

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

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Primer Domingo de Adviento

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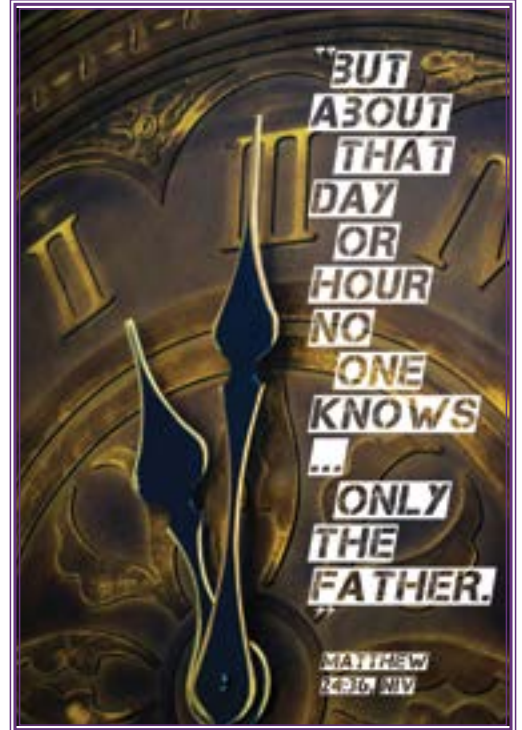
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Weekday Mass
Misa Entre Semana (Inglés)
Mon-Fri / Lun-Vie 12:00PM

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



 **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.

RICA: 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.

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

Safe Environment Training in November: Circle of Grace, our Safe Environment Program, will be presented to our children attending classes as follows: **Impact: Nov. 30th**

Safe Environment Training for minors is a requirement by the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops. This is a requirement for all dioceses in the United States, which is mandated in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

Capacitación de Ambiente Seguro en noviembre: Circle of Grace, nuestro Programa de Ambiente Seguro, se presentará a nuestros niños que asisten a clases de la siguiente manera: **Impacto: 30 de noviembre.**

La capacitación en ambiente seguro para menores es un requisito de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos.

Este es un requisito para todas las diócesis en los Estados Unidos, que está estipulado en la Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes.

RCIA: Come join us Wed. Nov. 30, 2022 at 7:00pm in St. Jerome Room. Topic: "Liturgical Seasons & Calendar."

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: (SSBC) Thank you for the donations for the Thanksgiving food drive. Over 80 families will enjoy a Thanksgiving meal because of your generosity.



Advent Candlelight: All women of the parish, 21 and older, are invited to attend **Advent by Candlelight** on Friday Dec. 2nd, 6-9pm in the Parish Life Center.

It is a night of food and It is fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. You can host a table or to be a guest at a table.



Sign up by scanning QR code.

Questions? Contact Desirae Cox at: desirae.cox@gmail.com

Adviento a la luz de las velas: Todas las mujeres de la parroquia, mayores de 21 años, están invitadas a asistir al Adviento a la luz de las velas el viernes 2 de diciembre de 6 a 9 p. m. en el Parish Life Center.

Es una noche de comida y compañerismo mientras preparamos nuestros corazones para el nacimiento de Cristo. Puede ser anfitrión de una mesa o ser invitado a una mesa. Regístrate en la mesa del nártex o escanea el código QR arriba indicado.

¿Preguntas? Contacte Desirae Cox al siguiente correo: desirae.cox@gmail.com

The Cookie Exchange: St. Stephen Benevolent Conference's Cookie Exchange has been scheduled for the weekend of December 10th and 11th after all Masses. Also, St. Nicolas will be at the Cookie Exchange on Sunday, Dec. 11th for pictures with the kids! More information to follow.



El Intercambio de Galletas: El intercambio de galletas de la Conferencia Benéfica de San Esteban se ha programado para el fin de semana del 10 y 11 de diciembre después de cada Misa. ¡Además, San. Nicolás estará en el Intercambio de Galletas el domingo 11 de diciembre para tomar fotos con los niños! Más información a seguir.

Parish Council Elections: It's that time of year when we think about parish council elections. If you are a registered parishioner in good standing in the Catholic Church, are over the age of 18 and interested in running for parish council or know of someone who is, please fill out one of the nomination forms in the Narthex and drop it in the nomination box. Out of courtesy, please ask the person first before you submit their name. All names must be submitted by December 12.

