

**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

April 14, 2024

**Third Sunday of Easter**

*Tercer Domingo de Pascua*

**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**

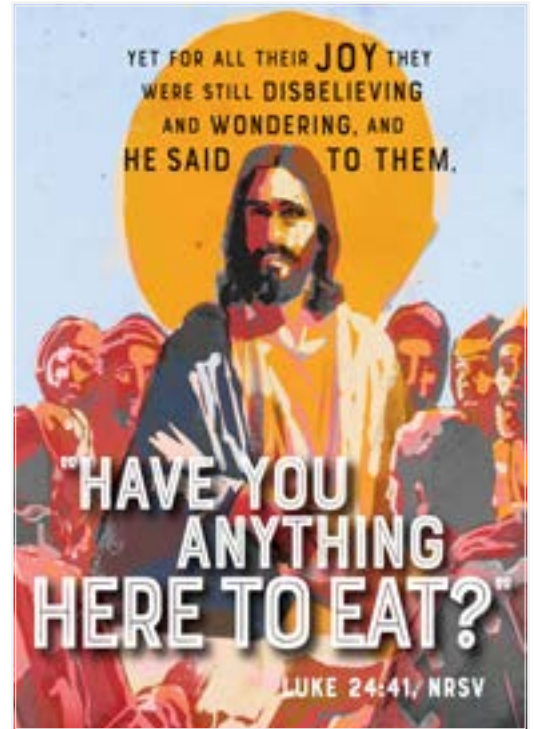
Mon - Fri / Lun - Vie ..... 11:30-11:55AM

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



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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.*

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



**Memorial Mass:** St. Stephen will host a Memorial Mass, also known as a *Mass of Remembrance*, in honor of our departed children on **Monday, May 13th at 6:00pm** in the main church with a potluck reception to follow. Please attend if you or someone you know has suffered the loss of a child. If possible, please RSVP using the QR code. You can also use the QR code to add a child's name to the program, to request a copy of the program, to request your child's name to be announced before the start of Mass, and/or to volunteer to bring food to the reception.

Red Bird Ministries is a Catholic, pro-life, and pro-family grief support ministry that focuses on supporting individuals and couples who have experienced the loss of a child of any age and any circumstance including miscarriage, stillbirth, or after birth as an infant, child, adolescent, or adult. Please email Lauren McAdams with any questions at: [redbird@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:redbird@ststephenbentonville.com)



**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)



**Youth Faith Formation Registration 2024-2025**  
*Mark 10:14 Mateo 10:14*  
**Inscripción para la Formación de Fe para Jóvenes 2024-2025**

Scan QR Code to Register  
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**St. Vincent de Paul Church:** Are you experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one either recently or from the past? We would like to extend a heartfelt message of consolation and God's blessing in the loss of your loved one. Our ministry brings together those who seek support during a time of great grief who are searching for an understanding on how to cope after such a life-changing event has occurred.

**Who would benefit from this ministry:** Anyone who has cared for a loved one or friend who has passed on to be with our Lord. What do we do: We meet once a month to be a SUPPORT for each other; LISTEN to each other: ENCOURAGE each other: PRAY for each other: GROW SPIRITUALLY with each other; and YES! CELEBRATE and LAUGH with each other.

**When:** 1st Saturday of the month at **9:30am to 11:30am** in the St. Charles Room. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Dc. Dan Grelle (479-640-6305), Nina Tancredi (479-640-3750), or Sue Yarbrough (479-616-4214), or simply come to our meeting.

**USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities:** Is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer for the end of abortion and the protection of women and preborn children, beginning on the eve of the oral arguments, and the anniversary of St. John Paul II's landmark, pro-life encyclical, In particular, we will invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.



Are you looking to deepen your faith and become more full united to Christ? Join us for our next Speaker Series with Chris Carstens as he discusses **"How Mass Can Become a Time of Grace, Nourishment, and Devotion."** His talk will begin at **6:30pm** on **Monday, May 6th** but come at 6:00 pm for snacks and socializing and to meet Chris! He is director of the Office for Sacred Worship in the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin; a visiting faculty member at the Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois; editor of the Adoremus Bulletin; and one of the voices on The Liturgy Guys podcast. He is author of A Devotional Giving

Journey into the Mass and A Devotional Journey into the Easter Mystery (Sophia), as well as Principles of Sacred Liturgy: Forming a Sacramental Vision (Hillenbrand Books). All are welcome!

**Knights of Columbus:** Is once again offering a \$1,000 scholarship to any qualified Senior who is a parishioner of St. Stephen and attends a high school other than Bentonville or Bentonville West. The Knights currently participate in another program for BHS and BWHS Seniors. Any interested Senior can contact Phil Pesek at [ppesek24@yahoo.com](mailto:ppesek24@yahoo.com) for an application or questions. The deadline for submitting an application is **Tuesday, April 30, 2024.**

**The Knights of Columbus** are providing a limited number of partial Scholarships for Camp Subiaco. Deadline to submit application is **Sunday May 5nd**. Camp Subiaco Scholarship Application available at the Narthex. (Table by the bulletins.)

**Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA):** Giving is a lifestyle. Generosity, whether it be a selfless giving of your time, your talents or your treasure, is a true mark of a follower of Christ. In the Diocese of Little Rock we are blessed with many individuals and families that have joined together to make a difference in

our world by being long-time, monthly supporters of the Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal. Return your CASA Gift/Pledge in the envelopes provided.

**Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA):** *Da es un estilo de vida. La generosidad, ya sea una entrega desinteresada de su tiempo, sus talentos o su tesoro, es una verdadera marca de un seguidor de Cristo. En la Diócesis de Little Rock tenemos la suerte de contar con muchas personas y familias que se han unido para marcar la diferencia en nuestro mundo apoyando mensualmente desde hace mucho tiempo la Campaña Católica Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal. Devuelva su Regalo/donación de CASA en los sobres proporcionados.*

The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B touch on several interconnected themes that are crucial to understanding the Easter season and its significance in Christian life. Here are the main themes:

**Repentance and Forgiveness:** A central theme, especially highlighted in the readings from Acts and the Gospel of Luke, is the call to repentance—turning back to God—and the promise of forgiveness. This theme underscores God's mercy and willingness to forgive sins for those who turn to Him and acknowledge their wrongdoings.

**The Fulfillment of Prophecy:** The readings from Acts and Luke emphasize that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection were all part of God's plan, foretold in the scriptures. This theme connects the events of the New Testament with the prophecies of the Old Testament, showing the continuity and fulfillment of God's salvation history.

**Witnessing to the Resurrection:** The Gospel and the first reading both highlight the importance of witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus. The disciples are called to share the news of Jesus' resurrection and the forgiveness of sins with all nations, emphasizing the role of Christians to bear witness to the truth of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

**Jesus as Advocate and Atonement:** The second reading from 1 John presents Jesus as the advocate for sinners and the atonement for our sins. This theme highlights the mediating role of Jesus between humanity and God, and the universal scope of Jesus' sacrifice, which is not limited to a single group but is extended to the whole world.

**Obedience to God's Commands:** True knowledge of Jesus is demonstrated through obedience to His commands, as mentioned in the letter of John. This theme ties in with the idea of living according to God's will as a response to understanding and accepting Jesus' role as our savior and advocate.

**The Physical Resurrection of Jesus:** In the Gospel reading, Jesus shows His physical form to His disciples, eating with them and allowing them to touch Him. This emphasizes the physical reality of the resurrection, countering any notion that it was merely a spiritual or symbolic event. Source: [young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com)

God, may we feel the warm embrace of your love on this sacred day. May the glory of Jesus's resurrection remind us that with You, nothing is impossible or without hope. We pray in Your name. Amen.



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 Email articles to: [bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com)

**Fecha límite del Boletín:** Martes a las 12:00 PM (5 días antes de la fecha de publicación). Envíe artículos a: [bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com)

## Church Operations for April

Operating Expenses .....\$62,125

St. Paul reminds us that the author of life was put to death, but has been raised. Our faith allows us to see Him in the breaking of the bread. May this same faith inspire us in our regular stewardship through the Sunday collection or giving on-line.

