

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

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

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



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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.

RICA: *Sesiones abiertas a aquellos interesados en aprendizaje o renovación de su conexión*

RCIA: Come join us Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 7:00pm. Topic: **"Introduction to Morality / Conscience"** led by Dcn. Rob Phillips. All are welcome!



SSBC: The St. Stephen Benevolent Conference will host a soup dinner on **Friday, March 1st** in the Parish Life Center. The dinner follows the Stations of the Cross, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This is a great way to grow in faith and fellowship with your parish community this Lenten season.

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe: On February 17 & 18, 2024, we will take up the Collection for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine.

Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccbchurch-in-central-and-eastern-europe>) also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

Colecta para la Iglesia en Europa Central y del Este: Los días 17 y 18 de febrero de 2024 emprendemos la Colecta para la Iglesia en Europa Central y del Este. Esta colecta apoya a la Iglesia en más de 25 países que luchan por recuperarse del antiguo régimen comunista. También ayuda a las comunidades de toda la región afectadas por la guerra en Ucrania.

Los fondos apoyan la atención pastoral, la catequesis, las renovaciones y la formación en el seminario. Su apoyo restaura la Iglesia y construye el futuro en esta región.

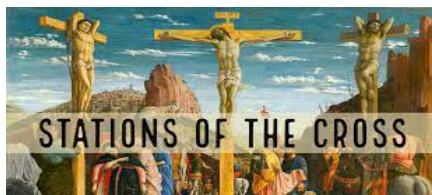
Por favor considere en oración cómo puede apoyar la colecta la próxima semana. Puede encontrar más información en www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccbchurch-in-central-and-eastern-europe>) también se aceptan fondos para esta colección si prefiere donar en línea.



2024 Lenten Mission: Lent isn't just about giving up something, it's also about doing something. It's about taking the time to grow closer to Christ, and taking action in our lives to build a better relationship with Him. It's about understanding what our Lord did for us, and about letting His peace flourish within us. Our Lenten Mission this year is about all of that – dealing with real life, with all its ups and downs, and how our faith is center to it all.

We're pleased to announce that on **Friday, February 23rd, from 5:00pm to 8:30pm**, we will hold a Mission, focusing on Suffering and Healing, led by Dc. Ken Hunter. It will be hosted in the Parish Life Center (PLC). Although not geared towards young children, all are welcome. Dinner will be provided. Lenten Stations of the Cross will be conducted at 5pm as part of the Mission. Therefore, there will not be a 5:30pm Stations of the Cross.

Consider this "mini-retreat" as a time for you. Consider it as an investment in yourself.



Stations of the Cross: Will be offered each Friday during Lent. Stations will be in **English at 5:30pm** (5:00pm Rosary) and **Spanish at 7:00pm** (6:30pm Rosary).

Feb. 23: Rosary 5:00pm; 5:30pm Stations of the Cross Hosted by Dc. Ken Hunter; **Lenten Mission** 6:00pm.

Mar. 1: Rosary 5:00pm; 5:30pm Stations led by **SSBC**, following with Soup Dinner.

Mar. 8: Rosary 5:00pm; 5:30pm Stations led by **Catholic Kids**, following with dinner.

Mar. 15: Rosary 5:00pm; 5:30pm Stations led by **Impact**, following with dinner.

Mar. 22: Rosary 5:00pm; 5:30pm Stations led by **Knights of Columbus**, following with Fish Fry.

Vía Crucis: Se ofrecerán todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma. Las estaciones serán en inglés a las 5:30 p. m. (5:00 p. m. Rosario) y **en español a las 7:00 p. m. (6:30 p. m. Rosario).**

23 de Feb.: Ministerio Eucarístico

3 de mar.: Amor y Respeto

8 de mar.: Acomodadores

15 de mar.: Coro

23 de marzo.: Rosario Dominical



Catholic Kids Pot Painting: Come join us **Sunday, Feb. 25th from 11:00am-2:00pm**. Painting supplies & lunch will be provided. \$5 per pot/painter.

Please email Marta Hernandez mhernandez@ststephenbentonville.com for more information.

Niños Católicos Pintan Macetas: **Domingo, 25 de feb. de 11:00am-2:00pm.** \$5 por maceta/pintor. Se proporcionarán pintura y almuerzo. Envíe un correo electrónico a Marta Hernandez mhernandez@ststephenbentonville.com para reservar su maceta antes del 2/16/2024.

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

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Catholics Returning Home: Catholics Returning Home is a six-week series that starts April 4. **Week 1:** Welcome, Overview of the Series, Faith Sharing **Week 2:** Sharing Stories of Faith **Week 3:** The Church Today: Changes since Vatican II **Week 4:** Explanation of the Mass **Week 5:** Explanation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) **Week 6:** Explanation of the Nicene Creed "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." Gospel of St. Luke, 15:3-7

Where? St. Raphael Catholic Church • 1386 S. West End Street, Springdale At the intersection of Sunset Avenue (Hwy 412) and West End Street Starting

When? Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. Indoor signs will direct you to Faith Hall. No reservation is required.

All you have to do is come. For more information, call the parish office: 479-756-6711.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting	Abstinence
Ash Wednesday Good Friday	Every Friday during Lent
Ages 18-59	Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit uscgb.org.



