

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

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

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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

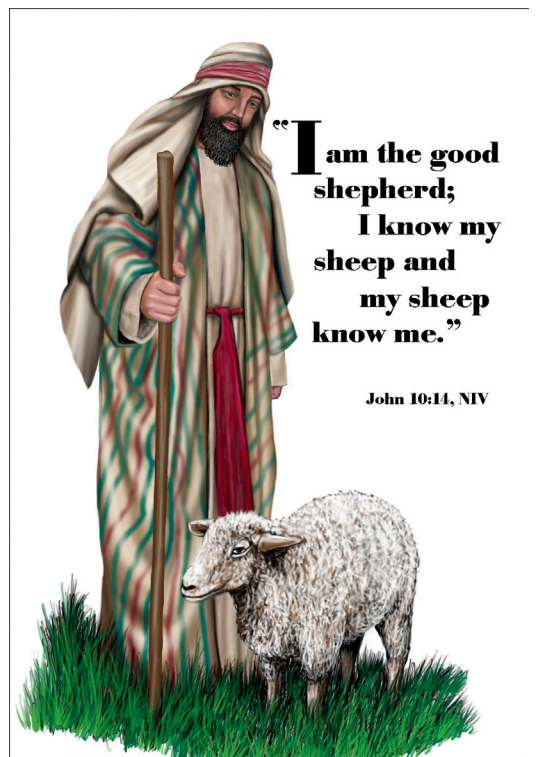
Adoration Hours

Horario de Adoración

Mon - Thu / Lun - Jue 9:00-11:30AM

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Matrimonio Católico: Preparación Matrimonial requerido. Comuníquese con la parroquia por lo menos 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.

RCIA: Sessions open to those interested in learning about or renewing their connection to the Catholic Faith.

RICA: Sesiones abiertas a aquellos interesados en aprendizaje o renovación de su conexión con la Fe Católica.

Are you currently giving online? If so, or you'd like to start, scan the QR code below to set up a new online account. Going to this site and creating an account, will help you update household contact information, view your giving statement, and more! If you have any questions reach out to Elizabeth

Ganey marketing@ststephenbentonville.com



Reverential Silence before Mass: With a busy week, for many of us the only period of peace and quiet we can experience is at Church before the Mass begins. So, while friendship and socializing has its place in our lives, when we enter the Church it is to primarily prepare for our spiritual encounter with the Lord Himself, through prayer. In order that our reception of Holy Communion may be as fruitful as possible, for ourselves and others around us, let us maintain the sacred custom of keeping silence before Mass begins, especially the last ten minutes beforehand, so that the Lord can speak to us.

Silencio Reverencial antes de la Misa:

Con una semana ocupada, para muchos de nosotros el único período de paz y tranquilidad que podemos experimentar es en la Iglesia antes de que comience la Misa. Entonces, si bien la amistad y la socialización tienen su lugar en nuestras vidas, cuando entramos en la Iglesia es principalmente para prepararnos para nuestro encuentro espiritual con el Señor mismo, a través de la oración. Para que nuestra recepción de la Sagrada Comunión sea lo más fructífera posible, para nosotros y para los que nos rodean, mantengamos la sagrada costumbre de guardar silencio antes de que comience la Misa, especialmente los últimos diez minutos antes, para que el Señor pueda hablarnos.



Immigration Specialist: Catholic Immigration Services in Little Rock has a job opening for an **Immigration Specialist**.

Qualifications include: Bachelor's degree, fluency in English and Spanish, and computer proficiency. This is a full-time position with competitive pay and benefits, including health insurance, paid time off and a 403(b) retirement plan. To inquire, contact Ines Mahfouz, Human Resources Assistant at: imahfouz@dolr.org or call (501) 664-0340.



Prepare to Launch: Vacation Bible Camp July 19-21, 2023, 6pm-8:30pm! Calling all children aged 3 through those completing 4th grade in June 2023. Come have a stellar time letting Jesus' light shine! Children must be at least 3 years old to attend unless a parent is an on-site volunteer. Reach out if you would like to volunteer or know of someone who would! The maximum Price for a Family is \$30 reach out for a promo code discount. Visit our website to register.

Prepárese para el Lanzamiento:

Campamento Bíblico de Vacaciones del 19 al 21 de julio de 2023, 6 pm-8:30 pm! Para todos los niños de 3 a 4 años de edad hasta los que completaron el grado 4 en junio del 2023. ¡Venga a pasar un tiempo estelar dejando que la luz de Jesús brille! Los niños deben tener al menos 3 años de edad para asistir a menos que un padre sea voluntario. ¡Comuníquese si desea ser voluntario o sabe de alguien que lo haría! Busque la mesa en el Nártex.

