

Acts 7:55-56

Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open & the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

St. Stephen

Catholic Church



Iglesia Católica San Esteban

1300 NE J St, Bentonville, AR 72712

April 24, 2022

Divine Mercy Sunday

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

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Weekday Mass

Misa Entre Semana (Inglés)

Mon-Fri / Lun-Vie 12:00PM

Sunday MASS & Saturday Vigil

Misas en Domingo y Misa de Vigilia

Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday 7:45AM

Sunday 10:00AM

Sunday – *Español* 11:45AM

Sunday 5:00PM

Reconciliation

Reconciliación

Mon – Fri / Lun – Vie 11:30–11:55AM

Sat (Bilingual) / *Sáb (Bilingüe)* 3:00–4:00PM

Adoration Hours

Horario de Adoración

Mon – Thu / Lun – Jue 9:00–11:30AM

..... & 12:45–3:00PM

Fri / Vie 9:00–11:30AM

Blessed Stanley Rother Church in Decatur:

Mass Time (Spanish Only): Sat. 6:00PM

Office Hours

Horario de Oficina

Membership: We extend our hands and hearts in Christian Fellowship. Longtime residents or newly arrived, contact the parish office to register.

Membresía: *Extendemos nuestras manos y corazones en Cofradía Cristiana. Los residentes o recién llegados, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la parroquia para registrarse.*

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.

Bautismo Infantil: *Se ofrece una vez al mes en inglés y español. Se requiere preparación para Bautismo. Los padres deben ser miembros registrados de San Esteban. No habrá bautismos en diciembre.*



Jesus, I Trust in You

Mon-Thu / Lun-Jue 9:00AM-3:00PM

Friday / Viernes 9:00AM-12:00PM

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.

Matrimonio Católico: *Preparación Matrimonial requerido. Comuníquese con la parroquia por lo menos con 9 meses de anticipación. Dos meses de antelación adicionales para la boda en otro país. Si planea casarse, póngase siempre en contacto con la iglesia antes de reservar un lugar de recepción o fijar una fecha.*

RCIA: Sessions open to those interested in learning about or renewing their connection to the Catholic Faith.

RICA: *Sesiones abiertas a aquellos interesados en aprendizaje o renovación de su conexión con la Fe Católica.*



Divine Mercy Sunday: (April 24) In observance of the Feast of Divine Mercy, at 3:00pm (the Hour of Great Mercy) in the Chapel, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflections from St. Faustina, and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. All are invited!

Growth Fund: The weekend of May 7-8, we will have our collection of the Growth Fund. Your generous donation is very much appreciated.



Fondo de Crecimiento: El fin de semana del 7 al 8 de mayo, tendremos nuestra colecta del Fondo de Crecimiento. Su generosa donación es muy apreciada.



May Crowning: On Sunday, May 1st there will be a May Crowning ceremony before the

10am Mass. The kids will line up and process in with flowers to place in front of Mary. If you are interested in taking part in this event please email ssutton@ststephenbentonville.com or call the church (479-273-1240) and leave a message.

Vacation Bible Camp: VBC will be June 15-17 from 6:00pm-8:30pm. Our theme this year is Totally Catholic Monumental-Celebrating God's Greatness! Grandparents—please consider volunteering or even just attending with your grandchildren. What a great way to pass on your faith!! Adults, Parents, teens needing service hours and all other kids who have completed the 5th grade—we need you!!! Please volunteer to make this our best VBC yet!! Registration will be open until May 31. Look for the sign up table in the Narthex.

