



**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 24, 2024

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

*Domingo de Ramos de La Pasión 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.

**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*

**RCIA:** Come join us Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00pm for Rehearsal for Easter Vigil. There will be no March 20th class.



**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.

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

**Good Friday Collection:** Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious, and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

**Colecta de Viernes Santo:** *El Papa Francisco ha pedido a nuestra parroquia apoyar a los cristianos en la Tierra Santa. A través de la Colecta de Viernes Santo, usted se une a católicos en todo el mundo para solidarizarse con la Iglesia en la Tierra Santa. Cuando usted contribuye a la Colecta Pontificia de Viernes Santo, usted se convierte en un instrumento de paz en una tierra turbulenta. En estos tiempos desafiantes en el Medio Oriente, su apoyo significa que nuestra iglesia conducirá ministerio parroquial, proveerá educación católica, alimentará a los hambrientos, construirá viviendas para los cristianos, preservará santuarios y operará centros de refugiados en la Tierra Santa.*

*Cristianos, junto con todo el clero y religiosos que sirven en la Tierra Santa, ¡agradecerán profundamente sus oraciones y ayuda económica! Los desafíos políticos, religiosos y militares en la Tierra Santa son más complejos que nunca. Las guerras, la inquietud e inestabilidad han sido especialmente difíciles para los cristianos. Nuestra parroquia apoyará a los cristianos en la Tierra Santa a través de*

*la Colecta de Viernes Santo, como lo pidió el Papa Francisco. Así como Simón de Cirene, usted puede ayudar a cargar la cruz bajo circunstancias muy difíciles en la Tierra Santa. ¡Por favor, sea generoso!*

Para más información sobre los cristianos en la Tierra Santa, visite: [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

**Return to Our Lady:** His Eminence Cardinal Burke is calling on every Catholic in America to return to Our Lady and join in prayer. Visit: [novena.cardinalburke.com](http://novena.cardinalburke.com) for more information.



**St. Stephen Preschool:** Is currently enrolling students for the 2024-2025 Pre-K classes. If your child will be four by August 1, 2024 and you are interested in our program or require additional information, please email: [preschool@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:preschool@ststephenbentonville.com) (Cathy Townzen)

**Stuebenville:** Dear parish family, we need your assistance! Our **Life Teen** youth group is scheduled to attend the largest summer conference for teens in the USA, Steubenville MidAmerica, this July. Cost has gone up substantially over the last few years and we wanted to invite you to participate in this opportunity with us by inviting you to help sponsor a teen. We are taking donations to make this encounter with Christ possible for the youth of our parish. **Can you financially help us get there?** Contact Jessica Petter at [jpetter@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:jpetter@ststephenbentonville.com) for more information.



Join us **Monday, April 8th** for our next Speaker Series on **"The Legacy of Pope Benedict XVI and his Liturgical Theology."** Dr. Roland Millare, author of *A Living Sacrifice: Liturgy and Eschatology of Joseph Ratzinger*, will be starting his talk at **6:30 pm** in the Parish Life Center.

Snacks and drinks will be available from 6pm-6:30pm for some time to socialize with your fellow parishioners. This presentation will highlight the key insights of Joseph Ratzinger/Benedict XVI into the theology and celebration of the liturgy. Dr. Millare will highlight how His Holiness Ratzinger/Benedict XVI's theology of liturgy offers us wisdom on how to celebrate the liturgy well and the how the liturgy urges us to become a living sacrifice of love for others. All are welcome!



Join us **Saturday, April 13th** for a night of Bingo and fun. Starter packs are **\$40** with additional sheets available for purchase. We will also have concessions and a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will go toward scholarships for teens in our youth ministry. Purchase online to get an extra game sheet! Doors open at 6:00pm and game play starts at 6:30pm. All are welcome but only 21+ can purchase official bingo packs; bingo sheets are available for free for the kids. (See QR code below.)



**Vacation Bible Camp (VBC):** Summer is approaching quickly and for Vacation Bible Camp to be a success, we need 40 Adult Volunteers. VBC is scheduled for **July 17-19** from **6pm-8:30pm** each day.

Please reach out to Marta Hernandez ([mhernandez@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:mhernandez@ststephenbentonville.com)) if you are willing and available to help.

El verano se acerca rápidamente y para que el Campamento Bíblico de Vacaciones sea un éxito necesitamos 40 Voluntarios Adultos. Está programado para julio de 17-19 de 6-8:30pm cada día. Por favor, comuníquese con Marta Hernández ([mhernandez@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:mhernandez@ststephenbentonville.com)) si está dispuesto y disponible para ayudar.



**St. Stephen Benevolent Conference(SSBC):** Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

With your gifts to the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference, you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering. You give them Easter hope and joy.

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux: Walking With Purpose** women's ministry is forming at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church. Our first Bible study starts **April 14th - May 19th** from **1:00pm-3:00pm**.

In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? Living in the Father's Love will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all. This six-week Bible study is the ideal but powerful way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love. Order the book, **"Living in the Father's Love Bible Study – Walking with Purpose,"** at: <https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/> For more information, contact Tina at [tthomenow@yahoo.com](mailto:tthomenow@yahoo.com) or 661-342-0772.

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Psalm 22:** In my deepest despair, scorned and wounded, I feel abandoned. Yet, I call for God's swift aid, promising to proclaim His greatness to those who suffer, urging them to praise and honor Him.

**Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11:** Christ, though divine, embraced humility, becoming human and obeying to the point of death on a cross. Consequently, God elevated Him, ensuring every being honors Jesus as Lord, glorifying God the Father.

**Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47:** Jesus' final days were marked by betrayal, the Last Supper, and teachings on readiness. After being betrayed by Judas, Jesus faced trials, denial by Peter, and crucifixion. His death on the cross, amidst mockery, fulfilled prophecies and demonstrated profound love. Buried by Joseph of Arimathea, Jesus' sacrifice offered hope beyond death, emphasizing redemption and eternal life for humanity. Source: [youngcatholics.com](http://youngcatholics.com)

God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord..



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