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

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$87,312	\$ 135,000
Growth Fund	\$8,726	\$ 21,000

## Scripture Readings for 4/21/2024

Acts 4: 8-12

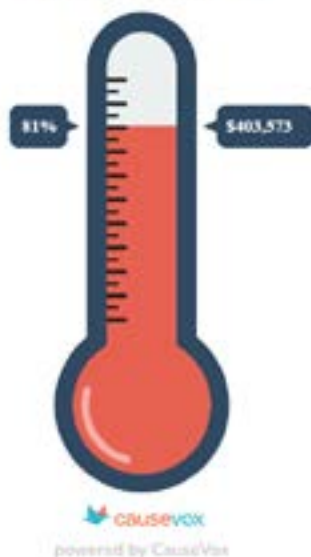
Ps 118 (117): 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

1 Jn 3: 1-2

Jn 10: 11-18

## Growth Fund Progress

GOAL: \$500,000



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

		<b>Saturday, Apr. 13</b>
8:00PM	Maggie Butler	
		<b>Sunday, Apr. 14</b>
7:45AM	Joseph Minh Buit †	
10:00AM	Andrew Lac Tran †	
11:45AM	Parishioners/Feligreses	
5:00PM	All Souls	
		<b>Monday, Apr. 15</b>
12:00PM	Annabella Tyburski	
		<b>Tuesday, Apr. 16</b>
12:00PM	No Noon Mass	
		<b>Wednesday, Apr. 17</b>
12:00PM	No Noon Mass	
		<b>Thursday, Apr. 18</b>
12:00PM	No Noon Mass	
		<b>Friday, Apr. 19</b>
12:00PM	Maggie Butler	
		<b>Saturday, Apr. 20</b>
5:00PM	Hugh McKenna †	
		<b>Sunday, Apr. 21</b>
7:45AM	Parishioners/Feligreses	
10:00AM	María Rodríguez †	
11:45AM	Virginia Martínez †	
2:00PM	First Communion Candidates	
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, Apr. 20 5:00 PM	Tina Teissere (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Jon Terlouw	Sherolyn Johnson - EMC - HOST (1) Lori Terlouw - EMC - HOST (2)	Pam Gander (C1) Anita Fomin (C2)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) Dave Brandenburg (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Jon Terlouw	Brian Ganey NOT FILLED NOT FILLED Brennan Ganey	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, Apr. 21 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	April Appleby - EMC - HOST (1) Tony Baker - EMC - HOST (2)	Greg Brandenburg (C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	Karen Howard (A-B) Leo Stirton (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) Gerard Davenport		Wyatt Jones Oscar Koll Fiona Koll Cole Jones	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Apr. 21 10:00 AM	Rose Hartnett (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Kathryn Gough - EMC - HOST (1) Gina Koch - EMC - HOST (2)	Steve Harrington (C1) Pam Willis (C2)	Tim Koch (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Daniel Cruz (D-E) Kevin Clemons (F)		Lucy Pesek Ben Seiler Alex Shoemaker Haddie Seiler	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Apr. 21 11:45PM	Marta Hernandez (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Walter Hernández	Crimilda Viera - EMC - Comunión (A) Olga Serrano - EMC - Comunión (B)	Iván Sanabria (C1) María Elena Calderón (C3) Mirna Serrano (C4) Julián Serrano (C6)	J. Concepción Serrano (A-B) Víctor López (C) María Dalia López (D-E) Bertha Váldez (F)		Gustavo Mata Allison Mata Fatima Mata Eduardo Mata	Iván Sanabria
Sunday, Apr. 21 5:00PM	Nicholas Tyburski (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Catherine Garner - EMC - HOST (1) Lisa Juan - EMC - HOST (2)	Lisa Richard (C1) Cathy Townzen (C2)	Annabella Tyburski (A-B) David Power (C) Rob Brothers (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Sherri MacLean