

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

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sexto 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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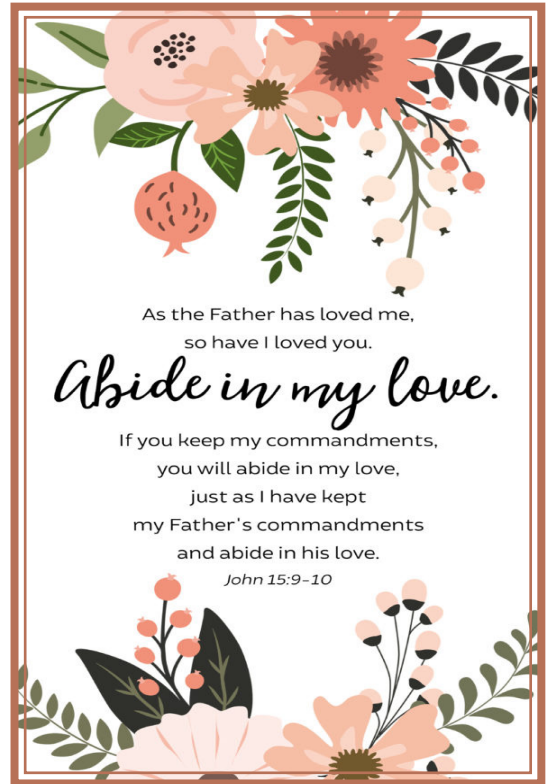
Horario de Oficina

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

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.*



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)



Vacation Bible Camp
Campamento Bíblico de Vacaciones
July 17-19, 6pm-8:30pm

Youth Registration:
Registro de Jóvenes:



Volunteer:
Voluntario:



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.



Are you looking to deepen your faith and become more fully 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 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!



SSBC: In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Your gifts to the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference help fulfill this commandment. Thanks to your generosity, SSBC helped nearly 40 families in April.

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.



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/35286141-ea35-42c1-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.

Shrines of Italy Catholic Cruises:
Sept. 14- Sept. 27, 2024. Land starting at \$3179 per person (based on double occupancy.) Milan-Turin, Pavia-Padua,

Pomposa-Ravenna-Rome, Pietrelcina-San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'angelo, Lanciano-Loretto, Assisi area.

Call Brian at Catholic Cruises and Tours for more information and to make a reservation (860) 399-1785.



Winner of Arkansas Catholic Photo Contest: Congratulations to C. Jacob Greeling of Bella Vista, AR! A colorful relief sculpture of Our Lady of Guadalupe in an arched niche at St. Stephen Church in Bentonville was captured in a winning photo by C. Jacob Greeling of Bella Vista. Arkansas Catholic's annual photo contest selects an image for the cover of the next Diocese of Little Rock directory.

This is Greeling's first entry to win at any level of the contest and the first time St. Stephen was depicted in a winning photo.



Retreats: Fr. Richard Walz, OSB, will give an overnight retreat Friday, May 10-11 on the *"Sermon on the Mount."* The retreat begins with dinner at 6pm on May 10th and ends around 3pm on Saturday, May 11th. Cost is \$115 for a private room; \$95 per person for a shared room and \$50 for a commuter.

Register by calling 479-934-1290 or e-mail courthouse@subi.org.

Br. Augustine DeFoore, OSB, will present an *"Introduction to Iconography"* June 21-23 for those interested in this ancient art depicting the Catholic faith.

Cost is \$115 for a private room; \$95 per person for a shared room and \$50 for a commuter. To register, call 479-934-1290 or e-mail courthouse@subi.org.



NWA Respect Life: Is sponsoring the annual NWA March for Life on Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00. We will start at the Patriarch House (next to Planned Parenthood) 1230 W. Poplar and walk to the Metroplex Event Center, 2305 S. 8th St. Our Keynote speaker is former Planned Parenthood Director and Whistleblower Mayra Rodriguez. Mayra's talk will be followed by the Procession of Roses. Text Sheila at 469-231-1959 or email nwarespectlifecouncil@gmail.com for questions.

Mayra Rodriguez will also be giving a special presentation IN SPANISH the evening before the walk on Saturday, June 22nd at 7:00p in Paul Hall on the St. Vincent de Paul campus. Music & Refreshments provided! Text Sheila at 469-231-1959 or email nwarespectlifecouncil@gmail.com for questions.

For the 6th Sunday of Easter Year B, the readings offer rich insights into love, inclusion, and divine friendship. Each theme is closely connected with how believers are called to live and interact in light of God's love.

God's impartial love: God shows no partiality

among people; His love is for all, as shown when the Holy Spirit fills everyone listening to Peter, regardless of being Jew or Gentile. This teaches us that God's love transcends human boundaries, inviting all into His divine family.

Power of divine love: The second reading tells us that God is the essence of love itself, and loving others is how we truly know God. This emphasizes that love is not just a human emotion but a reflection of the divine presence within us.

Commandment of love: Jesus commands His disciples to love one another as He has loved them. This directive is rooted in His own obedience and love for the Father, highlighting love as the fundamental principle of Christian life.

Sacrifice as true love: Jesus speaks about the greatest love being shown when one lays down their life for their friends. This underlines the sacrificial nature of true love, exemplified by Jesus' own life and death.

Friendship with God: Elevating His followers from servants to friends, Jesus shares divine truths with them. This shift illustrates the deep, personal relationship God seeks with us, based on transparency and mutual love.

Promise of answered prayers: Jesus assures that requests made in His name will be granted. This not only shows the power of prayer but also the confidence we can have in God's responsiveness to our needs. Source: young-catholics.com

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Church Operations for April

Operating Expenses\$132,784

Let us love one another as Christ has loved us by offering ourselves, in volunteering time, talent and treasure to Him and His holy people with a loving heart.

It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving - Mother Teresa

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$193,049	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$17,242	\$ 21,000

Scripture Readings for 5/12/2024

Acts 1: 1-11

Ps 47 (46): 2-3, 6-7, 8-9

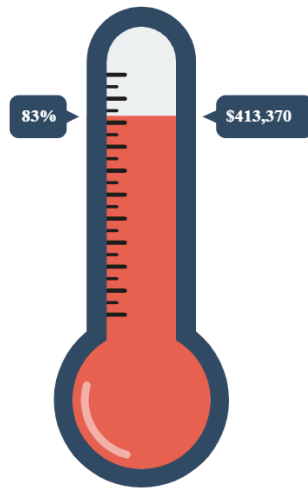
Eph 1: 17-23

Mk 16: 15-20

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Growth Fund Progress

GOAL: \$500,000



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Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Alanís †

Monday, May 6

12:00PM Vicente Almaras †
 Aurelia Garduño †

Tuesday, May 7

12:00PM Demetrio Trujillo †
 María Guadalupe Ramírez †

Wednesday, May 8

12:00PM Elia Viera †

Thursday, May 9

12:00PM Ernesto Javier Domínguez †

Friday, May 10

12:00PM José Raúl Hurtado †

Saturday, May 11

5:00PM María Rodríguez †

Ascension of the Lord Sunday, May 12

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
 10:00AM María & Juan Méndez
 11:45AM Refugio Trujillo †
 María Luisa Garrido †
 5:00PM All Souls

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, May 11 5:00 PM	Tina Teissere (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Margie O'Grady - EMC - HOST (2)	Pam Gander (C1) Anita Fomin (C2)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F) NOT FILLED (F)	Bruce Peterson	Jackson Coco Emma Coco NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, May 12 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Tom Stawicki - EMC - HOST (2)	Kira O'Shaughnessy (C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	Leo Stirton (A-B) Amanda Cantu (C) Karen Howard (D-E) Greg Woodell (F)		NOT FILLED Oscar Koll Fiona Koll Owen Gautier	Bryan Bacon
Sunday, May 12 10:00 AM	Greg Brandenburg (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Ted Brauburger	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Rose Hartnett - EMC - HOST (2)	Joe Hartnett (C1) Theresa Brauburger (C2)	Steve Harrington (A-B) Ken Butler (C) Mark Kreuter (D-E) Charlotte Champagne (F)		Steven Zink Ben Seiler Alex Shoemaker Haddie Seiler	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, May 12 11:45 PM	Ramón Portilla (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Mirna Serrano	Julián Serrano - EMC - Comunión (A) Marcela Esquivel - EMC - Comunión (B)	Eva Miramón (C1) María Niño (C3) Olga Serrano (C4) Héctor Rangel (C6)	J. Concepción Serrano (A-B) Victor López (C) María Dalia López (D-E) Bertha Váldez (F)		Aldo Trujillo Rick Almaras Alondra Niño-Pérez NOT FILLED	Mirna Serrano
Sunday, May 12 5:00 PM	Sylvester Fernandes (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Nicholas Tyburski - EMC - HOST (2)	Lisa Juan (C1) Lisa Richard (C2)	Annabella Tyburski (A-B) David Power (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Cary Richard