

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

January 1, 2023

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios

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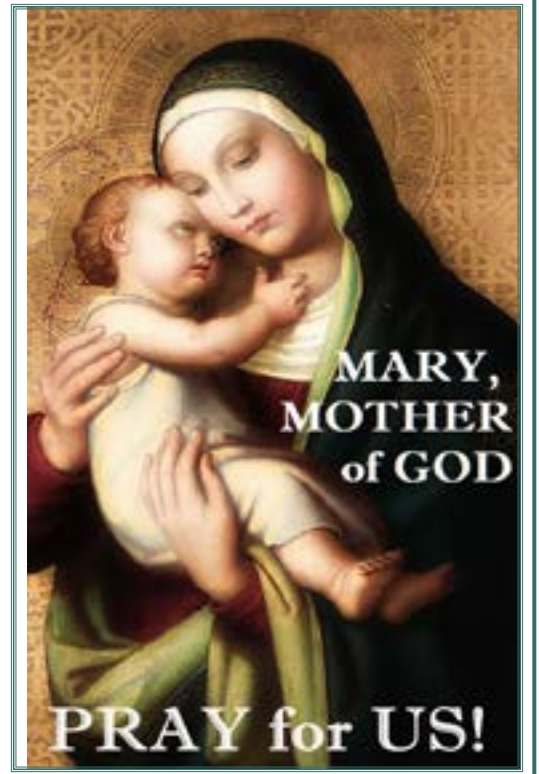
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Weekday Mass
Misa Entre Semana (Inglés)
Mon-Fri / Lun-Vie 12:00PM

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.

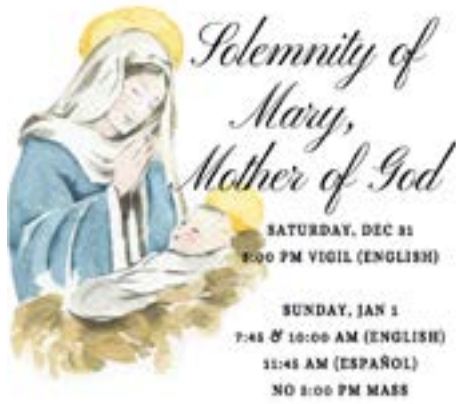
Matrimonio Católico: Preparación Matrimonial requerido. Comuníquese con la parroquia por lo menos con 9 meses de anticipación. Dos meses de antelación adicionales para la boda en otro país. Si planea casarse, póngase siempre en contacto con la iglesia antes de reservar un lugar de recepción o fijar una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

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.



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



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

Catholic Trivia Night: St. Stephen Trivia Night: Do you want to mingle with your Catholic parish family in an exciting, fun-filled night? Then come to the St. Stephen

Benevolent Conference Catholic Trivia Night at 6 pm on January 7th in the Parish Life Center. Questions will be on Catholic topics of theology, sports and pop culture! Please register in advance. Your registration fee of \$25 per person includes burgers, brats, beer, popcorn and PRIZES! Join a team or make new friends! See you on January 7th after the Saturday 5 pm mass! Example Question: Who is the blood brother of St. Peter? ANSWER: St. Andrew



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! ¡Nos vemos el 7 de enero después de la misa de 5:00pm! Pregunta de práctica: ¿Quién es el hermano de sangre de San Pedro? RESPUESTA: San Andrés

Year End Donations: Please consider the Parish's financial needs in your year-end giving plans. We are also prepared to handle donations of stock. You can donate by scanning the QR code below.



If you would like to give specifically to St. Stephen scan the QR code above or give a check directly to the parish office.

Donaciones de Fin de Año: Considere las necesidades financieras de la parroquia en sus planes de donaciones de fin de año. También estamos preparados para manejar donaciones de acciones. Puede donar escaneando el código QR a continuación.



Reverential Silence before Mass: 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.

