

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 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

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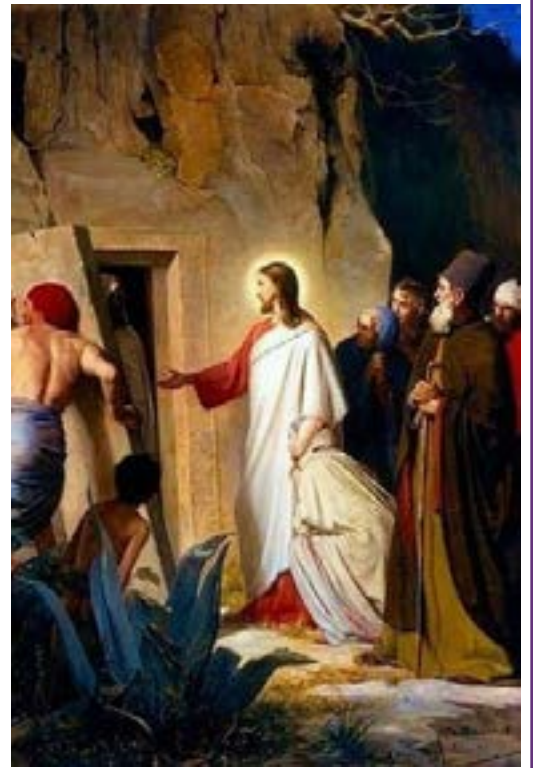
Faith Formation Director (Temporary) (7th - 12th Grade)
Jessica Petter

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. 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. 31:** 5:30pm hosted by Ladies of Grace with dinner.

RCIA Calendar: 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.

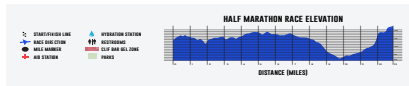
Communal Prayer: At the Sun. 5:00pm Mass only, the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* will be recited before Holy Mass and the *Rosary* will be recited after Holy Mass. All are invited to participate.



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.

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.



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

Spiritual Adoption: Two Months.

Your baby is making progress developing all external features and internal organs. His or her brain is functioning at 40 days. The mother can hear baby's heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby's milk teeth buds are present at 6 1/2 weeks. And it has been reported that a two month old baby can suck their thumb. From this moment onward, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his or her body. But everything the baby needs to survive once born is already present by the end of the eighth week.

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 jmmorrison9.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 jmmorrison9.jm@gmail.com. ¡Gracias!

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

Ozark Catholic Academy Casino Night:

Friday, April 14, 2023: To buy tickets, visit: <https://one.bidpal.net/casinonight23/welcome>



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.



Holy Thursday, April 6th:

7:00pm Bilingual Mass; No Thursday Noon Mass

Good Friday, April 7th:

5:30pm English; 7:30pm Spanish

Holy Saturday, April 8th:

8:00pm Vigil Mass English; No Saturday 5:00pm Mass or Confession

Easter Sunday, April 9th:

7:45am, English; 10:00am English; 11:45am Spanish

Jueves Santo, 6 de abril:

7:00pm Misa Bilingüe; No habrá Misa de medio día.

Viernes Santo, 7 de abril:

5:30pm Inglés; 7:30pm Español

Sábado Santo, 8 de abril:

8:00pm Misa de Vigilia en inglés; No habrá Misa de 5:00pm ni Confesión

Domingo de Pascua 9 de abril:

7:45am, Inglés; 10:00am Inglés; 11:45am Español

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.

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."

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.

Holy Thursday Collections for Seminarians (April 6th): All Catholics can support this special collection to support seminarian education in the Diocese of Little Rock by mailing or dropping off a donation at their parish or by donating online. All donations to the collection go to pay for the immediate education and housing expenses for diocesan seminarians. The Holy Thursday Collection for Diocese of Little Rock Seminarians was established in 2009 to help pay for the increased cost of seminarian education, which is provided free of charge to all qualified students, regardless of income. For more information, contact Dianne Brady, diocesan director of the Stewardship and Development Office, at (501) 664-0340.

Rule of St. Benedict: Commentary on the Rule of St. Benedict through Film, April 28-30, presented by Br. Roch McClellan, OSB: A melding of the study of film and the Rule of St. Benedict for the purpose of deepening one's Spiritual understanding of the Benedictine life and to offer some practical means for living the Rule in our 21st Century world. Cost: \$200 for a private room and \$150 per person in a shared room. Cost covers two nights' accommodations, six meals and the conferences. Commuter rate of \$75 covers all conferences and four meals. Call Coury House retreat center at Subiaco Abbey,

Subiaco, AR, at 479-934-1290 or email couryhouse@subi.org to register.