Month Three: Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program:

Your baby is quite active in the womb now although his/her mother won't feel him/her for another couple of months. If his/her mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move his/her tongue. He/she can make a tight fist if you touch his/her pal He/she is breathing fluid which he continues until birth. He/she obtains the oxygen his/her body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce.

Thank you for those who are praying for the unborn babies.

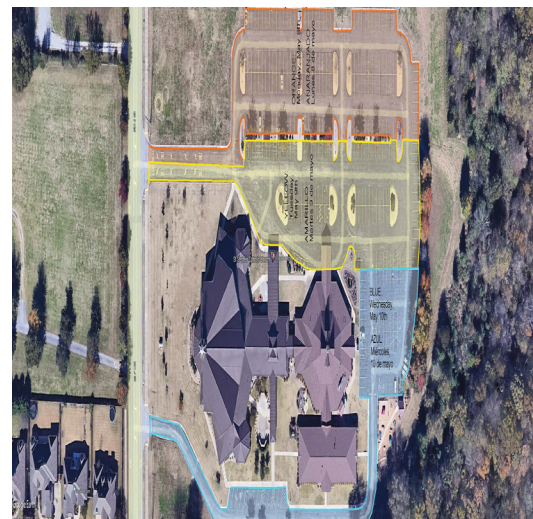
Growth Fund Plan / St. Stephen Catholic Church Parking Lot: The parking lot will be CLOSED in three sections (ORANGE, YELLOW & BLUE) this week, due to resurfacing. Please take precautions. You can also reference sign located in the Narthex. Dates are subject to change due to weather conditions

ORANGE: Monday, May 8th
YELLOW: Tuesday, May 9th
BLUE: Wednesday, May 10th

Plan de Fondo de Crecimiento/ Estacionamiento de la Iglesia Católica St. Stephen:

El estacionamiento estará CERRADO en tres secciones (ANARANJADO, AMARILLA Y AZUL) esta semana, debido al repavimento. Por favor, tome sus precauciones. También puede hacer referencia al letrero (mapa) ubicado en el Nártex. Las fechas están sujetas a cambios debido a las condiciones climáticas.

ANARANJADO: Lunes, 8 de mayo
AMARILLO: Martes, 9 de mayo
AZUL: Miércoles, 10 de mayo



St. Stephen Corpus Christi Festival:

Our annual Corpus Christi festival will be Sunday, June 11 after the 10:00 Mass. More details to come; if you are interested in helping email marketing@ststephenbentonville.com

Movie Night: Saturday, May 13th after the 5:00pm Mass, we will be showing the movie "Fatima" in the

Parish Life Center in celebration of Our Lady of Fatima's feast day. Light drinks and snacks will be available.

Red Bird Ministries: St. Stephen will host a Memorial Mass, also known as a **Mass of Remembrance**, in honor of our departed children. Please attend if you or someone you know has suffered the loss of a child.

The Mass of Remembrance will be held in the main church at St. Stephen's on **Tuesday, May 16th at 6:00PM**. Potluck reception and a short presentation on how to support families of child loss will follow in the Parish Life Center. If possible, please RSVP using the QR code. You can also use the QR code to add a child's name to the program or volunteer to bring food to the reception.



Red Bird Ministries is a Catholic, pro-life, and pro-family grief support ministry that focuses on supporting individuals and couples who have experienced the loss of a child of any age and any circumstance including miscarriage, stillbirth, or after birth as an infant, child, adolescent, or adult. Email Lauren McAdams with any questions: redbird@ststephenbentonville.com

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.

Week 1: Welcome, Overview of the Series, Faith Sharing;

Week 2: Sharing Stories of Faith;

Week 3: The Church Today: Changes since Vatican II

Week 4: Explanation of the Mass;

Week 5: Explanation of the Sacrament of Penance;

Week 6: Explanation of the Nicene Creed.

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



Congratulations to our St. Stephen Class of 2023 Graduates! We invite you to a special Mass in your honor with a reception to follow on Sunday, May 21st at 5:00PM. Due to food being served, we ask that you **RSVP** no later than **May 1st** or you can do so by following this QR code to the online registration page.



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If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Petter at: jpetter@stephenbentonville.com

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, contact Editor of Arkansas Catholic, Malea Hargett, Editor, at mhargett@dolr.org or call (501) 664-0125.

Good Shepherd Sunday: The readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter Year A (Good Shepherd Sunday) remind us that Jesus Christ leads us through the gate of salvation. In the first reading Peter calls all to conversion. The psalm reminds us that God is always caring for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep. The second reading tells us that when we stray, we can return to the Lord. And in the gospel Jesus promises to lead his people to safety and warns us to be cautious about who we follow.

