

**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

May 21, 2023

**The Ascension of the Lord**

*Ascensión del Señor*

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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



 **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.*

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



Join us for Holy Hour on **Thursday, May 25th** at **6:00pm**.



**Pastoral Appointments Effective May 29th, 2023:** Most Reverend Bishop, Anthony Taylor has announced the following pastoral appointments:

**Rev. Polycarp Ssebbowa:** Appointed pastor of St. Joseph Church in Paris, AR and sacramental minister of St. Mary Church in Altus. He is relieved of his responsibilities as associate pastor of St. Stephen Church in Bentonville.

**Rev. Paulin Raj Vatakali:** Appointed associate pastor of St. Stephen Church in Bentonville. He is relieved of his responsibilities as associate pastor of the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock.



**Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharist Miracles of the World:** The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist is the most sublime treasure of our Catholic Faith. It is the manifestation *par excellence* of His promise, "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (MT 28:20).

Evidence of His abiding presence among us is beautifully chronicled in an edifying collection of 160 panels featuring photographs, narrative and maps. They depict 126 different Vatican-approved miracles occurring in 17 countries over a span of nearly 1300 years.

We are pleased to host this exhibition from **May 23rd to June 18th** in the **Parish Life Center**.

Experience for yourself the way these miracles have inspired countless Catholics over the centuries and deepened their love for the Holy Eucharist.

This is an informal, self-guided exhibit you may visit as often as you wish before or after weekend Mass or during Parish Office hours.. We hope you will avail yourself of this unique opportunity and invite family and friends to do the same. For more information on the exhibition, please call the Parish Office.

**St. Stephen's Sacred Art Prayer Group I Pray and I Create (Oro y Creo):** Will meet this summer ( May-July) on the fourth Thursday of the month, **May 25th, June 22, and July 27th**, from **5:30pm-7:30pm**. We will gather in the Parish Life Center. Please bring an art project you are working on and/or supplies needed to start on something. These cannot be stored at the church, so only bring what you can easily pack in/out and clean up without leaving a mess/stains. That said, you can bring any supplies that you like - paints, pen and ink, journal, needle work, wood carving, etc. Only a small portion of our time will be for sharing, and this will be different from how we generally fellowship; come prepared to pray and create! For questions or more details, contact Amy Lane: [mlane5280@gmail.com](mailto:mlane5280@gmail.com).



**Faith Formation:** Classes are available for students, Prek-12th grade, who have the desire to be in a group of their age level with fellow parishioners who love the Lord just as much as themselves and want to keep growing in their Faith.

Sacraments for First Communion and Confirmation is a two-year program required by our Diocese. First Communion preparation typically starts in 1st Grade and Confirmation preparation typically starts in 8th Grade (if older just choose appropriate grade level). Registration is available online on our website.

**Formación de Fe:** Clases de Formación de Fe ya están disponibles para los estudiantes, de Pre-Kinder-12 grado, que tienen el deseo de estar en un grupo de su edad con otros feligreses que aman al Señor y quieren seguir creciendo en su Fe.

*Sacramentos para la Primera Comunión y Confirmación es un programa de dos años requerido por nuestra Diócesis. La preparación para la Primera Comunión generalmente comienza en el 1er grado y la preparación para la Confirmación comienza en el 8º grado (si es mayor, se elije el nivel de grado apropiado). Para registrarse, busque la mesa ubicada en el Nártex.*

**St. Stephen Corpus Christi Festival:** Our annual Corpus Christi festival will be **Sunday, June 11** after the 10:00 Mass. This year we will have the procession immediately following Mass and the festival will start upon its completion. We will have food, a beer garden, water slides, games, and lots of flower making! All proceeds will go to purchasing a canopy for next year's Corpus Christi procession. Ticket sales will go live soon, be on the lookout for the poster!

**New Greeter Ministry:** Want to contribute to a welcoming environment at St. Stephen? Volunteer to greet parishioners and visitors as they come to Mass. Simply open the door, say "hello," and answer any occasional question. Just arrive 15 minutes before Mass. Volunteer as often as you want and no more than once per month. It's a great way to volunteer individually, as a family, or with friends. Sign up to volunteer at [tinyurl.com/84c8748z](http://tinyurl.com/84c8748z). For questions, contact: [mark.reichhardt@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:mark.reichhardt@alumni.duke.edu)

**Totus Tuus coming to NWA!** 1st-12th graders from all parishes are invited to attend *Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program* at **St. Joseph's in Tontitown June 18-23**. 1st-6th attend Mon-Fri 9am-3pm and 7th-12th attend Sun-Thurs 7:15pm-9:45pm. Totus Tuus is put on by a team of trained college students coming to NWA from the Diocese of Tulsa. It is a week of fun, worship, learning, and more fun! Check out the website [totustuus.church](http://totustuus.church) to learn more about the program and email Marie Meints [mmeints@stjoetontitown.org](mailto:mmeints@stjoetontitown.org) with questions. Cost is only \$30 for the full week of this amazing program! Hard copy registration form required. Visit: [tinyurl.com/mws9xbvp](http://tinyurl.com/mws9xbvp)





**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.

**St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School 2023-2024 Preschool Registration:** Is currently accepting applications for our PreK 4-Year-Old Part Time (3 days per week) and 4-Year-Old Full Time (5 days per week) classes for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information, please call Sandra Stephens at (479)636-4421 or admissions@svdpschool.net.

**Hiring Full time or part-time R.N. or L.P.N. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Rogers:** Experience in pediatric care is preferred. Student care and first aid; record maintenance; administration of medication; notification of parents; other duties as assigned. Please send resume and references to email: stautzenbergera@svdpschool.net

**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.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC):** Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry. Pantry needs: 24 oz shampoo, canned fruit and grape jelly.

**The Ascension of the Lord:** Traditionally the Ascension of Our Lord was held 40 days after Easter, falling on a Thursday. However in most dioceses in the United States, the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Year A is moved to the following Sunday, superseding the 7th Sunday of Easter.

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord Year A commemorates the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. He also gave the Great Commission, that all of the world should be saved. In the first reading the ascension of Jesus is recounted and the Apostles are told they will receive the Holy Spirit. In the second reading we hear that Jesus Christ rules heaven and earth. And in the gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to preach the Good News to the whole world.

**The Great Commision:** This is a command given by Jesus to his disciples to go out to the world and make disciples of all nations. This emphasizes the importance of reaching out beyond one's own community to share the message of Jesus Christ.

**Holy Spirit:** In the first reading, Jesus tells his disciples that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. The Holy Spirit is also mentioned in the second reading as the source of wisdom and revelation that helps believers understand the hope to which they have been called. In the gospel, Jesus promises to be with his disciples always, even to the end of the age, indicating that his presence will be with them through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is thus a vital component of the Great Commission and evangelism. Source: young-catholics.com

*O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Saviour and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labour diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work, Amen.*

Source: mycatholic life



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*Comunicación Parroquial*

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## Church Operations for May

Operating Expenses .....\$58,463

We celebrate the feast of the Lord Jesus's Ascension into Heaven, where He has prepared a place for us. As we wait for our promised eternal inheritance, may we remain faithful in our love and service of God and others.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$79,769	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$22,396	\$21,000

## Scripture Readings for 06/04/2023

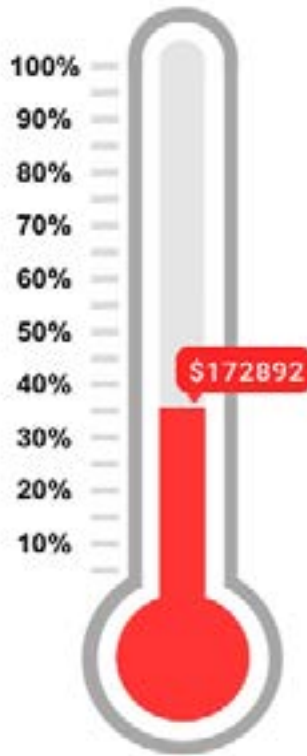
Ex 34: 4b-6, 8-9

Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56

2 Cor 13: 11-13

Jn 3: 16-18

## Growth Fund Progress



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, May 20

5:00PM St. Stephen Deceased Parishioners

### Sunday, May 21

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM Elizabeth McAdams †

11:45AM Almas del Purgatorio

5:00PM Marcela Wahlmeier †

### Monday, May 22

12:00PM Elaine Bassler-Heckle †

### Tuesday, May 23

12:00PM Margaret Liu †

### Wednesday, May 24

12:00PM Richie & Melissa Yáñez

### Thursday, May 25

12:00PM Jessica Puckett † & Family

### Friday, May 26

12:00PM Joan Bowman

### Saturday, May 27

5:00PM Larry Wewers †

### Sunday, May 28

7:45AM Lac Tran †

10:00AM Dorothy Pacheco †

11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00PM Mary Pushpam †

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May 27-28	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, May 27 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Jon Terlouw	Davina Collins (1) Lori Terlouw (2)	Anita Fomin (C2) James Sutton (C3)	NOT FILLED (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Jon Terlouw	Jackson Coco Emma Coco John Harrington NOT FILLED	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, May 28 7:45 AM	James Gaffigan (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Christina Baker	Theresa Gaffigan (1) Peggy Estes (2)	Tom Stawicki (C2) Robbie Estes (C3)	Greg Woodell (A-B) Karen Howard (C) Amanda Cantu (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		Cole Jones Wyatt Jones Oscar Koll NOT FILLED	Ana Krus
Sunday, May 28 10:00 AM	María Méndez (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Charlotte Champagne	Gina Koch (1) Claudia García (2)	Theresa Brauburger (C2) TJ LaPlant (C3)	Daniel Cruz (A-B) Steve Harrington (C) Brian Rabal (D-E) Tim Koch (F)		Gerhardt Brady Caleb Medders Alex Shoemaker Steven Zink	Charlotte Champagne
Sunday, May 28 11:45 AM	Lily Farley (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Mirna Serrano	Iván Sanabria (H1) Olga Serrano (H2)	Ricardo Almaraz (C1) Eva Miramón (C2) Héctor Rangel (C3) María Elena Calderón (C4)	J. Concepción Serrano (A-B) Juan Manuel Durán (C) Juan Diego Hernández (D-E) María Muñoz (F)		Rick Almaras Aldo Trujillo NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Walter Hernández
Sunday, May 28 5:00PM	Libby Harris (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	NOT FILLED (1) Catherine Garner (2)	Jenny Harris (C2) NOT FILLED (C3)	Rob Brothers (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bryan Bacon