



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



1300 NE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

May 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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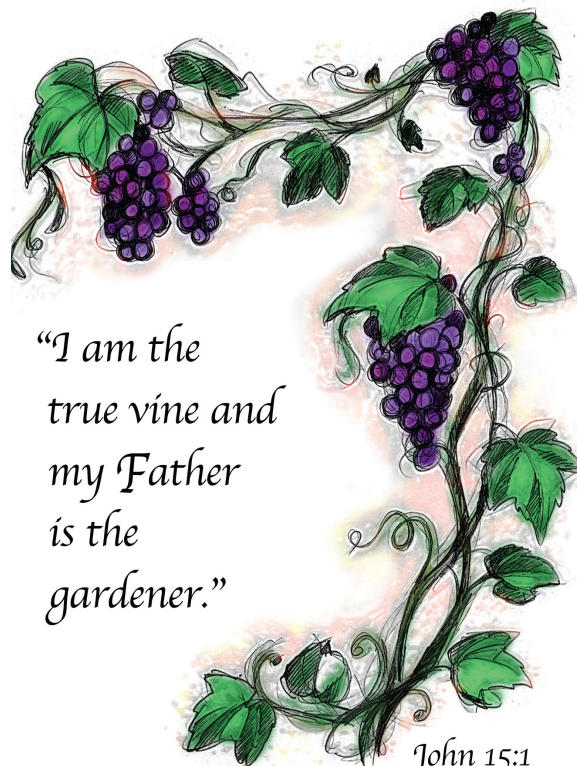
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*"I am the
true vine and
my Father
is the
gardener."*

John 15:1

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

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

youthoffice@ststephenbentonville.com

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

Life Teen / EDGE Youth

7th Grade - 12th Grade

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!

Hard Hat Collection – There will be a Hard Hat collection this weekend 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 – Este 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, & 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. Contact the parish office at ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com or call 479-273-1270 to update your info on the minister call list.

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. 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 or visit <https://ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/>.

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. Para inscripción busque la mesa de en el Nártex o visite <https://ststephenbentonville.weshareonline.org/>.

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 6th 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.

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, May 4th at 6:00 and 7:00 PM and the men's league on Thursday, May 6th 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).

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.

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.

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.

1 Thessalonians 5:2: *For you, yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.*

May month of Mary – We will be praying the Holy Rosary every Wednesday in May at 6:30 pm in English and 7:00 pm in Spanish in the Church. Due to covid, you may prefer to pray at home or have joined a virtual prayer group, but we invite you to support our community here at St. Stephen. If you feel safe during Mass, we guarantee the same measures will be taken on Wednesdays to honor our Heavenly Mother. Mary always comforts us, intercedes and helps us in all our needs, she gives us the strength to overcome temptations, and she maintains our state of grace and keeps us close to God in order to reach heaven. Everyone is welcome.

Mayo mes de María – Se ha organizado el rezo del Santo Rosario en nuestra parroquia, todos los miércoles de mayo a las 6:30pm en inglés y a las 7:00 pm en español. Sabemos que debido al covid la mayoría prefiere rezar en casa o se ha unido a algún grupo de oración virtual. Queremos invitarlos a apoyar a nuestra comunidad aquí en San Esteban, si ustedes se sienten seguros durante la misa, les garantizamos que las mismas medidas se tomarán los miércoles para honrar a nuestra Madre Celestial. María, nuestra madre, siempre nos consuela, intercede y ayuda en todas nuestras necesidades, nos da la fuerza para vencer las tentaciones, y así conservar nuestro estado de gracia y nos mantiene cerca de Dios para poder llegar al cielo. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Glory on the Grounds Youth Festival will be held outside St. John's Catholic Center in Little Rock on Sunday, June 6th 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. Scholarships available at 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. Partial scholarships are available at www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesanscholarshipapplication.pdf. If you have questions you may contact Trish Gentry tgentry@dolr.org at the Diocese of Little Rock Youth Ministry office: 501-664-0340, ext. 418.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Rogers has limited openings available in PreK (3- and 4-year-old programs) through 8th grades. For more information, please contact Sandra Stephens at (479) 636-4421 or admissions@svdpschool.net.

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 (Mary Ann Stafford) or lhumphries@holysouls.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Tuesday, May 4th from 10:00am-3:00pm the Knights of Columbus invite the parish to their blood drive in the St. Stephen parking lot. The American Red Cross will be there with their blood mobile and will accept walk in's. Reservations can be made online at www.redcrossblood.org. Juice and snacks will be provided. Please remember to wear your mask.

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.

