



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 24, 2023

Twenty-Fifth 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



 **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.

RICIA: 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.

RICIA: 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 27th at 7:00pm** in the **St. Jerome room**. Topic: **"History of the Church Part 1."** Led by Ed Viera. All are welcome!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC) and 2nd Year Confirmation Students Food Drive: This weekend (**Sep. 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 gently 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 coleccion 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.*

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.

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.



Following the noon Holy Mass, **September 29-October 6**, we invite you to pray with us the Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary in preparation of her **Feast Day on October 7th**. Join us after the **9:00 am First Saturday Mass on October 7th for the final day of our Novena**. It will be followed by the Holy Rosary in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On the weekend that falls in the middle of this Novena, or for those who cannot attend, we encourage you to follow along on your own at <https://americanneedsfatima.org/prayers/>



Knights of Columbus: On Sunday, **October 22nd**, the **Knights of Columbus** will host their fantastic **Fall Festival** including games, bingo, children's events, pony rides, tractor rides, DJ music, all the food and drinks you wish and much more.

It will coincide with the rummage sale and collection of coats for families. You will be able to purchase the popular 50/50 raffle tickets after Mass the weekend of October 7th and 8th and October 14th-15th and the day the event. All funds are provided to the many charities supported by the Knights.

Statue Desecration: On the evening of **Friday, Sept 15th**, it was observed that the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary located in the Rosary Garden in the NE section of the Church had been vandalized, with the hands and face being damaged. This incident was reported to the civil and ecclesiastical authorities and arrangements are being sought to remedy the situation. While similar incidents are being reported across the country, unfortunately our parish was not exempt. Whenever desecration of a sacred image occurs, it is appropriate and necessary

to offer reparation for the offense to Almighty God and to pray for those who perpetrate such sacrilegious actions.

Therefore, you are invited to join in the recitation of the Holy Rosary on the First Saturday of **October, the 7th** after the **9:00am Mass**, which is also the **Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary**. Also a Holy Hour of Adoration and Reparation will be conducted on **Thursday, Oct 12th at 7:00 pm**.

Volunteers: Looking for volunteer hours for your high-school student? Scan the QR code below to see the various opportunities we have at all of our events or reach out to youthoffice@ststephenbentonville.com.



Public Square Rosary Crusade: Join us to pray the Holy Rosary **Saturday, October 15th** at Noon at the Bentonville Square. For more information, please contact Aida Gaddi (630) 669-6925.



Also, join us for the **Rosary Coast to Coast** on **Saturday, October 7th at 3:00pm** in the Rosary Garden located at St. Stephen Catholic Church.

Respect Life Mass: Everyone is invited to attend the diocesan Respect Life Mass at the **Cathedral of St. Andrew**, 617 Louisiana St., Little Rock, at **noon on October 1, 2023**.

Fr. John Connell, Vicar General, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This Mass marks the beginning of Respect Life Month, when the Church asks us to consider more deeply how we uphold the life and human dignity of each person, especially those who are most vulnerable.

There will also be a **Holy Hour** for Life at the **Shrine of Divine Mercy**, 801 Sherman St., Little Rock, at **3:00 p.m.** Please join us for these pro-life events and pray that

every human life, from the moment of conception until natural death and in every circumstance across the lifespan will be respected, protected, and cherished.

Ozark Catholic Academy: Offers a classical, integrated education for grades 9-12. The academic program at OCA engages students in critical thinking and engages students to become self-regulated learners in preparation for success in college and in life. Our student-athletes have the opportunity to participate in an array of sports, including back-to-back state championship teams. Join us for Open House on Sunday, October 8th from 1-3 PM. Meet faculty, staff, and students and discover all that OCA has to offer! For more information, email admissionsoca@ozarkcatholic.org #OnlyOCA



St. Vincent De Paul: The Church is for all God's children, rich and poor, peasants and scholars, the sophisticated and the simple. But obviously the greatest concern of the Church must be for those who need the most help—those made helpless by sickness, poverty, ignorance, or cruelty. Vincent de Paul is a particularly appropriate patron for all Christians today, when hunger has become starvation, and the high living of the rich stands in more and more glaring contrast to the physical and moral degradation in which many of God's children are forced to live. **Feast Day:** September 27, 2023.



Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels, Sept. 29th: The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. Source: catholicculture.org

Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, we invoke your powerful intercession before the throne of God in heaven. By your spiritual assistance, protect us from harm, heal us of our infirmities, and convey to us God's will for our lives.



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Church Operations for September

Operating Expenses\$46,794

For St. Paul (Philippians 1:20-24)
 "living in flesh" meant "fruitful labor"
 as he continued to minister to the
 Church for the benefit of the members.
 As faithful laborers in God's vineyard,
 may we also continue the burden of the
 heat, working and contributing to the
 building of His Kingdom.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$83,683	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$14,336	\$ 21,000

Scripture Readings for 10/01/2023

Ezek 18: 25-28

Ps 25 (24): 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

Phil 2: 1-11

Mt 21: 28-32

Growth Fund Progress

Goal: \$500000



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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, September 25

12:00PM Thanksgiving

Tuesday September 26

12:00PM Aurelia Garduño †

Wednesday, September 27

12:00PM Marlén Chávez & Family

Thursday, September 28

12:00PM Frank Verucchi †

Friday, September 29

12:00PM Alberto Soriano †

Saturday, September 30

5:00PM Deceased members of DiGiacomo and Pacheco Family

Sunday, October 1

7:45AM Andrew Lac Tran †

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM Salvador Calderón †

5:00PM Harry Schoewe

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Sept. 30 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Nicholas Tyburski (H1) Davina Collins (H2)	Jack McDaniel (C2) Susan McDaniel (C3)	Annabella Tyburski (A-B) Jack Kelley (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Jackson Coco Emma Coco John Harrington	Bryan Bacon
Sunday, Oct. 1 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Kira O'Shaughnessy - (H1) Christina Baker - (H2)	Amanda Cantu (C1) Greg Brandenburg (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) Gerard Davenport (C) Karen Howard (D-E) Greg Woodell (F)		Owen Gautier Oscar Koll NOT FILLED	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Oct. 1 10:00 AM	Rose Hartnett (Both Readings, and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Dcn. Ken Hunter (H1 & Petitions) Kathryn Gough (H2)	Pam Willis (C2) Claudia Garcia (C3)	NOT FILLED (A-B) Daniel Cruz (C) Steve Harrington (D-E) Charlotte Champagne (F)		Nicholas Cawein Gerhardt Brady Alex Shoemaker Steven Zink	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Oct. 1 11:45PM	Luis Carlos Barquero (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Crimilda Viera	María Niño (A) María Elena Calderon (B)	Marcela Esquivel (C1) Noel Pérez (C2) Brenda Cruz (C3) Ricardo Almaraz (C4)	María Salcedo (A-B) Bertha Váldez (C) María Munoz (D-E) Victor López (F)		Aldo Trujillo Alondra Niño-Perez Christian Pérez Rick Almaras	Crimilda Viera
Sunday, Oct. 1 5:00PM	Tracy Sullivan (Both Readings & Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Katie Morris (H1) Lisa Juan (H2)	Susan Davis (C2) Chris Davis (C3)	Rob Brothers (A-B) David Power (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Brian Ganey Brennan Ganey	Sherri MacLean