

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

August 18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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

Office Hours / Horario de Oficina

Mon-Thu / Lun-Jue 9:00AM-3:00PM

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.

RCIA: Sessions open to those interested in learning about or renewing their connection to the Catholic Faith.

RICIA: Sesiones abiertas a aquellos interesados en aprendizaje o renovación de su conexión con la Fe. Católica.

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.

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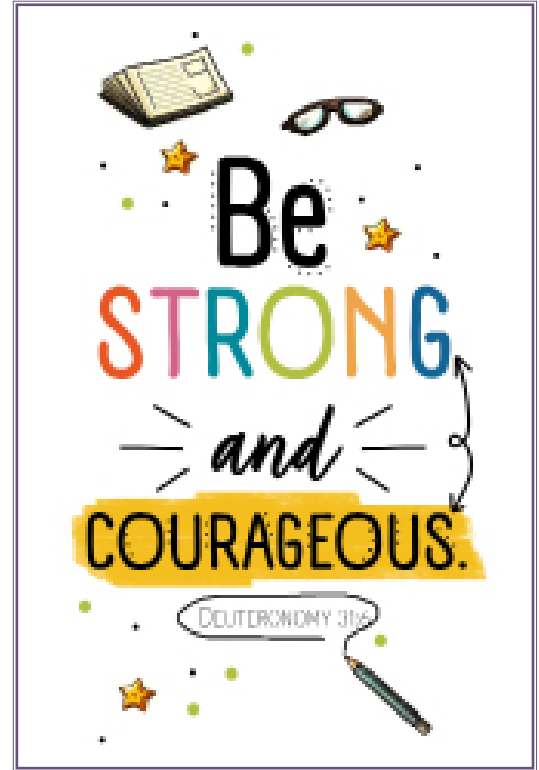
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Bautismo Infantil: Se ofrece una vez al mes en inglés y español. Se requiere preparación para Bautismo. Los padres deben ser miembros registrados de San Esteban. No habrá bautismos en diciembre.

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.



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RCIA Registration Begins: We welcome all who are interested in becoming Catholic or are Catholic wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith, to our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Classes for RCIA officially begin Wednesday, August 28th at 7:00pm in the St. Jerome room. We always begin with what is called time of Inquiry. The Inquiry period is a time for individuals seeking information and guidance into the rites, doctrines and sacraments that are intricate parts of the Catholic religion. To pre-register, please contact Deacon Ken Hunter: khunter@ststephenbentonville.com or the parish email: ststephen@ststephenbentonville.com.

Our schedule follows the school calendar. We meet every Wednesday except for Thanksgiving week, Christmas & Spring Break. Schedules with topics will be furnished along with easy-to-read materials for weekly discussion. We are also in need of volunteers. All are welcome!



In today's Gospel the disciples ask for a sign, like the bread Moses received in the desert. Through your gift to the St. Stephen

Benevolent Conference, you make it possible for our members to bring bread to the hungry as a sign of God's love.

Have you considered serving the poor by joining our conference? Email ssbcpres@gmail.com if you would like to learn more.

Lead Our Blessed Mother's Rosary:

We are in need of volunteers after the weekday noon Mass, Monday-Thursday, to lead Our Blessed Mother's Rosary for peace in our world, the salvation of souls & repentance of sins. Schedules are flexible. Commit to once a week, once a month, etc. Contact Lisa Richard at lead.romp140@passmail.net

Bookkeeper: St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church is seeking a full-time Bookkeeper.

Duties include, but are not limited to, data entry of contributions, payable/receivables, payroll, accounting/contribution reports, and maintenance of parishioner database.

Desired person must have previous bookkeeping experience, excellent organization skills and advanced computer knowledge in Excel and Google. doc. Please submit resumes to SVdP – Bookkeeper c/o Sandra Dominguez at 1416 W. Poplar Street, Rogers, AR 72758 or to sandrak@svdprogers.com No Phone Calls Please!

Eucharistic Adoration: Continuous prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to make one (1) hourly commitment per week, we are specifically in need of Adorers on:

- Mon:** 8am-9am, 11am-12pm, 1pm-4pm;
- Tues:** 9am-10am, 2pm-4pm, 5pm-6pm;
- Wed:** 8am-11am, 3pm-7pm;
- Thur:** 9am-10am, 5pm-7pm;
- Fri:** All hours 8am-7pm.

Heading off to ASU this Fall: If there are any students who plan to attend Arkansas State University or you simply want to know a little more about what we do at St. John Newman University Parish, please feel free to reach out to Mary Alice Gabe at: howlatholic.director@gmail.com



Invitation to Personal Prayer

Do you desire "more" from your prayer life? Do you find it difficult to pray regularly? Do you desire to be able to listen more while praying? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, *Invitation to Personal Prayer* is for you!

Pray-ers commit to 15 minutes a day of prayer, and groups meet once a week for 9 weeks. Groups are in-person or by zoom, are limited in size and are forming now.

For more information or to register, use QR code at right.



Invitation to Personal Prayer II

If you have already prayed *Invitation to Personal Prayer*, then *Invitation to Personal Prayer II* is for you! You said you wanted more, so we have more -- more prayer, more practice, more relationship with the Lord. Continue your journey!

Pray-ers commit to growing their prayer time from 15 minutes to 30 minutes daily. Groups meet for 60 minutes/week and meet for 9 weeks. Groups are forming now, and held in-person and by zoom. Group is limited in size.

For more information or to register, use QR code at right.



Also available are additional prayer groups listed below. For more information and registration, follow QR code, go to www.infinitelyrooted.com or contact Elizabeth Garrett, elizabeth@infinitelyrooted.com; Zola Moon, zola@infinitelyrooted.com or Kristine Greile, kristine.greile@gmail.com

Invitación a la Oración Personal		Choosing Christ in the World (The Spiritual Exercises)
Invitation to Deeper Prayer		Praying with the Beatitudes
Walking with Our Emotions		Spiritual Direction Formation Program

NWA Respect Life, from Wednesday, September 25th – Saturday, November 2nd, is sponsoring the prayer vigil 40 Days for Life. You're invited to stand and peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside of the abortion referral and transgender center Planned Parenthood - 1222 W. Poplar. Abortion has become the preeminent threat to human dignity because it directly attacks life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all other goods. Please join us in prayer for the saving of lives and conversion of hearts by contacting: 40daysforlife.com/rogers OR text 469-231-1959 (En), 479-899-2970 (Sp).

Get your diocesan directory - The 2025 Diocese of Little Rock Directory is coming soon. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your house or car to find Mass times for another parish or to call or e-mail a parish, priest, deacon or religious in the diocese. It costs only \$18, which includes shipping. Send your check to Directory, Arkansas Catholic, P.O. Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217 or order online at arkansas-catholic.org/. Directories will be shipped in October.

Are you facing difficult challenges in your marriage relationship? Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Our next weekend in English will be September 20-22, 2024, at St. John's Center in Little Rock. To register: www.helpourmarriage.org. Or call 1-800-470-2230 or you may contact our Family Life Office at 501-664-0340 for more information.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers: Our Lady's Rosary Makers will offer an evening session of rosary making and fellowship, **Tuesday, August 6, 6:00pm-8:00pm.** Or join us in the morning, **9:30am-11:30am on Thursday, August 22.** Come help us reach our goal of 1,000 rosaries for Fr. Paul to take to India during his vacation in January. The rosaries made to date is 270! More than one fourth of our goal! Contact Lisa Richard at olm.sponsor551@passmail.com for more info or questions.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA NIGHT Join your church family on Saturday, September 14 at 6 pm in the Parish Life Center for Catholic Trivia Night. Register in advance using our QR code. The cost is \$25 per person and includes tacos, nachos, drinks and prizes. Make your own team of up to 8 or be placed on a team to make new friends. We promise a great night of fun—with a little bit of Catholic learning thrown in!

Example question: The Chapel Joan of Arc prayed in is now on the grounds of which American University?
Answer: Marquette





Estate Planning Seminar

with Trust & Wealth Advisor
Matthew Koll, CFP, CTFA

- Do you know what documents you need to protect you and your family?
- Do you know the difference between a will and a trust?
- Do you know the responsibilities of an executor and successor trustee?

Join us for a FREE educational seminar to cover the fundamentals of estate planning.

🕒 Time:	📅 Date:
Starting At: 6:30pm	24 September 2024



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Encounter

Adult Small Groups

Want to meet other Catholics and grow in your faith? Join an Encounter adult small group! Groups start meeting in September and will be studying the Acts of the Apostles. Scan the qr code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/5t52vm2h> to sign up. Questions? Contact encounter@ststephenbentonville.com.



“You say you don’t know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and once you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ rest assured that you have begun to do so.” - St. Josemaria Escrivá

St. Stephen SPEAKER SERIES

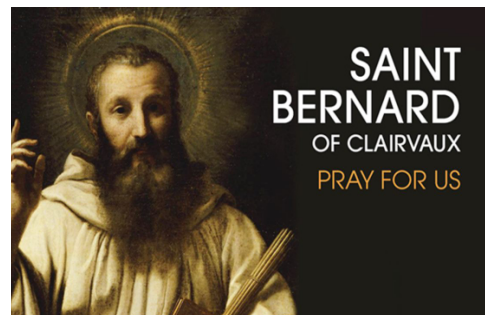
2024 Fall Speaker Series: We have a very exciting lineup for the fall and hope you can all join us! Unless otherwise advertised all talks will kick off at 6:30pm with snacks and socializing with the speakers and the talks will start at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 11
 Catholic Artist Derek Brooks will speak on “Beauty in the Eucharist.”

Wednesday, October 9
 Catholic Apologist, author, and podcast host Jimmy Akin will speak on “Defending our Faith.”

Wednesday, November 20
 Randall Colton, Director of Ethics at Mercy, will speak about “Why we Protect Life.”

Reach out to Elizabeth Ganey, marketing@ststephenbentonville.com with any questions, concerns, or suggestions for future speakers.



Dear Lord,
 As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. Amen.

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Church Operations for August

Operating Expenses\$84,450
 St. Paul reminds us, that we are called to be wise, in making the most of every opportunity. As Jesus gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist, so we must give ourselves to Him, regularly offering our many talents, time for service, and financial resources to supply for the celebration of the Mass.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$53,302	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$3,314	\$ 21,000

Scripture Readings for 8/25/2024

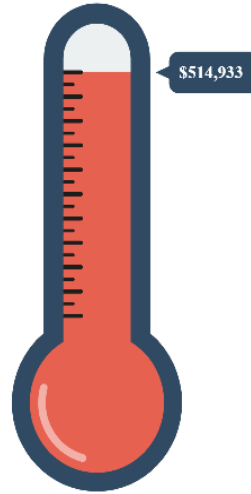
Josh 24: 1-2z, 15-17, 18b
 Ps 34 (33): 2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21
 Eph 5: 21-32
 Jn 6: 60-69

God loves a cheerful giver.

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Columbarium Chairperson: Charlotte Champagne 479-531-9345
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Growth Fund Goal: Goal: \$500,000

We surpassed our Goal!



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 17
 5:00PM George Gonzales †

Sunday, August 18
 7:45AM Maria Nhu Bui † Peter Thong Let
 10:00AM Krimilda Gonzales †
 11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00PM George Gonzales †

Monday, August 19
 12:00PM Nathalie Fernanda Martínez †

Tuesday, August 20
 12:00PM Yerlin Andrés Bermúdez †

Wednesday, August 21
 12:00PM Michelle Ann Williams

Thursday, August 22
 12:00PM Mark Anthony Yacckley

Friday, August 23
 12:00PM Judith Rae Jenkins

Saturday, August 24
 5:00PM Michael † & Virginia Digacomo †

Sunday, August 25
 7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
 10:00AM Maria Nhu Bui † Peter Thong Let
 11:45AM Almas del Purgatorio †
 5:00PM Wayne Kleeman †

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Aug. 31 5:00 PM	Jen Kreuckeberg (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	Pam Gander - EMC - HOST (1) Davina Collins - EMC - HOST (2)	Anita Fomin (C1) James Sutton (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bruce Peterson	Jackson Coco Emma Coco John Harrington NOT FILLED	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Sep. 1 7:45 AM	Irma Holsek (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Christina Baker	Tony Baker - EMC - HOST (1) Mark Jechura - EMC - HOST (2)	Chris O'Shaughnessy (C1) Kira O'Shaughnessy (C2)	Gerard Davenport (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) Leo Stirton (D-E) Greg Woodell (F)		Dominic Skidd Damian Skidd NOT FILLED Gus Skidd	Amanda Cantu
Sunday, Sep. 1 10:00 AM	Mark Reichhardt (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Diedra or Steven Dourth - EMC - HOST (2)	Pam Willis (C1) Greg Brandenburg (C2)	Steve Harrington (A-B) Brian Rabal (C) Mark Kreuter (D-E) Ken Butler (F)		Caleb Medders Kai Keller Brecklyn Keller Steven Zink	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Sep. 1 11:45 AM	Marugel Monzalvo (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Ivan Sanabria	Dcn. Jesus Ramos - EMC - Comunion (A) Maria Elena Calderon - EMC - Comunion (B)	Maria Nino (C1) Hector Rangel (C3) Eva Miramon (C4) Marcela Esquivel (C6)	Juan Diego Hernandez (A-B) Maria Barajas (C) Bertha Valdez (D-E) Roberto Paredes		Aldo Trujillo Alondra Nino-Perez NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Ivan Sanabria
Sunday, Sep. 1 5:00PM	Nicholas Tyburski (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Cary Richard	Lisa Richard - EMC - HOST (1) Cathy Townzen - EMC - HOST (2)	Chris Davis (C1) Susan Davis (C2)	Rob Brothers (A-B) David Power (C) Annabella Tyburski (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Cary Richard