

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 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent
Tercer Domingo de Adviento

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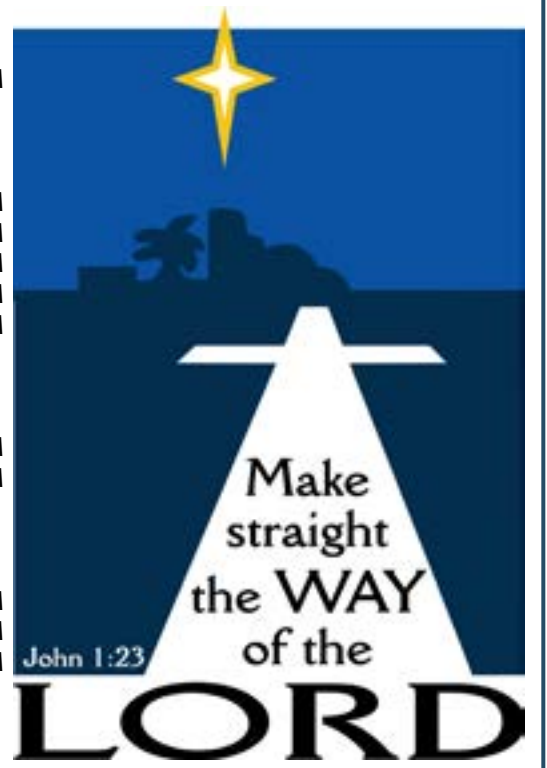
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Weekday Mass
Misa Entre Semana (Inglés)
Mon-Fri / Lun-Vie 12:00PM

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.

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.

RCIA: We will not meet during the Holiday Season. Our next class will be **Wednesday, Jan. 10th at 7:00pm.** All are welcome!



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

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



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.



SSBC Cookie Exchange: The SSBC Cookie Exchange is this weekend after all Masses or until the cookies run out. All proceeds support our neighbors in need in our community with food, rent and utilities. Thank you to all of the parishioners that have baked and/or bought cookies!

El Intercambio de Galletas SSBC es este fin de semana después de todas las Misas o hasta que se acaben las galletas. Todos los ingresos apoyan a nuestros vecinos necesitados de nuestra comunidad con alimentos, alquiler y servicios públicos. Gracias a todos los feligreses que han horneado y/o comprado galletas.



"Las Posadas": Join us as we bring to life the story of Mary and Joseph searching for a place to give birth. This event will run from **December 15 – 23.** On Dec. 20th, the Posadas will be in English. (The rest of the days will be in Spanish.) We will begin in the church at **7:00 pm** to pray the rosary then begin the procession through the church at 7:25. At 7:40 we will have a potluck in the Parish Life Center. Reach out to marketing@ststephenbentonville.com or call the parish office if you have any questions.

"Las Posadas": *Únase a nosotros mientras damos vida a la historia de María y José en busca de un lugar para dar a luz. Este evento se llevará a cabo del 15 al 23 de diciembre con una noche especial el día 20 en inglés. Comenzaremos en la iglesia a las 7:00 pm para rezar el rosario y luego comenzaremos la procesión por la iglesia a las 7:25. A las 7:40 tendremos una comida compartida en el Centro de Vida Parroquial. Comuníquese con marketing@ststephenbentonville.com o llame a la oficina parroquial si tiene alguna pregunta.*



SSBC Catholic Trivia Night II: Please join your church family on Saturday, January 13th at 6 pm in the Parish Life Center for Catholic Trivia Night II. Register in advance using our QR code. The cost is \$25 per person and includes dinner and drinks. Make your own team of up to 8 or be placed on a team to make new friends. Either way, we promise a great night of fun—with a little bit of Catholic learning thrown in! Example: In which gospel does Jesus say, "I am the way and the truth and the life"? **Answer: John**

Please use QR below to sign up.



New Year's Evening of Recollection: Father Jerome Kodell, OSB, will be the speaker at the New Year's Evening of Recollection at Coury House in Subiaco **Dec. 31-Jan. 1.** His topic will be **"Responding to the Timeless Within: Becoming a Saint."** The retreat begins with registration between 10am and noon; lunch; conference, reconciliation, dinner, Vespers followed by a celebration of the New Year with the monks, eucharistic adoration 11:30 to midnight; breakfast on New Year's Day, conference, Mass, lunch and departure.

Cost is \$260 for a couple (or \$130 per person in a shared room); \$150 for a private room and \$85 for commuters. Call 479-934-1290 or email couryhouse@subi.org for more information or to make reservations. Fr. Jerome is a popular retreat director, author and respected Biblical scholar. He was abbot of Subiaco Abbey for 25 years before resigning the position.

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.*

Christmas Collection for the Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund: The collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity that they continue to share with us.

Colecta para el Fondo de Bienestar del Clero: *La colecta en todas las Misas de Nochebuena y Navidad será para el Fondo de Bienestar del Clero. Este fondo proporciona beneficios de jubilación y atención médica a sacerdotes jubilados y enfermos de nuestra diócesis. Nuestros sacerdotes pasan todos los días de su vida adulta como servidores humildes y devotos,*

haciendo la obra de Dios y sirviéndonos hasta que la edad o la enfermedad los llaman a jubilarse. Sus contribuciones al Fondo de Bienestar del Clero hacen posible la jubilación de nuestros sacerdotes. Por favor comparta con ellos la generosidad que continúan compartiendo con nosotros.

