

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 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

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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



As long as I am in the WORLD, I am the LIGHT of the WORLD.

John 9:5

 **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. 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. 24th:** 5:30pm hosted by Dc. Ken Hunter, no dinner.
- **Mar. 31:** 5:30pm hosted by Ladies of Grace with dinner.

RCIA Calendar: No March 22nd Class. On Wednesday, March 29th, *First Confessions* will take place in the Church. 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.

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 peanut butter, bread and personal hygiene products. Place your

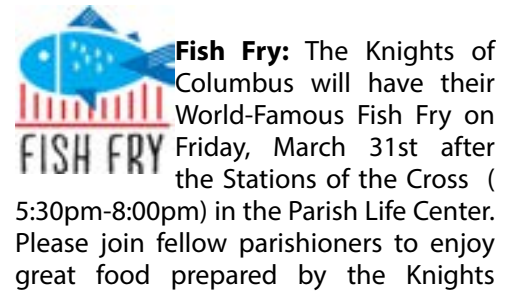
offering on the St. Joseph altar, say a prayer of thanksgiving for all you have and for those you are helping, and pray for your family to be a replica of the Holy Family. If you are blessed with work, enough to eat and money for a rainy day, give thanks to God our Lord for His goodness. Thank you for 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: This weekend (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

Children's Adoration: There will be Children's Adoration on Friday, March 24th at 11:30am. in the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel. Please join us in leading the little ones to Christ.



Fish Fry: The Knights of Columbus will have their World-Famous Fish Fry on Friday, March 31st after the Stations of the Cross (5:30pm-8:00pm) in the Parish Life Center. Please join fellow parishioners to enjoy great food prepared by the Knights

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.

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

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.

Knights of Columbus: The St. Stephen Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a morning of prayer in support of the 40 Days of Prayer. We will join others in front

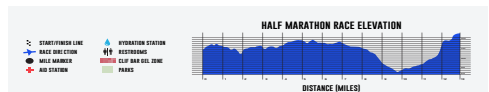
of the Planned Parenthood clinic in Rogers on March 25th from 8-9am. Please come out and support this worthy endeavor. Link to address and information. <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/rogers>

Los Caballeros de Colón de San Esteban:

Están llevando a cabo una mañana de oración apoyando a los 40 Días de Oraciones. Nos uniremos a otros frente a la clínica de "Planned Parenthood" en Rogers el día 25 de marzo de 8 a 9 am. Por favor vengan y apoyen este esfuerzo significativo. Ver enlace para la dirección e información. <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/rogers>

Run Bentonville Half Marathon:

On April 1st from 7:00am-11:00am, Bentonville will be hosting the **Half Marathon**. This might make it difficult to get in time to first Saturday Mass at 9:00a.m. Please see map below for race course.



St. Raphael Catholic Church:

Catholics Returning Home is a six-week series that starts April 13th, 2023 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. No reservations are needed; interested persons can come to one or all of the sessions. Nearly all of those in the past who have attended this program have rejoined the Catholic Church. If you know of a Catholic who no longer attends Church, please talk to them about this program.

Contact St. Raphael Catholic Church parish office at: 479-756-6711 or visit www.crh-nwa.com.

The Holy Week of Recollection and the Chrism Mass: Bishop Anthony

B. Taylor will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass Monday, April 3rd 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."

Medical Equipment KoC:

Attention to our parishioners and families. If you, or someone you know needs medical equipment such as a walker or bathroom device, the Knights of Columbus may be able to help you obtain this free of charge. These items are for those in need of these donated items. Please contact Jim Morrison at 479-640-6842 or jmorrison9.jm@gmail.com. Thank you.

