

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 22, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigésimo-cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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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

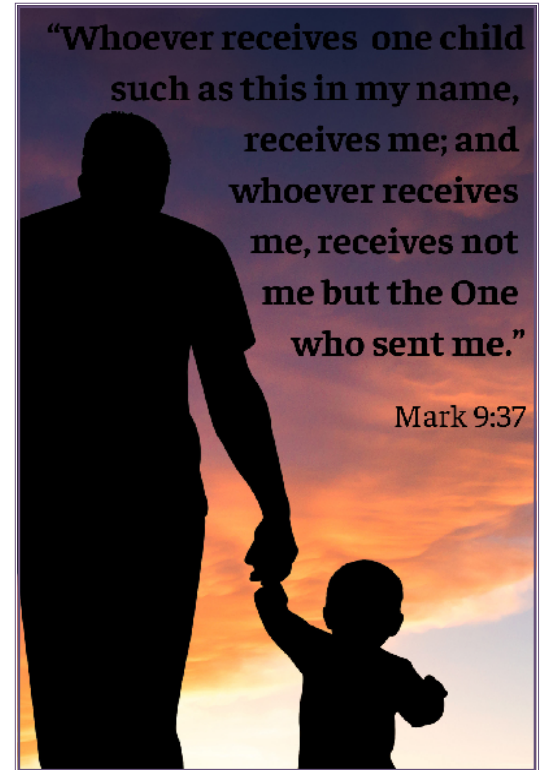
Membership: We extend our hands and hearts in Christian Fellowship. Longtime residents or newly arrived, contact the parish office to register.

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.*

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

OICA: *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.



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, September 25th at 6:45pm in the Main Church as we discuss the study of scripture. All are welcome!

Columbarium All Souls Special Blessing: The Columbarium Committee will be hosting the annual All Saints/All Souls Blessing on Sun, Nov 3rd at 12:45pm. All families with loved ones interred in the St. Stephen Columbarium are invited to attend.

Columbario Bendición Especial Todas las Almas (Difuntos) - El Comité de Columbario presentara una bendición anual de Todos los Santos/Todas las Almas el domingo, 3 de noviembre, comenzando a las 12:45pm. Todas las familias con queridos enterrados en el San Esteban Columbario están invitados a asistir.

The Catholic Campus Ministry in Conway seeks a Campus Minister to support a team that leads, manages and sustains an active campus ministry for area university students by assisting with worship, gatherings, retreats and fundraising. Position offers a flexible 40 hour a week schedule, competitive pay and health and retirement benefits. Requirements include excellent communication, computer and social media skills, a bachelor's degree and a willingness to share the Catholic faith with others. To apply, e-mail a cover letter and resume to Liz Tingquist, Diocesan Director of Catholic Campus Ministry, at ltingquist@dolr.org, or call (501) 664-0340, Ext. 333 for more information.



The St. Thomas More Society of Arkansas cordially invites you to attend the 30th Annual Mass of the Holy Spirit

The Red Mass

Friday, October 4, 2024
12:00 noon, Christ the King Church
4000 N. Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock

Celebrated by the Rev. Gregory T. Luyet, JCL, Judicial Vicar. Open to all. Join us in prayer for our public judicial system, bench, bar, law professors, students, and all civic and public officials.



Lunch will follow in the Christ the King Ministry Building for \$25. Register for lunch by Friday, September 27, 2024, at Saint Thomas More Society, PO Box 1426, North Little Rock, AR 72115 or <https://tinyurl.com/Red-Mass-2024>. Honoree Reginald Rogers. For information, contact Connie Brown Phillips, Red Mass chairperson, 501-680-6919, or cbphillipslaw@gmail.com.

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.

Greeting before Mass: Do you want to contribute to the welcoming environment at St. Stephen? Volunteer to greet parishioners and visitors as they enter the church for weekend Masses. Volunteer greeters simply open the door, say hello, and answer the occasional question. Greeters arrive 15 minutes before Mass and volunteer as frequently as they desire. It's a great way to volunteer individually, as a family, or with friends. To volunteer or for more information, contact Mark Reichhardt at mark.reichhardt@alumni.duke.edu or visit tinyurl.com/84c8748z.



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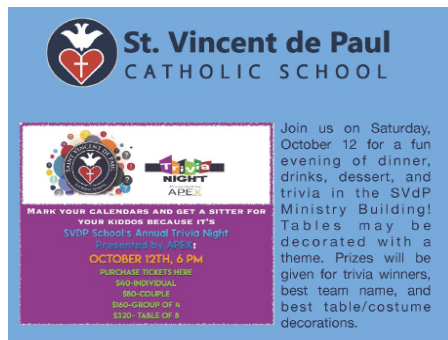
OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 6th
1-3 PM

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Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! SSBC wants to give a big thank you to all the parishioners who participated in our most recent Trivia Night. It is safe to say a good time was had by ALL. If you weren't able to attend this year, you missed a good one, but we hope to see you next time! Also, we must extend a big thank you to the Knights for their generous support. The tacos, nachos and margaritas were a big hit, and we couldn't have done it without them. Last, but not least, we want to thank all the Confirmation Teens who made the night a smooth one. You were all awesome!




St. Vincent de Paul
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Join us on Saturday, October 12 for a fun evening of dinner, drinks, dessert, and trivia in the SVdP Ministry Building! Tables may be decorated with a theme. Prizes will be given for trivia winners, best team name, and best table/costume decorations.

Join us on Saturday, October 12th, 6 PM
PURCHASE TICKETS HERE
\$100 - \$1500
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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. If your child would like to participate, or you would like more information, please contact Jennifer Teague, Music director, music@ststephenbentonville.com



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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:
volunteer3@bystbernard.org
479-855-9069 ext. 223

Little Rock Scripture Study starting on Mon, Sep 23 at 1 PM or 5:30 PM in the Saint Anne room. We will be studying Parables of the Kingdom Part 1 and Part 2. Part one is a 6 week study. Part 2 is a 6 week study. The book for the study will cost \$19.95. The study sessions will be an hour and a half. The first hour will consist of a starting prayer and then discussion of the chapter and verse assigned for that week. The last 20 minutes will be a video from the diocese making sure we get all we can out of the study. If you are interested in joining the study please call Bonnie Kupillas at 479 899 2022.



St. Stephen
SPEAKER SERIES

Wednesday, October 9 Catholic Apologist, author, and podcast host **Jimmy Akin** will speak on "Defending our Faith." Socializing and Snacks start at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center and the talk will begin at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Why Latin? From the EWTN Library: As you know, one of the liturgical reforms called for by the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council was to give to local bishops the authority to allow the celebration of Mass in what is called the “vernacular” language, meaning the spoken language of the people. But the fact that almost every Mass you attend today is in the vernacular has led many people to believe that it was the intention of the Council to eliminate the use of Latin altogether; and some have even adjusted their spirituality of the Mass to include the peculiar notion that they cannot participate fully in the celebration unless it is in a language they can understand.

While the Second Vatican Council did allow for the use of the vernacular tongue, in no way does it require it, and, in fact, lays great stress on preserving the use of Latin in the liturgy, as evidenced by the decree from Vatican II’s Constitution on the Liturgy, which reads,

“All the faithful should be able to sing or say in Latin the parts of the Mass which concern them” (SC, Art. 54)

Later, after the Council, the Church, in its instruction concerning sacred music, would remind bishops that, while they may allow the use of the vernacular in public worship, they are to take special care to see that the use of Latin does not disappear completely, either by the celebration of some Masses completely in Latin, or by celebrating parts of the Mass in Latin and other parts, particularly the readings, in the vernacular. Now, some people will argue that, if people want the old Mass, they can drive over to another church some distance away have the old Mass, and that the rest of us shouldn’t have to hear it. But this is not referring to the old Mass. When Pope Paul VI composed the Mass we use today, he did so in the Latin language, and gave it to the Church in the Latin language. The differences between the old Mass and the new Mass have nothing to do with language.

