Lonely Souls  
 10:00am Scripture Sisters  
 11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses  
 5:00pm Stephen Hacala †



May 1 - 2	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
<b>Saturday, 10:00 AM Confirmation</b>	Confirmation Students	Bruce Peterson	Ken Hunter Bishop Taylor	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (A – G)		Bruce Peterson	
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	Mark Jechura	Jon Terlouw	Kim Dial Jon Terlouw	Andy Fosdick Dave Brandenburg <b>NOT FILLED</b> (A – G)	Mark Jechura	Mark Jechura	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 7:45 AM</b>	Greg Brandenburg	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Christy Yuska Chris O'Shaughnessy	Greg Woodell Gerard Davenport Karen Howard Geri Oswald Len Oswald		Bryan Bacon	Dan Reiff
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>	Mary Pablo	Ted Brauburger	Thomas Ganey Claudia Garcia	Charlotte Champagne Daniel Cruz <b>NOT FILLED</b> (A - G)		Ted Brauburger	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Domingo, 11:45 AM</b>	Sandra Valdes	Raquel Perez	Raquel Perez Ricardo Almaraz	Fernando Perez Bertha Váldez Victor Lopez Maria Dalia Lopez Martha Mendoza Maria Barajas Maria Munoz		Crimilda Viera	
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Cary Richard	Ken Hunter Susan Davis	Rob Brothers <b>NOT FILLED</b> (C - G)		Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger