

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 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent
Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

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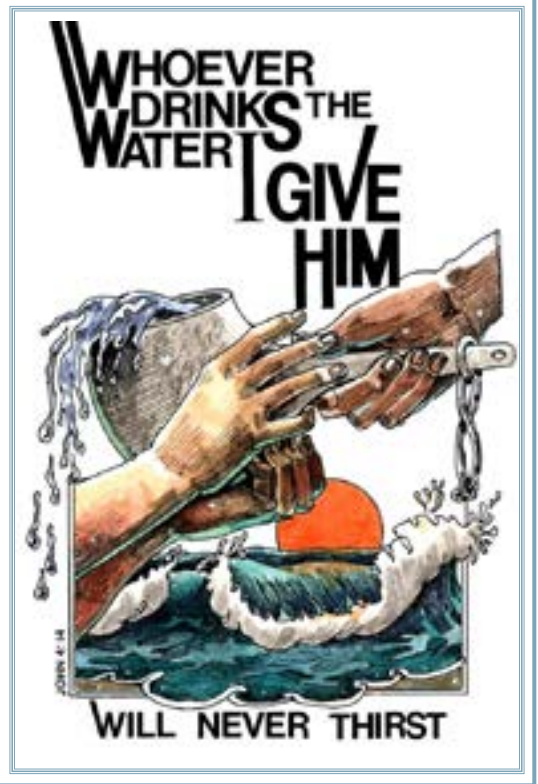
Faith Formation Director (Temporary) (7th - 12th Grade)
Jessica Petter

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.

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.



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. 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.



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. 17th:** 5:30pm hosted by Catholic Kids with dinner.
- **Mar. 24th:** 5:30pm hosted by Jessica Petter, no dinner.
- **Mar. 31:** 5:30pm hosted by Ladies of Grace with dinner.

RCIA Calendar: Our next session will be on Wednesday, March 15th. Topic: "Confession/Reconciliation", 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!

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.

Messengers of Divine Mercy: This weekend (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.

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!



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.

Women's Retreat: *The Eucharist: The Transforming Power of God* Women's Retreat will be held at Subiaco Coury 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.

Catholic Relief Services Special Collection: Next week, (Mar. 18-19) our parish will take up *The Catholic Relief Services Collection*. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Eucharistic Adoration: Is continuous prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Adorers make a commitment to spend one hour before the Blessed Sacrament. We are specifically in need of Adorers on **Monday:** 10am, 11am, 1-4pm. **Tuesday:** 9am, 10am. **Wednesday:** 10am **Thursday:** 10am. **Friday:** 8am, 10am. Please contact: adoration@ststephenbentonville.com

St. Stephen's Men's Softball: Anyone interested in playing on the St. Stephen's Men's Softball team? Please reach out to Jamie Willetts 479-616-2955 to get added to this year's roster. Softball League games will begin the first week of April.

Associate Editor for Arkansas Catholic: The Diocese of Little Rock has an opening for an **Associate Editor** for Arkansas Catholic. Requirements include a bachelor's degree in journalism/communications or equivalent experience and two years of writing and editing experience. This is a full-time position at St. John Catholic Center in Little Rock with competitive pay and benefits including retirement plan. To inquire or apply by submitting a cover letter, resume and portfolio, email Malea Hargett, Editor, Arkansas Catholic, at mhargett@dolr.org or call (501) 664-0125.

"Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may

experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.”
- Pope Francis, 2023.

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. 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: <https://www.dolr.org/events/faith?page=4> For more information, contact Sister Iliana Aponte, DC, at (501) 664-0340 or iaponte@dolr.org

St. Patrick (Feast Day: March 17th): Patron saint and national apostle of Ireland, credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland and probably responsible in part for the Christianization of the Picts and Anglo-Saxons. He is known only from two short works, the *Confessio*, a spiritual autobiography, and his Letter to *Coroticus*, a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians.



Prayer for the Faithful
by St. Patrick

*May the Strength of God guide us
May the Power of God preserve us
May the Wisdom of God instruct us
May the Hand of God protect us
May the Way of God direct us
May the Shield of God defend us
May the Angels of God guard us
Against the snares of the evil one.*

*May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us!
Christ be over all!*

This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen

Principal for Immaculate Conception School, Fort Smith: Immaculate Conception School, established in 1930, seeks a Principal to lead their school with grades Pre-K through 5th Grade. Requirements include: being Catholic, a Master's degree in Education Administration or Leadership, and 3-5 years teaching experience with previous employment as Principal or Assistant Principal preferred. To apply, please send cover letter, resume, a reference from your pastor and your philosophy statement of education to Father John Antony, Pastor, at: frjohn@icchurch.com.

SSBC: Thank you, Catholic Kids, for making and donating Mardi Gras Birthday Cake Packages for our Neighbors in Need. They were greatly enjoyed!

Pastor Update (as of March 3rd) until further notice: Due to diocesan priest shortage, the bishop has assigned Fr. Polycarp Ssebbowa as a temporary Sacramental Minister to St. Michael Catholic Church in Cherokee Village, AR. and St. Mary of the Mount Church in Horseshoe Bend, AR.



