

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

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent
Primer Domingo de Adviento

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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.

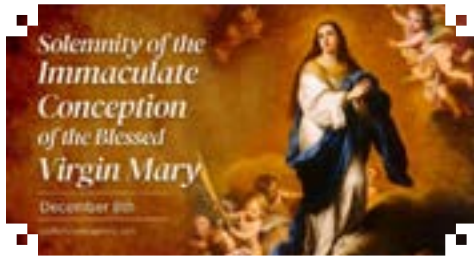
Infant Baptism: Offered once a month in English and Spanish. Baptism preparation required. Parents must be registered members of St. Stephen. No baptisms in December.

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 **Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 7:00pm.** Topic: **"Introduction to the Liturgy & Sacraments"** led by Rev. Msgr. Scott Marczuk in St. Jerome room. All are welcome!



Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times:
Día Santo de Obligación Horario de Misa:

Vigil: Thur., Dec. 7th: 5:30pm English
Vigilia: Jueves, 7 de dic.: 5:30pm Inglés

Friday, Dec. 8th/ Viernes 8 de dic.: 12:00pm English/inglés; 5:30pm English/inglés; 7:00pm Spanish/español

Novena to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception: Following the noon Holy Mass, **November 29-December 7**, we invite you to pray with us the *Novena to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception* in preparation of her **Feast Day, December 8.** Booklets with the novena will be made available during this time. On the weekend that falls in the middle of this Novena, we encourage you to follow along on your own at <https://www.catholicculture.org>

Parish Council Elections: It's that time of year when we think about Parish Council Elections. If you are a registered parishioner in good standing in the Catholic Church, are over the age of 18 and interested in running for parish council or know of someone who is, please fill out one of the nomination forms in the Narthex and drop it in the nomination box. Out of courtesy, please ask the person first before you submit their name. Council members must have the ability to: consider the needs of the entire parish; listen to and consider the ideas of others; be committed to attending meetings; and maintain a respectful attitude towards the teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church. Paid staff members may not be appointed or elected as members of the Council. All names must be submitted by **Dec. 9-10th.**

Elecciones del Consejo Parroquial: Es esa época del año en la que pensamos en las Elecciones del Consejo Parroquial. Si es un feligrés registrado con buena reputación en la Iglesia Católica, tiene más de 18 años y está interesado en postularse para el consejo parroquial o conoce a alguien que lo sea, complete uno de los formularios de nominación en el Narthex y déjelo en el cuadro de nominaciones. Por cortesía, pregúntele primero a la persona antes de enviar su nombre.

Los miembros del consejo deben tener la capacidad de: considerar las necesidades de toda la parroquia; escuchar y considerar las ideas de los demás; comprometerse a asistir a las reuniones; y mantener una actitud respetuosa hacia las enseñanzas y creencias de la Iglesia Católica. Los miembros del personal remunerados no podrán ser nombrados ni elegidos como miembros del Consejo. Todos los nombres deben enviarse antes del 9-10 de diciembre.



St. Mary (Siloam Springs) Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 7:00pm

St. Bernard (Bella Vista) Wednesday, Dec. 6th 11am & 7:00pm

St. Joseph (Tontitown) Monday, Dec. 11th, 6:30pm

St. Anne (Berryville) Wednesday, Dec. 13th 5:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul (Rogers) Thursday, Dec. 14th, 6:30pm

St. Joseph (Fayetteville) Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 6:30pm

St. Raphael (Springdale) Thursday, Dec. 21st, 5:00pm



Circle of Grace: Our Safe Environment Program, will be presented to our youth attending classes for Pre-K-6th grade as follows:

1st Reconciliation: Sunday, December 10th at 8:45am.

2nd Year Confirmation: Thursday, December 14th at 7:00pm.

Safe Environment Training for minors is a requirement by the United State Conference of Catholic

Bishops. This is a requirement for all dioceses in the United States which is mandated in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

Círculo de Gracia: Nuestro programa de Ambiente Seguro, se presentará a nuestros jóvenes que asisten a clases de Pre-K-6to. grado de la siguiente manera:

1era. Reconciliación: Domingo, 10 de diciembre a las 8:45am.

2do. Año de Confirmación: Jueves, 14 de diciembre a las 7:00pm.

La capacitación del Medio Ambiente Seguro para menores es un requisito de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Este es un requisito para todas las Diócesis en los Estados Unidos que está establecido en la Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes.



