

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 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

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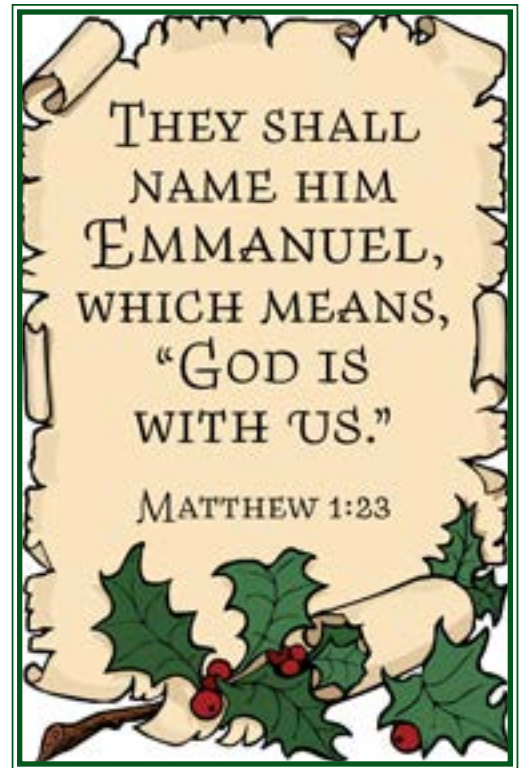
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Weekday Mass
Misa Entre Semana (Inglés)
Mon-Fri / Lun-Vie 12:00PM

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.

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.



Comuníquese con la coordinadora del evento, Christina Baker, si tiene alguna pregunta. Christina.Baker1013@gmail.com

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.

Catholic Trivia Night: Do you want to mingle with your Catholic parish family in an enjoyable, 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! Example Question: To which set of Rosary Mysteries does "The Transfiguration" belong? ANSWER: The Luminous Mysteries

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.



Noche de Trivia Católica: 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: ¿A qué misterios del rosario pertenece "La Transfiguración"? RESPUESTA: Misterios Luminosos

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC): Thank you to all of the parishioners that baked and/or purchased cookies for the Cookie Exchange. We appreciate your support.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us." Pantry requests: peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, pancake mix, syrup. bread and cereal

Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl (SSBC): Gracias a todos los feligreses que hornearon y/o compraron galletas para el Intercambio de Galletas. Agradecemos su apoyo.

Sus donaciones a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl ayudaron a aquellos que son pobres y sufren a encontrar a Emmanuel y también llegaron a saber que "Dios está con nosotros". Solicitudes de despensa: mantequilla de maní, mermelada, fruta enlatada, mezcla para panqueques, jarabe. pan y cereales.

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.



Christmas Collection: Each year on Christmas the Diocese asks that we take up a collection for the Clergy Welfare Fund (Priests' Retirement). This year Christmas falls on Sunday and all collections taken up on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will go towards this fund. This fund is a very important collection, please prayerfully support! 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.



Colecta de Navidad: Cada año, en Navidad, la Diócesis pide que hagamos una colecta para el Fondo de Bienestar del Clero (Jubilación de Sacerdotes). Este año la Navidad cae en domingo y todas las

recaudaciones realizadas en Nochebuena y el día de Navidad se destinarán a este fondo. ¡Este fondo es una colecta muy importante, por favor apoye en oración! Si desea donar específicamente a San Esteban, escanee el código QR en la sección "Donaciones Fin de Año" o entregue un cheque directamente a la oficina parroquial.

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.

Silencio Reverencial antes de la Misa: Adviento, es una temporada de espera tranquila en el Señor. 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!

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.

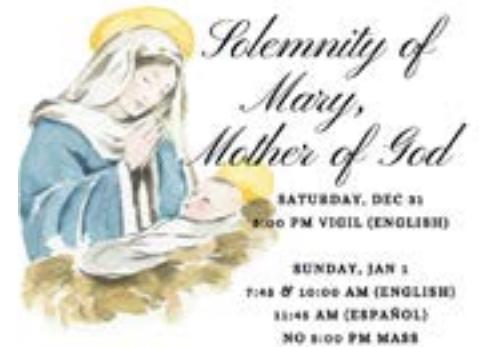
Si usted es un cursillista que ya ha asistido a un fin de semana de hombres o mujeres en el pasado y le gustaría ayudarnos de alguna manera con la formación y planificación del equipo, ¿nos gustaría saber de usted! Envíenos un correo electrónico: robb@svdprogers.com o josec@svdprogers.com con su información 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!

