

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 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Weekday Mass *Misa Entre Semana (Inglés)*

Tue–Thu / Mar–Jue 12:00PM

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec. 24th)

Sunday 7:45AM

Sunday 10:00AM

Sunday – *Español* 11:45AM

Christmas Eve Sunday (Dec. 24)

Misas de Domingo y Misa de Vigilia

Sunday 4:00PM

Sunday 6:00PM

Christmas Day Monday (Dec. 25)

Monday 8:00AM

Monday 10:00AM

Monday – *Español* 11:45AM

Christmas Season Reconciliation /

Reconciliación Temporada Navideña

Tue – Fri / Mar – Vie 11:30–11:55AM

Sat (Bilingual) / *Sáb (Bilingüe)* 3:00–4:00PM

Adoration Hours / *Horario de Adoración*

Wed– Thu / *Mie–Jue* 9:00–11:30AM

& 12:45–3:00PM

Fri / *Vie* 9:00–11:30AM

Office Hours

Horario de Oficina

Membership: We extend our hands and hearts in Christian Fellowship. Longtime residents or newly arrived, contact the parish office to register.

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.*

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.

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.*

“...they will call him
Immanuel”

— *which means,*

“*God with us.*”



Matthew 1:23

Mon–Thu / *Lun–Jue* 9:00AM–3:00PM

Friday / *Viernes* 9:00AM–12:00PM

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.

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.*

RCIA: Sessions open to those interested in learning about or renewing their connection to the Catholic Faith.

RICA: *Sesiones abiertas a aquellos interesados en aprendizaje o renovación de su conexión con la Fe Católica.*

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



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24th

3:15pm Pageant

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.

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.



SSBC Catholic Trivia Night II: Come in out of the cold and enjoy a lively evening of Catholic trivia. The number of correct answers your team gets is absolutely NOT proportional to the fun you will have that evening.

We promise you a great time! Register in advance using our QR code below. 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 and make new friends. Example: *Who is the Patron Saint of Undertakers?* Answer: *St. Joseph of Arimathea*



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.

Woman of Hope, A Day of Retreat: will be held on February 3rd, 2024, at Christ the King Church in Little Rock. This retreat is an opportunity for women to set aside the outside world for a day and commit to a deep personal experience with Christ. The retreat begins with Mass and includes reconciliation, and inspiring talks from national speaker Melissa Foley, and praise and worship with national recording artist Sarah Kroger. Lunch is provided.

There is a BONUS event on Friday evening to allow all registrants to prepare their hearts for the Day of Retreat. This bonus event includes reconciliation, a guided reflection and personal reflection and a personal testimony from Melissa Foley.

For more information about Women of Hope, A Day of Retreat, visit the website at WomenofhopeAR.org



Join us for our next St. Stephen Speaker Series **Wed. January 10th 2024**. Guest speaker: Dcn. Byron Newton (St. Vincent de Paul). Topic: **"Eucharist in Family Life."**

Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference: Will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock on Super Bowl Saturday, **February 10th, 2024**. This year's speakers include Jim Towe, author and former advisor to Mother Teresa, Fr. Matthew Spencer, who previously hosted St. Joseph's workshop on Relevant Radio and from our own diocese, Fr. Norm McFall. This conference has become the premier event for Catholic men in our Diocese and this year's conference is sure to continue that great tradition.

For more information about the Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference, visit the website at arcatholicmen.com



Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 31st-Vigil: 5:00pm - English
Monday, January 1st: 10:00am - English
Monday, January 1st: 11:45am – Spanish

St. Vincent de Paul
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment 2024-2025
PreK 3-year-old through 8th grade

Scheduled tours will be held on Sunday, January 28th. Applications will be accepted online beginning 1/29/24. Please see our website for further details or email admissions@svdpschool.net.

- PreK 3 Program-Part Time (Tues/Thurs 7:30am-3:00pm) and Full Time (Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:00pm)
- PreK4 Program-Part Time (Mon/Wed/Fri 7:30am-3:00pm) and Full Time (Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:00pm)

We are hiring!

Part-time After School Care employee needed

- Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- Must have a warm and friendly personality, be sensitive to feelings and needs of others, be able to relate well to children, and be willing to fulfill responsibilities in accordance with the school's program and philosophy.
- Must be able to work 5 days a week for 3 hours each day and be able to stand or walk for long periods of time.

Please send resume and references to stautzenbergera@svdpschool.net



2024 Diocesan Mass: Everyone is invited to the **2024 Diocesan Mass For Life** on **Sunday, January 21, 2024, at noon** at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 Louisiana St., Little Rock.

Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at this Mass at which we will pray especially for the legal protection of unborn children and for an end to abortion.

Project Rachel Ministry's Virtual Healing Resource Gathering: Will take place on **Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:30p.m.** via Zoom. These monthly gatherings offer a safe, confidential space for healing from the trauma of abortion.

