

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

September 1, 2024

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigésimo-segundo 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.

**RICA:** 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.

### Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Scott L. Marczuk, J.C.L.

### Associate Pastor

Pastor Asociado

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Aug-May

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There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

Mark 7:15, NRSV



**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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**OCIA:** Join us Wednesday, August 28th at 7PM in the Main Church as Deacon Ken Hunter gives an introduction to OCIA, explains the journey of faith, and Call to Holiness. All are welcome.

**Musicians Wanted!** We are looking for accompanists that would be available to play occasionally for weekend Masses. If you can play the piano and would like to give your gift back to God as part of the music ministry at St. Stephen please contact our Music Director Jennifer Teague, music@stephenbentonville.com.

Calling all children who LOVE to sing! Our **Youth Choir** is open to 2nd thru 8th grade students who are parishioners of St. Stephen. The choir will be singing at 10:00am Mass in Oct, Nov, and Feb, as well as for the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. We will practice on Wednesday nights from 6:00-6:30pm and will hold our first practice on Wed. September 11. If your child would like to participate, or you would like more information, please contact Jennifer Teague, Music director, music@ststephenbentonville.com

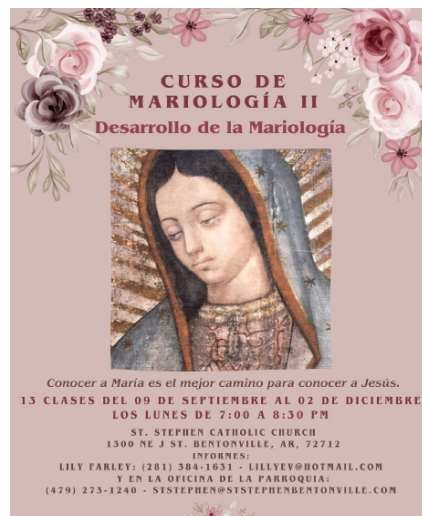
**Blood Drive:** Monday, September 9th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm the Knights of Columbus invite the parish to our blood drive in the Parish Life Center. The American Red Cross will be there taking blood donations. Walk-ins are welcome or make your reservation online at redcrossblood.org. Juice and snacks will be provided.

Our parish has ranked in the top 10% of active parishes using the **Hallow** app! Because of this they would like our input as they develop a brand new set of tools to assist parishes with building and strengthening vibrant communities of prayer while always leading to the Eucharist and the sacraments. What are some areas of support you think our parish needs in order to continue to cultivate a vibrant community of prayer? Send your ideas over to Elizabeth (marketing@ststephenbentonville.com) and we will pass them on to Hallow.

**SSBC CATHOLIC TRIVIA NIGHT** We are all geared up and ready to go for our best Catholic Trivia Night yet on Sat, Sep 14 at 6pm in the Parish Life Center. Join your parish family in what is sure to be an evening of first-rate Catholic quiz entertainment! 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 and make new friends. Example question: **St. Sebastian is often shown with his body riddled with arrows, but how did he actually die?** Answer: He was beaten to death.



