



**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

July 23, 2023

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

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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.*

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

**Holy Family Foster and Adoption Support Ministry:** Is a support group for current foster or adoptive families or families seeking to foster or adopt through the foster care system.

**Donate to help waiting children:** Today (July 23rd) is our last day we will be collecting school supplies for children in foster care. See list of needs in Narthex.

If you would like to help or join our ministry. Please email us at fostersupportministry@svdprogers.com.

*Join us*

**St. Stephen's Sacred Art Prayer Group I Pray and I Create (Oro y Creo):** Come join us for our last meeting this summer **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, woodcarving, 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! If you have questions, email: mlane5280@gmail.com.

**Amory Respeto:** El Ministerio Amory Respeto los invita cordialmente a su VI Aniversario que se llevará a cabo los días: **viernes 4 de agosto de 6:00pm-9:00pm** y **sábado 5 de agosto de 8:00am-6:00pm** en el **Centro de Vida Parroquial**. Para más información, habrá una mesa en el Nártex. ¡Los esperamos!

**NWA Ignatian Experience Offering:** An evening with Vinita Hampton Wright, author of *Set The World on Fire, Female Doctors of the Church*.

**Date:** Monday, July 31st  
**Time:** 6:00pm-8:00pm  
**Place:** St. Raphael Catholic Church  
1386 S. West End  
Springdale, AR 72764.

We will be meeting in the St. Michael Room. This event is free, all are invited. We are very excited for this opportunity to receive insights from this special author. Contact Lainie Snider 806-584-4160 or

lainiesnider@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

**St. Stephen Catholic Church Financial Update:** Our Parish's financial year began July 1st. St. Stephen has grown to be the 3rd largest parish in the Diocese of Little Rock. Our 2023-2024 budget calls for **Stewardship** to be **\$1,825,000** or **\$152,083.33** per month and the **Growth Fund** to be **\$175,000** or **\$14,583.33** per month.

Please prayerfully consider our Parish's funding needs in your monthly budget. Our growth has required larger financial contributions to provide quality programs, maintain and improve our building and hire/retain quality staff. Projects dedicated to our *Growth Fund* are well underway with some already complete. See the poster in the Narthex for a list of the *Growth Fund* projects. The Finance Council, along with Monsignor, are very conscientious of your giving and the cost of operations.

Thank you for all you have provided St. Stephen to reach this point. Our parish will continue to flourish with your spiritual and financial support.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul: (SSBC)** This week by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold. Pantry needs: chicken noodle soup, canned fruit, cleaning supplies.

**Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl: (SSBC)** Esta semana, al depositar una donación en la Caja de San Vicente de Paúl, tenga por seguro que juntos producirán un fruto cien veces mayor.  
*Necesidades de despensa: sopa de fideos con pollo, fruta enlatada, productos de limpieza.*

RCIA stands for the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. This process of formation, also called the "catechumenate," was the normal way people became Christians in the early Church. Over time, the practice gradually disappeared. It was restored by the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) to meet the needs of an increasingly secular population in Europe and North America, and in places like Africa and Asia where the Gospel was still relatively unknown.

RCIA is not a program, but a gradual process in which one who, after hearing the mystery of Christ explained, freely



chooses to follow him in the faith of the Holy Catholic Church. RCIA consists of four periods: the period of Inquiry, the Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment, and Mystagogy. The first period, the period of Inquiry, the individuals are introduced to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. This period focuses on the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which reveal the true face of Christ. It can last any length of time, although it usually lasts about three months. No commitment is expected at this time. It is simply a time for listening and asking questions. After this introductory period, you may decide to take the first step in becoming Catholic.

During this period, you will learn about Catholic beliefs and practice with a view toward making a firm commitment to Christ & his Church. This period is called the Catechumenate. Like the period of Inquiry, the Catechumenate can last any length of time, usually lasts about three or four months. The next step begins the period of Purification and Enlightenment. This period coincides with the season of Lent (early spring). It is a time of strengthening one's commitment through prayer, fasting and careful reflection on what it means to follow Christ in his Church. This period culminates at the Easter Vigil with the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Once a person has received the sacraments of initiation he or she becomes a "neophyte," which means "beginner" or "novice." The fourth & final period is called Mystagogy, which lasts for seven weeks and ends at Pentecost.

During this period the meaning of God's Word, the sacraments, Christian life and prayer is experienced and reflected upon more deeply. It is a time of growth as one's faith matures through worship, study and prayer.

We meet every Wednesday except for Thanksgiving week, Christmas & Spring Break. Schedules with topics will be

furnished along with easy to read materials for weekly discussion.

Classes for RCIA officially begin **Wednesday, August 16th at 7:00pm** in the **St. Jerome room**. Topic: *Journey of Faith/Call to Holiness*. All are welcome!

**The Legion of Mary:** Do you pray the Rosary daily? The Legion of Mary at St. Stephen needs you as an auxiliary member. The auxiliaries are the left wing of the Legion's praying army. Its service consists in the daily recitation of the prayers in the Tesserá with your daily Rosary. Tesserá pamphlets will be in cabinet beside the office.



**La Legión de María:** ¿Rezas el Rosario a diario? La Legión de María en San Esteban la necesita como miembro auxiliar. Los auxiliares son el ala izquierda del ejército de oración de la Legión. Su servicio consiste en el rezo diario de las oraciones en la Tesserá con su Rosario diario. Los folletos de Tesserá estarán en un gabinete al lado de la oficina.

