

**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 12, 2024

**The Ascension of the Lord**

*Ascensión del Señor*

**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.

*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 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](mailto:redbird@ststephenbentonville.com)



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

Youth Registration: Registro de Jóvenes:

Volunteer: Voluntario:

Youth Faith Formation Registration 2024-2025  
Inscripción para la Formación de Fe para Jóvenes 2024-2025

Mark Your Calendar! **WEEK 10-14**

Scan QR Code to Register  
Escanea Aquí El Código QR Para Registrarse

**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, 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](mailto:courthouse@subi.org).

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Is continuous prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. 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](mailto:adoration@ststephenbentonville.com)  
for more information.



**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.



Join us for our last Speaker Series of the season with our very own John Rocha. He will begin speaking on *"Eucharistic Living"* at 6:30pm on **Wednesday, May 29th**. As usual, we will have snacks and socializing beginning at 6:00pm. He is currently Head of School for Ozark Catholic Academy.

John Rocha also helped found Western Academy, an independent Catholic liberal arts school for boys in Houston. Prior to Western Academy, John was Academic Director for the Free Enterprise Institute where he developed and implemented educational programs for teacher professional development. John and his wife Donna are parishioners of St. Stephen along with their 10 children.

join us

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...  
**REGISTRATION SEASON**

SCAN ME

If you are going into 7th or 8th grade in the 2024-2025 school year, welcome to:

**EDGE**

If you are going to be in 9th - 12th grade in the 2024-2025 school year, welcome to:

**LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

**NWA March for Life:** Mark your calendar **Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00pm** for the NWA March for Life and Procession of Roses. We celebrate the **OVERTURNING** of Roe v. Wade! Family! Friends! Youth Groups! Church and neighborhood friends! All who celebrate He Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life!

Our NWA March for Life will begin near Planned Parenthood at 1230 W. Poplar. We will walk south on 8th Street to the NWA Metroplex Events Center. The Rogers Police Department has graciously agreed to provide an escort. Keynote speaker will be the amazing story of whistleblower and former Planned Parenthood Manager Mayra Rodriguez followed by the Procession of Roses.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Celebrating Our Lady's Birthday on September 8th and the Feast of the Trium of the Holy Cross September 14th, Group Leaders: Nives Jelich & Julia Brummitt are organizing a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Register online: [www.206tours.com/nives](http://www.206tours.com/nives). Scan the below QR Code for additional trip information.



**SSBC:** Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples ... and now through us.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor. Thank you for supporting the poor through the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference.

ENCUENTRO DE PROCESSION JUVENIL

Regístrate

**EPJ**  
**TE INVITA AL**  
**Encuentro Mixto**  
**#32**

REQUISITOS:  
• No. de edad: 13 años - 17 años  
• No. de edad: 18 años - 21 años  
• 18-20 años de edad  
• Con fe de Dios  
• Es deseo de regresar al camino

SOLICITA TU APLICACION HOY  
El 26 de Junio, 2024  
Diocesis de Little Rock,  
2500 N. Tyler St. Little Rock, AR 72207

CHECA NUESTRAS PAGINAS:  
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469-934-1290 - 469-934-1290

MORE INFO  
479-273-1240 - 469-934-1290



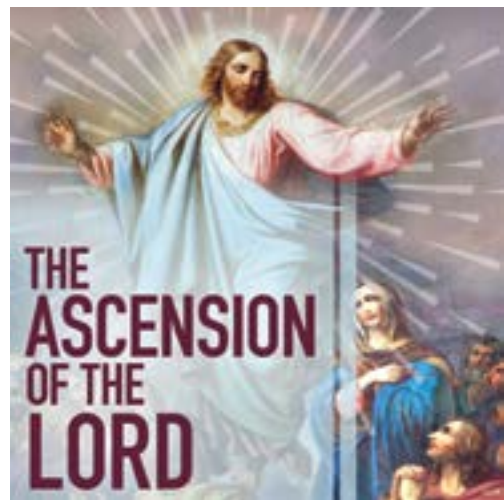
**Baccalaureate Mass for High School Seniors:** The upcoming Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated **Sunday, May 19th** at the **5:00pm** Mass.

Graduates should arrive with a cap and gown at **4:45pm** to prepare and receive instructions. There will be a cupcake reception following the Mass with a scholarship ceremony and distribution of gifts.



**Decline to Sign!** Praise God! The Good Lord held back the rain on Saturday so several of us could stand for Life in the Bentonville Farmers Market. We were blessed to hold **"DECLINE to SIGN"** posters -RIGHT NEXT to those trying to gather signatures for the Abortion Amendment.

As the Holy Spirit would have it - just as we were leaving 5 pro-lifers with 5' pro-life signs from Missouri came to take our place! Praise God! **PRAY PRAY PRAY** the Abortion Amendment which would open the door to abortion up to birth and remove all laws requiring parental consent for minors - will be defeated! I also have another 500 door hangers if you would like to help spread the news in local neighborhoods. Please text Sheila Pursell (Director) 469-231-1959.



**Parish Communications**

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

Operating Expenses .....\$31,993

We celebrate the feast of the Lord's Ascension into Heaven, where He has prepared a place for us. As we wait for our promised eternal inheritance, may we remain faithful in our love and service of God and others through sharing of volunteer time and resources.

*The righteous give without sparing.*

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$35,743	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$4,802	\$21,000

## Scripture Readings for 5/19/2024

Acts 2: 1-11

Ps 104 (103): 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20: 19-23

**Annulment Advocates:** ..... Joe & Rose Hartnett 479-855-2344  
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## Growth Fund Progress

GOAL: \$500,000



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, May 11**

5:00PM María Rodríguez †

**Sunday, May 12**

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM María & Juan Méndez

11:45AM Refugio Trujillo †

María Luisa Garrido †

5:00PM All Souls

**Monday, May 13**

12:00PM Richard Winston †

**Tuesday, May 14**

12:00PM Ricardo & María Almaraz

**Wednesday, May 15**

12:00PM Antonio & Olga Almaras

**Thursday, May 16**

12:00PM Almas del Purgatorio

**Friday, May 17**

12:00PM Fr. Rick Hobbs

**Saturday, May 18**

5:00PM Thong Le Peter †

**Pentecost Sunday, May 19**

7:45AM Nhu Bui Maria †

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM Arlet Salinas †

5:00PM Velma Marion †

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, May 18 5:00 PM	Diana Goodwin (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Kim Alexander	James Sutton - EMC - HOST (1) Anita Fomin - EMC - HOST (2)	Davina Collins (C1) Sherolyn Johnson (C2)	Dave Brandenburg (A-B) Clayton Akehurst (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Kim Alexander	Brian Ganey NOT FILLED NOT FILLED Brennan Ganey	Kim Alexander
Sunday, May 19 7:45 AM	Mark Jechura (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	April Appleby - EMC - HOST (1) Peggy Estes - EMC - HOST (2)	Karen Howard (C1) Robbie Estes (C2)	Greg Woodell (A-B) Gerard Davenport Amanda Cantu (D-E) Leo Stirton (F)		Wyatt Jones Oscar Koll Fiona Koll Cole Jones	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, May 19 10:00 AM	Ed Brown (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Ted Brauburger	Gina Koch - EMC - HOST (1) Greg Brandenburg - EMC - HOST (2)	Kathryn Gough (C1) TJ LaPlant (C2)	Tim Koch (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Kevin Clemons (D-E) Daniel Cruz (F)		Caleb Medders Gerhardt Brady Lucy Pesek Steven Zink	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, May 19 10:00 AM	Marugel Monzalvo (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Crimilda Viera	María Elena Calderón - EMC - Comunión (A) Iván Sanabria - EMC - Comunión (B)	Brenda Cruz (C1) Noel Pérez (C3) María Niño (C4) Marcela Esquivel (C6)	Juan Diego Hernández (A-B) María Barajas (C) Roberto Paredes (D-E) María Salcedo (F)		Aldo Trujillo Alondra Niño- Pérez Christian Pérez NOT FILLED	Crimilda Viera
Sunday, May 19 5:00PM	Libby Harris (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Lisa Richard - EMC - HOST (1) Cathy Townzen - EMC - HOST (2)	Bryan Bacon (C1) Katie Morris (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) David Power (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Cary Richard