The unique format allows participants to remain anonymous if they choose. January's gathering will feature a presentation on the importance of self-honesty and the opportunity for discussion. To receive a confidential Zoom link, call or text 501-663-0996.

The Nativity of the Lord: "The Lord has come; let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing!" Joining the angels, we proclaim "glad tidings of great joy" for our Savior has come. The Christmas season runs from Christmas Day, to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The word "Christmas" comes from the Middle English "Christemasse," which literally means Christ's Mass. This feast commemorates the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. In doing so, God became flesh, making the salvation of the world possible.

To learn more, read the Christmas story. To learn more, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 524-528 or visit the Christmas resources of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. These include a family Christmas calendar, blessings for the nativity scene, Christmas tree, the home on Epiphany and list of recommended Christmas movies.

The Lord sent his only Son in "kindness and generous love ... not because of any righteous deeds we have done but because of his mercy, he saved us

through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us ... so that we might ... become heirs in hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:4-7)

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Church Operations for December

Operating Expenses\$80,686

As King David desired to build a suitable House for the Lord God, and Blessed Mary said "yes" to becoming a tabernacle for Jesus, the Son of God, so may we continue to respond with generosity in our Christmas stewardship to build up the House of God and volunteer in serving our various ministries.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$107,240	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$11,771	\$ 21,000

Scripture Readings for 12/31/2023

Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

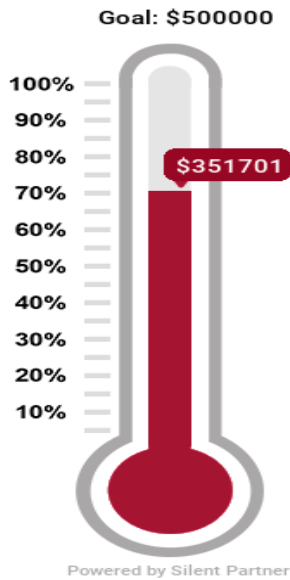
Ps 128 (127): 1-2, 3, 4-5 II

Col 3: 12-21 or 3: 12-17

Lk 2: 22-40 or 2: 22, 39-40

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Growth Fund Progress



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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Tuesday Dec. 26

12:00PM Silvia Elena Hurtado

Wednesday, Dec. 27

12:00PM John Sr. & John Jr. Niebrugge †

Thursday Dec. 28

12:00PM Chris Pizarro †

Friday, Dec. 29

12:00PM Maurice Willis †

Saturday, Dec. 30

5:00PM Josephine García †

Holy Family Sunday, Dec. 31

7:45AM Robert Swaim †

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM Msgr. Scott Marczuk

New Year's Eve & Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -Vigil Sunday, Dec. 31

5:00PM Eileen Heaney †

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Dec. 30 5:00 PM	David Krueckeberg (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Kim Alexander	Davina Collins - EMC - HOST (1) Sherolyn Johnson - EMC - HOST (2)	Anita Fomin (C1) James Sutton (C2)	Jack Kelley (A-B) Clayton Akehurst (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Kim Alexander	Connor Fitzpatrick NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Kim Alexander
Sunday, Dec. 31 7:45 AM	Mark Jechura (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Christina Baker	Robbie Estes - EMC - HOST (1) Bruce Peterson - EMC - HOST (2)	Tony Baker (C1) Greg Brandenburg (C2)	Amanda Cantu (A-B) Peggy Estes (C) Gerard Davenport (D-E) Karen Howard (F)		Dominic Skidd Damian Skidd Gus Skidd	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Dec. 31 10:00 AM	Lily Farley (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Kathryn Gough - EMC - HOST (1) Nancy Verlage - EMC - HOST (2)	Diedra or Steven Dourth (C1) Pam Willis (C2)	Charlotte Champagne (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Kevin Clemens (D-E) Steve Harrington		Nicholas Cawein Brecklyn Keller Kai Keller Steven Zink	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Dec. 31 11:45PM	Rosalba Ortiz (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Walter Hernández	Crimilda Viera - EMC - Comunión (A) Héctor Rangel - EMC - Comunión (B)	Eva Miramón (C1) María Elena Calderón (C3) Iván Sanabria (C4) Marcela Esquivel (C6)	José Ortiz (A-B) María Hernández (C) María Dalia López (D-E) Victor López (F)		Gustavo Mata Fatima Mata Allison Mata Eduardo Mata	Walter Hernández
Sunday, Dec. 31 5:00PM	Nicholas Tyburski (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Rob Brothers - EMC - HOST (1) Cathy Townzen - EMC - HOST (2)	Chris Davis (C1) Susan Davis (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) Annabella Tyburski David Power (D-E) NOT FILLED (F) NOT FILLED	Rob Brothers	Brian Ganey Brennan Ganey	Bryan Bacon