Silencio Reverencial antes de la Misa: Con una semana ocupada, para muchos de nosotros el único período de paz y tranquilidad que podemos experimentar es en la Iglesia antes de que comience la Misa. Entonces, si bien la amistad y la socialización tienen su lugar en nuestras vidas, cuando entramos en la Iglesia es principalmente para prepararnos para nuestro encuentro espiritual con el Señor mismo, a través de la oración. Para que nuestra recepción de la Sagrada Comunión sea lo más fructífera posible, para nosotros y para los que nos rodean, mantengamos la sagrada costumbre de guardar silencio antes de que comience la Misa, especialmente los últimos diez minutos antes, para que el Señor pueda hablarnos.

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!

Epiphany Blessing: Following the 5pm Mass Sat., Jan 7th 2023, Msgr. Marczuk will be celebrating the Epiphany blessing of water. The ceremony includes the Litany of the Saints, Psalms, and Magnificat, along with the exorcism and blessing of salt and water then concludes with the blessing of incense and chalk. There will be NO blessing of OIL.

Bendición de Epifanía: Después de la misa de las 5 p. m. el sábado 7 de enero de 2023, Mons. Marczuk estará celebrando la bendición del agua de la Epifanía. La ceremonia incluye las letanías de los santos, los salmos y el Magnificat, junto con el exorcismo y la bendición de la sal y el agua, y luego concluye con la bendición del incienso y la tiza. NO habrá bendición de ACEITE.

led by Rev. Msgr. Scott Marczuk. We will meet in the Church. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome!



Encounter Leader Sign Ups: Our next season of Encounter, our adult small group ministry, will be starting in February. If you would like to meet others and grow in your faith consider joining us as a small group leader.

Groups will be meeting in person and online. Scan the QR code below or go to <https://tinyurl.com/5bv7zjx9> to sign up to be a small group leader. Small group participant sign ups will be soon. Questions? Contact Desirae Cox encounter@ststephenbentonville.com



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God: Our Lady's greatest title. This feast (Jan. 1st) is the Octave Day of Christmas. In the modern Roman Calendar only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave. According to the previous (1962) liturgical calendar, Jan. 1st is the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, also known as the Circumcision of Our Lord.

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — Catechism of the Catholic Church 721

A plenary indulgence may be gained by reciting or singing the hymn Veni Creator Spiritus on the first day of the year. This hymn is traditionally sung for beginnings

of things, calling on the Holy Spirit before endeavoring something new.

Reverence for the Holy Name of our Lord: Jesus Christ, arose in the apostolic times. St. Paul in his Letter to the Philippians wrote, "So that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord" (2:10-11). Just as a name gives identity to a person and also reflects a person's life, the name of Jesus reminds the hearer of who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Keep in mind that the name Jesus means "Yahweh saves" or "Yahweh is salvation." Feast Day: January 3rd.

Prayer in Honor of the Most Holy and Adorable Name of Jesus:

JESUS! O Name of Jesus! Sweet Name! Delightful Name! Consoling Name! For what else is Jesus than Savior! Therefore, O Jesus, for Thy sweet Name's sake, be to me a Jesus, and save me. Suffer me not to be eternally lost. O good Jesus! Let not my iniquities destroy me, whom Thy bounty made. O sweet Jesus!

Recognize in me what is Thine, and efface all that is not Thine. O sweet Jesus! Show mercy now in the time of mercy, and condemn me not in the day of justice. What profit to Thy Precious Blood, or what honor will my destruction give Thy Holy Name, O Jesus! "The dead shall not praise Thee, O Lord Jesus! Nor all they that go down to Hell."

Most amiable Jesus! Most meek, most loving Jesus! O Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Admit me to the number of Thy elect.

