

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

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent
Tercer 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.

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RCIA: Come join us Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00pm. Topic: **“Confession/Reconciliation”** led by Msgr. Scott Marczuk. All are welcome!



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). **Please notice there have been changes, see below for details.**

Mar. 8: Rosary 5:00pm; 5:30pm Stations led by **Knights of Columbus**, following with Fish Fry.

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

Mar. 22: Rosary 5:00pm; 5:30pm Stations led by **To be announced.**

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).*

8 de mar.: Acomodadores

15 de mar.: Coro

23 de marzo.: Rosario Dominical

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.



St. Joseph: (Tontitown) Tue. **March 6** 6:30pm

St. Anne: (Berryville) Wed. **March 6** at 5:00pm

St. Raphael: (Springdale) Thu. **March 7** at 5:00pm

St. Mary: (Siloam Springs) Tuesday, **Mar. 12** at 7:00pm.

St. Bernard: (Bella Vista) Wed. **March 13** at 11:00am & 7:00pm.

St. Vincent de Paul: (Rogers) Thu. **March 14** at 6:30pm.

St. Thomas: (Fayetteville) Tue. **March 26** at 6:00pm.

Camp Subiaco: Summer Camp at Subiaco Abbey. Camp Subiaco, for boys ages 9 - 13 inclusive, is an active all boys camp with fishing, archery, riflery, go-karts, boating & tubing, climbing wall and much more. Camp Subiaco is operated by the Subiaco Alumni Association and the Benedictine Monks of Subiaco Abbey.

Camp is **June 16 - 22** or **June 23 - 29, 2024.** Check us out on YouTube! Sign up at: www.CampSubiaco.org Don't delay!



SSBC: In today's Gospel Jesus is asked “What sign can you show us?” Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of

God's love by being a blessing to others. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference, so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

St. Joseph Catholic Church: Join us this Lent for a special presentation by Rev. Dennis McManus, a priest of the Archdiocese of Mobile, Alabama from 1997-2006. **Talk #1** will be on **St. Joseph** When? **March 9th** from **6:15pm-7:30pm.** Where? Corry Hall with Light snacks.

Talk #2 will be on **Spiritual Warfare and the Family.** When? **Sunday, March 10th** from 10:15am-11:30am. Where? DeBriyn Center Gym. Donuts and coffee provided.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock: Is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361.

For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottspomer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock: *Está comprometida a proteger a los niños y jóvenes. Si tiene conocimiento de abuso o ha sido abusado por clérigos, voluntarios de la Iglesia o trabajadores de la Iglesia, comuníquese con la Línea Directa del Estado de Arkansas para Delitos contra los Niños al 1-800-482-5964 y con el Canciller de Asuntos Canónicos, Dcn. Mateo A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361.*

Para asistencia pastoral, comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock: Laura Gottspomer al (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



Abstinence during Lent:

Practicing as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14 and ends at 59.

Spiritual Adoption Program: Legion of Mary thanks those who signed up for the Spiritual Adoption Program.

Month1: Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already

your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his/her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day.

His/her heart began to beat on the 21st day. His/her heart is pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his/her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his/her mother to give him/her the most precious gift of all, the gift of life!

St. Stephen's Sacred Art and Prayer Group, I Pray and I Create (Oro y Creo): Will meet Thursday, **March 7th** from **9:30am-11:30am** in the St. Jerome room.

Please bring an art project you are working on and/or supplies needed to start on something. These cannot be stored at the church, so only bring what you can easily pack in/out and clean up without leaving a mess/stains. That said, you can bring any supplies that you like: paints, pen and ink, journal, needle work, wood carving, etc. Only a small portion of our time will be for sharing, and this group time will look different from how we are used to fellowshiping; it is a time to give and receive without lots of comment.