Jesus & the Eucharist Small Group Study: As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, we will be hosting a Parish-wide small group study titled *"Jesus and the Eucharist!"* We are in need of table facilitators. If you have a love of the Lord, especially in the Eucharist and a desire to build up the Body of Christ in his Church, please send an email to marketing@ststephenbentonville.com or contact the parish office. You do not need to be an expert or a theologian!

Estudio de grupos pequeños de Jesús y la Eucaristía: Como parte del Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional, organizaremos estudio de grupos pequeños en toda la parroquia titulado *"Jesús y la Eucaristía!"* Necesitamos facilitadores de mesa. Si ama al Señor, especialmente en la Eucaristía y desea construir el Cuerpo de Cristo en su Iglesia, envíe un correo electrónico a marketing@ststephenbentonville.com o comuníquese con la oficina parroquial. ¡No es necesario ser un experto ni teólogo!

Ministers, we need your help! There are many needs in the ministry schedule for this upcoming Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Please keep in mind Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and ends at 4:00pm. After 4:00pm on Sunday, December 24th changes to the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. Monday, December 25th is also the

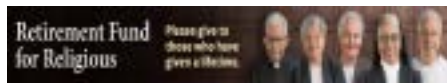
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord and a Holy Day of obligation. These Masses are usually short of ministers and ushers due to travel and help is in great need. If you are a trained minister and are able to serve at any of these times, please call or email the parish office.

Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), 4:00pm – 3 Cup Ministers

Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), 6:00pm – 1 Host Minister, 4 Ushers

Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day), 8:00am – , 2 Host Ministers, 1 Cup Minister, 4 Ushers, 1 Altar Server.

Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day), 10:00am – 2 Host Ministers, 2 Cup Minister, 5 Ushers, 1 Altar Server.



Retirement Fund for Religious: This special collection is taken up in all parishes nationwide this weekend. Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests have spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes and agencies — often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. For more information, contact Dianne Brady, director of the diocesan Stewardship and Development Office, at (501) 664-0340

Fondo Nacional para la Jubilación de los Religiosos: Hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes católicos de órdenes religiosas mayores pasaron su vida en escuelas católicas, hospitales y agencias de servicio social, muchas veces con bajos sueldos. Como consecuencia de aquellos sacrificios, sus comunidades religiosas se hallan ahora sin ahorros suficientes para costear la jubilación y cuidados geriátricos de los miembros.

Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos ayuda con las recetas médicas, cuidados de enfermería y más. Done a aquellos que dieron toda una vida. Para más información, comuníquese con Dianne Brady, directora de la Oficina de Corresponsabilidad y Desarrollo diocesana, al (501) 664-0340.

Thank you for your support!



Year End Donations: Please consider the Parish's financial needs in your year-end giving plans. You can donate online at: <https://ststephenbentonville.com/4125-2/> We are also prepared to handle donations of stock. Or you can scan the QR Code below:



Donaciones de fin de año: Considere las necesidades financieras de la parroquia en sus planes de donaciones de fin de año. Puede donar en línea en: <https://ststephenbentonville.com/4125-2/> También estamos preparados para manejar donaciones de acciones. O puede escanear el código QR arriba indicado.

Sunday Missals: We now have the Sunday Missals for Liturgical Year B available for \$5 each. Look for them on the bookcase outside the Front Office.

Misales dominicales: Ahora tenemos los Misales dominicales para el año litúrgico B, disponibles a \$5 cada uno. Búscalos en la estantería a la par de la Oficina (con ventanales).

2024 Calendars Are Here: Be sure to get your copy of the 2024 Calendar while we have them. They are located on the bulletin table as you exit the church.

Calendarios de 2024 Están Aquí: Asegúrese de obtener su Calendario 2024 mientras duren en existencia. Los encontrarán en la mesa de los boletines al salir de la iglesia.

Cookie Exchange: The St. Stephen Benevolent Conference's **Annual Cookie Exchange** is December 16th and 17th. All proceeds from the sales assist families in our community. More information to follow.

BHS Annual Holiday Concert: The Bentonville High School Chamber Orchestra will host their annual Holiday Concert Series here at St. Stephen on **Monday, December 18th at 6:30pm.** The event is free. Donations are given to the Orchestra to help fund their trips.



