

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 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord
Epifanía del Señor

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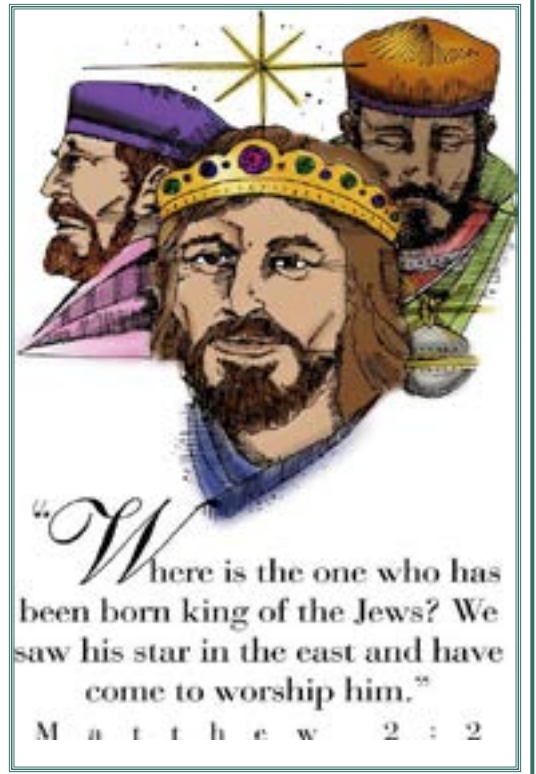
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Weekday Mass
Misa Entre Semana (Inglés)
Mon-Fri / Lun-Vie 12:00PM

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.

RICA: 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.*

RICA: *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

Coffee Social: Join us today (Jan. 8) for the next Sunday Social 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!



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



RCIA Calendar: Our next session will be on Wednesday, January 11th. **Topic: Baptism and Confirmation**, led by Tommy Coppick. We will meet in the Church. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

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.

NWA March for Life: Do you have your calendar marked for Sunday, January 29th at 2:00 p.m. for the NWA March for Life? This year's NWA March for Life is being organized through NWA Respect Life and a dynamic new pro-life group called Counteract USA.

We will begin the 1.4 mile NWA March for Life 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 (FBC) of Rogers - Olive Street Campus. Pastor David Dodson (also a former Springdale police officer) will be heading up a group of men for security and will ensure walkers stay safely on or near to the sidewalks. The Rogers Police Department is providing an escort to ensure walkers will proceed safely through intersections and traffic lights until we reach our destination at the First Baptist Church (FBC) - Olive Street Campus.

Procession of Roses: Upon the arrival at the First Baptist Church - Olive Street Campus - for the March for Life, 1/29/23 at 2:00pm, we will have our annual Procession of Roses. This is a sobering yet beautiful ceremony to remember the 60+ million babies who have died from abortion. A person born in each year since 1973 carries a rose to remember and honor the babies aborted in that year.

Into The Light: Why should the Church care about victims of Child Trafficking? Children are created to know and love God, not to be groomed, manipulated, lied to, abused or sold over and over again. Trafficking of children is the opposite of God's heard.

Into The Light's mission is to restore every trafficking victim's humanity, dignity and potential to become all that the Lord created them to be. For more information visit: intothelightus.org



Don Bosco Movie Night: Join us for a movie night Saturday, January 28th after the 5:00 pm Mass in the Parish Life Center. We will be watching "Don Bosco" in honor of his feast day on January 31. This movie is appropriate for all ages. The movie is in English but will have Spanish subtitles.

Noche de Cine Don Bosco: Únase a nosotros para una noche de cine el sábado 28 de enero después de la Misa de las 5:00 pm en el Centro de Vida Parroquial. Estaremos viendo "Don Bosco" en honor a su fiesta el 31 de enero. Esta película es apropiada para todas las edades. La película está en inglés pero tendrá subtítulos en español.

Speaker Series: Donna Cori Gibson will be leading our next Speaker Series on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center. She will begin the evening singing a Divine Mercy song, speak on the five points of the devotion, and will close with the sung chaplet.

New St. Stephen Staff Member: Please join us in welcoming the newest member of our staff, Marta Hernández. She will be assisting with religious education classes until July 2023 when she will take over as Faith Formation Director (K – 6th Grade) upon Suzanne Sutton's retirement. Marta and her husband Walter have been married for 18 years. They have two beautiful daughters and have been members of St. Stephen since 2016. Marta loves tree frogs and loves spreading the message to kids that we should "Fully Rely on God."



Nuevo miembro del personal de St. Stephen: Únase a nosotros para dar la bienvenida al miembro más nuevo de nuestro personal, Marta Hernández. Ella asistirá con las clases de educación religiosa hasta julio de 2023, cuando asumirá el cargo de Directora de Formación en la Fe (K - 6to. grado) tras la jubilación de Suzanne Sutton. Marta y su esposo Walter han estado casados por 18 años. Tienen dos hermosas hijas y han sido miembros de St. Stephen desde 2016. A Marta le encantan las ranas arborícolas y le encanta transmitir el mensaje a los niños de que debemos "confiar completamente en Dios".

The Epiphany of the Lord: Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (Ceremonial of Bishops). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.

St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour. Source: catholicculture.org

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (Jan. 9th): This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin. Source: catholic culture.org



Church Operations for December

Operating Expenses\$152,192

As the three Magi presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Holy Child, may our regular stewardship offerings be a sign of the giving of ourselves to the Prince of Peace.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$193,097	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$35,059	\$ 15,000

Scripture Readings for 01/15/2022

Is 49: 3, 5-6

Ps 40 (39): 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

1 Cor 1: 1-3

Jn 1: 29-34

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, January 9

12:00PM Enriqueta Regalado

Tuesday, January 10

12:00PM Margaret O'Sullivan †

Wednesday, January 11

12:00PM William Walton †

Thursday, January 12

12:00PM Scott Roush †

Friday, January 13

12:00PM Special Intention

Saturday, January 14

5:00PM Hai Le Joseph †

Sunday, January 15

7:45AM Luis Cantú †

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM María Concepción Trujillo

5:00PM Marina & Toby Méndez †

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Jan. 14 - Jan. 15	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host & Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, January 14 5:00 PM	Janet Palmer	Mark Jechura	Dc. Ken Hunter Nicholas Tyburski <i>Cup:</i> Jack McDaniel Susan McDaniel	Philip Palmer Steve Saulsbery NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Mark Jechura	Mark Jechura
Sunday, January 15 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier	Ana Krus	Dc. Ken Hunter Chris O'Shaughnessy <i>Cup:</i> Kira O'Shaughnessy NOT FILLED	Peggy Estes Jake Estes Karen Howard Amanda Cantu		Ana Krus
Sunday, January 15 10:00 AM	Greg Brandenburg	Ted Brauburger	Dc. Ken Hunter Gina Koch <i>Cup:</i> Theresa Brauburger Diedra or Steven Dourth	Tim Koch Mark Kreuter Steve Harrington Charlotte Champagne		Ted Brauburger
Sunday, January 15 11:45 AM	María Almaraz	Iván Sanabria	Brenda Cruz Julián Serrano <i>Cup:</i> Noel Pérez Mirna Serrano	Bertha Váldez María Salcedo Víctor López María Dalia López		Mirna Serrano
Sunday, January 15 5:00PM	Sylvester Fernandes	Cary Richard	Dc. Ken Hunter Katie Morris <i>Cup:</i> Lisa Richard Terry Shepard	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Cary Richard	Cary Richard