**The Song of the Church:** From the apostolic constitution *Divino afflatu* of Pope Saint Pius X. The collection of psalms found in Scripture, composed as it was under divine inspiration, has, from the very beginnings of the church, shown a wonderful power of fostering devotion among Christians as they offer to God a continuous sacrifice of praise, the harvest of lips blessing his name. Following a custom already established in the Old Law, the psalms have played a conspicuous part in the sacred liturgy itself, and in the divine office. Thus was born what Basil calls *the voice of the Church*, that singing of psalms, which is the daughter of that hymn of praise which goes up unceasingly before the throne of God and of the Lamb, and which teaches those especially charged with the duty of divine worship, as Athanasius says, the way to praise God, and the fitting words in which to bless him. Augustine expresses this well when he says: God praised himself so that man might give him fitting praise; because God chose to praise himself man found the way in which to bless God. The psalms have also a wonderful power to awaken in our hearts the desire for every virtue. Athanasius says: Through all Scripture, both old and new, is divinely inspired and has its use in teaching, as we read in Scripture itself, yet the Book of Psalms, like a garden enclosing the fruits of all the other books, produces their fruits in song, and in the process of singing brings forth its own special fruits to take their place beside them. In the same place Athanasius rightly adds: **The psalms seem to me to be like a mirror, in which the person using them can see himself, and the stirrings of his own heart; he can recite them against the background of his own emotions.** Augustine says in his Confessions: How I wept when I heard your hymns and canticles, being deeply moved by the sweet singing of your Church. Those voices flowed into my ears, truth filtered into my heart, and from my hear surged waves of devotion. Tears ran down, and I was happy in my tears. **Indeed, who could fail to be moved by those many passages in the psalms which set forth so profoundly the infinite majesty of God, his omnipotence, his justice and goodness and clemency, too deep for words, and all the other infinite qualities of his that deserve our praise?** Who could fail to be roused to the same emotions by the prayers of thanksgiving to God for blessings received, by petitions, so humble and confident, for blessings still awaited, by the cries of a soul in sorrow for sin committed? Who would not be fired with love as he looks on the likeness of Christ, the redeemer, here so lovingly foretold?



Kindergarten-6th grade girls are invited to join **Little Flowers Girls' Club**, a fun faith filled Catholic club for girls to learn about the saints, live the virtues, and love the faith. The group will meet monthly at St. Stephen. For more information and to sign up go to <https://tinyurl.com/52e2u86w> or email [nwalittleflowers@gmail.com](mailto:nwalittleflowers@gmail.com)

**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/](http://arkansas-catholic.org/). Directories will be shipped in October.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 19th from 4:30p - 6:00p. **NWA Respect Life** will prepare and serve food to the homeless at the 8th Street Motel in Rogers. Sign up Genius soon to follow.

**IGNATIUS ADVENTURE**

Retreat in Daily Life  
32 Weeks of Spiritual Reflection

AN IGNATIUS PRAYER ADVENTURE

During the course of 32 weeks, the retreatants live their commitment to God, to themselves, and to their fellow participants by following the steps of this prayer journey.

Each retreatant commits to these three activities:

- Daily private prayer, which includes Scripture, reflection, and journaling.
- Weekly small group meetings in which participants share their prayer experiences with each other. Groups are facilitated by a spiritual director.
- Twice-monthly individual spiritual direction.

**Cost of the program:**

\$60/month for the four monthly gatherings

\$40/month for Spiritual Direction twice per month

In Ignatius Spirit, scholarships are available.

**Dates/Times/Location:**

October 7, 2024 through June 2, 2025

St. Stephen's Catholic Church/Bentonville

Library

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Interested?

Contact Lainie Snider, [lainiesnider@yahoo.com](mailto:lainiesnider@yahoo.com) or 806-584-4160

**Holy Doors Pilgrimage:** Arkansas Catholic's first pilgrimage to Italy for the Holy Year sold out, but a second tour has been added to accommodate everyone who wants to participate. Father Brian Cundall, pastor of Christ the King Church in Fort Smith, will be the spiritual director for the tour Oct 29-Nov 8, 2025. You can experience Florence on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, plus stops in Milan, Turin, Orvieto and Montecassino. Pilgrims will have four days in Rome and walk through the Holy Doors. To sign up, download the brochure at [arkansas-catholic.org/pilgrimage](http://arkansas-catholic.org/pilgrimage). Register by Sep 30, 2024, and save \$100. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Primm at Sue Smith Vacations at [kathy@suesmithvacation](mailto:kathy@suesmithvacation) or 501-771-0987.

**Ministry to Catholic women:** Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, will host a breakfast called "Jesus, Bread of Life" from 10 am-1 pm, Sat, Sep 28 at St. Joseph Church Spiritan Center in Conway. The guest speaker will be Erin Pohlmeier, a wife and mother who teaches Theology of the Body at St. Joseph School in Fayetteville. Tickets are \$20 a person. The deadline to order is Sep 24. For tickets, visit <https://tinyurl.com/42kx2y65>.

The **Knights of Columbus** has served the parish and community since 1999, with worthwhile activities and funds to help those in most need. The Knights are very active within the Northwest Arkansas community and the St. Stephen parish. Each year we donate approximately \$21,000 to 16 different charitable organizations. If you are interested in meeting the men of the parish and serving St. Stephen Parish at the same time, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus. We would love to have you. For more information contact Phil Pesek at [bentonvillekofc@gmail.com](mailto:bentonvillekofc@gmail.com) 509-703-3797 or Jack Kavulich at [kavulichj@yahoo.com](mailto:kavulichj@yahoo.com) 310-430-4853.



**CATHOLIC COLLEGE FAIR**  
Hosted by St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church

**FREE EVENT**  
**WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 16**  
**6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

1 St Bernard Ln, Bella Vista, AR 72715  
St. Bernard Parish Hall

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Visit with Catholic universities and colleges recognized by the Cardinal Newman Society. St. Bernard's Family Knights ministry will be meeting at the back of the parish hall during the event. Stop by to say the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by a family introduction to Our Lady of Sorrows. Stay for games and activities!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT JORDYN LESSENBERY:  
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479-855-9069 ext. 223



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Cultivating a culture of peace

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**WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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An Annual Interfaith Dinner  
September 15, 2024  
5:30 - 8:00 PM

Join us in celebrating peace from different religious and non-religious perspectives. We will pray, share a vegetarian meal, and kickoff Arkansas Peace Week together.

Free and open to the public. Childcare and pizza dinner for children provided.

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[theinterfaithcenter.org](http://theinterfaithcenter.org)

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## St. Stephen SPEAKER SERIES

**Wednesday September 11th** Derek Brooks will speak on "Beauty in the Eucharist." Derek is an Oklahoma native and studied Letters at the University of Oklahoma. He also went on to obtain a Master of Arts in Christian Formation and Soul Care at Denver Seminary. He is the current owner of Benedictus Art, a company that partners with schools and churches across the country to providing and/or helping to secure artwork. "In a world that yearns for the beautiful, our aim is to enable encounters with God through the contemplation of works of true beauty." The talk will begin at 7:00 pm but come at 6:30 for socializing and snacks.

He will also have a private audience with our **I Pray and I Create** group, Oro y Creo, at 6:00 pm in the St. Stephen Library. He will be doing an Artist's Examen, so attendees will be participating through prayer. Derek has encouraged those who plan to come to bring with them a past piece of art they have created, if possible, a piece they remember creating. Anyone is welcome to come; these meetings are open to all! Please contact Amy Lane at [mlane5280@gmail.com](mailto:mlane5280@gmail.com) if you have any questions and to RSVP by Sep 9.

Next Speaker:

**Wednesday, October 9**

Catholic Apologist, author, and podcast host Jimmy Akin will speak on "Defending our Faith."

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers:** Come help us reach our goal of 1,000 rosaries for Fr. Paul to take to India this January during his vacation. Monday, September 9, 6:00-8:00 pm or Thursday, September 19, 9:30-11:30 am. Contact Lisa Richard at [olrm.sponsor551@passmail.com](mailto:olrm.sponsor551@passmail.com) for more info or questions.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.



**Muffins and Mimosas**  
AND COFFEE, AND TEA, AND ORANGE JUICE, AND DONUTS...  
**FOR MARRIAGES**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
11:00 AM  
ST. STEPHEN PARISH LIFE CENTER

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS  
CONFERENCE SERIES

Due to scheduling conflicts our new Marriage Enrichment ministry, **Together in Holiness**, will now be meeting on Thursday evenings! Our first meeting will be September 26th; dinner is 5:30 - 6pm and 6 - 7pm will be the video, group discussion, and prayer. Please see the Narthex for handouts or to sign up or join us for Muffins and Mimosas after the 10:00 Mass

### Parish Communications

*Comunicación Parroquial*

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[bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com)

## Church Operations for August

Operating Expenses .....\$138,471  
 St. James says that religion that is pure cares for those in affliction. Recalling that "all good giving is from above" we are inspired to offer our tithes of first-fruits, in volunteer time, talent and treasures for the honor of God and the needs of others.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$126,120	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$14,905	\$21,000

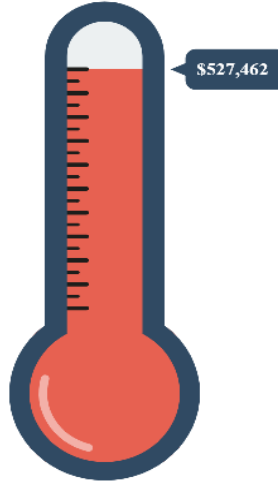
## Scripture Readings for 9/8/2024

Is 35: 4-7a  
 Ps 146 (145): 7, 8-9, 9-10  
 Jas 2: 1-5  
 Mk 7: 31-37

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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 31**  
 5:00PM Andrew Lac Tran †
- Sunday, September 1**  
 7:45AM Lainie Snider  
 10:00AM Maria Mendez & Eddie Mendez-Torres  
 11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
 5:00PM Edward Sidwell †
- Monday, September 2**  
 12:00PM Rohith Ratheesh
- Tuesday, September 3**  
 12:00PM Fr. Paulin Raj
- Wednesday, September 4**  
 12:00PM Los Difuntos
- Thursday, September 5**  
 12:00PM Mary May Mattern Schafer
- Friday, September 6**  
 12:00PM Almas en Purgatorio
- Saturday, September 7**  
 9:00AM Ann † & Max Graham †  
 5:00PM Nhu Bui Maria †
- Sunday, September 8**  
 7:45AM Thong Le Peter †  
 10:00AM Billy Reed †  
 11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
 5:00PM Andrew Lac Tran †

**Annulment Advocates:** ..... Joe & Rose Hartnett 479-855-2344  
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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Sep. 7 5:00 PM	Dave Kreuckeberg (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Jack McDaniel - EMC - HOST (1) Susan McDaniel - EMC - HOST (2)	James Sutton (C1) Anita Fomin (C2)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) Jack Kelley (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Brian Ganey John Harrington NOT FILLED Brennan Ganey	Bryan Bacon
Sunday, Sep. 8 7:45 AM	Greg Brandenburg (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	Robbie Estes - EMC - HOST (1) Bruce Peterson - EMC - HOST (2)	Amanda Cantu (C1) Kira O'Shaughnessy (C2)	Greg Woodell (A-B) Peggy Estes (C) Gerard Davenport (D-E) Leo Stirtion (F)		Wyatt Jones Fiona Koll Oscar Koll Cole Jones	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Sep. 8 10:00 AM	Ted Brauburger (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Theresa Brauburger	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Rose Hartnett - EMC - HOST (2)	Joe Hartnett (C1) TJ LaPlant (C2)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Charlotte Champagne (C) Daniel Cruz (D-E) Steve Harrington (F)		Steven Zink Rosalina Cox Lucy Pesek <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, Sep. 8 11:45 AM	Dulce Ortiz (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Walter Hernandez	Eva Miramon- EMC - Comunion (A) Marcela Esquivel - EMC - Comunion (B)	Olga Serrano (C1) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (C3) Hector Rangel (C4) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (C6)	J. Concepcion Serrano (A-B) Maria Dalia Lopez (C) Victor Lopez (D-E) Maria Salcedo (F)		Gustavo Mata Allison Mata Fatima Mata Eduardo Mata	Walter Hernandez
Sunday, Sep. 8 5:00PM	Beatriz Segura (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Cary Richard	Nicholas Tyburski - EMC - HOST (1) Catherine Garner - EMC - HOST (2)	Katie Morris (C1) Bryan Bacon (C2)	David Power (A-B) Annabella Tyburski (C) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (D-E) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (F)	Cary Richard	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Sherri MacLean