

**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

August 27, 2023

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

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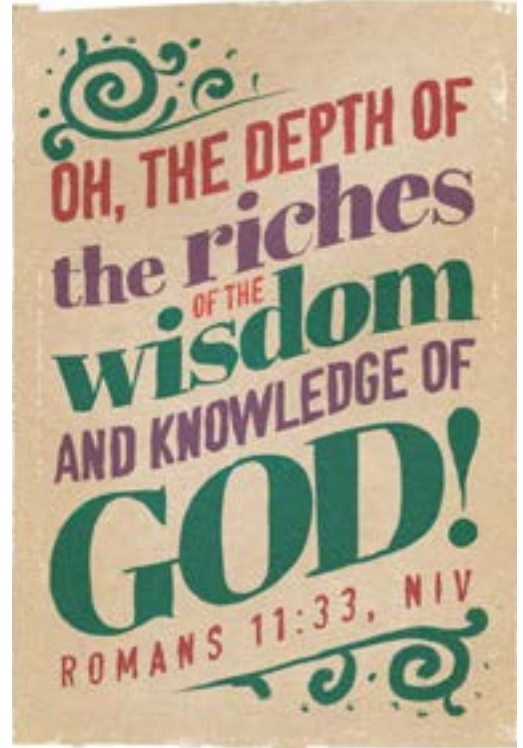
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**Weekday Mass**  
*Misa Entre Semana (Inglés)*  
Mon-Fri / Lun-Vie ..... 12:00PM

**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.

**RICA:** 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.*

**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.



**RCIA:** Join us this **Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00pm** in the **St. Jerome room**. Topic: **"God as Trinity,"** led by Ben. All are welcome!

First Day of St. Stephen Faith Formation Classes by Program:	
AUG 16	RCIA (Adults) - Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm
SEP 7	2nd Year Confirmation - Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm
SEP 10	2nd Year First Communion - Sundays, 8:45-9:45am
SEP 10	Life Teen (9th-12th grades) - Sundays, 4:00-6:00pm
SEP 11	Edge (7th-8th grades) - Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm
OCT 1	Catholic Kids (PreK-4th) - Sundays, 8:45-9:45am
OCT 4	Impact (3rd-6th grades) - Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm
OCT 11	Catholic Kids (PreK-4th) - Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

**NWA Ignatian Experience Offering:** New Book: **Love** - A guide for prayer by Jacqueline Syrup Bergan and Sister Marie Schwan. Prayer is our personal response to God's presence. We become aware that Jesus is present in each of us every day. This Six Week Prayer experience invites participants to commit to daily prayer. We will meet in St. Anne Room.

**Sept. 11th: Checking in -Faith Sharing**  
6:30pm-8:00pm;  
**Sept. 25th: Final Faith Sharing.**  
6:30pm-8:00pm

For questions, please contact Lainie Snider at 806-584-4160.

**St. Stephen Knights of Columbus:** Will be sponsoring the Memorial Cross display. 1000 crosses will be placed in our front lawn to remember the 240,000 babies lost to abortion in Arkansas. We will meet at **8:00am on Sat. Sept. 9th**. With enough volunteers, we should be finished by 10:00 a.m. Please call text Eduardo Maiz, 787-642-3330 with questions and to sign-up. Please be sure to bring your rubber mallet!



**Seven Sisters Apostolate:** All women are given the invitation to emulate our most Holy Blessed Virgin Mother Mary's fidelity as the first and most perfect disciple, in "hidden" support of her Divine Son, the Great High Priest. Our priests at Saint Stephen Catholic Church are called to shepherd us. Therefore, like Mother Mary, we are called to "hidden" prayer support for our priestly Shepherds, Rev. Msgr. Scott L. Marczuk and Fr. Paulin Raj.

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

Each of the seven women commits to a different day of the week and will offer one Holy Hour on that day for the designated priest, thus offering a seamless week of Holy Hours for that priest. The gift is for a year. This apostolate is not an exclusive group.

All are welcome. Those who have previously participated in the Seven Sisters Holy Hour, please make contact also.

For further information or to commit, contact MaryClaire May: 605-863-1083 (call or text) or email: mmay@gwtc.net

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC)** This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish. Pantry needs: canned chicken/meat, cake/brownie mix, dried beans, crackers, peanut butter & jelly, laundry soap, pasta sauce.

**Invitation to Personal Prayer (IPP):** For those who desire to grow their prayer life but are new to Ignatian spirituality and methods, we will start 9 weeks of IPP. Groups forming now and will kick off in mid-September. Available dates and times are listed on registration form (Below QR Code). If you have already taken IPP, you can do it again or move on to DP.

**Registration deadline: 9/6/23**



**Save the Date! Eucharistic Revival Retreat:** We will be hosting a Eucharistic Revival Retreat led by Dr. Jared Staudt of Exodus 90. The day will start at **8:00am on Saturday, October 28th** and conclude at 2:45 with Confession and Mass to follow. Cost to register will be \$10 and lunch is included. More details to come!



**Come join us!** Timothy Glemkowski, President and Founder of L'Alto Catholic Institute, a not-for-profit apostolate that works with parishes to help them become more effective at forming disciples, will lead the following topics **September 19th, 2023** at the **Parish Life Center**.

**"Why the Eucharist?"** at 6:00pm.

**"Why I believe the Church's Teachings on the Eucharist."** at 7:00pm.

**Hub of Hope NWA:** On **September 9th** they will be hosting a half-day human trafficking awareness training. **Bentonville Library**, 9:00am - 1:00pm. Join us Sept. 30th "High Tea with the King" from 11:am-2:00pm at Joppa House. (1225 W Hudson Rd. Rogers, AR) Featuring *Putting on the Full Armor of God* and awareness of human trafficking with several guest speakers from our community. It is free and everyone will have an opportunity to lean in any way they would like from financial donations to volunteering.

**Diocesan Directory:** The 2024 Diocese of Little Rock Directory is coming soon. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your house or car to find Mass times for another parish or to call or e-mail a parish, priest, deacon or religious in the diocese. It costs only \$15, which includes shipping.

Send your check or money order to Directory, Arkansas Catholic, P.O. Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217. Directories will be shipped in October.

**NWA Respect Life:** Once again we have the privilege of serving the poor a "home cooked" meal. Back by popular demand, we will be grilling burgers & hot dogs along with all the fixings. A Sign-up Genius for the event will be following soon. **Date:** Thursday, September 21st.

**Time:** 4:30pm; **Place:** The Eighth Street Motel (915 S. 8th St. Rogers, AR 72756.)

**Called and Gifted Classes:** St. Joseph (Fayetteville) is offering Called and Gifted Classes this Fall.

**Part I:** Fri, Sep. 15th 5:00pm-9:00pm  
Sat. Sep. 16th 7:00am-3:00pm  
Sat. Sep. 23rd 7:00am-3:00pm

**Part II:** Sat. Oct. 21st 7:00am-3:00pm  
Sat. 28th 7:00am-3:00pm; Sat. Nov. 11th 7:00am-3:00pm; Sat. Nov. 18th 7:00am-3:00pm; Sat. Jan. 13th 7:00am-12:00pm

The cost of the classes is \$50.00, which includes books for Parts I and II. All the materials are provided by the St. Catherine of Sienna Institute. You must be 18 years of age or older to participate in the classes. For more information or to register **before September 8th** email: [called.giftedarkansas@gmail.com](mailto:called.giftedarkansas@gmail.com)

**New Diocesan Job Opening:** Young Adult Ministry Coordinator for NW Arkansas to collaborate with pastors to understand, engage and integrate young adults in the faith community. Position offers excellent compensation and benefits and requires practicing Catholic with training in theology, catechesis, religious studies or related background. Experience with young adults preferred, and ability to work flexible 40 hour schedule, evenings and weekends and travel throughout NW Arkansas. To apply, please send resume to Jeff Hines, Diocesan Faith Formation Director, at [jhines@dolr.org](mailto:jhines@dolr.org), or email him for more information.

**Ministry Scheduling:** Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of October, November, and December. This will include special Masses for All Saints/All Souls Day (Oct. 31, Nov. 1-2), Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 23), Immaculate Conception (Dec. 7-8), Christmas Eve and Christmas Day,

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Please let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter **before Friday, Sept 1st** calling the church office: (479)273-1240 or [ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com).

No response, indicates you do not have conflicts for your preferred Mass time. The parish office does not find subs.

**CYA:** Are you a **Catholic Young Adult** between the ages of 21-39? If so, we are hosting our kickoff event: SUMMIT XLT event on **Thursday, September 28th from 6:45pm - 8:30pm**, just for you! This will be a time of praise and worship, with the opportunity for reconciliation. We will begin in the main Church at 6:45pm, afterward will have a short social to meet other Catholic Young Adults in our area and introduce our schedule of events for Fall 2023. Be a friend, bring a friend! We are overjoyed to be able to offer this BRAND-NEW ministry here at St. Stephen to the Catholic Young Adult community in our parish, hope you can make it.

If you are not in the group me, or have questions, please contact Jessica Petter at [jpetter@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:jpetter@ststephenbentonville.com)

**Life Teen (9th-12th):** Life Teen is for our 9th through 12th grade students, and it kicks off on **Sunday, September 10th at 6pm**. We ALWAYS serve dinner so come hungry! We will be playing Ultimate Gaga (for those of you who grew up going to Catholic School, they call it Bosco Ball) as well as other activities. Be a friend, bring a friend.

Life Teen meets every **Wednesday for Bible Study from 6:30pm-8:00pm**. We have dinner and games from 6:30pm-7:00pm, and then open the Word! We USUALLY meet in the Bosco House, but it is currently undergoing waterline repairs, so we are meeting in the Family Life Center for the time being. Just listen for the sounds of fun and you'll find your way to us! The door under the awning by the mailbox is the door that will be unlocked.

Life Teen is going on a retreat to Branson over Fall Break (October 13th-15th). Spots are limited and running

out quickly, so please return the form to Jessica as soon as possible! Includes your lodging at a 26-person Airbnb, Silver Dollar City ticket, mini-golf, and much more!

**Edge (7th-8th):** Edge is for our 7th and 8th grade students, and it kicks off on **Monday, September 11th at 6:30pm**. We do not serve dinner, but light refreshments will be provided. We will be playing Ultimate Gaga (for those of you who grew up going to Catholic School, they call it Bosco Ball) as well as other activities.

**The Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Martyr:** Memorial August 29th.

*Saint John the Baptist, you were given a holy mission and sanctified in the womb of your mother in preparation for that mission. You never deviated from your calling and always pointed the way to Christ, the Savior of all. Please pray for us, that we will have the same courage you had and the resolve to fulfill my duties, no matter the cost. Saint John the Baptist, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.*



### Parish Communications

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## Church Operations for August

Operating Expenses .....\$98,057

From the depths of the riches, wisdom and knowledge of God, He gave the keys of authority to Peter the rock of the Church, to bind and loose. How can we fully ever repay the Lord for all that He has done for us?

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$97,447	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$10,515	\$21,000

## Scripture Readings for 09/03/2023

Jer 20: 7-9  
 Ps 63 (62): 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
 Rom 12: 1-2  
 Mt 16: 21-27

## Growth Fund Progress



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, August 26**  
 5:00PM All Lonely Souls

**Sunday, August 27**  
 7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
 10:00AM Scripture Sisters  
 11:45AM Antonio & Olga Almaras  
 5:00PM Maria Keily Tran †

**Monday, August 28**  
 12:00PM Thanksgiving

**Tuesday August 29**  
 12:00PM Fr. Rick Hobbs

**Wednesday, August 30**  
 12:00PM Deacon Ken Hunter & Family

**Thursday, August 31**  
 12:00PM Dayton & Mildred Brean

**Friday, September 1**  
 12:00PM Dayton & Mildred Brean

**Saturday, September 2**  
 9:00AM Thanksgiving  
 5:00PM Aurora Santos †

**Sunday, September 3**  
 7:45AM Joseph Minh Bui †  
 10:00AM María Méndez & Herberto Torres M.  
 11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
 5:00PM Fam. Herrera Maravilla

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, <b>Sept. 2</b> 5:00 PM	Diana Goodwin (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Jon Terlouw	Lori Terlouw (H1) Margie O'Grady (H2)	Jack McDaniel (C2) Susan 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, <b>Sept. 3</b> 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Ana Krus	Robbie Estes (H1) NOT FILLED (H2)	April Appleby (C2) NOT FILLED (C3)	Greg Woodell (A-B) Peggy Estes (C) Karen Howard (D-E) Amanda Cantu (F)		NOT FILLED Wyatt Jones Cole Jones	Ana Krus
Sunday, <b>Sept. 3</b> 10:00 AM	María Méndez (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Greg Brandenburg (H1) Rose Hartnett (H2)	Theresa Brauburger (C2) Pam Willis (C3)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) María Hernández Steve Harrington Kevin Clemens (D-E) Charlotte Champagne (F)		Nicholas Cawein Gerhardt Brady NOT FILLED Steven Zink	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, <b>Sept. 3</b> 11:45PM	Rosalba Ortiz (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Walter Hernández	Iván Sanabria (A) María Elena Calderón (B)	Eva Miramón (C1) Ricardo Almaraz (C2) María Niño (C3) Olga Serrano (C4)	José Ortiz (A-B) María Hernández Juan Diego Hernández (D-E) Juan Manuel Durán Martínez (F)		Gustavo Mata Fátima Mata Allison Mata Eduardo Mata	Walter Hernández
Sunday, <b>Sept. 3</b> 5:00PM	Beatriz Segura (Both Readings & Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Dcn. Ken Hunter (H1 & Petitions) Catherine Garner (H2)	Lisa Juan (C2) Nicholas Tyburski (C3)	Rob Brothers (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) Annabella Tyburski (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Sherri MacLean