



**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

October 1, 2023

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Vigésimo Sexto 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.

**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.*

**RCIA:** Join us this **Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00pm** in the **St. Jerome room**. Topic: **"History of the Church Part 2."** Led by Ed Viera. All are welcome!



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSBC) and 2nd Year Confirmation Students Food Drive:** This weekend (**Sep. 30th-Oct. 1st**) after all Holy Masses, students from the **2nd Year Confirmation** classes will be collecting paper bags that were distributed the past weekend. Thank you for your generous support!



**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 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.*

**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](mailto:marketing@ststephenbentonville.com).

**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://americaneedsfatima.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](mailto:youthoffice@ststephenbentonville.com).



**Speaker Series:** Come join us **Monday, October 2nd at 6:00pm** for our next guest speaker Erin Pohlmeier **"Theology of the Body & the Eucharist."**



**Annual Bread Sale:** St. Stephen Preschool is having their Annual Bread Sale the weekend of **October 6th**. We will begin selling at First Friday Mass at noon on the 6th and continue selling after each Mass over the weekend until all the bread is sold. Large loaves will be \$5 and mini loaves will be \$3. All proceeds go to support St. Stephen Preschool. We appreciate your support!

**Columbarium All Souls Special Blessing:** The Columbarium Committee will be hosting the annual All Saints/All Souls Blessing on **Sunday, October 29th**, beginning at **12:45pm**. All families with loved ones interred in the St. Stephen Columbarium are invited to attend.

**Bendición especial de Todos los Difuntos del Columbario:** *El Comité del Columbario organizará la Bendición anual de Todos*

los Santos/Todos los Difuntos el **domingo 29 de octubre, a partir de las 12:45 p.m.** Están invitadas a asistir todas las familias con seres queridos enterrados en el Columbario San Esteban.

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.



**Public Square Rosary Crusade:** Also, join us to pray the Holy Rosary **Saturday, October 14th** at noon at the Bentonville Square. For more information, please contact Aida Gaddi (630) 669-6925.

**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](mailto:admissionsoca@ozarkcatholic.org) #OnlyOCA



**Brewtober Chilifest:** St. Raphael Catholic Church invites you to their annual Brewtober Chilifest. It's indoors this year! Ticket prices: \$40 presale / \$45 at the door.

**St. Stephen Benevolent Conference:** Would like to thank all parishioners for your generous donation during the recent Food Drive. Blessings to All!

**Conferencia Benevolente de San Esteban:** *Agradece a todos los feligreses por su generosa donación durante la reciente colecta de alimentos. ¡Bendiciones para Todos!*



**October 2:** The Holy Guardian Angels.  
**October 4:** St. Francis of Assisi  
**October 5:** St. Faustina Kowalska

**Feast Day Our Lady of the Rosary:** Saint Pius V established the feast of Our Lady of Victory to thank God for the Christian defeat of the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to praying the rosary. Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to Feast of the Holy Rosary—originally celebrated on the first Sunday in October—in 1573. Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716. And in 1913, Saint Pius X set the date for the feast that we know today of **October 7th**.

The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary.

Though Mary's giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as "the apostle of the rosary." He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to consist of 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion. Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen. Source: [aletea.org](http://aletea.org)



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## Church Operations for September

Operating Expenses .....\$91,901

In Philippians 2:1-11, St. Paul desires that we “do nothing out of selfishness,” but that we be of the “same mind, same love, united in heart, one in thinking,” so that together we may do the Father’s will and praise the name of Jesus. May this message inspire us to also honor Him with our collective act of charitable giving.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$108,131	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$17,513	\$ 21,000

## Scripture Readings for 10/07/2023

Is 5: 1-7  
 Ps 80 (79): 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20  
 Phil 4: 6-9  
 Mt 21: 33-43

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## Growth Fund Progress

Goal: \$500000



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**Monday, October 2**  
 12:00PM Tricia Powers

**Tuesday October 3**  
 12:00PM Mariana Paz †

**Wednesday, October 4**  
 12:00PM Monica Shoemaker & Family

**Thursday, October 5**  
 12:00PM Jim Helms †

**Friday, October 6**  
 12:00PM Almas del Purgatorio

**Saturday, October 7**  
 9:00AM Fr. Rick Hobbs  
 5:00PM Ancestors (Fore Fathers)

**Sunday, October 8**  
 7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
 10:00AM Scripture Sisters  
 11:45AM Ramón & Margarita Almaras  
 5:00PM All Lonely Souls

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Oct. 7 5:00 PM	Diana Goodwin (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Jon Terlouw	Jill Saulsbery - EMC - HOST (1) Lori Terlouw - EMC - HOST (2)	Sherolyn Johnson (C1) James Sutton (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) Steve Saulsbery (C) Jack Kelley (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Steve Saulsbery	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED John Harrington	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, Oct. 8 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Christina Baker	April Appleby - EMC - HOST (1) Amanda Cantu - EMC - HOST (2)	Tony Baker (C1) Robbie Estes (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) Gerard Davenport (C) Peggy Estes (D-E) NOT FILLED		NOT FILLED NOT FILLED Oscar Koll	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Oct. 8 10:00 AM	Greg Brandenburg (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Theresa Brauburger	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Nancy Verlage - EMC - HOST (2)	TJ LaPlant (C1) Diedra or Steven Dourth (C2)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Steve Harrington Kevin Clemens (D-E) Charlotte Champagne (F)		Caleb Medders Gerhardt Brady Alex Shoemaker Steven Zink	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, Oct. 8 11:45PM	Marta Hernández (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Walter Hernández	Ricardo Almaraz - EMC - Comunión (A) Olga Serrano - EMC Comunión (B)	Eva Miramón (C1) Héctor Rangel (C3) María Niño (C4) María Elena Calderón (C6)	María Hernández (A-B) J. Concepción Serrano (C) Bertha Váldez (D-E) María Muñoz (F)		Aldo Trujillo Rick Almaras Alondra Nino-Perez NOT FILLED	Walter Hernández
Sunday, Oct. 8 5:00PM	Beatriz Segura (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Lisa Juan - EMC - HOST (1) Susan Davis - EMC - HOST (2)	Nicholas Tyburski (C1) Chris Davis (C2)	Annabella Tyburski (A-B) David Power (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Brian Ganey Brennan Ganey	Sherri MacLean