Elecciones del Consejo Parroquial: Es esa época del año cuando pensamos en las elecciones del consejo parroquial. Si usted es un feligrés registrado con buena reputación en la Iglesia Católica, tiene más de 18 años y está interesado en postularse para el consejo parroquial o conoce a alguien que lo esté, complete uno de los formularios de nominación en el Narthex y déjelo en el caja de nominaciones Por

cortesía, pregúntele primero a la persona antes de enviar su nombre. Todos los nombres deben enviarse antes del 12 de diciembre.

Reverential Silence before Mass: Advent, is a season of quiet waiting for the Lord. With a busy week, for many of us the only period of peace and quiet we can experience is at Church before the Mass begins. So, while friendship and socializing has its place in our lives, when we enter the Church it is to primarily prepare for our spiritual encounter with the Lord Himself, through prayer. In order that our reception of Holy Communion may be as fruitful as possible, for ourselves and others around us, let us maintain the sacred custom of keeping silence before Mass begins, especially the last ten minutes beforehand, so that the Lord can speak to us.

Save the Date! - Wine Social: The St. Stephen Wine Social is back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 14th to join your fellow parishioners in a night of music, fellowship, food, and best of all, wine! Ticket will be available starting December 1st - watch the bulletin for more details!

¡Reserve la Fecha! Vino Social: ¡Vuelve el Vino Social de St. Stephen! Marque sus calendarios para el sábado 14 de enero para unirse a sus compañeros feligreses en una noche de música, compañerismo, comida y, lo mejor de todo, ¡vino! El boleto estará a la venta a partir del 1 de diciembre. ¡Esté pendiente del boletín para obtener más detalles!

Ministry Scheduling: Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of January, February and March. This schedule will include special Masses for Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22nd). Please let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter by **Monday, December 5th** emailing: ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com. Or call the parish office 479-273-1240.

No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time or the special Masses mentioned. Also, please make use of the sub list if you are unable to attend Mass when you are scheduled. A friendly reminder that the parish office does not find subs.

Advent Penance Services: The following are dates of Penance Services offered in our Deanery during the season of Advent. Several priests will be available at each celebration:

Tuesday, Nov. 29th - St. Joseph Tontitown 6:30pm

Wednesday, Nov. 30th - St. Bernard Bella Vista - 11:00am & 7:30pm

Thursday, Dec. 1st - St. Mary's - Siloam Springs - 7:00pm

Tuesday, Dec. 6th St. Stephen Bentonville 7:00pm

Tuesday, Dec. 13th - St. Vincent de Paul Rogers - 6:30pm

Wednesday, Dec. 14th - St. Anne Berryville - 5:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 15th - St. Raphael Springdale - 5:00pm

Tuesday, Dec. 20th - St. Joseph Fayetteville - 6:30pm

National Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious:

The weekend of Dec. 3-4, our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in ministries—such as Catholic schools, parishes, and hospitals—often for little or no pay. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your donation helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously.

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe:

A Novena in English will be prayed from Friday, December 3rd to Sunday, December 11th. (Mon-Fri) will begin at 12:30 pm; (Sat.-Sun.) will begin at 6:30pm.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMC) and Usher Trainings:

We are having an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMC) training on Monday, November 28th at 6:30pm and an usher training on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:00pm. If interested, please call the parish office to sign it up.

Nov. 27th First Sunday of Advent:

Advent is a season of waiting and expectation for Christmas - the birth of Christ, the Nativity of Our Lord. We prepare our homes and hearts for four weeks before Christmas. Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical season. It leads us into the new church year with hope and patience in preparation for Christmas.



This season was likely first celebrated in the fifth century, originating from the tradition of fasting several times a week, beginning on St. Martin de Tours' Feast Day (November 11) and concluding on Christmas Day. Nowadays, Advent always starts about four weeks before Christmas, on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Feast Day (November 30). Source: Hallow.com

The readings for the 1st Sunday of Advent Year A speak of readiness for the coming of Jesus Christ. In the first reading we hear that God will establish His kingdom and we must be ready to walk in the light of God. In the second reading Paul warns us to be awake. In the gospel Jesus warns us not to be unprepared, as people were in the days of Noah. This is a time to prepare for our Lord to come into our hearts. Be awake, be ready, be prepared to work things which are temporary vs permanent, Walking in the light.

Catholic Trivia Night: Are you an expert in your Catholic faith? Or do you just want to learn more about it in a fun way? St. Stephen Benevolent Conference will have a Catholic Trivia Night at 6 pm on January 7th in the Parish Life Center. Entry fee is \$25 per person and includes burgers, brats, beer, popcorn and PRIZES! Join a team or make new friends! Practice Question: Where did Moses receive the Ten Commandments? ANSWER: Mt. Sinai

Noche de Trivia Católica: ¿Eres un experto en la fe católica? ¿O quieres aprender más de tu fe de una manera divertida? La Conferencia Benevolente de St. Stephen tendrá una noche de trivia a las 6:00pm, el sábado 7 de enero en el salón familiar de la Iglesia. La entrada es de \$25.00 por persona e incluye hamburguesas, salchichas, cerveza, palomitas de maíz y PREMIOS!!! ¡Únete a un equipo y has nuevos amigos!

Pregunta de práctica: ¿Dónde recibió Moisés las tablas de los diez mandamientos? RESPUESTA: En el monte Sinaí.

Holy Days of Obligation: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of obligation. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Thursday, December 8th. This Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated with a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 7th at 5:30pm English.

Mass Times for Thursday, December 8th:
12:00 Noon - English
5:30pm - English
7:00pm - Spanish

The Immaculate Conception is the patron of the United States of America and the precept to attend Mass is mandatory.

A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent:

Father, let your hope arise in our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year.

May we pause to remember that we have hope in you.

You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you have promised that it will be a victorious ending. Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully.

We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation! Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again.

More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation. Amen.



Church Operations for November

Operating Expenses\$126,079

Since our salvation is near, let us continue to be good stewards of the House of the Lord, prepared to welcome Him.

| Revenue | Month-to-Date | Monthly Goal |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Stewardship & Other | \$94,208 | \$135,000 |
| Growth Fund | \$32,499 | \$ 15,000 |

Scripture Readings for 12/04/2022

Is 11: 1-10

Ps 72 (71): 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Rom 15: 4-9

Mt 3: 1-152

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(5 days prior to publication date.)

Email articles to:

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 26

5:00PM Andrew Lac Tran †

Sunday, November 27

7:45AM Will Robben †

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM Todas las Almas

5:00PM Massanelli Family

Monday, November 28

12:00PM All Souls

Tuesday, November 29

12:00PM Jane Wagner

Wednesday, November 30

12:00PM Tyler & Schexhailer Family

Thursday, December 1

10:00AM Pat Matarelli †

Friday, December 2

12:00PM Raymond & Billy Donnelly

Saturday, December 3

9:00AM Joseph A. Hesse †

5:00PM Andrew Lac Tran †

Sunday, December 4

7:45AM Deceased Fam. Digiacomio Pacheco

10:00AM Scripture Sisters

11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00PM Elaine Richard †

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| December 3-4 | Lector | Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels | Eucharistic Minister Host & Cup | Usher | Lock Up | Sacristan & Vessels |
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| Saturday, December 3 5:00 PM | Mark Jechura | Jon Terlouw | Susan McDaniel Sherolyn Johnson <i>Cup:</i> Janet Palmer James Sutton | Philip Palmer Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED NOT FILLED | Janet Palmer | Jon Terlouw |
| Sunday, December 4 7:45 AM | Christy Yuska | Chris O'Shaughnessy | Kira O'Shaughnessy Peggy Estes <i>Cup:</i> April Appleby Amanda Cantu | Karen Howard Greg Woodell Gerard Davenport Jake Estes | | Amanda Cantu |
| Sunday, December 4 10:00 AM | María Méndez | Joe Hartnett | Gina Koch Pam Willis <i>Cup:</i> TJ LaPlant Kathryn Gough | Charlotte Champagne Steve Harrington Brian Rabal Daniel Cruz | | Joe Hartnett |
| Sunday, December 4 11:45 AM | Fernando Barbosa | Crimilda Viera | Eva Miramon María Elena Calderón <i>Cup</i> Noel Pérez Brenda Cruz | María Dalia López Victor López María Muñoz María Barajas | | Crimilda Viera |
| Sunday, December 4 5:00 PM | Chris Davis | Cary Richard | Dc. Ken Hunter Susan Davis <i>Cup:</i> Catherine Garner Lisa Richard | Rob Brothers NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED | Cary Richard | Cary Richard |