

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

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent
Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

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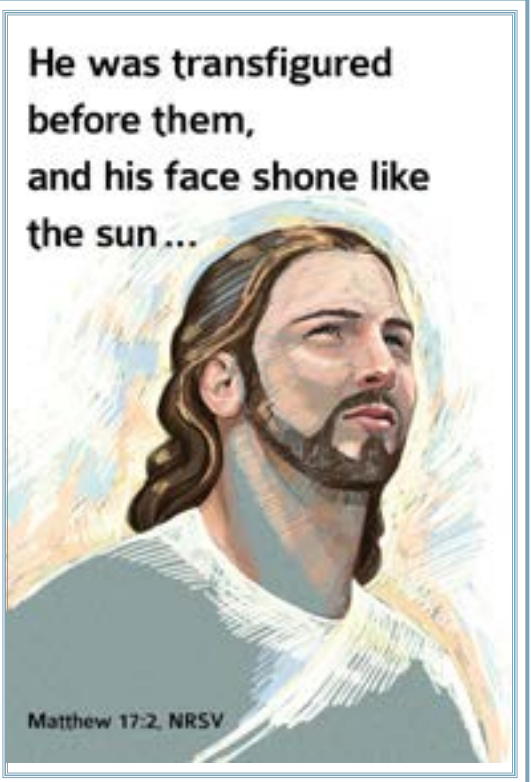
Faith Formation Director (7th - 12th Grade)
Jessica Petter

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.



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 8th. Topic: *"Catholic Social Teaching"*, led by Ben Rouse. We will meet in the St. Jerome Room. RCIA meets every Wednesday night starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome!



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

- **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.



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

Communal Prayer: At the Sun. 5:00pm Mass only, the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* will be recited before Holy Mass and the *Rosary* will be recited after 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. 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 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!



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.

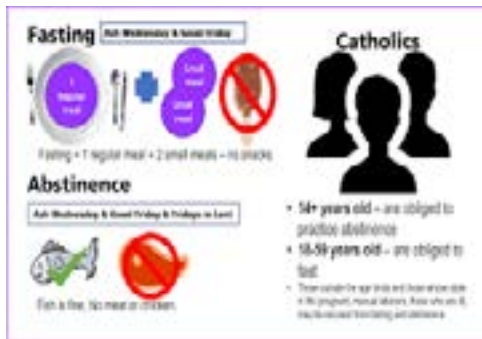
If you would be willing to serve at our First Communion Mass, Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00pm, or Confirmation Mass, Saturday, May 6th at 10:00am please let us know – we really need help at these Mass times! Also, make use of the sub list to find your replacement if you are unable to attend Mass when you 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.

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.

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



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 is 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, canned 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. If you are blessed with work, enough to eat and money for a rainy day, give thanks to God our Lord for His goodness. Thank you for your support in honor of St. Joseph & our neighbors in need! Please check the expiration date of the products. Thank you.

Second Sunday of Lent: The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent focus on our personal encounter with God. The first reading tells of how Abraham encountered God and trusted in the call he heard. The psalm is " Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.", which echoes the theme of trust heard in the first reading. The second reading reminds us that God is always present in our lives, giving us strength. And in the gospel recounts the story of the Transfiguration, when Peter, James, and John encountered Jesus in all of his glory.



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 ayudarle:

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.

Catholic Charities of Arkansas: Is hosting a four-day Faith Community Course. It is open to licensed, registered nurses who want to practice holistic health for individuals and the community using nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care. Parishes that want to start a faith community nursing ministry are encouraged to send at least one representative to the training. The course will be held April 21-22 and May 5-6 in the Biltz Room in St. John Center's Morris Hall in Little Rock. The course is free. Register at dolr.org/events/faith-.... For more information, contact Sister Iliana Aponte, DC, at (501) 664-0340 or iaponte@dolr.org.

Women's Retreat: *The Eucharist: The Transforming Power of God* Women's Retreat will be held at Subiaco Courty House Retreat Center in Subiaco, Arkansas on June 9-11, 2023. Come spend time with Jesus and your sisters at the table of plenty. Join in the sacred feast of heaven and earth as we pray, break bread and yield to the transforming power of God. The retreat will be led by Debbie Eckert and Fr. John Marconi. The cost per person is \$180 for double room, \$230 for private room, and \$105 for commuters. Space is limited. Register soon! For more information, call Debbie Eckert at 501-339-7632.



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Messengers of Divine Mercy: The weekend of March 11th & 12th, after each Mass, the St. Stephen ministry, *Messengers of Divine Mercy*, will be selling notecards adorned with the imagery of St. Stephen Catholic Church. Proceeds will be split between supporting the mission of the ministry, which is "To reveal Jesus Christ's Divine Mercy to the World", and a local charity.



Church Operations for February

Operating Expenses\$119,512

When God made a covenant with Abram, He said that "the communities of the earth shall find blessings in you." May we continue our commitment to the Lord in our tithing, so that the community of faith and other charities may find a blessing in us.

| Revenue | Month-to-Date | Monthly Goal |
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| Stewardship & Other | \$149,728 | \$135,000 |
| Growth Fund | \$11,833 | \$ 15,000 |

Scripture Readings for 03/12/2023

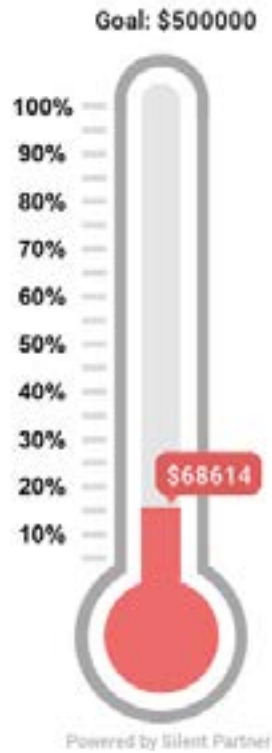
Ex 17: 3-7

Ps 95 (94): 1-2, 6-7, 8-9, 11

Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8

Jn 4: 5-42 or 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Growth Fund Progress



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 †

Monday, March 6

12:00PM Silvia Hurtado †

Tuesday, March 7

12:00PM Joy McCarthy †

Wednesday, March 8

12:00PM Special Intention

Thursday, March 9

12:00PM Wedding Anniversary

Friday, March 10

12:00PM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 11

5:00PM Jeffrey Peter Tassani †

Sunday, March 12

7:45AM Rita Streuli † & Family

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM Víctor Pedones †

5:00PM Maria Nhu Bui †

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| Mar. 11-12 | Lector | Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels | Eucharistic Minister Host | Eucharistic Minister Cup | Usher | Lock Up | Altar Server | Sacristan & Vessels |
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| Saturday, Mar. 11 5:00 PM | Michael Janick (Both Readings, and Announcements) | Janet Palmer | Dc. Ken Hunter (1) Jill Saulsbery (2) | Philip Palmer (C1) Nicholas Tyburski (C2) | Steve Saulsbery (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F) | Mark Jechura | Jackson Coco Emma Coco NOT FILLED NOT FILLED | Mark Jechura |
| Sunday, Mar. 12 7:45 AM | Brent Gautier (Both Readings, and Announcements)) | Christina Baker | Dc. Ken Hunter (1) Tony Baker (2) | Peggy Estes (C1) Robbie Estes (C2) | Jake Estes (A-B) Karen Howard (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) Amanda Cantu (F) | | Owen Gautier Cole Jones Wyatt Jones Oscar Koll | Amanda Cantu |
| Sunday, Mar. 12 10:00 AM | María Mendez (Both Readings, and Announcements) | Charlotte Champagne | Dc. Ken Hunter (1) Gina Koch (2) | Claudia García (C1) Kathryn Gough (C2) | Daniel Cruz (A-B) Tim Koch (C) Mark Kreuter (D-E) Brian Rabal (F) | | Elijah Abide Nicholas Cawein Abide Doc Abide George Abide | Kathryn Gough |
| Sunday, Mar. 12 11:45 AM | Fernando Barbosa (Todas Lecturas y Anuncios) | Mirna Serrano | Héctor Rangel (A) Julián Serrano (B) | Ricardo Almaras (C1) Crimilda Viera (C3) | Víctor Lopez (A-B) María Dalía López (C) Bertha Váldez (D-E) María Salcedo (F) | | Rick Almaras Christian Pérez Aldo Trujillo NOT FILLED | Crimilda Viera |
| Sunday, Mar. 12 5:00PM | Keynes Wright (Both Readings, and Announcements) | Bryan Bacon | Dc. Ken Hunter (1) Chris Davis (2) | Terry Shepard (C1) NOT FILLED (C2) | Rob Brothers NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED | Bryan Bacon | Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso NOT FILLED NOT FILLED | Sherri MacLean |