

**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 31, 2024

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

*Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor*

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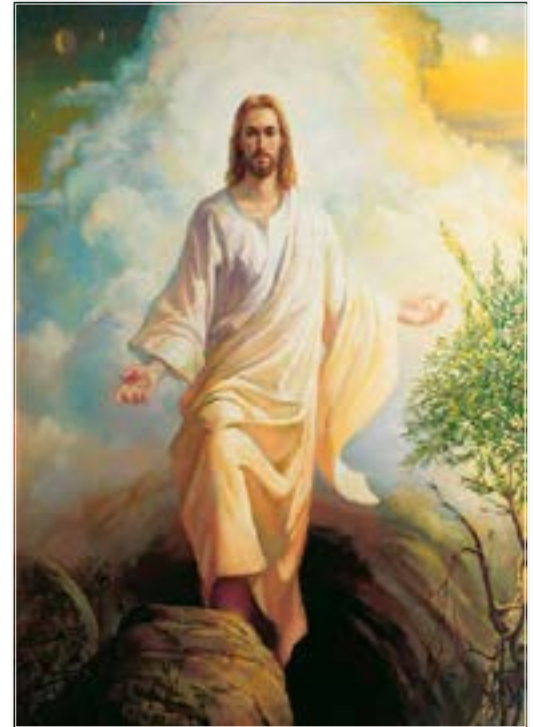
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**Weekday Mass**  
*Misa Entre Semana (Inglés)*  
Mon–Fri / Lun–Vie ..... 12:00PM

**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**  
Mon – Fri / Lun – 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.

**RICA:** 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.*

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



**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)

**Steubenville:** 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.



**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.

**Campamento Bíblico de Vacaciones:** *El verano se acerca rápidamente y para que el Campamento Bíblico de Vacaciones sea un éxito necesitamos 40 Voluntarios Adultos. Está programado para el 17-19 de julio 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:** Today, as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the



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.)



**DECLINE TO SIGN**  
**Decline to Sign the Abortion Petition:** Catholics have duties and responsibilities as citizens, and we are called to actively participate in political life to further the common good. This means bringing our faith into the public square. (see Gaudium et spes 75.) The instinsically evil act of abortion must always be vigorously opposed. For this reason, Bishop Taylor is urging all Catholics **not** to sign the petition to put the Arkansas Abortion Amendment on our voting ballots. Please **Decline to Sign!!**

**SSBC:** Today, as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenges of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

During Lent, through your gifts, the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor by assisting more than **45** families. Thank you!

**NWA Respect Life:** We give praise and glory to God for the many faith-filled Christians who came to pray during the 2024 Spring prayer campaign of 40 Days for Life. This vigil boasts the most prayer warriors ever - **348!** Your love of Christ our Life was revealed through your courage, your sacrifice of time, braving the cold and/or windy weather, and a few of you suffered a bit of verbal abuse and middle finger salutes. Don't forget we have a Fajita Thank You Dinner scheduled for the first Saturday of April, **4/6/24 at 6:00 p.m.** Please please RSVP so we order enough fajitas! Text Maribel - 479-659-4147 or Louise at 501-951-2767.

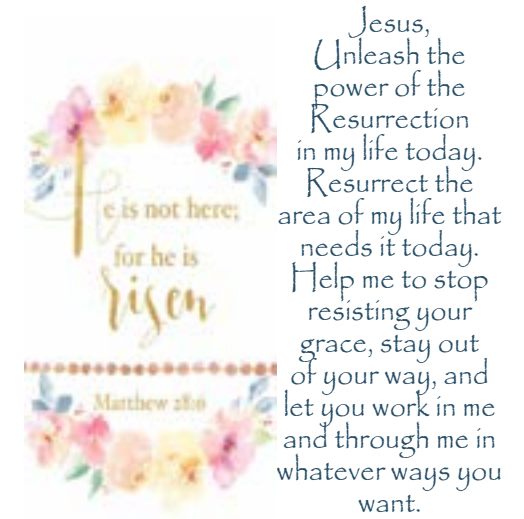
**Divine Mercy Sign Sale *Jesus, I Trust in You!*** As we continue our journey and prepare our hearts for the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter, we then look towards Divine Mercy Sunday celebrated on April 7th. In St. Faustina's Diary Jesus tells her: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary 48)

We will be selling Divine Mercy yard signs and garden signs after all the Masses on **April 6th and 7th.** A percentage of the proceeds from the sign sales will be given back to benefit the Parish.

**Venta de Rótulos de la Divina Misericordia ¡Jesús, en Ti confío!** *Mientras continuamos nuestro viaje y preparamos nuestros corazones para la Resurrección de nuestro Señor en Pascua, miramos hacia el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia que se celebra el 7 de abril. En el Diario de Santa Faustina, Jesús le dice: "Prometo que el alma que venere esta imagen no perecerá. También prometo la victoria sobre sus enemigos que ya están aquí en la tierra, especialmente en la hora de la muerte. Yo mismo lo defenderé como Mi propia gloria." (Diario 48) Estaremos vendiendo letreros para patio y jardín de la Divina Misericordia después de todas las Misas del 6-7 de abril. Un porcentaje de las ganancias, se devolverá a la parroquia.*

**Eucharist Revival Night:** Holy Hour **Wed. April 10th at 6:00pm.** Reconciliation will be **6:30pm-7:30pm.**

**Noche de Avivamiento Eucarístico:** Hora Santa **Mié. 10 de abril 7:00pm.** Reconciliación de **6:30pm-7:30pm.**



Jesus, Unleash the power of the Resurrection in my life today. Resurrect the area of my life that needs it today. Help me to stop resisting your grace, stay out of your way, and let you work in me and through me in whatever ways you want.



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## Church Operations for March

Operating Expenses .....\$158,612

As the whole Church rejoices on the great Feast of Easter, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus, may the light and power of the Risen Christ fill us, His faithful stewards with everlasting joy!

*God is always generous.  
Stewardship is the disciple's response.*

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$138,273	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$16,223	\$ 21,000

## Scripture Readings for 4/7/2024

Acts 4: 32-35

Ps 118 (117): 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Jn 5: 1-6

Jn 20: 19-31

## Growth Fund Progress

GOAL: \$500,000



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Easter Vigil Saturday, Mar. 30

8:00PM Lichti Family

### Easter Sunday, Mar. 31

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM Troy Banzhaf †

11:45AM Odilón Miramón † & Carmelinda Pedroza †

5:00PM No Mass

### Monday, Apr. 1

12:00PM James Michael May †

### Tuesday, Apr. 2

12:00PM James Michael May †

### Wednesday, Apr. 3

12:00PM James Michael May †

### Thursday, Apr. 4

12:00PM James Michael May †

### Friday, Apr. 5

12:00PM James Michael May †

### Saturday, Apr. 6

9:00AM Jim & Joan Bohata †

5:00PM Maria Neyle Nguyen †

### Divine Mercy Sunday, Apr. 7

7:45AM Larry Wewers †

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM Juan Maya † & Usevia 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, Apr. 6 5:00 PM	Jen Krueckeberg (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements) Bruce Peterson	Jon Terlouw	Lori Terlouw EMC - HOST (1) Pam Gander EMC - HOST (2)	Jack McDaniel (C1) Susan McDaniel (C2)	Dave Brandenburg (A-B) Clayton Akehurst (C) NOT FILLED(D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Jon Terlouw	Conner Fitzpatrick NOT FILLED NOT FILLED John Harrington	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, Apr. 7 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	April Appleby EMC - HOST (1) Karen Howard - EMC HOST (2)	Kira O'Shaughnessy(C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	Katie (Leo) Stirton (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) Mark Kreuter (D-E) Amanda Cantu (F)		Wyatt Jones NOT FILLED NOT FILLED Cole Jones	Amanda Cantu
Sunday, Apr. 7 10:00 AM	Ed Brown (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC HOST (1) Gina Koch EMC - HOST (2)	Steve Harrington (C1) TJ LaPlant (C2)	Daniel Cruz (A-B) Ken Butler (C) Charlotte Champagne (D-E) Tim Koch (F)		Steven Zink Rosalina Cox Ben Seiler Haddie Seiler	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Apr. 7 11:45PM	Luis López Sánchez (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Crimelda Rivera	Héctor Rangel - EMC Comunión (A) María Elena Calderón EMC Comunión (B)	Iván Sanabria (C1) Brenda Cruz (C3) Noel Pérez (C4) Eva Miramón (C6)	Roberto Paredes (A-B) Bertha Valdez (C) Victor López (D-E) María Dalia López (F)		Aldo Trujillo Rick Almaras Christian Pérez NOT FILLED	Crimilda Viera
Sunday, Apr. 7 5:00PM	Alric Fernandes (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Susan Davis - EMC HOST (1) Chris Davis EMC - HOST (2)	Lisa Juan (C1) Katie Morris (C2)	David Power (A-B) Rob Brothers (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Sherri MacLean