**Prayer for the Advent Wreath
Third Sunday of Advent**

Source: ewtn.com

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.
He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,

let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) candles and the third (pink) candle of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Rejoicing

“(The desert) will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song.” “Rejoice in the Lord always!” “Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!”

The Scriptures for the Third Sunday of Advent proclaim their message in no uncertain terms: Rejoice! Joy is all around us and our celebration of Advent calls us to discover it. The joy that the Scripture passages speak about is not a joy that equates with hilarious laughter. It is a joy that comes from a security with our God, those around us, and our place in the world. It is the joy Isaiah describes when he writes, “I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.” It is a joy that cannot be bought or obtained from artificial highs. It is a joy that comes from our living faith in a living God.

It is the joy we feel as we approach the birth of our Savior and remember the awesome beauty of what happened on that cold Bethlehem night.

Rejoice!



*Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Mass Schedule*

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24th
4:00pm Children's Mass
6:00pm Vigil (English)

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25th
8:00am (English)
10:00am (English)
11:45am (Spanish)

Parish Office closes at Noon on Thursday, December 21st and will open Wednesday, December 27th.

*Horario de Misa de
Nochebuena y Navidad*

Nochebuena: Domingo, 24 de diciembre
4:00pm Misa de Niños (Inglés)
6:00pm Vigilia (Inglés)

Navidad: Lunes, 25 de diciembre
8:00am (Inglés)
10:00am (Inglés)
11:45am (Español)

La oficina parroquial cerrará al mediodía el jueves 21 de diciembre y abrirá el miércoles 27 de diciembre.

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.



Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.

- TGLBEHEME _____
- NEAGLO _____
- NRMEDAG _____
- OOEKSNY _____
- AMGYR _____
- OHESJIP _____
- EFAUSS _____
- ITEENMSW _____
- SPYHDSREED _____
- EMCFAL _____
- TLSRA _____
- CSSAUED _____
- HEVSPE _____
- ENIN _____

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Church Operations for December
Operating Expenses\$36,920

Following the example of John the Baptizer, may we testify to Jesus the Messiah as The Light to all nations, by our faith and generous outreach to the poor and brokenhearted, through stewardship and service in the various ministries of our parish.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$79,191	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$10,674	\$ 21,000

Scripture Readings for 12/24/2023

2 Sam 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89 (88): 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Rom 16: 25-27
Lk 1: 26-38

Growth Fund Progress



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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday, Dec. 16**
5:00PM Jeffery Peter Tassani †
- Sunday, Dec. 17**
7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
10:00AM Marina & Toby Méndez †
11:45AM Todas las Almas del Purgatorio
5:00PM Lori Dowd †
- Monday, Dec. 18**
- Tuesday Dec. 19**
- Wednesday, Dec. 20**
12:00PM Jim St. Denis †
- Thursday Dec. 21**
12:00PM Roy Shepard † & Family
- Friday, Dec. 22**
12:00PM Richard Hurtig †
- Saturday, Dec. 23**
5:00PM Bernadette Dalrymple †
- Fourth Advent Sunday, Dec. 24**
7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
10:00AM Maurice Willis †
11:45AM Phil Israel †
- Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec. 24**
4:00PM Bud Streuli †
6:00PM Deceased members of the DiGiacomo & Pacheco Family
- Christmas Day Monday, Dec. 25**
8:00AM Frank Butler †
10:00AM Maria Nhu Bui †
11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Dec. 23 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Kim Alexander	Jill Saulsbery - EMC - HOST (1) Margie O'Grady - EMC - HOST (2)	Marcela Esquivel (C1) Sherolyn Johnson (C2)	Steve Saulsbery (A-B) Clayton Akehurst (C) Jack Kelley (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Kim Alexander	Connor Fitzpatrick NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Kim Alexander
Sunday, Dec. 24 7:45 AM	Tracy Sullivan (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mark Jechura	Robbie Estes - EMC - HOST (1) NOT FILLED - EMC - HOST (2)	Christina Baker (C1) Tony Baker (C2)	Greg Woodell (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) Karen Howard (D-E) Peggy Estes (F)		NOT FILLED Oscar Koll NOT FILLED	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Dec. 24 10:00 AM	Mark Reichardt (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Theresa Brauburger	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Ted Brauburger - EMC - HOST (2)	Greg Brandenburg (C1) TJ LaPlant (C2)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Steve Harrington (C) Charlotte Champagne (D-E) Kevin Clemens (F)		Caleb Medders Gerhardt Brady Alex Shoemaker NOT FILLED	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, Dec. 24 11:45PM	Esmeralda Almaras (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Iván Sanabria	Ricardo Almaraz - EMC - Comunión (A) María Niño - EMC - Comunión (B)	María Elena Calderón (C1) Olga Serrano (C3) Eva Miramón (C4) NOT FILLED (C6)	María Barajas (A-B) Juan Diego Hernández (C) Juan Manuel Durán Martínez (D-E) Bertha Váldez (F)		Aldo Trujillo Alondra Niño-Pérez NOT FILLED Rick Almaras	Iván Sanabria
Sunday, Dec. 24 4:00PM		Mary Kate Beckham	NOT FILLED (H1) Nancy Verlage (H2) NOT FILLED (H3) Bruce Beckham H4 Katie Morris (H5) NOT FILLED (H6)	Diedra or Steven Dourth (C1) Robbie Estes (C2) NOT FILLED (C3) NOT FILLED (C4) NOT FILLED (C5)	Greg Woodell (A-B) Charlotte Champagne (C) Karen Howard (D) Peggy Estes (F) NOT FILLED		Jackson Coco Emma Coco John Harrington NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED