



**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

July 17, 2022

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

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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

*Psalm 151-2, NRSV*



 **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.*

## Registration for Fall Classes:

Registration for religious education for all grades, Pre K – 12th grade, is open for the 2022-2023 school year. Religious Education fees are \$50 per child w/ a maximum \$200 per family. Please register in person at St. Stephen during regular office hours or after Mass.

Religious education programs depend on parent and parish volunteers. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to use your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Remember that co-teachers and small group leaders do not have to pay registration fees. **Deadline to sign up for religious education is July 31.**

## Inscripción para clases de Educación Religiosa:

Inscripción para las clases de otoño: la inscripción para la educación religiosa para todos los grados, desde Pre-K hasta el grado 12, está abierta para el año escolar 2022-2023. Las tarifas de educación religiosa son de \$50 por niño con un máximo de \$200 por familia. Regístrese en persona en St. Stephen durante el horario regular de oficina o después de la Misa.

Los programas de educación religiosa dependen de los padres y los voluntarios de la parroquia. Considere en oración cómo Dios lo está llamando a usar sus dones de tiempo, talento y tesoro. Recuerde que los profesores adjuntos y los líderes de grupos pequeños no tienen que pagar cuotas de inscripción. **La fecha límite para inscribirse en la educación religiosa es el 31 de julio.**

## Read diocese's Synod on Synodality Report:

The following report, "Synod on Synodality Synthesis for Diocese of Little Rock," was submitted to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, May 16, 2022, to be included in the final report in preparation for the Synod on Synodality in 2023. Through listening sessions on the diocesan and parish levels, parishioners and others connected or formerly connected to the Church were asked to share their thoughts on the Church. The goal of the sessions was to truly hear concerns the faithful believe are facing the Church and what challenges they are experiencing in their family, community and parish. For more information, visit: <https://www.dolr.org/article/read-dioceses-synod-synodality-report>

## Informe del Sínodo sobre Sinodalidad:

El siguiente informe, "Síntesis de la Diócesis

de Little Rock sobre el Sínodo sobre la Sinodalidad", se envió a la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los EE. UU., 16 de mayo, 2022, para ser incluido en el informe final en preparación para el Sínodo sobre la Sinodalidad en 2023. A través de sesiones de escucha a nivel diocesano y parroquial, a los feligreses y a otras personas relacionadas o anteriormente relacionadas con la Iglesia se les pidió compartir su opinión sobre la Iglesia. La meta de las sesiones fue escuchar realmente las inquietudes que los fieles creen que está enfrentando la Iglesia y los desafíos que están viviendo en su familia, comunidad y parroquia. Para más información, visite: <https://www.dolr.org/article/read-dioceses-synod-synodality-report-sp>



**Saturday, July 30th:** After the 5pm Mass, we will be having a party to celebrate the last payment on our loan to the Diocese. The theme is "Keep the Fire Burning" but it applies to more than the debt. We want to keep the fire of Christ burning in us and reignite our parish. We will have a sit-down dinner followed by a few words from Monsignor and our Parish & Finance Councils, a burning of the note, dancing and drinks to follow. This event is free but all must RSVP. Visit: [bit.ly/3Rq0JL](http://bit.ly/3Rq0JL)



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul SSBC (SSBC):** This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish. Thank you for returning items for the food drive. Donations are always welcome!

tuna helper, dry spaghetti noodles, peanut butter, ketchup, laundry detergent, bath soap, mac and cheese, canned soup, crackers, pancake syrup & paper towels.



## Friday, 7/22

**Narnia: The Lion, Witch, and Wardrobe**

**Time:** 8:30pm 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 Life Center.

**What is RCIA?** RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This process of formation, also called the "catechumenate," was the normal way people became Christians in the early Church. Over time, the practice gradually disappeared. It was restored by the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) to meet the needs of an increasingly secular population in Europe and North America, and in places like Africa and Asia where the Gospel was still relatively unknown.

RCIA is not a program, but a gradual process in which one who, after hearing the mystery of Christ explained, freely chooses to follow him in the faith of the Holy Catholic Church. RCIA consists of four periods: the period of Inquiry, the Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment, and Mystagogy. The first period, the period of Inquiry, the individuals are introduced to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. This period focuses on the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which reveal the true face of Christ. It can last any length of time, although it usually lasts about three months. No commitment is expected at this time. It is simply a time for listening and asking questions. After this introductory period, you may decide to take the first step in becoming Catholic. During this period, you will learn about Catholic beliefs and practice with a view toward making a firm commitment to Christ & his Church. This period is called

the Catechumenate. Like the period of Inquiry, the Catechumenate can last any length of time, usually lasts about three or four months.

The next step begins the period of Purification and Enlightenment. This period coincides with the season of Lent (early spring). It is a time of strengthening one's commitment through prayer, fasting and careful reflection on what it means to follow Christ in his Church. This period culminates at the Easter Vigil with the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.

Once a person has received the sacraments of initiation he or she becomes a "neophyte," which means "beginner" or "novice." The fourth & final period is called Mystagogy, which lasts for seven weeks and ends at Pentecost (around June 1). During this period the meaning of God's Word, the sacraments, Christian life and prayer is experienced and reflected upon more deeply. It is a time of growth as one's faith matures through worship, study and prayer.

**RCIA Registration Begins:** We welcome all who are interested in becoming Catholic, or learning more about the Catholic faith, to our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Classes for RCIA officially begin Wednesday, August 10th at 7:00pm in the St. Jerome room. We always begin with what is called time of Inquiry. The Inquiry period is a time for individuals seeking information and guidance into the rites, doctrines and sacraments that are intricate parts of the Catholic religion. We welcome all who would like to journey with us this fall to email the parish office at [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com) or call 479-273-1240 to pre-register. Our schedule follows the school calendar. We meet every Wednesday except for Thanksgiving week, Christmas & Spring Break. Schedules with topics will be furnished along with easy to read materials for weekly discussion. All are welcome.

**St. Mary Magdalene:** St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ

during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God.

During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is **July 22**. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes. Source: [catholic.org](http://catholic.org)



**Month of the Precious Blood:** The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it." Source: [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org)

*O God, who by the Precious Blood of your only Begotten son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that, ever honoring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits. Through our lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Admitted to your sacred table, O Lord, we have with joy drawn water from the fountains of the Savior: O may his blood, we beseech thee, become within us a fountain of water springing up to eternal life.* Source: [aleteia.org](http://aleteia.org)

## Church Operations for July

Operating Expenses .....\$47,995.53  
 Loan Balance .....\$0.00

### Congratulations and Thank you !

As Abraham and Sarah attended to the needs of the three visitors, and Martha lovingly waited upon the Lord Jesus, may we imitate their charitable outreach in caring for the needs of others, being good stewards of the resources we have been given by sharing them with God's people.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$40,533.61	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$ 6,521.98	\$ 15,000

## Scripture Readings for 07/24/2022

Gn 18: 20-32  
 Psalm 138 (137): 1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8  
 Col. 2: 12-14  
 Luke 11: 1-13

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**Bulletin Deadline:** Tue. 12:00 PM  
 (5 days prior to publication date.)  
 Email articles to:  
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*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, July 16**  
 5:00PM Mary Helen Bender Bradney †

**Sunday, July 17**  
 7:45AM Maria Nhu Bui †  
 10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
 11:45AM Carlos Salinas †  
 5:00PM Inés Pereyra †

**Monday, July 18**  
 12:00PM Ronald Meier †

**Tuesday, July 19**  
 12:00PM Mr. & Mrs. Dietz

**Wednesday, July 20**  
 12:00PM Peter Thong Le †

**Thursday, July 21**  
 12:00PM Michael Ptaszkowski

**Friday, July 22**  
 12:00PM Zach Moore

**Saturday, July 23**  
 5:00PM Ines Pereyra †

**Sunday, July 24**  
 7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
 10:00AM Ben Bircham †  
 11:45AM Clementina Covarrubias †  
 Refugio Rodríguez †  
 5:00PM Elaine Richard †

July 23-24	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host & Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, July 23 5:00 PM	David Krueckeberg	Jon Terlouw	Lori Terlouw Mark Jechura <i>Cup:</i> Susan McDaniel NOT FILLED	Andy Fosdick Dave Brandenburg Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED	Mark Jechura	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, July 24 7:45 AM	Christy Yuska	Bruce Peterson	Kira O'Shaughnessy Tom Stawicki <i>Cup:</i> April Appleby Chris O'Shaughnessy	Geri Oswald Len Oswald Greg Woodell NOT FILLED		Bruce Peterson
Sunday, July 24 10:00 AM	Ramon Portilla	Charlotte Champagne	Greg Brandenburg Claudia Garcia <i>Cup:</i> Paul Krapf Kathryn Gough	Daniel Cruz Steve Harrington Brian Rabal NOT FILLED		Kathryn Gough
Sunday, July 24 11:45 AM	Fernando Barbosa	Ivan Sanabria	Crimilda Viera Maria Niño <i>Cup:</i> Eva Miramón Beatriz Aguirre	María Salcedo María Muñoz María Barajas Bertha Váldez		Iván Sanabria
Sunday, July 24 5:00 PM	Chris Davis	Cary Richard	Catherine Garner Lisa Juan <i>Cup:</i> Susan Davis Lisa Richard	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED	Cary Richard	Cary Richard