O Jesus, salvation of those who believe in Thee! Comfort of those who fly to Thee! O Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary! Give me grace, wisdom, charity, purity, and humility, that I may love Thee perfectly, praise Thee, enjoy Thee, serve Thee, and be glorified in Thee, with all those who call upon Thy Name, Thy Holy Name, Thy Sweet name Jesus. Amen. Source: catholictradition.org

Coffee Social: Join us for the next Sunday Social on January 8th after the 10:00am Mass. There will be several members from the Parish Council there



as well as potential members. Come learn more about them and what they do, have a cup of coffee, and enjoy some fellowship with other parishioners!

NWA March for Life: Your calendar should be marked for Sunday, January 29th at 2:00 p.m. for the NWA March for Life! We begin our 1.4 mile walk at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Rogers. Our peaceful, prayerful and joy-filled walk will take us past the Planned Parenthood and the new Loving Choices (across the street!) on Poplar with our destination point at First Baptist Church of Rogers - Olive Street Campus.

After warming up a bit with hot chocolate/ coffee, pro-lifers will remember the 60+ million lives lost to abortion with the Procession of Roses ceremony inside the First Baptist Church. A person born in each year since the infamous 1973 Roe v Wade decision, will carry a white rose to memorialize those who died in that year.

We still need many representatives born between 1973 - 2023, please see <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044ea5af22a6fc1-procession>.

Following the procession, NWA Respect Life is thrilled to join efforts with a dynamic young group, Counteract USA, to host a short panel discussion on pro-life opportunities in NWA.

RCIA Calendar: Due to Christmas / New Year break, our next session will be on Wednesday, January 4th. Topic: "The Mass: Explanation and Demonstration,"



Church Operations for December

Operating Expenses\$121,295

Reflecting on the Divine Mysteries, with Mary, the Mother of God, may we grateful stewards return thanks to God for the many blessings received during the last year.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$153,898	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$21,223	\$15,000

Scripture Readings for 01/08/2022

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72 (71): 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2: 1-12

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 31

5:00PM Margaret Griffin †

Sunday, January 1

7:45AM Ron D. Smith †
 10:00AM Kenny Nguyen
 11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

Monday, January 2

12:00PM Margaret Griffin †

Tuesday, January 3

12:00PM David & Gerrie Hughey

Wednesday, January 4

12:00PM Margaret Griffin †

Thursday, January 5

12:00PM Uvalde, TX Victims

Friday, January 6

12:00PM John Teague †

Saturday, January 7

9:00AM Nannette Duncan †
 5:00PM John Doyle Teague †

Sunday, January 8

7:45AM Nan Duncan Family
 10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses
 11:45AM Refugio Trujillo †
 5:00PM Deceased Members of Legion of Mary

Jan. 7 - Jan. 8	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host & Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, January 7 5:00 PM	Jen Krueckeberg	Mark Jechura	Lori Terlouw James Sutto <i>Cup:</i> Davina Collins Kim Gollhofer	Philip Palmer Dave Brandenburg NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Mark Jechura	Mark Jechura
Sunday, January 8 7:45 AM	Tom Stawicki	Ana Krus	Christina Baker Tony Baker <i>Cup:</i> Kira O'Shaughnessy Chris O'Shaughnessy	Peggy Estes Jake Estes Amanda Cantu Gerard Davenport		Ana Krus
Sunday, January 8 10:00 AM	Mark Reichhardt	Joe Hartnett	Rose Hartnett Paul Krapf <i>Cup:</i> Ted Brauburger Claudia Garcia	Kevin Clemens Mark Kreuter Daniel Cruz Charlotte Champagne		Joe Hartnett
Sunday, January 8 11:45 AM	Rosalba Ortiz	Crimilda Viera	Iván Sanabria María Elena Calderón <i>Cup:</i> Eva Miramon Ricardo Almaraz	José Ortiz Bertha Váldez María Salcedo María Dalia López		Crimilda Viera
Sunday, January 8 5:00PM	Keynes Wright	Bryan Bacon	Dc. Ken Hunter Lisa Juan <i>Cup:</i> Terry Shepard Katie Morris	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bryan Bacon	Bryan Bacon