

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."

The Epiphany of the Lord
Epifanía del Señor

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Weekday Mass
Misa Entre Semana (Inglés)
Tue-Fri / Mar-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
Tue - Fri / Mar - 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.

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.

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.

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

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RCIA: Our next class will be **Wednesday, Jan. 10th at 7:00pm.** All are welcome!



SSBC Catholic Trivia Night II Reminder: It's Almost Here!! Next Saturday, January 13th at 6pm in the Parish Life Center is our next Catholic Trivia Night.

You still have time to register 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 and make new friends. Example: *What is the small round container used to carry communion to the sick called?* Answer: Pyx



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 Towey, 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

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.



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.

Retreat at Coury House in Subiaco: Br. Ambrose of Subiaco Abbey will lead a retreat **Monday, Jan. 15 through Friday, Jan. 18,** on **"New Year: What Has Changed? Faith and Hope in Chaotic Times"** at Coury House in Subiaco.

Cost for the three-night retreat is: \$310 for a private room and \$250 per person in a shared room. Commuter cost is \$140 for conferences and meals. Call 479-934-1290 or e-mail couryhouse@subi.org to register or for more information.

Fr. Patrick of Subiaco Abbey will lead an overnight retreat on **"A New Walk on an Old Path: C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters"** **Friday, Jan. 19, through Sunday, Jan. 21.** The retreat begins with dinner at 6pm Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday.

Cost of the retreat is \$220 for a private room and \$180 per person in a shared room. Commuter cost is \$90. Cost covers conferences, six meals and two nights' accommodations. Please call 479-934-1290 or e-mail couryhouse@subi.org to register or for more information.

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



Please be advised calendars with the corrected Mass Schedules will be available soon. The Publishing Company apologizes for the inconveniences. Thank you!

Father Paulin RajVatacali: He will be on vacation and will return the weekend of February 8-9th.



Abre la puerta a la oración personal

sábado, el 3 de febrero 2024

Iglesia de San Rafael en Springdale

12 - 4 pm

Venga a un retiro experiencial sobre los métodos de la oración personal. Este retiro será dirigido por directores espirituales formados en la espiritualidad ignaciana. Durante el retiro, los participantes experimentarán la oración personal silenciosa, el diario y los pasos de oración para ayudarlo a descubrir su propio ritmo de oración. Los participantes tendrán un folleto para llevar a casa que se puede usar después del retiro. Se solicita una donación de \$10 para cubrir el folleto, los refrigerios y los materiales. Este retiro se presentará en inglés y en español.

Escanee para registrarse en línea o envíe un correo electrónico.

Scan to register the online form. For additional questions, please contact one of us.
<https://forms.office.com/r/ZswLFR2NCT>



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Open the Door to Personal Prayer

Saturday, February 3, 2024

St Raphael Church, Springdale

12 - 4 pm

Join us for a one-day experiential retreat that introduces practices personal prayer. This retreat is led by Ignatian trained and experienced spiritual directors. During the retreat, participants will experience personal prayer, journaling, and prayer steps to help you discover your own prayer rhythm. Participants will have a take-home booklet that be used after the retreat. A \$10 donation is requested to cover books, snacks and materials. This retreat will be presented in English and Spanish.



Encounter Leader Sign-Ups: Our next season of Encounter, our adult small group ministry, will be starting in February. If you would like to meet others and grow in your faith, consider joining us as a small group leader.

Groups will be meeting in person and online. Scan the QR code or go to <http://tinyurl.com/j47zc38h> to sign up to be a small group leader. Small group participant sign ups will be soon. Questions? Email: encounter@ststephenbentonville.com



Invitation to Personal Prayer (IPP): For those who desire to grow their prayer life but are new to Ignatian spirituality and methods; 9 weeks. Groups forming now and will kick off January 23. Available dates and times are listed on registration form (link below). Please see table in the narthex for more information. Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/8yRjLhU1vx>



The Ladies of Grace Bible Study: Will start the Spring season on **Friday, January 26, 2024** from **10:00am to 11:30am** in the St. Jerome Room. We will be studying the The Mystery of the Eucharist for 5 weeks (Part 2 from last Fall) and transitioning to a study of the Holy Spirit through April.

No book is required until we study the Holy Spirit which will be \$13. If you would like to join us and/or want more detail, please call or email Mikey Morgan or Rose Ann Jolly at the following numbers:

Mikey Morgan 316-644-0472 or email: tmorgan35@cox.net

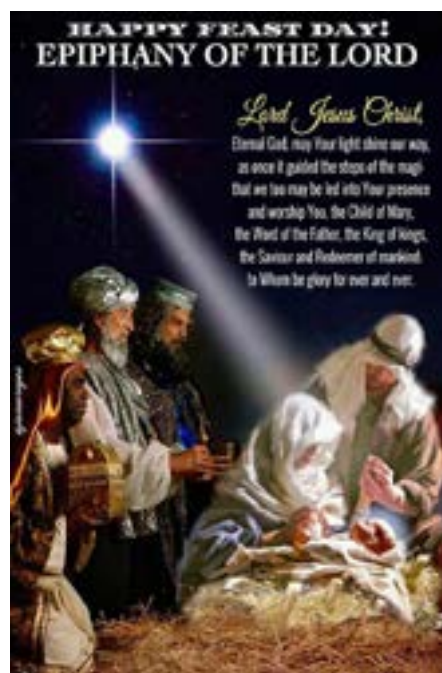
Rose Ann Jolly 913-645-8143 or email: rajolly1975@att.net

Parish Council Elections: Will take place, after each Mass, this weekend January 6-7 and the next January 13-14. A table will be set up in the Narthex where you may cast your vote for two.