Equipo Médico Caballeros de Colón:

Atención a nuestros feligreses y familiares. Si usted, o alguien que conozca necesita equipo médico como una andadera o un dispositivo para el baño, los Caballeros de Colón (Knights of Columbus) pueden ayudarle a obtenerlo sin cargo alguno. Estos artículos son para aquellas personas que necesitan de estos artículos donados. Por favor contacte a Jim Morrison al teléfono 479-640-6842 o por email jmorrison9.jm@gmail.com. ¡Gracias!

KoC:

The Knights of Columbus will conduct their annual recruiting event after Mass on Saturday, March 25th and Sunday, March 26th after each Mass. Please stop by their table after Mass at the church entrance to pick up a brochure and meet some of the Knights. The Knights are a major contributor to church events and to the less fortunate in our community.

"Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." - Pope Francis

Volunteer at Junktique: Support Catholic High by volunteering for

the annual Junktique sale and get early shopping perks. Daily shifts through April 1st are available. Junktique will be held from 8a.m. to 2p.m., Saturday, April 1. All proceeds will be used for physical improvements to the school and for keeping tuition affordable. Visit: chsjunktique@lrchs.or for more information.

Fourth Sunday of Lent:

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year A are about sight and blindness. The first reading is the story of the choosing of David as God's anointed one. Samuel is told that God does not see us as we do. The second reading is a reminder that we must live in the light, not in darkness. And in the gospel is the story of the man born blind, whom Jesus cured.

Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Eph. 5: 8



Parish Communications

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- Formed <https://formed.org/signup>

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Church Operations for March

Operating Expenses\$66,098

As David was raised to be King of God's people, so the Lord Jesus is our Good Shepherd who provides for us, His flock. May the Light of the Gospel influence us to remain Faithful stewards of His many blessings to our Church and community.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$63,428	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$7,533	\$15,000

Scripture Readings for 03/26/2023

Ezek 37: 12-14

Ps 130 (129): 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Rom 8: 8-11

Jn 11: 1-45 or Jn 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27,

33b-45

Growth Fund Progress



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, March 20

12:00PM Joseph Hesse

Tuesday, March 21

12:00PM No Mass

Wednesday, March 22

12:00PM No Mass

Thursday, March 23

12:00PM No Mass

Friday, March 24

12:00PM James Michael May †

Saturday, March 25

5:00PM Birthday Blessing

Sunday, March 26

7:45AM Joseph † & Ester Krus †

10:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00PM Larry Wewers †

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

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Mar. 25-26	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Mar. 25 5:00 PM	Nicholas Tyburski (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	James Sutton (1) Sherolyn Johnson (2)	NOT FILLED (C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bruce Peterson	Jackson Coco Emma Coco NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Mar. 26 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Christina Baker	April Appleby (1) Tom Stawicki (2)	Christy Yuska (C1) Tony Baker (C2)	Gerard Davenport (A-B) Amanda Cantu (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) Karen Howard (F)		Owen Gautier Oscar Koll Joe Kopp Will Kopp	Amanda Cantu
Sunday, Mar. 26 10:00 AM	Ramón Portilla (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bruce Beckham	Mary Kate Beckham (1) Kathryn Gough (2)	Charlotte Champagne (C1) TJ LaPlant (C2)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Brian Rabal (C) Kevin Clemens (D-E) Steve Harrington (F)		Gerhardt Brady Caleb Medders Alex Shoemaker Steven Zink	Charlotte Champagne
Sunday, Mar. 26 11:45 AM	Fernando Barbosa (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Crimilda Viera	María Niño (A) Eva Miramón (B)	Olga Serrano (C1) Héctor Rangel (C3)	J. Concepción Serrano (A-B) Bertha Váldez (C) María Salcedo (D-E) María Barajas (F)		Fátima Mata Allison Mata Eduardo Mata Gustavo Mata	Walter Hernández
Sunday, Mar. 26 5:00PM	Sylvester Fernandes (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Lisa Richard (1) Cathy Townzen (2)	Rob Brothers (C1) Terry Shepard (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	Francesco Rosso Agustin Rosso NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Sherri MacLean