

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

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

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

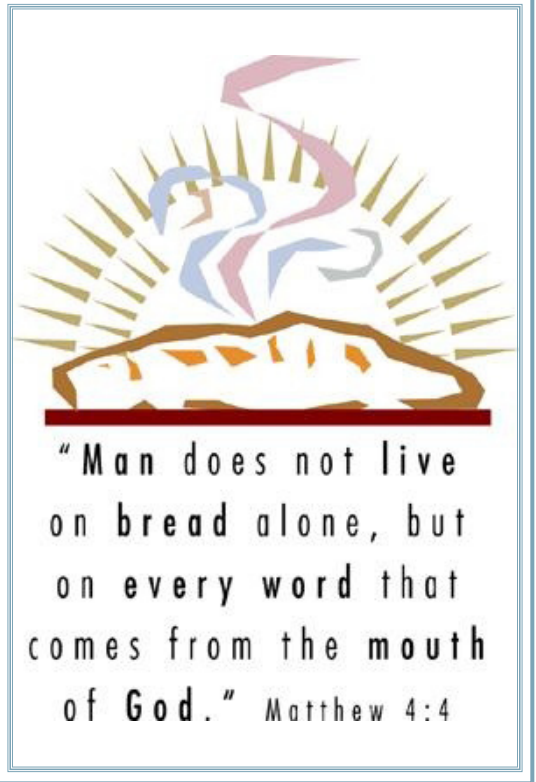
Adoration Hours

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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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.*

The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59.



El Ayuno y la Abstinencia durante la

Cuaresma: *Practicar como lo instruye la Iglesia es un buen comienzo. Una forma corporal de recordarnos a nosotros mismos que necesitamos a Dios sobre todas las cosas, el ayuno también es un sacrificio, un regalo a Dios de la intención de nuestro corazón de depender más completamente de Dios. El libre deseo interior de profundizar nuestra relación con Dios es la esencia del ayuno de Cuaresma. La siguiente es una pregunta/respuesta para ayudarlo:*

P: ¿Cuáles son las reglas sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia?

R: El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia. La ley del ayuno permite una comida completa y dos más pequeñas. La ley de abstinencia prohíbe comer carne. Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia en los Estados Unidos. La obligación de abstinencia comienza a los 14 años. La ley del ayuno obliga a todos entre los 18 y los 59 años.

Fostering Faith Through Creative Work; Inspiring Creative Work Through Faith:

Are you interested in how faith and art intersect? Please join us for a Speaker Series night on Sacred Art, on March 1, from 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Life Center. St. Stephen parishioner, Amy Lane, will use portions of an online lecture on the Book of Kells to springboard into a discussion of how we can use sacred art more consciously in public/private worship and in evangelization. Those attending will also be discussing an opportunity to start a monthly gathering of people from St. Stephen and the surrounding parishes who are interested in fostering and participating in all sorts of creative work for the purpose of worship and outreach.

Speaker Series: Dr. Mark Zia, Professor of Sacred Theology at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS. will present **"The Shroud of Turin" Sunday, March 5th at 1:30pm** at Parish Life Center. He will have life size replicas of the shroud. The talk is free but there will be a free will offering at the end to help cover his costs of speaking.

RCIA Calendar: Our next session will be on Wednesday, March 1st. Topic: *"Introduction to Morality/Conscience"*, led by Dc. Rob Phillips. We will meet in the St. Jerome Room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

Fasting and Abstinence during Lent: Practicing as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast. The following is a question /answer to help you:

Q: What are the rules about fasting and abstinence?

A: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.

Nine Consecutive Fridays - Divine Mercy Novena: Beginning Friday, February 17th until April 14th, come join us after the noon Holy Mass.



Communal Prayer: Beginning this Sunday, Feb. 26th and every week thereafter, at the end of Sun. 5:00 pm Mass only, the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* will be recited before Holy Mass and the *Holy Rosary* will be recited preceding Holy Mass. All are invited to participate.



Lenten Penance Services: The following are dates of Penance Services offered in our area during the season of Lent. Several priests will be available at each:

St. Bernard: Wed., Mar. 1st at 11am & 7:00pm.

St. Mary: Tue., Mar. 7th at 7:00pm.

St. Anne: Wed., Mar. 8th at 5:00pm

St. Stephen: Tue., Mar. 14th at 7:00pm.

St. Vincent de Paul: Thu., Mar. 16th at 6:30pm.

St. Joseph (Fayetteville): Tue., Mar. 28th at 6:30pm.

St. Joseph (Tontitown): Wed., Mar. 29th at 6:30pm.

St. Raphael: Thu., Mar. 30th at 5:00pm.

St. Thomas: Tue., Apr. 4th at 6:00pm.

Spiritual Adoption Program; Baby Developing Month One (1): "My heart started beating today!" During this first amazing month of life, the baby grows to 10,000 times his size at conception. Baby is totally dependent upon the mother. Between mother and child lies



Stations of the Cross: Will be offered each Friday during Lent. Stations will be in English at 5:30pm and Spanish at 7:00pm.

- **Feb. 24th:** 5:30pm hosted by LIFETEEN with Knights of Columbus Fish Fry.
- **Mar. 3rd:** 5:30pm hosted by IMPACT with dinner.
- **Mar. 10th:** 5:30pm hosted by Edge, no dinner.
- **Mar. 17th:** 5:30pm hosted by Catholic Kids with dinner.
- **Mar. 24th:** 5:30pm hosted by Father Polycarp Ssebbowa, no dinner.
- **Mar. 31:** 5:30pm hosted by Ladies of Grace with dinner.



the vital organ called the placenta. Here vessels from mother and baby intertwine without joining, highlighting this newly formed relationship – mutual, nourishing and deeply connected. By the third week the baby's tiny heart begins to beat. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of the baby's mother to give him the most precious gift of allthe gift of life!

Martha's Meal Ministry (MMM): Whether you are bonding with a new child, moving your aging parent into a new home, recovering from sickness or surgery, or grieving the loss of a family member (including miscarriage and stillbirth), we would like to help you. How does it work? Scan the QR code for our meal request form. After submitting the form, someone from MMM will contact you. Ministry members will deliver a meal, or meals, to your home. Find us on Flocknote to become one of our volunteers!



2023 Arkansas Catholic Subscription Drive: Saturday, Feb. 25th through Sunday, Feb. 26th: Arkansas Catholic, the diocese's weekly newspaper, kicks off its annual subscription drive in all parishes across Arkansas. New subscribers can obtain a subscription envelope for the print edition at their parish or in their collection envelope packet. A discount is given to parishioners 65 years and older. The digital edition is free and may be subscribed at: digital.arkansas-catholic.org. Subscribers may choose the print or digital editions or both. Please call (501) 664-0125 or visit: www.arkansascatholic.org for more information.

Coury House Retreat Center at Subiaco Abbey: Will host a Lenten Day of Recollection Tuesday, March 7, under the direction of Br. Roch McClellan, OSB. Registration will be at 8:30 am with conferences, an opportunity for reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, noon prayer with the monks, lunch and ending with Mass at 2:30 pm. Cost is \$25. Call Coury House at 479-934-1290 to register or e-mail couryhouse@subi.org.

Ministry Scheduling: Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of **April, May and June**. This schedule will include special Masses

for Holy Week (April 6-9). Let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter before Monday, March 6th by calling the church office at (479) 273-1240 or via email cespinosa@ststephenbentonville.com. No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time or the Holy Days mentioned above.

If you would be willing to serve at our First Communion Mass, Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00pm, or Confirmation Mass, Saturday, May 6th at 10:00am please let us know – we really need help at these Mass times! Also, make use of the sub list to find your replacement if you are unable to attend Mass when you are scheduled. A friendly reminder that the parish office does not find subs, and it is not the responsibility of the head minister to find a sub for you.

Fasting and Feasting Prayer (Excerpt)

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ within in them.

Fast from emphasis on difference; feast on our bonds.

Fast from fear of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from apparent darkness; feast on God's light.

Fast from words that cut down; feast on speech that uplifts.

Fast from gossip; feast on affirmations.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on hope.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from negatives; feast on encouragement.

Fast from resentment; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.

Fast from self-centeredness; feast on compassion.

First Sunday of Lent Year A: The first reading recounts the story of how Adam and Eve turned away from God. The psalm is a repentant appeal to the goodness of God. The second reading reminds us that even though we are sinners, we are saved through the obedience of Jesus Christ. And the gospel tells us how Jesus went to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days and resisted the temptations of Satan.

Source: young-catholics.com

SSBC (Society of St. Vincent de Paul): Our parish is blessed with an abundance of resources which we wish to share with our neighbors in need. There will be a St. Joseph's Altar in the Narthex celebrating the feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. We ask you to bring non-perishable foods such as pasta, pasta sauce, dried beans, rice, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit and shampoo. Place your offering on the St. Joseph altar, say a prayer of thanksgiving for all you have and for those you are helping, and pray for your family to be a replica of the Holy Family. Thank you for your support in honor of St. Joseph and our neighbors in need!



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Email articles to: bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com

Fecha límite del Boletín: Martes a las 12:00 PM (5 días antes de la fecha de publicación). Envíe artículos a: bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com

Church Operations for February

Operating Expenses\$112,148

May we be protected from temptations so that, with open eyes, we may see how to properly use all material things in the service of God and others.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$125,280	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$9,767	\$15,000

Scripture Readings for 03/05/2023

Gn 12: 1-4a

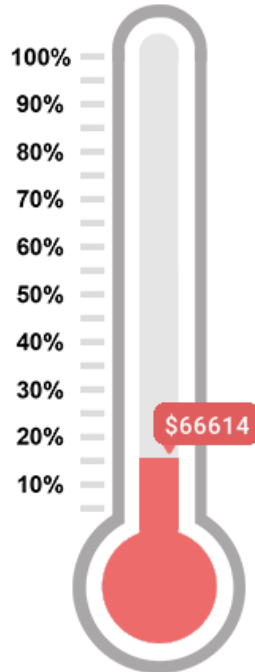
Ps 33 (32): 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

2 Tim 1: 8b-10

Mt 17: 1-9

Growth Fund Progress

Goal: \$500000



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 25

5:00PM Peter Thong Le †

Sunday, February 26

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM Alicia & Juan Méndez

11:45AM Catalina Villa & Benito Perdones†

5:00PM All Souls

Monday, February 27

12:00PM Mr. & Mrs. Brock

Tuesday, February 28

12:00PM John Raidy Sr. †

Wednesday, March 1

12:00PM All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 2

12:00PM Jim McCarthy

Friday, March 3

12:00PM Sharon Herting

Saturday, March 4

9:00AM John Doyle Teague †

5:00PM Robert Swaim †

Sunday, March 5

7:45AM Special Intention

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM María Magdalena Pérez†

5:00PM Peter Thong Le †

Annulment Advocates: Joe & Rose Hartnett 479-855-2344

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Parish Council: pcouncil@ststephenbentonville.com

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Mar. 4-5	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Mar. 4 5:00 PM	Jen Krueckeberg (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Jon Terlouw	Jill Saulsbery (1) Lori Terlouw (2)	Anita Fomin (C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	Dave Brandenburg (A-B) Steve Saulsbery (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Steve Saulsbery	Emma Coco Jackson Coco NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, Mar. 5 7:45 AM	James Gaffigan (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	April Appleby (1) Kira O'Shaughnessy (2)	Theresa Gaffigan (C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	Amanda Cantu (A-B) Gerard Davenport (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) Karen Howard (F)		Oscar Koll Joe Kopp Will Kopp NOT FILLED	Ana Krus
Sunday, Mar. 5 10:00 AM	Lily Farley (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Theresa Brauburger	Joe Hartnett (1) Rose Hartnett (2)	Greg Brandenburg (C1) Ted Brauburger (C2)	Charlotte Champagne (A-B) Kevin Clemens (C) Mark Kreuter (D-E) Steve Harrington (F)		Kai Keller Brecklyn Keller Joseph McAdams John Paul McAdams	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, Mar. 5 11:45 AM	Dulce Ortiz (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Iván Sanabria	Olga Serrano (A) Ricardo Almaras (B)	Brenda Cruz (C1) Noel Pérez (C3)	José Ortiz (A-B) J. Concepción Serrano (C) María Barajas (D-E) María Muñoz (F)		Rick Almaras Christian Perez Aldo Trujillo NOT FILLED	Iván Sanabria
Sunday, Mar. 5 5:00PM	Beatriz Segura (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Dc. Ken Hunter (1) NOT FILLED (2)	Catherine Garner (C1) Nicholas Tyburski (C2)	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bryan Bacon	Francesco Rosso Agustin Rosso NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bryan Bacon