Save the Date: Our **2nd Annual Corpus Christi Festival** will be held on Sunday, June 19th from 11am – 2:00pm. There will be a procession following the 10am Mass. After, the benediction, there will be food, music, games and more.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Eucharistic Adoration is continuous prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is an expression of our love for Jesus. The Host, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Jesus is placed in a monstrance and honored with the worship of adoration. Adorers make a commitment to spend an hour before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. We are specifically in need of Adorers on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please prayerfully consider and call/text/ 479-426-6834 or email Andrea.Filialt@yaho.com



Catholics Returning Home (CRH): Our six-week series starts on the first Thursday after Easter (April 21)

from 6:30pm -8:00pm in Faith Hall at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale. No reservation is required. All you have to do is come! For more information, please call the parish office (479) 756-6711. The six sessions are free of charge:

- Week 1: Welcome, Overview of the Series
- Week 2: Sharing Stores of Faith
- Week 3: The Church Today: Changes since Vatican II
- Week 4: Explanation of the Mass
- Week 5: Explanation of the Sacrament of Penance
- Week 6: Explanation of the Nicene Creed.



Lenten Food Drive Winners!!

The winner of the Canned Food Drive and Donut party is the Second Grade class!! It was a very close contest with the lead changing several times. In all, our Catholic Kids (4 yrs through the 4th grade) collected more than 1,537 items that went to our SSBC food pantry! Thank you for your compassion.

¡¡Ganadores de Colecta de Alimentos de Cuaresma!! ¡El ganador de la colecta de alimentos enlatados y la fiesta de donas es la clase de segundo grado! Fue una competencia muy reñida con el liderato cambiando varias veces. ¡En total, nuestros Niños Católicos (4 años hasta el 4to grado) recolectaron más de 1,537 artículos que fueron a nuestra despensa de alimentos SSBC! Gracias por su compasión.

Catholic Campus Ministry Conway:

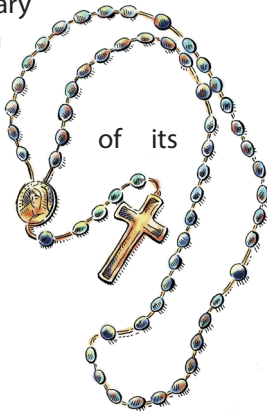
We're joining campus ministry programs across the country for "Spring Days of Giving" April 27th & 28th! Every donation to CCM Conway during this event will be matched up to \$50,000 for our new building. Visit conwaycatholic.com to donate. All giving will end at 11:59 PM on April 28, so make sure to get your gift in on time! If you have any questions, please contact Kasey Miller, Campus Minister at (804) 366-9467.

40 Days of Life: Many thanks to all who participated in our spring prayer vigil of the 40 Days or Life. We are sincerely humbled and amazed at the wide variety of people who come to pray as well as the sacrifices of time and resources you offer

in order to answer God's call to stand for Life! By the sign-in sheets, we know at least 325+ people participated. We live among saints!!! NOT the end! We will continue to be a peaceful and prayerful presence in front of Planned Parenthood in 40 days - 365. The difference is that instead of 12 hours/day, 7 days/week - we focus on their open hours. Please come to pray ANYTIME - prayers are ALWAYS needed - but we will focus on the following hours of Planned Parenthood:

- Sunday & Monday - Closed
- Tuesday: 11:00am-7:00pm (Presence of Loving Choices ultrasound bus - and they so appreciate your presence!!)
- Wednesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Thursday: 10:00am - 6:00pm (Presence of Loving Choices ultrasound bus)
- Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm
- Saturday: 8:30am-1:30pm

St. Stephen Speaker Series: "The Rosary". Join us as we bring relevance to the Rosary whether you are a beginner or experienced with this prayer. Come exhibit devotion to Mary during the month of May by learning more about the Rosary, the power usage and how to integrate it into your spiritual life.



Guest Speaker:

Mark Jechura

Date: Monday, May 2

Time: 6:30PM

Place: Parish Life Center

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: The Humble Instrument. Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to

record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

During his revelations to St. Faustina, our Lord requested a number of times that a feast day be dedicated to Divine Mercy and celebrated annually on the first Sunday after Easter. Furthermore, he instructed her to have an image created of his Divine Mercy in the way that he appeared to her. Here's what he told her:

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary, No. 300)

"I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." (Diary, No. 341)

"This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies." (Diary, No. 420)

Almost all St. Faustina Kowalska quotes can be found in her diary. As such, the St. Faustina Diary quotes remain relevant through time, to date, read by many across the world. The diary of St. Faustina is called 'Divine Mercy in My Soul' and features the Divine Mercy Chaplet amongst many other quotes of popular interest. In trying times, she posits that one should turn to prayer and receive Christ into their hearts.

"Patience, prayer, and silence-these are what give strength to the soul."

"I know very well what I am of myself because for this purpose Jesus has opened the eyes of my soul; I am an abyss of misery, and hence I understand that whatever good there is in my soul consists solely of His holy grace."

"O my Jesus, I know that, in order to be useful to souls, one has to strive for the closest possible union with You, who are Eternal Love."

"I received an interior answer from God that a thousand souls had received grace through the prayerful mediation I had offered to God. We do not know the number of souls that is ours to save through our prayers and sacrifices; therefore, let us always pray for sinners."

"The knowledge of my own misery allows me, at the same time, to know the immensity of Your mercy."

"Your great trust in Me forces me to continuously grant you graces. You have great and incomprehensible rights over My Heart, for you are a daughter of complete trust."

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest."

"I realize more and more how much every soul needs God's mercy throughout life and particularly at the hour of death. This chaplet (of Divine Mercy) mitigates God's anger, as He Himself told me."



Church Operations for April

Expenses Month-to-Date\$ \$87,033.13
Loan Balance\$555,255.06

Jesus says: "Blest are those who have not seen me, but have believed." May our faith in Him be seen in our generous acts of stewardship and tithing to support the work of His Church.

| Revenue | Month-to-Date | Monthly Goal |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Stewardship & Other | \$104,902.08 | \$105,000.00 |
| Growth Fund | \$10,926.78 | \$20,000.00 |

Scripture Readings for 05/01/2022

Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41
Psalm 30 (29): 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
Rev. 5: 11-14
John 21: 1-19

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 23
5:00PM Patrose Anthony † Mary Pushpam Patrose†

Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 24
7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
10:00AM Jesús Méndez †
11:45AM Mariana Paz †
5:00PM Andrew Lac Tran †

Monday, April 25
12:00PM Andrea Serrano Gonzáalez †

Tuesday, April 26
12:00PM Scripture Sisters

Wednesday, April 27
12:00PM Marlen Chávez Family

Thursday, April 28
12:00PM Sarah Hughey †

Friday, April 29
12:00PM Ron D. Smith †

Saturday, April 30
5:00PM Ron D. Smith †

Sunday, May 1
7:45AM Maria Nhu Bui †
10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses
11:45AM Acción de Gracias Fernando & María Guadalupe López
5:00PM Ancestor (Fore Father)

| April 30-May 1 | Lector | Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels | Eucharistic Minister Host | Usher | Lock Up | Sacristan & Vessels |
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| Saturday, April 30 5:00 PM | Nicholas Tyburski | Jon Terlouw | Janet Palmer Sherolyn Johnson | Andy Fosdick Steve Saulsbery Philip Palmer NOT FILLED | Janet Palmer | Jon Terlouw |
| Sunday, May 1 7:45 AM | Brent Gautier | Chris O'Shaughnessy | Robbie Estes Kira O'Shaughnessy | Peggy Estes Jake Estes Geri Oswald Len Oswald | | Amanda Cantu |
| Sunday, May 1 10:00 AM | Paul Krapf | Ted Brauburger | Greg Brandenburg TJ LaPlant Pam Willis | Ken Butler NOT FILLED | | Ted Brauburger |
| Sunday, May 1 11:45 AM | Rosalba Ortiz | Iv án Sanabria | Olga Serrano Maria Elena Calderon | Jose Ortiz Hector Rangel Concepcion Serrano Martha Mendoza Maria Salcedo María Muñoz | | Ivan Sanabria |
| Sunday, May 1 5:00 PM | Chris Davis | Bryan Bacon | Gerry Whiting Susan Davis | Zachery Whiting Rob Brothers NOT FILLED | Bryan Bacon | Bryan Bacon |