Come prepared to pray and create, share and receive! For questions or more details, contact Amy Lane at: mlane5280@gmail.com

Retiro de Sanación: *El ministerio de Proyecto Raquel ofrecerá un retiro para mujeres que sufren a causa un aborto provocado. Este retiro se llevará a cabo en español. El retiro comenzará el viernes 8 de marzo de 2024 por la tarde y concluirá el domingo 10 de marzo de 2024 por la Tarde. El retiro será cerca de Russellville, pero la ubicación exacta solo se revela a las participantes.*

Para inscribirte u obtener más información, llama o envía un texto a la línea confidencial 501-663-0996 o envía un correo electrónico a proyect Rachel@dolr.org. Aunque sientas miedo o vergüenza, contacta a Proyecto Raquel. No estás sola y este retiro es sin juzgar. La esperanza, la sanación y el perdón son posibles. Todas las comunicaciones son confidenciales.

The above retreat is in Spanish because it will be conducted in Spanish.

How did Lent come to be? Since the earliest origins of the Church, there's evidence of a period of a Lenten preparation before Easter, according to Catholic Education Resource

Center. It all began after Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, which Matthew 3:13-17 says marked his messianic mission, and he headed to the desert for 40 days. 40 days is a significant number in Jewish-Christian traditions, representing the duration of the Great Flood in the Bible scripture Genesis, Moses's time spent in the wilderness before receiving the Ten Commandments, and the days Hebrews spent in the desert before reaching the Promised Land.

During Jesus' 40-day fasting period in the desert, Christians believe he overcame temptations from Satan and a series of tests, which gave him the power to carry out his mission of preaching, healing, and saving humanity from sin once he returned. There's also historical evidence that “our forefathers” also known as Jesus' apostles, fasted for 40 days, 24 hours a day, before Easter. In fact, a letter written to Pope St. Victor I from St. Irenaeus in 203 A.D. mentioned the act of fasting for “40 hours” or “40 days, seven hours a day.”

It was not until 325 C.E. that Lent was formalized during the First Council of Nicaea. Strict fasting laws allowed for one meal a day, so long as no meat, wine, oil, or dairy products were involved. However, aside from on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the strict fasting laws of Roman Catholics were renounced during World War II. Source: Womansday.com

Third Sunday of Lent: The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B help us understand that we must follow God's commandments and truly live them in our hearts to find life. The first reading gives us the ten commandments. The second reading reminds us that God's wisdom is not like human wisdom. And the gospel tells of Jesus cleansing the temple of the money changers who put there own desires above serving the Father.

The reverence for the temple: The temple was a sacred space for the Jewish people, and it was meant to be a place of worship and prayer. Jesus' actions demonstrate the importance of maintaining the sanctity of the temple and not allowing it to become a marketplace. The importance of worshiping and serving God alone is also emphasized in the first reading for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B. In both cases, there is a focus on the centrality of God in our worship and church practices.

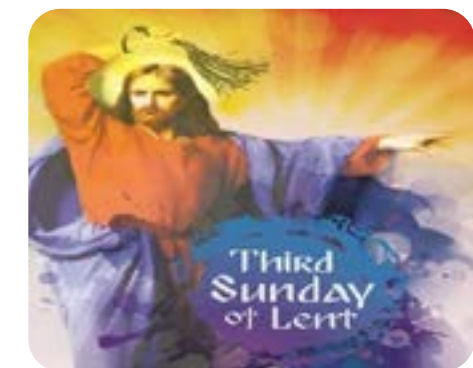
The zeal for God's house: Jesus' zeal for God's house is evident in his actions in the

temple. As believers, we are called to have a similar zeal for God's house and to prioritize our relationship with God above all else.

The purity of heart: Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a symbol of the purification of the heart. As believers, we are called to strive for purity of heart, which means being mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions, and ensuring that they are aligned with God's will.

The significance of the Eucharist: The temple in Jerusalem was a foreshadowing of the true temple, which is the body of Christ. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist, and that every time we participate in Mass, we are entering into the presence of God. The Gospel reading reminds us of the significance of the Eucharist and the importance of approaching it with reverence and awe. This also ties in with the first reading for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B, which reminds us to keep the Sabbath holy.