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to help with the purchase of Christmas Flowers, please use the envelope in your packet or place your donation in an envelope and drop in the collection basket. You can donate in Honor or Memory of someone & those names will be in an insert in the bulletin on the Christmas weekend.

BHS Chamber Orchestra: Enjoy the music of the Holidays performed by the Bentonville High School Chamber Orchestra! Performances are free. Donations are greatly appreciated. All proceeds help fund Chamber Orchestra's competition in April 2023 Director's Choice competition in Chicago.

Where: St. Stephen Catholic Church
Date: Monday, December 19th
Time: 6:30pm

"Las Posadas" (meaning the Inn) is a unique tradition. For nine nights leading up to Christmas, it commemorates the events in the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as they searched for a room. We will start the Posadas (in Spanish) at 7:00pm from now thru Friday, December 23rd.



"O Creator God, our world is pregnant with the anticipation of the birth of your Son. We are bursting in our preparedness, for the feast of Christmas will soon be here. Everything seems to be in order: the plans are agreed to, the tree is decorated, most of the gifts are wrapped, and we think we are ready. However, Lord, as we pause to offer this prayer, we realize that some things have been rushed, and, in the process, some important things have been forgotten. In this brief moment of quiet, help us to be at least thankful. Help us to appreciate the Word that comes to dwell with us. Help us to hope in the promise of His way, truth, and life. Help us to join with the angels who sing your praise. Grant us the lasting peace of this great season of joy. We pray in the name of our long-expected Lord. Amen."

Source: catholiccompany.com

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



Church Operations for December
Operating Expenses\$40,018

As Joseph took Mary into his home, may we, grateful stewards of God's many blessings, follow Joseph's example and generously welcome the Christ Child and His Mother into our homes.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$70,415	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$15,007	\$15,000

Scripture Readings for 12/25/2022

Is 9: 1-6
Ps 96 (95): 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
Ti 2: 11-14
Lk 2: 1-14

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, December 19
12:00PM Familia Pérez Resendiz

Tuesday, December 20
12:00PM Familia Pérez Resendiz

Wednesday, December 21
12:00PM Familia Pérez Resendiz

Thursday, December 22
12:00PM Familia Pérez Resendiz

Friday, December 23
12:00PM Rich Hurtig †

Saturday, December 24
4:00PM Parishioners/Feligreses
6:00PM Dc. Clarence † & Betty Leis †
8:00PM Megan Stewart †

Sunday, December 25
10:00AM Marilyn Ann Stewart †
11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

December 24-25	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host & Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, December 24 4:00 PM	Children	Mary Kate Beckham	Bruce Beckham Janet Palmer Chris O'Shaughnessy Susan McDaniel Kim Gollhofer Kira O'Shaughness	Peggy Estes Jake Estes Karen Howard Philip Palmer NOT FILLED		NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Saturday, December 24 6:00 PM	Michael Janick	Ted Brauburger	Jill Saulsbery Gina Koch <i>Cup:</i> Catherine Garner Theresa Brauburger	Tim Koch Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED NOT FILLED		Ted Brauburger
Saturday, December 24 8:00 PM	Jen Krueckeberg	Ana Krus	Katie Morris Chris Davis <i>Cup:</i> Lisa Juan Susan Davis	Greg Woodell NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Ana Krus	Ana Krus
Sunday, December 25 10:00 AM	María Mendez	NOT FILLED	TJ LaPlant Diedra or Steven Dourth <i>Cup:</i> Greg Brandenburg NOT FILLED	Charlotte Champagne Steve Harrington Daniel Cruz Brian Rabal		NOT FILLED
Sunday, December 25 11:45 AM	María Almaraz	Crimilda Viera	Julián Serrano Olga Serrano <i>Cup</i> Ricardo Almaraz Mirna Serrano	Bertha Váldez Maria Salcedo Héctor Rangel J. Concepcion Serrano		Mirna Serrano