Jesus as the Good Shepherd: Jesus says that his sheep hear his voice and

follow him, and that he knows them and they know him. This theme emphasizes Jesus' love for his followers and his willingness to protect and guide them through life.

The Church as a flock of sheep: This theme builds on the idea of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and his followers as his sheep. It emphasizes the idea that the Church is a community of believers who are led and guided by Christ. The metaphor of the sheep and shepherd is meant to evoke a sense of care and protection, as well as a shared sense of purpose and belonging among the members of the Church.

Promise of eternal life and assurance of protection and care: This theme is closely tied to the idea of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. It emphasizes the idea that believers can trust in Jesus to protect and care for them, even in the face of danger or hardship. The promise of eternal life is also a key aspect of this theme, as it emphasizes the hope that believers have in Christ beyond this life. This theme highlights the sense of security and peace that comes from trusting in Jesus as one's shepherd and protector. Source: young-catholics



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Church Operations for April
Operating Expenses\$ 86,169

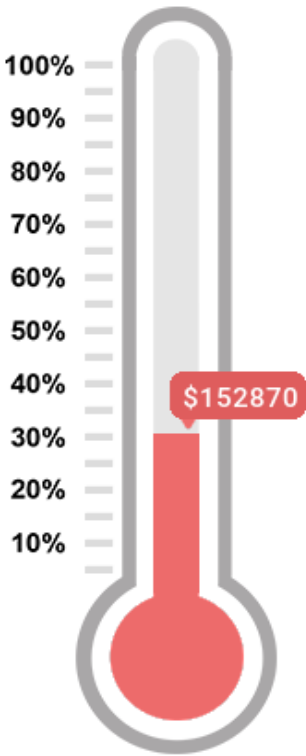
The comforting words of Psalm 23 reminds us that “the Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.” May we return to Him, the Good Shepherd, a portion of the many blessings bestowed upon us His beloved sheep.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$128,664	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$10,843	\$ 21,000

Scripture Readings for 05/07/2023

Acts 6: 1-7
Ps 33 (32): 1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Pt 2: 4-9
Jn 14: 1-12

Growth Fund Progress



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Columbarium Chairperson: Charlotte Champagne 479-531-9345
Parish Council: pcouncil@ststephenbentonville.com
St. Stephen Benevolent Conference: 479-696-9361

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 29

5:00PM Jeanette Barta †

Sunday, April 30

7:45AM Manuel Sánchez †
10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses
11:45AM Acción de Gracias
5:00PM Barry Woodell †

Monday, May 1

12:00PM All Priest & Religious

Tuesday, May 2

12:00PM Nancy Wineinger

Wednesday, May 3

12:00PM James Alexander

Thursday, May 4

12:00PM Joy McCarthy

Friday, May 5

12:00PM Jim McCarthy

Saturday, May 6

9:00AM No Mass (due to Confirmation)
10:00AM Confirmation Candidates
5:00PM For the Priest

Sunday, May 7

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
10:00AM Conchita Hernández †
11:45AM Serafín Regalado † María del Refugio Alaniz †
5:00PM Ella Rose Morgan †

May 6-7	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, May 6 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Kim Gollhofer	Davina Collins (1) Jack McDaniel (2)	Susan McDaniel (C1) James Sutton (C2)	Dave Brandenburg (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Kim Gollhofer	Emma Coco Jackson Coco John Harrington NOT FILLED	Kim Gollhofer
Sunday, May 7 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	April Appleby (1) Kira O'Shaughnessy (2)	Christina Baker (C1) Tony Baker (C2)	Gerard Davenport (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		Owen Gautier Damian Skidd Dominic Skidd Gus Skidd	Ana Krus
Sunday, May 7 10:00 AM	María Méndez (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Claudia García (1) TJ LaPlant (2)	Greg Brandenburg (C1) Kathryn Gough (C2)	Charlotte Champagne (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Kevin Clemens (D-E) Tim Koch (F)		Gerhardt Brady Brecklyn Keller Kai Keller Steven Zink	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, May 7 11:45 AM	Fernando Barbosa (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Iván Sanabria	Héctor Rangel (H1) Eva Miramón (H2)	María Elena Calderón (C1) María Niño (C3) Olga Serrano (C4) Ricardo Almaraz (C6)	María Barajas (A-B) María Muñoz (C) Juan Diego Hernández (D-E) Juan Manuel Durán Martínez (F)		Allison Mata Eduardo Mata Fátima Mata Gustavo Mata	Iván Sanabria
Sunday, May 7 5:00PM	Chris Davis (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Dcn. Ken Hunter (1) Catherine Garner (2)	Susan Davis (C1) Terry Shepard (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