Source: young-catholics.com



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Church Operations for February

Operating Expenses\$152,921

The Almighty gives us His commandments as words of everlasting life. May our faith inspires us to return to Him a portion of all the blessings bestowed upon us, for worship at His Holy Temple.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$117,605	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$8,422	\$21,000

Scripture Readings for 3/10/2024

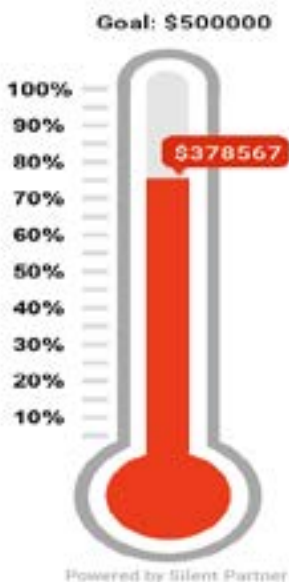
2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23

Ps 137 (136): 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Eph 2: 4-10

Jn 3: 14-21

Growth Fund Progress



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Mass Intentions for the Week

	Saturday, Mar. 2
9:00AM	Augustine Braga † & Family
5:00PM	Ancestors (Forefathers)
	Sunday, Mar. 3
7:45AM	Parishioners/Feligreses
10:00AM	Rolland Sutton
11:45AM	Agustina Miramón Maya †
5:00PM	Emily Shann †
	Monday, Mar. 4
12:00PM	John Doyle Teague †
	Tuesday, Mar. 5
12:00PM	Gail Kapica †
	Wednesday, Mar. 6
12:00PM	Luis Cantú †
	Thursday, Mar. 7
12:00PM	Julián Esqueda †
	Friday, Mar. 8
12:00PM	Special Intention
	Saturday, Mar. 9
5:00PM	Lichti Family
	Sunday, Mar. 10
7:45AM	Rita Streuli † & Family
10:00AM	Refugia Valles
11:45AM	Parishioners/Feligreses
5:00PM	Andrew Lac Tran †

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Mar. 9 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Jill Saulsbery - EMC - HOST (2)	Davina Collins (C1) Marcela Esquivel (C2)	Steve Saulsbery (A-B) Clayton Akehurst (C) Jack Kelley (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bruce Peterson	Jackson Coco Emma Coco John Harrington Rosalina Cox"	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Mar. 10 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mark Jechura	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Tony Baker - EMC - HOST (2)	Kira O'Shaughnessy (C1) Christina Baker (C2)	Karen Howard (A-B) Gerard Davenport (C) Greg Woodell (D-E)		Dominic Skidd Damian Skidd Gus Skidd"	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Mar. 10 10:00 AM	Mark Reichardt (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bruce Beckham	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Mary Kate Beckham - EMC - HOST (2)	Theresa Brauburger (C1) Pam Willis (C2)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Tim Koch (C) Kevin Clemens (D-E) Brian Rabal (F)		Lucy Pesek Kai Keller Alex Shoemaker Brecklyn Keller	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, Mar. 10 11:45PM	Esmeralda Almaras (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Crimilda Viera	Ricardo Almaraz - EMC - Comunión (A) Noel Pérez - EMC - Comunión (B)	Héctor Rangel (C1) Brenda Cruz (C3) Olga Serrano (C4) María Niño (C6)	Juan Diego Hernández (A-B) María Barajas (C) J. Concepción Serrano (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		Aldo Trujillo Alondra Niño- Pérez Christian Pérez Rick Almaras	Crimilda Viera
Sunday, Mar. 10 5:00PM	Bryan Bacon (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Lisa Juan - EMC - HOST (2)	Cathy Townzen (C1) Lisa Richard (C2)	David Power (A-B) Rob Brothers (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	Brian Ganey Brennan Ganey	Cary Richard