

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 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Cuarto 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



As long
as I am
in the
WORLD,
I am the
LIGHT
of the
WORLD.

John 9:5

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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.*

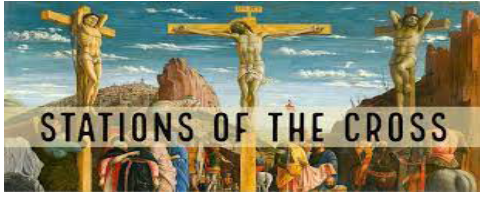
Catholic Marriage: Marriage preparation required. Contact the parish at least 9 months in advance. Two additional months' notice for wedding in another country. If you plan on getting married, always contact the church before booking a reception site or setting a date.

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, March 13th at 7:00pm for First Confessions, led by 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. 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 *Ignatian Adventure Prayer Group*. No dinner.

Via 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).*

15 de mar.: Coro

22 de marzo.: Rosario Dominical

Confession & Absolution

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

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!

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 #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.

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.

NWA Respect Life: This week we had an increase of 76 pro-lifers come to pray in front of Planned Parenthood. After just 2 weeks, a total of 270 Christians have participated. This is wonderful! Spread the news! 40daysforlife.com/rogers.

Decline to Sign! As most of you have heard, a nefarious and deceptive organization called "AR for Limited Government" is trying to add an abortion amendment to the Arkansas constitution. In order to get on our November ballot, the pro-abortion group must collect 90,704 signatures.

If you would like to assist with "Decline to Sign" please text 469-231-1959 (Sheila Pursell) or email: nwarespectlife.org "Decline to Sign" in the Subject Line.



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 Cathy Townzen at: preschool@ststephenbentonville.com

St. Vincent DePaul Vianney Cenacle Prayers for Priests Ministry: Is presenting a Structured Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration & Scriptural Sorrowful Mysteries Rosary for Priests, Saturday, **March 16, 2024, 11am - 12 pm**, at SVDP Weekday Chapel, All are Invited, presented in English, Participant Booklets Provided. Join us for this structured Hour of Adoration and prayer for our Universal Church's vocations, priests, deacons, and seminarians.

Ministry Scheduling: Work will be starting soon on the ministry schedule for the months of **April, May and June**. Let us know of any conflicts you might have for the next quarter before **Wednesday, March 13th** via email: cespinosa@ststephenbentonville.com.

No response indicates that you do not have any conflicts for your preferred Mass time.

If you would be willing to serve at our First Communion Mass, Sunday, April 21 at 2:00pm, or Confirmation Mass, Saturday, May 4 at 9:00am please let us know. We really need help at these Mass times!

Also, make use of the sub list to find your replacement if you are unable to attend Mass when you are scheduled. A friendly reminder that the parish office does not find subs, and it is not the responsibility of the head minister to find a sub for you.

Programación del Ministerio: Pronto comenzará el trabajo en el cronograma del ministerio para los meses de abril, mayo y junio. Háganos saber cualquier conflicto que pueda tener para el próximo trimestre antes del **miércoles 13 de marzo** email: cespinosaststephen@ststephenbentonville.com.

Si no hay respuesta, indica que no tiene ningún conflicto con el horario de Misa que prefiere.

Si estaría dispuesto a servir en nuestra Misa de Primera Comunión, el domingo 21 de abril a las 2:00 p. m., o Misa de Confirmación, el sábado 4 de mayo a las 9:00 a. m., háganoslo saber. ¡Realmente necesitamos ayuda en estos tiempos de Misa!

Además, utilice la sublista para encontrar su reemplazo si no puede asistir a Misa cuando está programado. Un recordatorio amistoso de que la oficina parroquial no encuentra sustitutos y que no es responsabilidad del ministro principal encontrar un sustituto para usted.



SSBC (Society of St. Vincent de Paul):

There is a St. Joseph's Altar in the Narthex celebrating the feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. We ask you to bring non-perishable foods such as pasta,

pasta sauce, rice, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables (peas, corn, potatoes, carrots, green beans), and shampoo.

Place your offering on the St. Joseph altar, say a prayer of thanksgiving for all you have and for those you are helping, and pray for your family to be a replica of the Holy Family. If you are blessed with work, enough to eat and money for a rainy day, give thanks to God for His goodness. Thank you for your support in honor of St. Joseph & our Neighbors in Need!

SSBC (Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl): Hay un Altar de San José en el Nártex que celebra la fiesta de San José el 19 de marzo. Le pedimos traer alimentos no perecederos como pasta, salsa para pasta, arroz, mantequilla de maní, gelatina, frutas enlatadas, verduras enlatadas (arvejas, maíz, papas, zanahorias, judías verdes) y champú.

Coloque sus ofrendas en el altar de San José, haga una oración de agradecimiento por todo lo que tiene y por las personas que usted ayudará con su donativo. Haga una oración para que su familia sea una réplica de la Sagrada Familia. Si tiene la bendición de tener trabajo, suficiente comida y lo necesario para sus gastos, de gracias a Dios por su bondad. Gracias por su apoyo en honor a San José y por ayudar a nuestros vecinos en necesidad.

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday): The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B focus on God's faithfulness in drawing us closer to him. The first reading tells how God inspired Cyrus to allow the chosen people to worship once again in Jerusalem. And in the gospel we hear of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, where Jesus explains that he was sent to us out of the boundless love of God.

The 4th Sunday of Lent Year B presents a profound reflection on themes of longing for

restoration, God's mercy and grace, the dichotomy between light and darkness, and God's unwavering love for humanity. These readings invite us to contemplate our own lives in light of God's enduring patience and willingness to forgive. They challenge us to recognize our transgressions, yet reassure us of the possibility of repentance and returning to God's grace. Through the narrative of the Babylonian exile and the words of Jesus in John 3, we are reminded of the transformative power of belief and the hope that lies in restoration.

Longing for restoration: Despite the reality of judgment and punishment, the readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B also emphasize the possibility of repentance and restoration. In 2 Chronicles 36, the Babylonian exile is seen as a time of purging and purification, and God later allows the people to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. In John 3, Jesus speaks of the possibility of eternal life through belief in him.

God's mercy and grace: The readings also emphasize God's mercy and grace towards humanity, despite our sinfulness. In the first reading, God is patient and long-suffering towards the people, giving them many chances to repent and turn back to him. In the gospel, Jesus speaks of God's love for the world, and his willingness to give his only son as a sacrifice for our sins.

Light and darkness: In John 3, Jesus speaks of the contrast between light and darkness, using light as a metaphor for truth and righteousness, and darkness as a metaphor for sin and ignorance.

God's love for humanity: The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B also emphasize God's love for humanity, despite our sinfulness. In 2 Chronicles 36, God is patient towards the people, even as they rebel against him. In John 3, Jesus speaks of God's love for the world, and his willingness to give his only son as a sacrifice for our sins.

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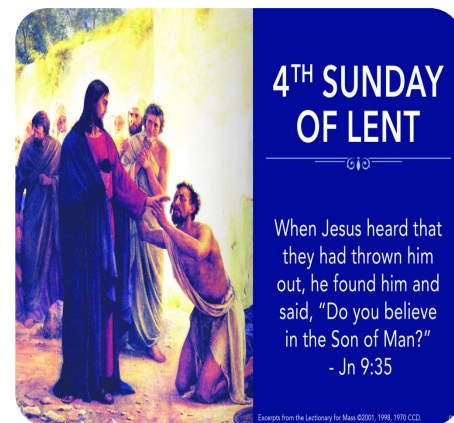
O Lord God, draw us into Your light. Expose wherever we, like Your people of old, have thought, spoken and acted against You, that in repentance we might look to Your Son lifted up on the cross and be saved from Your righteous wrath. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent. In your name I

pray,

Amen.



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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Church Operations for February

Operating Expenses\$153,168

Cyrus, King of Persia says (in 2 Chronicles 36) that the Lord "charged me to build him a house." May we too be faithful supporters of the Lord's House, with our time, talent and treasure, as we look upon Christ Crucified lifted up for our salvation.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$153,930	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$17,489	\$ 21,000

Scripture Readings for 3/17/2024

Jer 31: 31-34

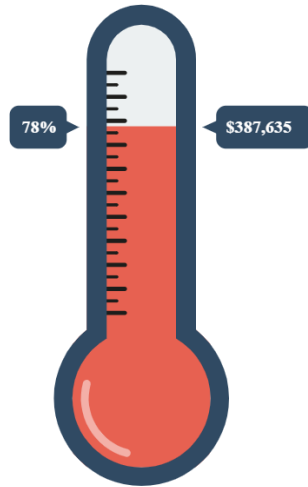
Ps 51 (50): 3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Heb 5: 7-9

Jn 12: 20-33

Growth Fund Progress

GOAL: \$500,000



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Mass Intentions for the Week

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 †

Monday, Mar. 11

12:00PM María Rodríguez †

Tuesday, Mar. 12

12:00PM Genevieve Klimek †

Wednesday, Mar. 13

12:00PM José Aguero †

Thursday, Mar. 14

12:00PM Connie Gempler †

Friday, Mar. 15

12:00PM Friends & Family DiGiacomo Family

Saturday, Mar. 16

5:00PM Joseph Hach Bui †

Sunday, Mar. 17

7:45AM Gary Baumhover †
10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses
11:45AM Wayne Kleeman †
5:00PM Johanna Wurzer

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Mar. 16 5:00 PM	Jon Terlouw (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Lori Terlouw - EMC - HOST (1) Pam Gander - EMC - HOST (2)	James Sutton (C1) Susan McDaniel (C2)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) Jack Kelley (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Jackson Coco Emma Coco Conner FitzPatrick	Bryan Bacon
Sunday, Mar. 17 7:45 AM	Alric Fernandes (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mark Jechura	April Appleby - EMC - HOST (1) Bruce Peterson - EMC - HOST (2)	Tom Stawicki (C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) Amanda Cantu (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) Karen Howard (F)		Dominic Skidd Damian Skidd Gus Skidd	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Mar. 17 10:00 AM	Ted Brauburger (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Theresa Brauburger	Greg Brandenburg - EMC - HOST (1) Gina Koch - EMC - HOST (2)	TJ LaPlant (C1) Diedra or Steven Dourth (C2)	Tim Koch (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Steve Harrington (D-E) Kevin Clemens (F)		Caleb Medders Kai Keller Ben Seiler Brecklyn Keller	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, Mar. 17 11:45PM	Fernando Barbosa (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Ivan Sanabria	Maria Nino - EMC - Comunion (A) Maria Elena Calderon - EMC - Comunion (B)	Olga Serrano (C1) Marcela Esquivel (C3) Eva Miramon (C4) Ricardo Almaraz (C6)	NOT FILLED (A-B) J. Concepcion Serrano (C) Jose Ortiz (D-E) Bertha Valdez (F)		Aldo Trujillo Alondra Nino- Perez NOT FILLED Rick Almaras	Ivan Sanabria
Sunday, Mar. 17 5:00PM	Tracy Sullivan (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Nicholas Tyburski - EMC - HOST (1) Susan Davis - EMC - HOST (2)	Katie Morris (C1) Chris Davis (C2)	Rob Brothers (A-B) Annabella Tyburski (C) David Power (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	Brian Ganey Brennan Ganey	Sherri MacLean