Fifth Sunday of Lent: The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent are about how God can take us from death to new life. The first reading tells us of God's desire to bring us back to life. The second reading tells us if Christ dwells in us, we will have new life as He does. And the gospel tells how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

This passage is a powerful reminder of the hope and promise of resurrection that is at the heart of the Christian faith. Jesus' raising of Lazarus prefigures his own resurrection, which we will celebrate in just a few weeks on Easter Sunday. It reminds us that, no matter how difficult or painful our lives may be, there is always hope for new life and transformation through the power of Christ.

As we reflect, we are invited to hold both of these truths in tension: the reality of death and the hope of resurrection. We are called to embrace the reality of our own mortality, but also to hold fast to the hope of new life and transformation through Christ.



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Email articles to:
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Church Operations for March

Operating Expenses\$ 71,276

We have been practicing the traditional hallmarks of Lenten devotion: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As we approach Easter, may we continue our faithful support of the regular stewardship collection.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$89,669	\$ 135,000
Growth Fund	\$12,932	\$ 15,000

Scripture Readings for 04/02/2023

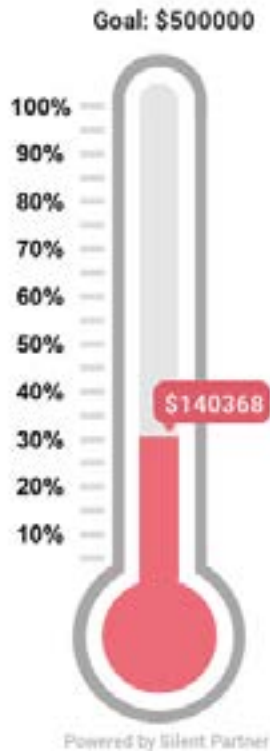
Is 50: 4-7

Ps 22 (21): 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Phil 2: 6-11

Mt 26: 14-27: 66

Growth Fund Progress



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 †

Monday, March 27

12:00PM Thanksgiving

Tuesday, March 28

12:00PM Michael Hodson †

Wednesday, March 29

12:00PM Hodson Family

Thursday, March 30

12:00PM Sean Barber

Friday, March 31

12:00PM Elena Hust Linn

Saturday, April 1

9:00AM Special Intention

5:00PM Special Intention

Sunday, April 2

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM Jim McCarthy

11:45AM Ánimas del Purgatorio

5:00PM Joy McCarthy †

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

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Apr. 1-2	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Apr. 1 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements) Nicholas Tyburski- Narrator	Jon Terlouw	Margie O'Grady (1) Susan McDaniel (2)	Jack McDaniel (C1) Davina Collins (C2)	Dave Brandenburg (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Jon Terlouw	John Harrington NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, Apr. 2 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements) Tom Stawiki - Voice	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Kira O'Shaughnessy (1) Christina Baker (2)	Tony Baker (C1) Karen Howard (C2)	Jake Estes (A-B) Peggy Estes (C) Amanda Cantu (D-E) Greg Woodell (F)		Oscar Koll Damian Skidd Dominic Skidd Gus Skidd	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Apr. 2 10:00 AM	Greg Brandenburg (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements) Mark Reichardt - Narrator	Ted Brauburger	Bruce Beckham (1) Mary Kate Beckham (2)	Paul Krapf (C1) Claudia Garcia (C2)	Daniel Cruz (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Charlotte Champagne (D-E) Kevin Clemens (F)		John Paul McAdams Joseph McAdams Caleb Medders Alex Shoemaker	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, Apr. 2 11:45 AM	María Almaraz (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios) Ramón Portilla -Cronista	Iván Sanabria	Brenda Cruz (H1) María Elena Calderón (H2)	Noel Pérez (C1) Julián Serrano (C3) María Niño (C4) Olga Serrano (C6)	Juan Diego Hernández (A-B) Juan Manuel Durán Martínez (C) Bertha Váldez (D-E) María Salcedo (F)		Rick Almaras Christian Pérez Aldo Trujillo NOT FILLED	Walter Hernández
Sunday, Apr. 2 5:00PM	Eric Belin (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements) Dc. Ken Hunter- Narrator	Cary Richard	Dc. Ken Hunter (1) Terry Shepard (2)	Cathy Townzen (C1) Chris Davis (C2)	Rob Brothers (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Sherri MacLean