**Project Rachel:** Has abortion left you with a broken heart? There will be a Day of Prayer & Healing Retreats. Saturday, **July 29th 9:00am-5:00pm** Little Rock area. For more information & registration, call or text our **confidential** helpline 501-663-0996 or: [projectrachel@dolr.org](mailto:projectrachel@dolr.org)

There is hope, there is healing. Come experience God's love and mercy!



**Eucharistic Revival:** Several of you have asked how you can prepare for the upcoming Eucharistic Revival study program. It is a 7-week study called *"Jesus and the Eucharist"*. It will be available from the National Eucharistic Revival committee in September.

You can learn about it by watching the video at the following link.

Scroll down to "Training Sessions" and click English or Spanish.  
<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/formation-resources>

There is another training session on August 1 at 7:00pm. To register, click this link. <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/bishop-cozzens-webinar>

**NWA Respect Life:** If you have felt the Holy Spirit nudging you to be more involved in promoting Life, now is your



chance! On **Monday, August 14th** from **6:00pm-7:30pm**, NWA Respect Life will be hosting a gathering/information/sign-up for:

- Prayerful presence at Planned Parenthood & Reaching out to abortion and transgender minded clients at Planned Parenthood.
- Promotion of Safe Haven Baby Boxes.
- Memorial Cross Locations.
- Our next NWA March for Life and Procession of Roses.

We will meet in the Center for Non-Profits, 1200 W. Walnut Conference Room off of Main Floor (the old St. Mary's Hospital) Sandwiches, snacks and drinks will be served. Please text/call at 469-231-1959 if interested or if you have any questions. Please pray about this and if Jesus is calling you say, "Here I am! Ready!"

**Safe Haven Baby Box:** Arkansas will soon be opening yet another Safe Haven Baby Box. That makes **17!** Praise God! This **Sunday, July 23th at 1:00pm**, there will be a BBQ and Blessing to dedicate the new Baby Box in Siloam Springs.

Address: 1450 Cheri Whitlock Drive  
Siloam Springs, AR

**St. Anne and St. Joaquin:** On July 26th, the Feast Day of St. Anne and St. Joachim, we honor the lives of Mary's parents, the earthly grandparents of Jesus.

As existing information about Saints Anne and Joachim comes from the

Gospel of James and Catholic legend, there is debate over the details of their lives.

But regardless, it can be agreed that to be the parents of Jesus's earthly mother, Saint Anne and Saint Joachim must have been faithful, devoted parents indeed. The patronage of Saint Anne includes grandparents, couples without children, women in labor, and women unable to conceive. Likewise, Saint Joachim is considered the patron of grandfathers, fathers, and grandparents.

God of our fathers, you gave Saints Anne and Joachim the privilege of being the parents of Mary, the mother of your incarnate Son. May their prayers help us to attain the salvation you have promised to your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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## Church Operations for July

Operating Expenses .....\$66,753

Let us prepare for the Kingdom of Heaven, by sending up our investment ahead of time, but our tithe of time, talent and treasure.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$76,784	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$8,932	\$21,000

## Scripture Readings for 07/30/2023

1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12

Ps 119 (118): 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Rom 8: 28-30

Mt 13: 44-52

## Growth Fund Progress



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, July 22

5:00PM John † & Dorothy Pacheco †

### Sunday, July 23

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM Scripture Sisters

11:45AM Almas del Purgatorio

5:00PM Msgr. Scott Marczuk

### Monday, July 24

12:00PM Edward Ertl †

### Tuesday, July 25

12:00PM Steve Culling †

### Wednesday, July 26

12:00PM Criss Espinosa & Family

### Thursday, July 27

12:00PM Demetrio † & Guadalupe Trujillo †

### Friday, July 28

12:00PM Mark & Mike Mumaugh

### Saturday, July 29

5:00PM Bernadette Dalrymple †

### Sunday, July 30

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM Don Gempler †

11:45AM Almas del Purgatorio

5:00PM Aurora Santos †

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July	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, July 29 5:00 PM	Diana Goodwin (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Jon Terlouw	Lori Terlouw (H1) Margie O'Grady (H2)	Sherolyn Johnson (C2) Jack McDaniel (C3)	Jack Kelley (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Jon Terlouw	Jackson Coco Emma Coco John Harrington	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, July 30 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Kira O'Shaughnessy (H1) April Appleby (H2)	Tom Stawicki (C2) NOT FILLED (C3)	Karen Howard (A-B) Greg Woodell (C) Amanda Cantu (D-E) Peggy Estes (F)		Owen Gautier NOT FILLED Oscar Koll	Ana Krus
Sunday, July 30 10:00 AM	María Méndez (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mary Kate Beckham	TJ LaPlant (H1) Gina Koch (H2)	Bruce Beckham (C2) Kathryn Gough (C3)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Steve Harrington (C) Kevin Clemens (D-E) Tim Koch (F)		Caleb Medders Kai Keller Alex Shoemaker Brecklyn Keller	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, July 30 11:45 AM	María Almaraz (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Iván Sanabria	Dcn. Jesús Ramos (A) Brenda Cruz (B)	Noel Pérez (C1) María Elena Calderón (C2) Eva Miramón (C3) Héctor Rangel (C4)	Juan Manuel Durán Martínez (A-B) María Barajas (C) Bertha Váldez (D-E) María Salcedo (F)		Aldo Trujillo Rick Almaras Christian Pérez NOT FILLED	Iván Sanabria
Sunday, July 30 5:00PM	Keynes Wright (Both Readings & Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Dcn. Ken Hunter (H1 & Petitions) Jenny Harris (H2)	Catherine Garner (C2) Cathy Townzen (C3)	David Power (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Sherri MacLean