40 Days for Life: Thank you to all the prayer warriors who offered time in prayer at Planned Parenthood last week! A special thank you to those who stood in the wind, rain, cold and chill for Life!

If you haven't signed up for an hour or two to pray, 40daysforlife.com/rogers, now is the time to do so! Thank you to St. Stephen and St. Joseph Tontitown for their recent sign-up tables. Come to pray anytime! An hour is NEVER full - it's impossible to have too many people on the sidewalk in prayer.

St. Raphael Catholic Church: Starting April 13th, the first Thursday after Easter, St. Raphael is again offering the program *"Catholics Returning Home."* For more information: please contact crh-nwa.org.

The Holy Week of Recollection and the Chrism Mass: Bishop Anthony B. Taylor will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock. Priests serving across the diocese concelebrate this Mass, during which they also renew their commitment to priestly service. Oils to be used statewide in the coming year are presented for the bishop's blessing. These include the oil for the sick, used in anointing the sick; the oil for catechumens, used during baptism; and the oil for the sacred chrism, which is the primary anointing oil. It is used in the sacraments of initiation and holy orders as well as special acts of dedication. The word "chrism" means "consecrated oil."

Third Sunday of Lent: The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A help us think about our true desires. The first reading tells of how God satisfied the thirst of the Chosen People in the desert. The psalm reminds us to let God open up our hearts and flow through them. The second reading tells us again that God pours himself into our hearts.

The gospel is the story of the woman at the well, whom Jesus brings to new life through his mercy and compassion. It is worth noting Jesus chose to interact with a Samaritan (an outsider) and a woman. So this is also a good time to discuss how we treat outsiders. And it could also lead to a discussion of the role of women in the Catholic Church.



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Church Operations for March

Operating Expenses\$29,106

While wandering in the desert, the Israelites, having been freed from Egyptian slavery, grumbled against the Lord. Instead, may we remember the Lord's many blessings, including freedom, and return to the Lord a portion of our resources in grateful thanksgiving.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$33,315	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$5,498	\$15,000

Scripture Readings for 03/19/2023

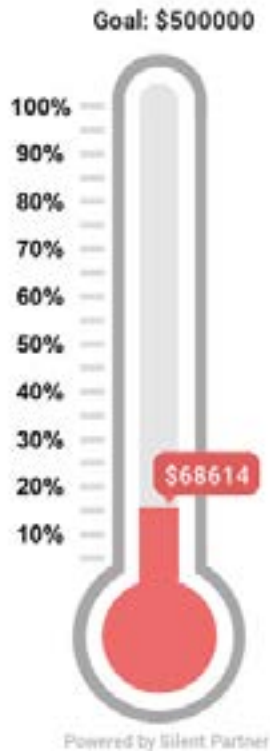
1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ps 23 (22): 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Eph 5: 8-14

Jn 9: 1-41 or 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Growth Fund Progress



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 †

Monday, March 13

12:00PM Mary Patricia Mulholland †

Tuesday, March 14

12:00PM All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 15

12:00PM Cody Shawn Family

Thursday, March 16

12:00PM Wayne Kleeman †

Friday, March 17

12:00PM Special Intention

Saturday, March 18

5:00PM Gary Baumhover †

Sunday, March 19

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM Jesús Méndez †

11:45AM Cerafín & María Refugio Regalado

5:00PM Special Intention

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Mar. 18-19	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Mar. 18 5:00 PM	David Krueckeberg (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Jon Terlouw	Mark Jechura (1) Davina Collins (2)	Kim Gollhofer (C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	Dave Brandenburg (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Mark Jechura	Emma Coco Jackson Coco NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, Mar. 19 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Christina Baker	Christy Yuska (1) Greg Brandenburg (2)	Karen Howard (C1) Tony Baker (C2)	Amanda Cantu (A-B) Gerard Davenport (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		Cole Jones Wyatt Jones Joe Kopp Will Kopp	Ana Krus
Sunday, Mar. 19 10:00 AM	Ted Brauburger (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Theresa Brauburger	Pam Willis (1) Diedra or Steven Dourth (2)	Steve Harrington (C1) Kathryn Gough (C2)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Charlotte Champagne (C) Kevin Clemens (D-E) Brian Rabal (F)		Caleb Medders Gabriel Rocha Patrick Rocha Thomas Rocha	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, Mar. 19 11:45 AM	Marugel Monzalvo (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Iván Sanabria	Mirna Serrano (A) Eva Miramón (B)	María Elena Calderón (C1) Julián Serrano (C3)	José Ortiz (A-B) María Muñoz (C) Víctor López (D-E) María Barajas (F)		Aldo Trujillo NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Iván Sanabria
Sunday, Mar. 19 5:00PM	Eric Belin (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Katie Morris (1) Terry Shepard (2)	Chris Davis (C1) Susan Davis (C2)	Rob Brothers NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bryan Bacon	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bryan Bacon