

**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

May 29, 2022

**The Ascension of the Lord**

*Ascensión del Señor*

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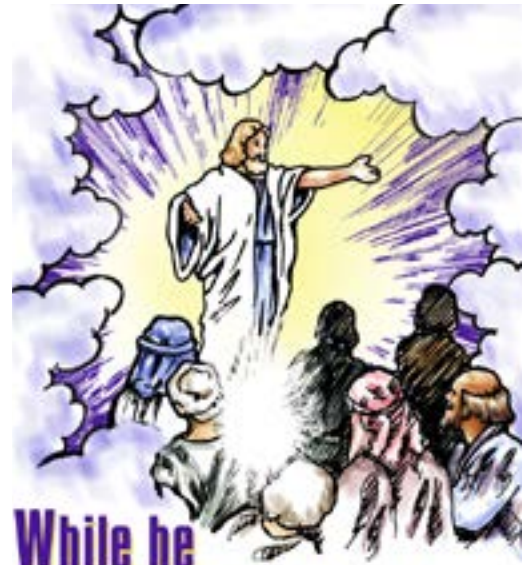
**Weekday Mass**  
*Misa Entre Semana (Inglés)*  
Mon–Fri / Lun–Vie ..... 12:00PM

**Sunday MASS & Saturday Vigil**  
*Misas de 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*



**While he was blessing them, he... was taken up into heaven**  
**Luke 24:51**

 **Office Hours**  
*Horario de Oficina*

Mon–Thu / Lun–Jue ..... 9:00AM-3:00PM  
Friday / *Viernes* ..... 9:00AM-12:00PM

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

**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.

*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.*

**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.

**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.

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

*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.*

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



**Memorial Day:** A time to honor, reflect and remember with gratitude those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. They are the reason that we are free. God bless America!

**Vacation Bible Camp:** Last day to register: Tuesday, May 31st. Look for the sign up table in the Narthex. 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!!

**Ministry Schedule:** Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of July, August and September. Please let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter before Wednesday, June 15th by emailing us at [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com) or calling the church office. No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time. A friendly reminder that the parish office does not find subs.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC):** When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor. Pantry needs: paper towels, canned fruit, cake mix and frosting.

*Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl (SSBC): Cuando damos a los pobres, Dios ciertamente derrama su amor, paz y alegría en nuestros corazones, en nuestras vidas y en los corazones de los pobres. Necesidades de la despensa: toallas de papel, fruta enlatada, mezcla para pastel y glaseado.*

**Registration for Fall Classes:** Classes for Religious Education for kids/youth 4yrs through the 12th grade will start in July for the 2022-23 year. We will be

introducing a new online platform so stay tuned for more information. Please also consider volunteering as a co-teacher or small group leader and religious fees will be waived.

**Inscripción para clases de Educación Religiosa:**

*Las clases de educación religiosa para niños/jóvenes de 4 años hasta el grado 12 comenzarán en julio para el año 2022-23. Estaremos presentando una nueva plataforma en línea, así que permanezca atento para obtener más información. Considere también ser voluntario como co-maestro o líder de un grupo pequeño y no se aplicarán las tarifas religiosas.*

**Join us for Summer Outdoor Movie**

**Nights:** Friday, June 10th: Veggie Tales: The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything. Friday, July 22nd: Narnia: The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe.

Time: At dusk at the main entrance of the church. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on! If it rains, we will move the movie to the Parish Live Center.



**Sunday, June 12th** after the 10am Mass, join us for a light reception to wish Fr. Bala all the best on his next journey.

**Sunday, June 25th** after the 10am Mass, join us for a reception celebrating Ken Hunter's Deacon ordination.

**Corpus Christi Festival:** This year's festival is canceled. Thank you to all our willing volunteers and participants. Stay tuned for next year's plans!

**Summer Camp at Subiaco Abbey:** Camp Subiaco, for boys ages 9-13 inclusive, is an active all boys camp with fishing, archery, riflery, go-karts, boating & tubing, climbing wall and much more. Camp Subiaco is operated by the Subiaco Alumni Association and the Benedictine Monks of Subiaco Abbey. Camp is June 19-25 or June 26-

July 2, 2022. Check us out on YouTube! Call (479) 934-1001 for more information. Come join us, it's a blast !! Camp will fill fast. Sign up:: [www.CampSubiaco.org](http://www.CampSubiaco.org)

**Search #150 Retreat:** Registrations are now being accepted for Search #150, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to in-coming juniors, seniors, and recently graduated seniors. Search #150 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of June 24-26, 2022. The fee is \$135.00. For more information and registration forms visit our website at: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-150.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.

**Respect Life:** Did you know that here are currently nine (9) Safe Haven Boxes in fire stations throught Arkansas?

- Benton Fire Station #3
- Conway Fire Station #1
- El Dorado Fire Station #2
- Fort Smith Fire Station #11
- Jonesboro Fire Station #3
- Maumelle Fire Station #1
- Rogers Fire Station #5
- Rogers Fire Station #7
- Springdale Fire Station #6

To date, three babies have been spared abandonment; Benton (5/20), Maumelle (11/21) Conway (2/22).

**He Ascended into Heaven:** It is said that by His death and Resurrection, Jesus opened the gates of heaven for all humanity. This is true, and His Ascension demonstrates this to us. It is His proof that those of us who believe in Him in faith and follow Him will also be raised on the last day, and enter into heaven.

From heaven, Jesus hears our prayers and intercedes for us with His Father.

We celebrate this on Ascension Sunday, which is celebrated forty days after Easter. Traditionally it is celebrated on a Thursday as a Holy Day of Obligation. The Church presently observes it on a Sunday to

allow more of the faithful to attend Mass. It remains a Holy Day of Obligation, and the faithful are reminded that all Sundays are obligatory by default.

The Ascension should not be confused with Pentecost, which is celebrated 50 days after Easter. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Christ, after His Ascension.

All of the gospels tell of the ascension of our Lord. Luke gives the most detailed account. It is similar to the ascension of Elijah. Jewish tradition also points to the ascension of Abraham, Moses, and Isaiah. In these cases, these holy men are summoned to the throne of God through the power of God.

As the visions during the night continued, I saw coming with the clouds of heaven. One like a son of man. When he reached the Ancient of Days and was presented before him, he received dominion, splendor, and kingship; all nations, peoples and tongues will serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, his kingship, one that shall not be destroyed. Daniel 7:13-14

The Ascension of Jesus fulfills this prophecy. It is echoed in the words of St. Stephen, the first martyr: He said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." Acts of the Apostles 7:56

You will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you. Acts 1:8 (The Ascension)

**The Visitation of the blessed Virgin Mary:** Celebrated on May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. The meeting of these two women was a joyful and unique event. Both found themselves pregnant in unusual circumstances – Elizabeth in her old age after suffering from infertility, and Mary by the Holy Spirit. At their meeting, John the Baptist leaped in the womb of Elizabeth, and she blessed Mary and the Christ Child. Mary, in turn, responds with the famous Magnificat praising the Lord.

This visit is detailed in Luke 1:39-55

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said:

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.*

*The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."*

**Charlee's Angels:** Is a brand new miscarriage ministry started by women from St. Stephen's parish to provide grief support to families experiencing pregnancy loss (also known as miscarriage) or stillbirth by connecting you to community resources like local women and families who have also experienced pregnancy loss, and by suggesting educational material related to miscarriage, stillbirth, and grieving. If you would like to connect with us, please reach out to us! Call (479) 397-2111 or scan the QR code to fill out our information request form.



**Martha's Meal Ministry:** Ministry blesses families with meals during major life events such as in celebration of the birth of a child, in support after the death of a family member (including pregnancy loss or still birth), or to help you recover after major surgery. Ministry members will deliver a meal to families at their home. Find us on Flocknote to become one of our volunteers! Please scan the QR code to fill out a meals request form.