Prayer of St. Joseph (Prayer for all Christians)

O loving God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: come to my assistance, Lord come quickly to my aid. I am just a simple person, subject to fear and doubt, overwhelmed by my responsibilities and tired by my laboring. Lord, place your courage in my heart, your peace in my mind, your fidelity in my soul and your strength in the work of my hands. Sustain me my God. May my entire life be a joyful and sincere prayer before you, pleasing in your sight. May I honor you by day in every thought, effort, emotion, glance and movement of my heart. May you be my rest and confidence as I remember your graciousness throughout the night. May all that I am and all that I do be a faithful act of love towards this precious Jesus that I carry in my heart. May I offer my all to him, and by doing so may I honor with purest affection his blessed mother Mary. Glorious God, make my love generous and my heart humble. Sanctify me into the person you desire me to be. Amen – Pedro de la Cruz

Oracion de San Jose (Oracion para todos los Cristianos)

O amoroso Dios de Abraham, Isaac y Jacob: ven en mi ayuda, Señor, ven pronto en mi ayuda. Soy una persona sencilla, llena de miedo y la duda, abrumada por cualquier responsabilidad y cansada por mi tabajo. Señor pon Tu valor en mi corazón Tu paz en mi mente, Tu fidelidad en mi alma y Tu fuerza en el trabajo de mis manos. Sostenme mi Dios. Que toda mi vida sea una oración alegre y sincera delante de ti, que complace Tu visita. Que pueda honrarte de día en cada pensamiento, esfuerzo, emoción, mirada y movimiento de mi corazón. Que seas mi descanso y confianza mientras recuerdo Tu gracia durante toda la noche. Que todo lo que soy y todo lo que hago sea un fiel acto de amor hacia este precioso Jesús que llevo en mi corazón. Ofresco todo mi ser a El, y al hacerlo, puedo honrar con el afecto más puro afecto a su Santa Madre María. Dios glorioso, que mi amor sea generoso y mi corazón humilde. Santifícame y hazme la persona que Tu desees. Amen – Pedro de la Cruz

1 John 3:2-3: *Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

Church Operations for April

Expenses Month-to-Date - \$ 108,300.53

Loan Balance - \$ 796,732.31

Our desire is to remain as branches on the True Vine of Christ so to produce much fruit in eternity. Our regular offerings, accompanied by our use of talents and volunteerism, signify this desire.

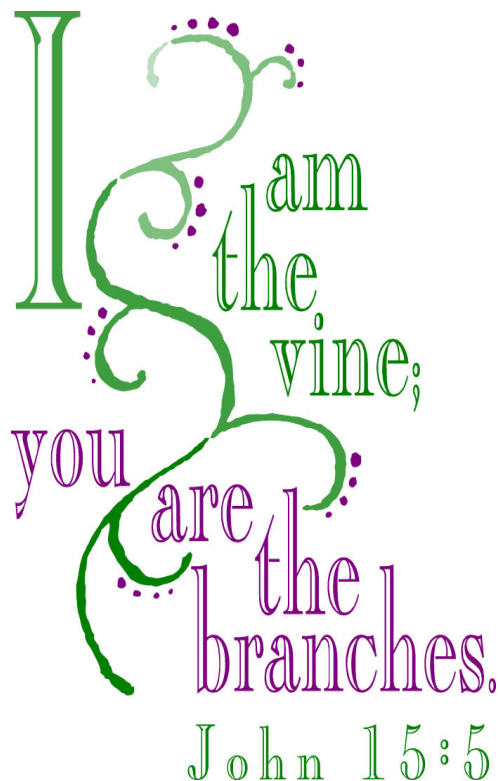
Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship and Other	\$ 120,704.93	\$ 117,000
Building Fund	\$ 12,754.52	\$ 23,000

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Scripture Readings for 05/09/2021

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 †

Monday, May 3

12:00pm Joseph McAdams

Tuesday, May 4

12:00pm In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, May 5

12:00pm In Thanksgiving

Thursday, May 6

12:00pm Msgr. Marczuk

Friday, May 7

12:00pm Andrew Lac Tran †

Saturday, May 8

5:00pm Peter Thong Le & Maria Bui †

Sunday, May 9

7:45am Marcella Wahlmeier †

10:00am Fr. Tom Morris †

11:45am Parishioners / Feligreses

5:00pm Hurtig Family



Please use the QR code to sign-up for Flocknote.



May 8 - 9	Lector	Eucharist Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharist Minister – Host	Usher	Lock-Up	Sacristan & Vessels	Projector Operator
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Amylynn Smith	Mark Jechura	Kim Dial Susan McDaniel	Andy Fosdick Dave Brandenburg Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED (F – Overflow)	Bryan Bacon	Mark Jechura	Rachael Saulsbery
Sunday, 7:45 AM	Janet Palmer	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Robbie Estes Chris O'Shaughnessy	Philip Palmer Amanda Cantu Geri Oswald Len Oswald Greg Woodell		NOT FILLED	Peggy Estes
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Paul Krapf	Theresa Brauburger	Gina Koch Theresa Brauburger	Steve Harrington Tim Koch Charlotte Champagne Daniel Cruz Brian Rabal NOT FILLED (PLC)		Kathryn Gough	NOT FILLED
Domingo, 11:45 AM	Ramon Portilla	Mirna Serrano	Julian Serrano Mirna Serrano	Maria Barajas J. Concepcion Serrano Fernando Perez Maria Salcedo Bertha Valdez Martha Mendoza Maria Munoz		Crimilda Viera	
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Terry Shepard Susan Davis	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED (C - Overflow)	Cary Richard	Cary Richard	Jennifer Haddinger