40 Days for Life: The Fall 40 Days for Life vigil was a success! There were soooo many new people who participated. However, the Planned Parenthood is still open and I pray God will hurry up and close that evil place. We are already pulling together a team for the Spring 2024 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign. The billboard shown above will be located on I-49, facing South, to be seen by North bound travelers. It will be up from November 27th through February 28, 2024. Thank you St. Stephen Parish for all what it has done to support life.



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Bulletin Deadline: Tue. 12:00 PM (5 days prior to publication date.)
 Email articles to: bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com

Fecha límite del Boletín: Martes a las 12:00 PM (5 días antes de la fecha de publicación). Envíe artículos a: bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com

Church Operations for November

Operating Expenses\$129,533

As we watch and wait for the coming of Jesus during this Advent Season, we recall that the Lord has placed us servants in charge of our work. May we faithfully fulfill all aspects of our stewardship with faithful giving, and offering our time in serving various ministries.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$124,495	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$75,654	\$21,000

Scripture Readings for 12/10/2023

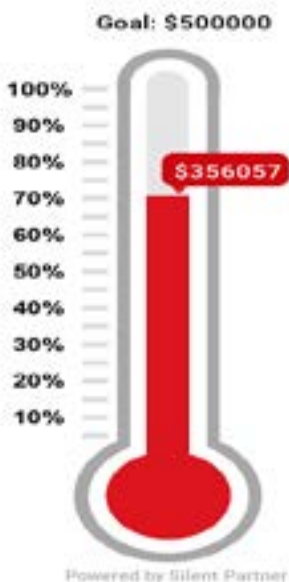
Is 40: 1-5, 9-11

Ps 85 (84): 9-10-11-12, 13-14

2 Pet 3: 8-14

Mk 1: 1-8

Growth Fund Progress



Scan QR Code to create a profile and give online today!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Dec. 2

9:00AM Bud Hesse †

5:00PM Familia Aguilar

Sunday, Dec. 3

7:45AM Jim McCarthy

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM Pedro González † & Ramona Santiago Lugo †

5:00PM Lori Dowd †

Monday, Dec. 4

12:00PM Betty Foxhoven

Tuesday Dec. 5

12:00PM Special Intention

Wednesday, Dec. 6

12:00PM Stephan Savage †

Thursday Dec. 7

12:00PM James Barth

5:30PM Vigil Mass Ron D. Smith †

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, Dec. 8

12:00PM Parishioners/Feligreses

5:30PM Col. Michael Morse †

7:00PM María de Jesús Fajardo †

Saturday, Dec. 9

5:00PM All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, Dec. 10

7:45AM Joy McCarthy †

10:00AM Scripture Sisters

11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00PM Special Intention

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St. Stephen Benevolent Conference: 479-696-9361

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Dec. 9 5:00 PM	Diana Goodwin (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) James Sutton - EMC - HOST (2)	Anita Fomin (C1) Davina Collins (C2)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) Jack Kelley (C) Steve Saulsbery (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Steve Saulsbery	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Dec. 10 7:45 AM	Alric Fernandes (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) April Appleby - EMC - HOST (2)	Robbie Estes (C1) Kira O'Shaughnessy (C2)	Karen Howard (A-B) Peggy Estes (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		Will Kopp Joe Kopp Oscar Koll	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Dec. 10 10:00 AM	Ramon Portilla (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mary Kate Beckham	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) TJ LaPlant - EMC - HOST (2)	Bruce Beckham (C1) Pam Willis (C2)	Charlotte Champagne (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Daniel Cruz (D-E) Kevin Clemens (F)		Caleb Medders Gerhardt Brady Alex Shoemaker Steven Zink	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, Dec. 10 11:45PM	Luis Carlos Barquero (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Walter Hernández	Ricardo Almaraz - EMC - Comunión (A) Héctor Rangel - EMC - Comunión (B)	Olga Serrano (C1) Eva Miramón (C3) María Niño (C4) Crimilda Viera (C6)	J. Concepción Serrano (A-B) José Ortiz (C) María Barajas (D-E) Juan Diego Hernández (F)		Aldo Trujillo Alondra Niño-Pérez NOT FILLED Rick Almaras	Walter Hernandez
Sunday, Dec. 10 5:00PM	Beatriz Segura (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Chris Davis - EMC - HOST (2)	Katie Morris (C1) Cathy Townzen (C2)	David Power (A-B) Rob Brothers (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Agustin Rosso Brennan Ganey	Bryan Bacon