

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

September 17, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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



“Forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV

 **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.

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, September 20th at 7:00pm** in the **St. Jerome room**. Topic: **"The Church: One Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic."** All are welcome!



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



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:

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

"Why I believe the Church's Teachings on the Eucharist." at 7:00pm. **September 19th, 2023** at the Parish Life Center.

New Choir Members



Do you find yourself singing or humming to your favorite song throughout the day; in your car, at the office, or even in the shower?

Have you thought about singing in the church choir? After all, singing is praying twice. If you can carry a tune, come carry it with us! We would love to see new faces join as we lead the congregation in song.

Who: Everyone (High school students welcome!)

What: St. Stephen Adult Choir (10:00am Mass starting Oct. 1)

When: Every Thursday from 6:30pm-8:00pm (starting Sept. 28)

Where: Choir Room (St. Cecilia Room)

Why: Use your gift to glorify God! For more information, please contact Jennifer Teague at: music@ststephenbentonville.com

SSBC Catholic Trivia Night II: It's Coming! Save the Date! Spread the Word! Start Practicing!

Question: St. Hilary of Poitiers is the Patron Saint Against Snake Bites. What is his Feast Day?

Answer: January 13th and **January 13th** just happens to be the next date for our **SSBC Catholic Trivia Night**. OK, that question might have been a little hard, but when the weather gets cold outside, get ready for warm fellowship and a Catholic-centered evening full of fun! Mark your calendars. See you there!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC) and 2nd Year Confirmation Students Food Drive: During the weekend of **Sept. 23rd-24th**, after all Holy Masses, students from the **2nd Year Confirmation** classes will be distributing paper bags with the list of needs for the Food Pantry.

The collection of the bags will be on the weekend of **Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st**.



St. Stephen Knights of Columbus: Are having their 1st annual Coats for Families for those in need of coats this Fall and Winter season. Please check your closets for any gentle used coats. We will also be accepting new coats as well. We will begin collecting coats at the Fall Festival on **Sun. Oct. 22nd 2023**. As always, thank you for your continuing generosity and prayers.

Caballeros de Colón de San Esteban: Celebrarán su primera coalecta anual de Abrigos para Familias para aquellos que los necesitan en esta temporada de otoño e invierno. Por favor revise sus armarios en busca de abrigos usados en buen estado. También aceptaremos abrigos nuevos. Comenzaremos a recolectar abrigos en

el Festival de Otoño el **domingo. 22 de octubre de 2023.** Como siempre, gracias por su continua generosidad y oraciones.

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 2:45pm. with Confession and Mass to follow. Cost to register will be \$10 and lunch is included. Scan the QR Code to register or visit our website for more information.



Bingo! Planning has begun for our next **Bingo Night on Sat., Nov. 11th** after the 5pm Mass. If you are interested in helping to plan this fun event, please reach out to marketing@ststephenbentonville.com.

Metanoia: "Metanoia is no insane asylum," said Fr. Jeffrey Bayhi, its founder. "It is a type of hospital of peace, built by God for His hurt angels. It is where girls, at last, learn they are loved for who they are and not for what they do."

"If you feel a desire to fight the evils of human trafficking, remember what Sr. Eugenia Bonetti says: "No one can do everything. And everyone can do something." To learn more about our work, please visit our website Metanoia-inc.org, and consider beginning to explore the possibility of safe havens in your own vicinity. We will consult and help facilitate facilities in your part of the country. You may contact: mjb93053@hotmail.com. We are grateful to the Supreme Knights of Columbus, who have been an enormous help to us in financing bringing nuns to the U.S. from different countries to work with victims. But far, far more help is needed now, and I know it's out there.

40 Days for Life: St. Raphael Church in Springdale was the first church to host a sign-up table for the upcoming 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. Be praying about your time in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood beginning Wed. 9/27 – Sat.y, 11/4. Maybe an hour every day? An hour a week? For 40 Days, s, every day (except Sunday) we will be a prayerful and peaceful presence for Life!

Developing Baby Spiritual Program Months 7 & 8: You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He/she is completely formed, and has been since 8 weeks. All he/she is doing now is gaining weight and making his/her mother uncomfortable with his/her size. But she is not worried. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

There will be a Baby Shower event in the Narthex in the month of October. Stay tuned for more information.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus are still collecting rummage sale items up until **October 7th**. The sale will coincide with FallFest weekend. Looking for working kitchen appliances, clothing, yard tools and small furniture. Thank you for your support. For information or pick-up times, please contact Dan Reiff at (479) 685-3561 or Troy Ward at (479) 899-2196.

Altar Server Training: On Monday, **Sep.18th**, there will be an altar server training at **6:30pm** here at the church. The "service of an altar server" is an important job, it consists of the participation, closeness and help in the celebrations and in all the important services that the priests perform. In this way the altar servers fulfill the desire and commandment of the Lord when he says "Let the children come to me". Some believe that being an altar boy is just a path to being a priest; but this is not always the case, because many have been altar servers and not all become priests.

Girls can also be altar servers. It is that being an altar boy is already an honor in itself, a service to God, to the priests, to the community, a very dignified job. We invite all the boys and girls who have made their First Communion to serve as altar servers. And parents, we ask you to please encourage your children to participate in this ministry. If anyone is interested please call the parish office or contact Ana Krus Akrus@ststephenbentonville.com

St. Pio of Pietrelcina: More commonly known as "Padre Pio," is one of the most extraordinary and fascinating saints of modern times. With an incredible amount of miracles attributed to him, we look to Padre Pio as the patron saint of healing. We celebrate Padre Pio's feast day on **September 23rd**.

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me. I thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world to save and to set me free. I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me.

Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit. Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet.

Cast anything that should not be in me. Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild and replenish any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection by the power of Jesus' precious blood.

Let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire body to heal and make new any diseased areas so that my body will function the way you created it to function. Touch also my mind and my emotion, even the deepest recesses of my heart.

Saturate my entire being with your presence, love, joy and peace and draw me ever closer to you every moment of my life. And Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to do your works so that my life will bring glory and honour to your holy name. I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. -Healing Prayer attributed to St. Padre Pio. -

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Operating Expenses\$29,480

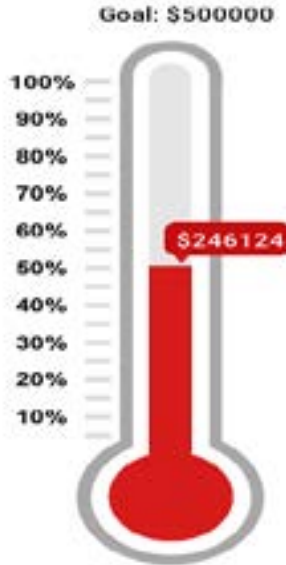
St. Paul reminds the Romans and us that “we live for the Lord,” and “we die for the Lord,” because “we are the Lord’s.” Therefore, as grateful servants we seek to pay back a portion of what we owe the merciful Lord.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$59,540	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$12,089	\$21,000

Scripture Readings for 09/24/2023

Is 55: 6-9
Ps 145 (144): 2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a
Mt 20: 1-16a

Growth Fund Progress



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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday, September 16**
5:00PM Jeffrey Peter Tassani †
- Sunday, September 17**
7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
10:00AM Scripture Sisters
11:45AM Alirio Alvarado †
5:00PM Anthony S. †
- Monday, September 18**
12:00PM Tracy Sullivan
- Tuesday September 19**
12:00PM J. Refugio Trujillo †
- Wednesday, September 20**
12:00PM Reding Family
- Thursday, September 21**
12:00PM Elizabeth Thomas †
- Friday, September 22**
12:00PM Familia Hernández
- Saturday, September 23**
5:00PM Rosalía Rangel †
- Sunday, September 24**
7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
10:00AM Joy McCarthy †
11:45AM Elías Paredes †
5:00PM Jim McCarthy

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Sept. 23 5:00 PM	Jon Terlouw (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Kim Gollhofer	Lori Terlouw (H1) Anita Fomin (H2)	Sherolyn Johnson (C2) Susan McDaniel (C3)	Jack Kelley (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Kim Gollhofer	Jackson Coco Emma Coco John Harrington	Kim Gollhofer
Sunday, Sept. 24 7:45 AM	Sylvester Fernandes (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Ana Krus	Amanda Cantu (H1) Tom Stawicki (H2)	Robbie Estes (C2) April Appleby (C3)	Peggy Estes (A-B) Karen Howard (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		Owen Gautier Wyatt Jones Cole Jones	Ana Krus
Sunday, Sept. 24 10:00 AM	Steve Harrington (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mary Kate Beckham	Charlotte Champagne (H1) Bruce Beckham (H2)	Diedra or Steven Dourth (C2) Kathryn Gough (C3)	Daniel Cruz (A-B) Kevin Clemens (C) Mark Kreuter (D-E) Tim Koch (F)		Caleb Medders Gerhardt Brady Kai Keller Brecklyn Keller	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, Sept. 24 11:45PM	Dulce Ortiz (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Iván Sanabria	Olga Serrano (A) Héctor Rangel (B)	Julián Serrano (C1) Mirna Serrano (C2) Eva Miramón (C3) Crimilda Viera (C4)	J. Concepción Serrano (A-B) José Ortiz (C) María Muñoz (D-E) Juan Diego Hernández (F)		Gustavo Mata Fátima Mata Allison Mata Eduardo Mata	Crimilda Viera
Sunday, Sept. 24 5:00PM	Eric Belin (Both Readings & Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Dcn. Ken Hunter (H1 & Petitions) Catherine Garner (H2)	Rob Brothers (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