**Life Teen News:** On Sunday, May 15, we celebrated the graduation of our St. Stephen High School seniors. We are proud of all that they have

accomplished and are thankful for all that they have done for our St. Stephen community – many have helped at Mass and have volunteered their time helping with our education program and have mentored many of their younger peers! Congratulations to our **\*scholarship recipients** and all our participating graduates:

- Mary Ella Abide | Gabriel Alvarado
- Caroline Bene | Katie Boysen\*
- Gregory Brandenburg\* | Andrew Brothers
- Jesse Coppick\* | Mary Doke
- Abigail Durkin\* | Martha Eluira
- Dominic Hecht\* | Zachary Herlevic\*
- Paige Kelly | Isabella Oseguera\*
- Simon Pisciotta | Hayden Poe
- Reagan Ptacek\* | Lulú Segura\*
- Josie Sembrot | Aaron Shoemaker\*
- Julia Tran | Zoe Whiting\*

Oh St. Dymphna,  
Patroness of  
nervous and  
mental illnesses,  
grant that,  
through prayer,  
I may be pure in  
mind and soul.



## Church Operations for May

Operating Expenses ..... \$124,021.06  
 Loan Balance ..... \$376,044.57  
 Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He established His Church as His Body on earth to continue His saving mission. Together as believers, may we contribute our energy, resources, talents and efforts to foster His work until he comes again in glory.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$94,402.72	\$105,000.00
Growth Fund	\$16,579.43	\$20,000.00

## Scripture Readings for 06/05/2022

Acts 2: 1-11  
 Psalm 104 (103): 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
 1 Cor. 12: 3-7, 12-13  
 John 20: 19-23

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**Bulletin Deadline:** Tue. 12:00 PM  
 (5 days prior to publication date.)  
 Email articles to:  
 bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com.

*Fecha límite del Boletín: Martes a las 12:00 PM (5 días antes de la fecha de publicación). Envíe artículos a: bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com.*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, May 28**  
 5:00PM Andrew Lac Tran †

**Sunday, May 29**  
 7:45AM Scripture Sisters  
 10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
 11:45AM Catalina Villa † & Benito Perdones †  
 5:00PM Larry Wewers †

**Monday, May 30**  
 12:00PM Knights of Columbus

**Tuesday, May 31**  
 12:00PM Ushers St. Stephen

**Wednesday, June 1**  
 12:00PM Tracy Sullivan

**Thursday, June 2**  
 12:00PM Ron D. Smith †

**Friday, June 3**  
 12:00PM Ron D. Smith †

**Saturday, June 4**  
 9:00AM All Souls  
 5:00PM William "Bill" Fuchs †

**Sunday, June 5**  
 7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
 10:00AM Ralph Scholl †  
 11:45AM Víctor Perdones †  
 5:00PM Msgr. Scott Marczuck

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June 4-5	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Usher	Lock Up	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, June 4 5:00 PM	David Krueckeberg	Janet Palmer	Susan McDaniel Margie O'Grady	Andy Fosdick Dave Brandenburg Philip Palmer NOT FILLED	Janet Palmer	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, June 5 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier	Christina Baker	Tony Baker NOT FILLED	Gerard Davenport Geri Oswald Len Oswald Amanda Cantu		Mark Jechura
Sunday, June 5 10:00 AM	Lily Farley	Theresa Brauburger	Claudia Garcí35oua Pam Willis Diedra or Steven Dourth	Brian Rabal Tim Koch Paige Koch Steve Harrington Charlotte Champagne Daniel Cruz		Kathryn Gough
Sunday, June 5 11:45 AM	María Almaraz	Mirna Serrano	Julián Serrano Carmen Sepúlveda	María Barajas María Muñoz María Salcedo Martha Mendoza Héctor Rangel J. Concepción Serrano		Crimilda Viera
Sunday, June 5 5:00 PM	Sylvester Fernandes	Bryan Bacon	Lisa Juan Lisa Richard	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon