



**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

December 4, 2022

## Second Sunday of Advent

*Segundo Domingo de Adviento*

### 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



### Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Scott L. Marczuk, J.C.L.

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*Horario de Oficina*

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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.

**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.*

**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.*

**RCIA:** Come join us Wed. Dec. 7th, 2022 at 7:00pm in St. Jerome Room. It will be a Make-up Day.

**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.

### **Wine Social - Tickets on Sale Now!**

Join your fellow parishioners for an evening of wine tasting, food, music & fun! The 3rd Annual St Stephen Wine Social will be held on Saturday, January 14th from 6-9pm. Tickets are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/wine-event>.

Space is limited, buy early to secure your spot. Single tickets are \$35, Couples Tickets are \$60 or get a Date Night Package that includes a bottle of wine to take home for \$75.

Contact event coordinator, Christina Baker with any questions.  
[Christina.Baker1013@gmail.com](mailto:Christina.Baker1013@gmail.com)

**Vino Social:** *¡Entradas a la venta ahora! ¡Únase a sus compañeros feligreses para una noche de cata de vinos, comida, música y diversión! El 3er Vino Social anual de San Esteban se llevará a cabo el sábado 14 de enero de 6-9 p.m. Las entradas están disponibles en: <https://tinyurl.com/wine-event>.*

*El espacio es limitado, compre temprano para asegurar su lugar. Los boletos individuales cuestan \$ 35, los boletos para parejas cuestan \$ 60 u obtenga un paquete Date Night que incluye una botella de vino para llevar a casa por \$ 75.*

*Comuníquese con la coordinadora del evento, Christina Baker, si tiene alguna pregunta. [Christina.Baker1013@gmail.com](mailto:Christina.Baker1013@gmail.com)*

**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](mailto: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, 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 6:00pm.

**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.

**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! Example Question: Where is Touchdown Jesus? ANSWER: Notre Dam



**Noche de Trivia Católica:** Noche de Trivia de SSBC: ¿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! Ejemplo de Pregunta: ¿Dónde es el touchdown de Jesús? RESPUESTA: Notre Dam

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC):** We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Pantry requests: shampoo and conditioner (both 24 oz.), laundry detergent (36 oz.), diapers (size 7) and toothpaste/toothbrush.

**Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl (SSBC):** Estamos llamados a ayudar a preparar el camino del Señor haciendo que el verdadero significado de la Navidad cobre vida en nuestros propios corazones, en nuestra familia y para llegar a los necesitados. Solicitudes de despensa: champú y acondicionador (ambos de 24 oz.), detergente para ropa (36 oz.), pañales (talla 7) y pasta de dientes/cepillo de dientes.

**Growth Fund:** Please prayerfully consider giving to our Growth Fund. Future projects are detailed on the posters in the Narthex. QR Code:



**Flowers for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Were kindly provided by Mary Ann Hurtig. If you would like to inquire about donating, email: marketing@ststephenbentonville.com.

**Calling all Cursillistas:** Bishop Antony Taylor has recently appointed Deacon Rob Brothers as the English speaking Cursillo Spiritual Advisor and Deacon Fabio Cruz as the Spanish speaking Cursillo Spiritual Advisor, for the Little Rock Diocese.

If you are a Cursillista that has already attended a Men or Women's weekend in the past who would like to help us in some way with team formation and planning, we would like to hear from you! Email us: robb@svdprogers.com or josec@svdprogers.com with your contact information, the dates of the weekends you attended in the past, and an indication of the kind of help you might be willing to consider for these future weekends. Hope to hear from you soon!

**Church Teaching on the Immaculate Conception of Mary:** On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX released the Ineffabilis Deus Apostolic Constitution, which defines and details the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. "Ineffabilis Deus" is Latin for "Ineffable God." This term refers to the mystery of God's omnipotence, wisdom, and plan for us, a mystery we cannot fully comprehend; the Immaculate Conception of Mary is part of this mystery. Ineffabilis Deus states:

"We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful."

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates this dogma: Mary was born without original sin so that she could give birth to Christ.

"[Mary] received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception,"

This dogma can be challenging to understand, and perhaps that is why Pope Pius named the constitution "Ineffabilis Deus." Its meaning is beyond words, indescribable – all part of the great and beautiful Mystery of faith. Source: hallow.com



**Second Sunday of Advent:** In this time of Advent preparation, the voices of the prophets ring out. "On that day," Isaiah tells us, "The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him." Isaiah goes on to describe that day:

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.

Today we also hear from John the Baptist, another prophet. We listen to John's call to repentance and his reminder that God's kingdom is near. With this prophecy, John takes his place at the end of a long line of prophets announcing the coming of the messiah. A line that includes the prophet Isaiah and ends with the arrival of Jesus, whose coming was foretold. John is not the messiah. He is not worthy, he says, and his baptism with water is not the same as the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

John's call for repentance is a call of preparation; those who repent will bear fruit. And those who don't repent, those that don't bear fruit, will be cut down. What then might repentance look like for us? How do we turn from sin and await the coming messiah?



## Church Operations for December

Operating Expenses .....\$150,624

May we hear the message of John the Baptist and be prepared for the coming of the Messiah, through our prayers, Advent offerings and generous acts of charity toward others.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$119,606	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$33,300	\$15,000

## Scripture Readings for 12/11/2022

Is 35: 1-6a, 10

Ps 146 (145): 6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Jas 5: 7-10

Mt 11: 2-11

## Parish Communications

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(5 days prior to publication date.)

Email articles to:

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**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 †

**Monday, December 5**

12:00PM Dorothy Hesse †

**Tuesday, December 6**

12:00PM Maria Nhu Bui †

**Wednesday, December 7**

12:00PM Nilda Parguet †

5:30PM Ron D. Smith †

**Thursday, December 8**

12:00PM Special Intention

5:30PM Florence Baker †

7:00PM Parishioners /Feligreses

**Friday, December 9**

12:00PM Brecken Michael Dietz

**Saturday, December 10**

5:00PM Elaine Martínez †

**Sunday, December 11**

7:45AM Madelyn Spiller †

10:00AM Roberta Najar †

11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00PM Betty Fox Hoven †

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December 10-11	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host & Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, <b>December 10</b> 5:00 PM	David Krueckeberg	Bruce Peterson	Dc. Ken Hunter Kim Gollhofer <i>Cup:</i> Susan McDaniel Janet Palmer	Philip Palmer Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bruce Peterson	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, <b>December 11</b> 7:45 AM	James Gaffigan	Ana Krus	Dc. Ken Hunter Robbie Estes <i>Cup:</i> Theresa Gaffigan Chris O'Shaughnessy	Amanda Cantu Peggy Estes Jake Estes Gerard Davenport		Ana Krus
Sunday, <b>December 11</b> 10:00 AM	Lily Farley	Theresa Brauburger	Dc. Ken Hunter Nancy Verlage <i>Cup:</i> Diedra or Steven Dourth Ted Brauburger	Tim Koch Charlotte Champagne Steve Harrington Daniel Cruz		Ted Brauburger
Sunday, <b>December 11</b> 11:45 AM	Marugel Monzalvo	Mirna Serrano	María Niño Noel Pérez <i>Cup</i> Julián Serrano Brenda Cruz	J. Concepción Serrano Bertha Valdez María Salcedo José Ortiz		Mirna Serrano
Sunday, <b>December 11</b> 5:00 PM	Sylvester Fernandes	Bryan Bacon	Dc. Ken Hunter Cathy Townzen <i>Cup:</i> Katie Morris Lisa Juan	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon