

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 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

Natividad del Señor

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

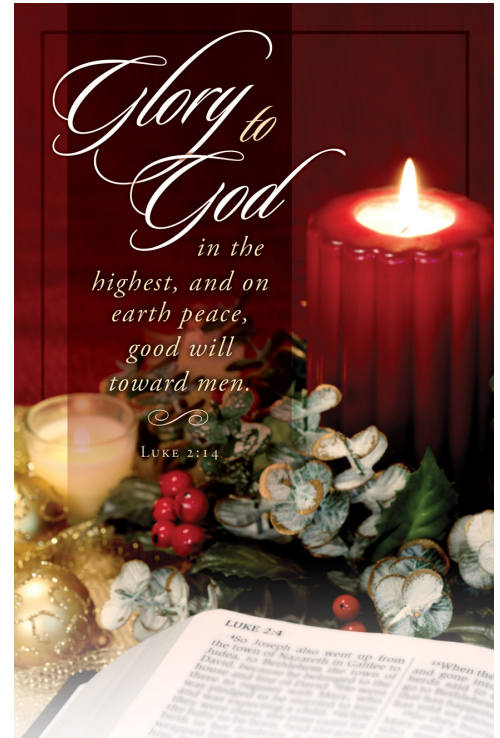
Adoration Hours

Horario de Adoración

Mon – Thu / Lun – Jue 9:00–11:30AM

& 12:45–3:00PM

Fri / Vie 9:00–11:30AM



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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.

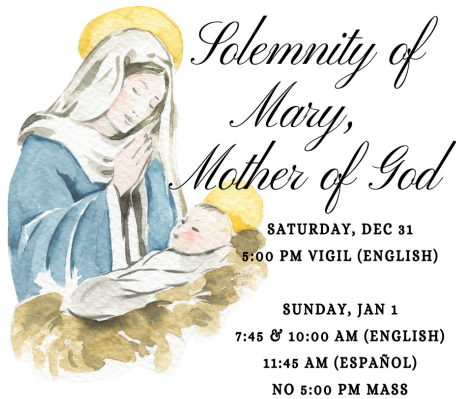
Bautismo Infantil: *Se ofrece una vez al mes en inglés y español. Se requiere preparación para Bautismo. Los padres deben ser miembros registrados de San Esteban. No habrá bautismos en diciembre.*

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.*

RICA: Sessions open to those interested in learning about or renewing their connection to the Catholic Faith.

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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.
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Christmas Clergy Welfare Fund Collection: When the Clergy Welfare Fund was established many years ago, it was agreed that even though Christmas would sometimes fall on Sunday, in

those years we would still keep our regular practice of designating the entire Christmas collection for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This year is no different even though Christmas falls on Sunday, the collection being taken up on Christmas weekend will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund.

Catholic Trivia Night: SSBC 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! Example Question: What does the word Catholic mean? ANSWER: Universal



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! Pregunta de práctica: ¿Qué significa la palabra "católica"? RESPUESTA: Universal

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: 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!

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.



“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 Dec. 15th now thru Friday, December 23rd.

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.



Loving Father,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



RCIA Calendar: Due to Christmas / New Year break, our next session will be on Wednesday, January 4th. Topic: “The Mass: Explanation and Demonstration,” led by Rev. Msgr. Scott Marczuk. We will meet in the St. Jerome room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

Saint Stephen's Day: Is the second day of Christmastide (Dec. 26th) and is celebrated in honour of one of the first Christian martyrs, Saint Stephen, who was stoned to death in 36 AD.

Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 30th): This feast day honors Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and St. Joseph as the holiest of families, and therefore a model for all Christians families. They were holy because they placed God at the center of their family life, they loved and sacrificed for one another, and they radiated that love to others in the redemptive mission of the Word Incarnate.

Christmas: Is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. Celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the culmination of the mystery of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin “in carne” means “enfleshment”). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.