What is the Solemnity of the Epiphany? On this feast, the Church celebrates the manifestation (epiphany) of Christ to the Nations (Gentiles) in the persons of the Magi—also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings. In earlier times, this feast combined two other manifestations, that which took place at the Lord's Baptism, and that which took place in Cana at the Wedding feast. This is still the custom in Eastern Christianity.

Although the date of the Epiphany on the General Calendar of the Church is January 6th, in the United States and some other countries it is celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st so more Catholics can participate. Thus, in 2024 the Solemnity of the Epiphany is Sunday, January 7th.

Source: ewtn.com



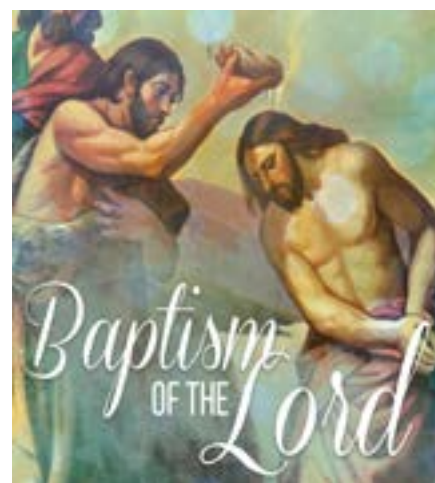
Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, Monday, January 8th, 2024: When the Solemnity of the Epiphany is transferred to Sunday, if this Sunday occurs on January 7 or 8, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following Monday (Third Roman Missal). This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and

impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin. Source: catholicculture.org



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Church Operations for December
Operating Expenses\$80,686

As the Magi offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child, we offer ourselves symbolized in the regular contributions made to the support of the Church along with our talent and our volunteer service of time.

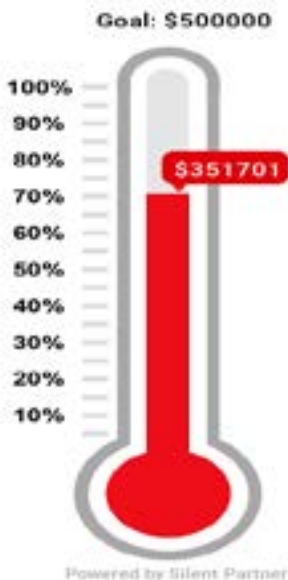
Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$107,240	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$11,771	\$21,000

Scripture Readings for 1/14/2024

1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19
Ps 40 (39): 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1: 35-42

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Growth Fund Progress
Due to the holidays, the financial numbers are not yet finalized. Thank you.



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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jan. 6

9:00AM Ernest Marlow †
5:00PM Dorothy Hesse †

The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, Jan. 7

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
10:00AM John Doyle Teague †
11:45AM J. Refugio Trujillo †
5:00PM Emily Shann †

The Baptism of the Lord Monday, Jan. 8

12:00PM Cruz Perea Family

Tuesday, Jan. 9

12:00PM Lichti Family

Wednesday, Jan. 10

12:00PM Ray Cichocki †

Thursday, Jan. 11

12:00PM Mundo & Jennifer Harbaugh & Family

Friday, Jan. 12

12:00PM Mundo & Jennifer Harbaugh & Family

Saturday, Jan. 13

5:00PM Elaina Martínez †

Sunday, Jan. 14

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
10:00AM Maurice Willis †
11:45AM María & José Albarrán
5:00PM Michael Kieffer †

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Jan. 13 5:00 PM	Michael Janick Esquivel (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Jon Terlouw	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Sherolyn Johnson - EMC - HOST (2)	Susan McDaniel (C1) Jack McDaniel (C2)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Jon Terlouw	Jackson Coco Emma Coco Conner FitzPatrick	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, Jan. 14 7:45 AM	Sylvester Fernandes (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) April Appleby - EMC - HOST (2)	Kira O'Shaughnessy (C1) Tom Stawicki (C2)	Bruce Peterson (A-B) Karen Howard (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) Amanda Cantu (F)		Dominic Skidd Damian Skidd Gus Skidd	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Jan. 14 10:00 AM	Lily Farley (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Charlotte Champagne	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Paul Krapf - EMC - HOST (2)	Greg Brandenburg (C1) Claudia Garcia (C2)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Steve Harrington (C) Brian Rabal (D-E) Kevin Clemens (F)		Steven Zink Kai Keller Lucy Pesek Brecklyn Keller	Charlotte Champagne
Sunday, Jan. 14 11:45PM	Ramon Portilla (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Crimilda Viera	Julian Serrano - EMC - Comunión (A) Olga Serrano - EMC - Comunión (B)	Eva Miramon (C1) Maria Nino (C3) Ricardo Almaraz (C4) Mirna Serrano (C6)	Maria Dalia Lopez (A-B) Victor Lopez (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) Maria Barajas (F)		Aldo Trujillo Rick Almaras Alondra Nino-Perez NOT FILLED	Mirna Serrano
Sunday, Jan. 14 5:00PM	Nicholas Tyburski (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Lisa Richard - EMC - HOST (2)	Chris Davis (C1) Susan Davis (C2)	Rob Brothers (A-B) David Power (C) Annabella Tyburski (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	Brian Ganey Brennan Ganey	Sherri MacLean