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5 Short Prayers for Lent: If you don't have a lot of time to set aside to pray or feel like you have the right words to pray, don't worry! God knows your heart and any length of prayer is powerful! These short prayers can be used daily or during moments of reflection and meditation throughout the Lenten season to enhance your spiritual journey.

Prayer for Repentance: "Dear Lord, during this Lenten season, help me to recognize my sins and turn my heart toward you in genuine repentance. Grant me the strength to make amends and grow in your grace. Amen."

Prayer for Guidance: "Heavenly Father, as I embark on this Lenten journey, guide my steps and illuminate my path with your wisdom. May your Word be a lamp to my feet and a light to my soul. In Jesus' name, I pray."

Prayer for Spiritual Renewal: "Lord Jesus, during Lent, I seek spiritual renewal and a deeper connection with you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, cleanse my heart, and draw me closer to your love and grace. Amen."

Prayer for Self-Denial: "Gracious God, as I practice self-denial during Lent, may I grow in humility and reliance on you. Help me to

turn away from worldly distractions and focus on your presence and purpose. Amen."

Prayer for Compassion: "Dear God, during this Lenten season, open my heart to the needs of others. May I reflect your love and compassion in my actions, serving those who are suffering or in need. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen." Source: crosswalk.com

WE CAN THINK OF LENT as a time to ERADICATE EVIL OR CULTIVATE VIRTUE a time to pull up WEEDS or plant good seeds WHICH IS BETTER IS CLEAR, for the Christian ideal IS ALWAYS POSITIVE RATHER THAN NEGATIVE. catholicALLYEAR.com -VEN. FULTON J. SHEEN

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Church Operations for February

Operating Expenses\$181,747

The traditional hallmarks of Lenten devotion have been prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In the spirit of Lent, may we be willing to give of ourselves sacrificially in all these areas.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$166,671	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$11,090	\$21,000

Scripture Readings for 2/25/2024

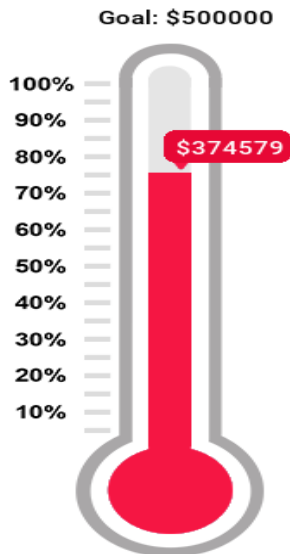
Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ps 116 (115): 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Rom 8: 31b-34

Mk 9: 2-10

Growth Fund Progress



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Feb. 17

5:00PM Maria Nhu Bui † & Peter Thong Le †

Sunday, Feb. 18

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM Rolland Sutton †

11:45AM Emmanuel Pérez †

5:00PM Emily Shann †

Monday, Feb. 19

12:00PM Margarita Mejía

Tuesday, Feb. 20

12:00PM Paul Vonnegut †

Wednesday, Feb. 21

12:00PM Martha Blevins †

Thursday, Feb. 22

12:00PM Tamara Blevinson & Family

Friday, Feb. 23

12:00PM John Doyle Teague †

Saturday, Feb. 24

5:00PM Lichti Family

Sunday, Feb. 25

7:45AM Terry Madson †

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM Pedro Miramón † & Estila Maya †

5:00PM Emily Shann †

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Feb. 24 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Pam Gander - EMC - HOST (1) Jill Saulsbery - EMC - HOST (2)	Susan McDaniel (C1) Jack McDaniel (C2)	Steve Saulsbery (A-B) Clayton Akehurst (C) Jack Kelley (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Jackson Coco Emma Coco John Harrington Rosalina Cox	Bryan Bacon
Sunday, Feb. 25 7:45 AM	Tom Stawicki (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	NOT FILLED - EMC - HOST (1) Kira O'Shaughnessy - EMC - HOST (2)	Peggy Estes (C1) Christina Baker (C2)	Bruce Peterson (A-B) Gerard Davenport (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) Karen Howard (F)		NOT FILLED Fiona Koll NOT FILLED	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Feb. 25 10:00 AM	Ramon Portilla (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mary Kate Beckham	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Bruce Beckham - EMC - HOST (2)	Diedra or Steven Dourth (C1) Pam Willis (C2)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Steve Harrington (C) Kevin Clemens (D-E) Tim Koch (F)		Steven Zink Kai Keller Alex Shoemaker Brecklyn Keller	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, Feb. 25 11:45PM	Rosalba Ortiz (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Mirna Serrano	Brenda Cruz - EMC - Comunion (A) Noel Pérez - EMC - Comunión (B)	Héctor Rangel (C1) Ricardo Almaraz (C3) Julián Serrano (C4) Olga Serrano (C6)	José Ortiz (A-B) María Dalia López (C) Victor López (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		Aldo Trujillo Alondra Niño- Pérez Christian Pérez Rick Almaras	Mirna Serrano
Sunday, Feb. 25 5:00PM	Chris Davis (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Cathy Townzen - EMC - HOST (1) Katie Morris - EMC - HOST (2)	Susan Davis (C1) Catherine Garner (C2)	David Power (A-B) Rob Brothers (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	Brian Ganey Brennan Ganey	Sherri MacLean