

**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 11, 2022

## Third Sunday of Advent

*Tercer 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*

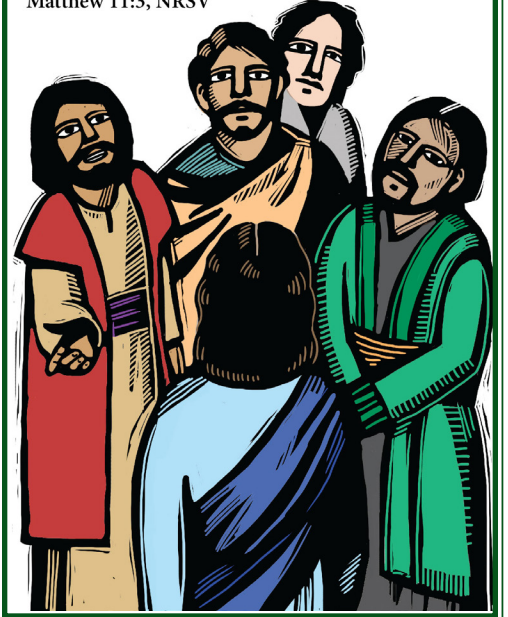
Mon - Thu / Lun - Jue ..... 9:00-11:30AM

..... & 12:45-3:00PM

Fri / Vie ..... 9:00-11:30AM

"Are you the one who is to come,  
or are we to wait for another?"

Matthew 11:3, NRSV



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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. 14th, 2022 at 7:00pm in St. Jerome Room. Topic: "Introduction to the Liturgy & Sacraments" led by Msgr. Scott Marczuk.

**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)*

**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. 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

**Christmas Collection:** Sunday, Dec. 24th and Monday, Dec. 25th. This special collection is taken up in all parishes across Arkansas on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It supports the Clergy Welfare Fund. Our priests have dedicated their lives to ministering and serving our families. This fund allows us to give back by providing care for retired, senior and infirm priests in our diocese. For more information, contact Dianne Brady, director of the diocesan Stewardship and Development Office, at (501) 664-0340.

### **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.

**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 dispensa: 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](mailto: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](mailto:robb@svdprogers.com) or [josec@svdprogers.com](mailto: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!

**Llamando a todos los Cursillistas:** *El Obispo Antony Taylor recientemente nombró al Diácono Rob Brothers como el Consejero Espiritual del Cursillo de habla inglesa y al Diácono Fabio Cruz como el Consejero Espiritual del Cursillo de habla*

*hispana, para la Diócesis de Little Rock.*

*Si usted es un cursillista que ya ha asistido a un fin de semana de hombres o mujeres en el pasado y le gustaría ayudarnos de alguna manera con la formación y planificación del equipo, ¿nos gustaría saber de usted! Envíenos un correo electrónico: [robb@svdprogers.com](mailto:robb@svdprogers.com) o [josec@svdprogers.com](mailto:josec@svdprogers.com) con su información de contacto, las fechas de los fines de semana a los que asistió en el pasado y una indicación del tipo de ayuda que podría estar dispuesto a considerar para estos futuros fines de semana. ¡Esperamos saber de usted!*

**Our Lady of Guadalupe:** The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac. Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful

reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron Saint of: The Americas and Mexico.



The third Sunday of Advent we are invited to reflect on the joy we have access to because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is their joyful demeanor. Let's not allow the struggles of this year steal from the great joy we have because of Jesus.



## Church Operations for December

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

As faithful stewards who patiently continue to build up the Kingdom of God, let us rejoice in wondrous signs that our God comes to save us.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$119,606	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$533,300	\$15,000

## Scripture Readings for 12/18/2022

Is 7: 10-14

Ps 24 (23): 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Rom 1: 1-7

Mt 1: 18-24

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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 †

### Monday, December 12

12:00PM Kristian Dietz

### Tuesday, December 13

12:00PM Lainie Snider

### Wednesday, December 14

12:00PM Lesa Davis & Family

### Thursday, December 15

12:00PM Kaylee Nguyen †

### Friday, December 16

12:00PM Sarah Hughey †

### Saturday, December 17

5:00PM Sarah Hughey †

### Sunday, December 18

7:45AM Bud Strueli †

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM Almas Fam. López Rodríguez

5:00PM Rigoberto Pérez Fuentes

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December 17-18	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host & Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, <b>December 17</b> 5:00 PM	Jon Terlouw	Mark Jechura	Lori Terlouw James Sutton <i>Cup:</i> Janet Palmer Philip Palmer	Dave Brandenburg Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Mark Jechura	Mark Jechura
Sunday, <b>December 18</b> 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Tom Stawicki Kira O'Shaughnessy <i>Cup:</i> Robbie Estes April Appleby	Jake Estes Peggy Estes Greg Woodell Gerard Davenport		Ana Krus
Sunday, <b>December 18</b> 10:00 AM	Ramón Portilla	Joe Hartnett	Mary Kate Beckham Gina Koch <i>Cup:</i> Claudia García Bruce Beckham	Steve Harrington Tim Koch Daniel Cruz Charlotte Champagne		Joe Hartnett
Sunday, <b>December 18</b> 11:45 AM	Rosalba Ortiz	Crimilda Viera	María Elena Calderón Iván Sanabria <i>Cup</i> María Nino Eva Miramón	Jose Ortiz Maria Munoz Maria Barajas Maria Dalia Lopez		Crimilda Viera
Sunday, <b>December 18</b> 5:00 PM	Eric Belin	Cary Richard	Terry Shepard Melissa Godoy <i>Cup:</i> Lisa Richard Katie Morris	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Cary Richard	Cary Richard