

of God."



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

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1300 NE J St, Bentonville, AR 72712

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Quinto Domingo de Pascua

Weekday Mass

Misa Entre Semana (Inglés)

Sunday Mass & Saturday Vigil

| Misas de Domingo y Misa de Vi | gilia |
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| Saturday | 5:00PM |
| Sunday | 7:45AM |
| Sunday | |
| Sunday – Español | 11:45AM |
| Sunday | |

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Mon – Fri/Lun – Vie11:30–11:55AM 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

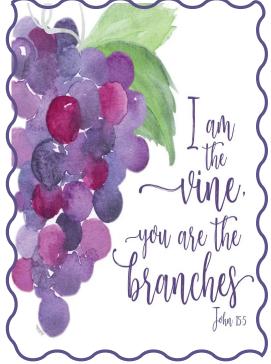
Office Hours Horario de Oficina

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.



| Mon–Thu / Lun– | Jue 9:00AM-3:00PM |
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| Friday / Viernes | 9:00AM-12:00PM |

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.

RCIA: 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 con la Fe.



Eucharistic Adoration: Is continuous prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to make an hourly commitment, we are specifically in need of Adorers on:

Monday:

11am-12pm, 1pm-4:00pm;

Tuesday:

9am-10am, 2pm-3pm, 5pm-6pm;

Wednesday:

9am-10am, 3pm-4pm, 5pm-7pm;

Friday:

All hours 8am-7pm;

Please contact:

adoration@ststephenbentonville.com for more information.



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 **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 (Cathy Townzen)





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 other: ENCOURAGE each other: to each PRAY for each other: GROW SPIRITUALLY and YES! CELEBRATE with other; each 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.



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 : Catholic schools, a charitable medical clinic, youth ministries, seminarian education, disaster relief, adoption services the list is almost endless. Charity does begin at home, so please give generously and make a difference in our own back yard by becoming a CASA supporter.

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 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 5th.** Camp Subiaco Scholarship Application available at the Narthex. (Table by the bulletins.)





New Music at Mass: You may have noticed new music recently being sung at most masses during the Gloria, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen and Lamb of God. This music comes from a setting called the Mass of Peace.

In order to follow and sing along, you can find the music toward the front of the Source and Summit missal on page numbers 53, 54 and 55. You can also listen and learn the mass parts by using the following link: https://app. sourceandsummit.com/share/35286141ea35-42c1-b94d-ee7c729e15d1

We hope this information will help you feel more comfortable in joining your voice with the cantor/choir as we praise Our Heavenly Father.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA): "Charity should begin at home" is an old proverb, and for Catholics across our state, charity really begins at CASA. The Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal is our annual campaign to fund a multitude of projects around our diocese. You name it and it is probably supported by CASA: Catholic schools, a charitable medical clinic, youth ministries, seminarian education, disaster relief, adoption services, the list is almost endless. Charity does begin at home, so please give generously and make a difference in our own back yard by becoming a CASA supporter.

SSBC: In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference brings Jesus' love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. Thank you for your support.

Legion of Mary Spiritual Adoption Month Two: Your baby is making progress developing all of his/her external features and internal organs. His/her brain is functioning at 40 days. His/her mother can hear his/ her heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Milk-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his/her thumb.

From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his/ her body. But everything he/she needs to survive once he/she is born is already present by the end of the eighth week.

Thank you for praying for your Spiritually Adopted baby.



Catholic Cruises: The 2025 Jubilee Tour only happens every 25 years! Join us for the experience of a lifetime for the 2025 Jubilee Year of the Catholic Church in Rome. Choose from 20 different tour dates ranging from January to October 2025. The Holy Door will be open! Land starting at only \$2099 per person (based on double occupancy.) Call Catholic Cruises and Tours for more information at 1-860-399-1785

Fifth Sunday of Easter: The readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year B remind us of *our dependence on God and each other.* In the gospel Jesus explains that he is the vine and we must depend on him. The second reading also echoes this teaching.

Transformation and Mission: In the first reading from Acts, we see the transformation of Saul, a former persecutor of Christians, into a bold preacher of the Gospel. This change highlights the power of God's grace to convert and equip believers for mission.

Love in Action: The second reading from 1 John emphasizes that love must be more than words; it must be expressed in deeds and truth. This practical expression of love is evidence of living in the truth of the Gospel.

Vital Connection with Christ: The Gospel from John uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches to illustrate the vital connection believers must maintain with Jesus. Just as branches can bear fruit only when attached to the vine, Christians can thrive spiritually only when they remain in Jesus.

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Bulletin Deadline: Tue. 12:00 PM (5 days prior to publication date.) Email articles to: 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

Church Operations for April Operating Expenses \$106,644

Our desire is to remain as branches on the True Vine of Christ so to produce much fruit in eternity. Our regular offerings, accompanied by our use of talents and volunteerism, signify this desire.

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

| Revenue | Month-to- Date | Monthly Goal | |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| Stewardship & Other | \$161,218 | \$135,000 | |
| Growth Fund | \$16,041 | \$ 21,000 | |

Scripture Readings for 5/5/2024

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98 (97): 1, 2-3, 3-4 1 Jn 4: 7-10 Jn 15: 9-17

Growth Fund Progress

GOAL: \$500,000



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Apr. 27 5:00PM Dorothy † & John Pachecho †

Sunday, Apr. 28

7:45AM For All Priests 10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses 11:45AM Apolonia Guzmán † 5:00PM All Souls Monday, Apr. 29

12:00PM Fausto Aguilar Ocampo

Tuesday, Apr. 30

12:00PM Gus Runde †

Wednesday, May 1

12:00PM George Gulash †

Thursday, May 2

12:00PM Anna Marie Johnston †

Friday, May 3

12:00PM Rusty Howell †

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Saturday, May 4

9:00AM Confirmation Candidates (There will be no First Saturday Devotion) 5:00PM Rolly Sutton †

Sunday, May 5

7:45AM John Matthew Jason † 10:00AM Jesús Méndez † 11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses 5:00PM Serafín Regalado † María del Refugio Alanis †

| | Lector | Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels | Eucharistic Minister Host | Eucharistic Minister Cup | Usher | Lock Up | Altar Server | Sacristan & Vessels |
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| Saturday, May 4 5:00 PM | Dave Krueckeberg (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements) | Jon Terlouw | Jill Saulsbery - EMC - HOST (1) Margie O'Grady - EMC - HOST (2) | Jack McDaniel (C1) Susan McDaniel (C2) | Steve Saulsbery (A-B) Clayton Akehurst (C) Dave Brandenburg (D-E) | Steve Saulsbery | Conner Fitzpatrick NOT FILLED NOT FILLED John Harrington | Jon Terlouw |
| Sunday, May 5 7:45 AM | Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements) | Mark Jechura | Chris O'Shaughnessy - EMC - HOST (1) Kira O'Shaughnessy - EMC - HOST (2) | Robbie Estes (C1) NOT FILLED (C2) | Peggy Estes (A-B) Karen Howard (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) Katie (Leo) Stirton (F) | | Dominic Skidd Damian Skidd NOT FILLED Gus Skidd | Mark Jechura |
| Sunday, May 5 10:00 AM | María Méndez (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements) | Mary Kate Beckham | Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Theresa Brauburger - EMC - HOST (2) | Bruce Beckham (C1) Pam Willis (C2) | Mark Kreuter (A-B) Steve Harrington (C) Daniel Cruz (D-E) Kevin Clemons (F) | | Caleb Medders Brecklyn Keller Kai Keller Lucy Pesek | Ted Brauburger |
| Sunday, May 5 11:45PM | Lily Farley (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios) | Crimilda Viera | Marcela Esquivel - EMC - Comunión (A) María Niño - EMC - Comunión (B) | Héctor Rangel (C1) Eva Miramón (C3) Julián Serrano (C4) Mirna Serrano (C6) | María Salcedo (A-B) Juan Diego Hernández (C) María Barajas (D-E) Roberto Paredes | | Gustavo Mata Allison Mata Fátima Mata Eduardo Mata | Crimilda Viera |
| Sunday, May 5 5:00PM | Beatriz Segura (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements) | Bryan Bacon | Catherine Garner - EMC - HOST (1) Chris Davis - EMC - HOST (2) | Susan Davis (C1) Lisa Juan (C2) | David Power (A-B) Rob Brothers (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F) | Bryan Bacon | NOT FILLED NOT FILLED | Sherri MacLean |