Other people will sometimes object that they are not able to fully participate in the Mass if the Mass, or parts of the Mass, are not in their own language. But this betrays a real defect in their understanding of the Mass and the way they approach the whole subject of participation. If these objections were correct, then we would have to assume that no

one, prior to the Second Vatican Council, participated fully in the Mass (and some people would probably maintain that). We would also have to maintain that someone traveling in another country, and unable to hear Mass in his own language, could not participate fully in the Mass; and this is simply ridiculous. Liturgical participation, as the Church understands it, has little to do with physical activity and the pronunciation of words; it has to do with prayer. To maintain that I cannot participate in the Mass unless I understand every word is to reduce the notion of participation to a mere function.

On Feb. 24th, 1980, Ven. Pope John Paul the Great wrote a letter to the bishops of the Church regarding “The Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist.” In part of that letter he reminds the bishops of why the Council of Trent chose to maintain the use of Latin in the liturgy even though it has long ceased to be a living language. He said that the use of Latin, in his own words, “in all the world was an expression of the unity of the Church and through it’s dignified character elicited a profound sense of the Eucharistic Mystery” (Dominicae Cenae, Art. 10). In other words, what the use of Latin does is give us a sense of the Church throughout the world as a single family, undivided by language and culture; that we are not so much members of a parish community or a diocesan family, but members of the one Church of Christ which is united in the one celebration of the Eucharist. For this reason in particular, says the Holy Father, “The Roman Church has special obligations towards Latin, the splendid language of ancient Rome, and she must manifest them whenever the occasion presents itself” (Ibid.).

And even the new catechism, in addressing the subject, points out that while it is important for the liturgy to allow for the expression of different cultures throughout the world, it is always crucial to remember that the liturgy of the Church is not submissive to culture, but rather it generates and shapes it (Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, Art. 1207).

Heritage Festival: On Saturday, October 5th, the Church of the Assumption in Atkins is hosting their Heritage Festival with this year’s focus on Irish Ancestry. The funds raised will not only help the church build religious education classrooms, but it will also help the community by aiding in the restoration project of the famous Go Hogs Go sign on I-40. The event will be from 10 AM - 4 PM and will include games, activities, entertainment, music, vendors, food, and so much more. Wristband access is \$20 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. Before the festival begins, there will also be a traditional Irish breakfast served from 8 AM - 10 AM. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. For more information including the breakfast menu as well as everything that your wristband will cover, you can follow the Facebook page at Heritage Festival - Atkins, AR or check the website at <https://assumption-bvmchurch.weebly.com/heritage-festival.html>. Hope to see you there!



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Estate Planning Seminar
 Presented by Attorney Marcos P. Martínez, JD, LL.M., and Trust & Wealth Advisor Matthew Kohl, CFP®, CTPA

- 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: 6:30pm 📅 Date: 24 September

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St. Stephen Catholic Church
 1500 NE J St. Bentonville

Church Operations for September
 Operating Expenses\$57,408
 "Who do you say that I am?" asks Jesus.
 With St. James, may we demonstrate
 our faith in Jesus and His Church from
 our practical works, that is, in our
 generous contributing time, talent and
 treasure.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$86,933	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$8,421	\$21,000

Scripture Readings for 9/29/2024

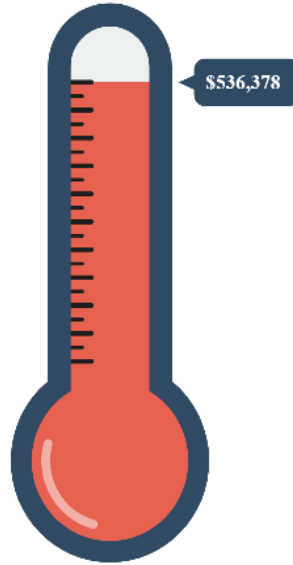
Num 11: 25-29
 Ps 19(18): 8, 10, 12-13, 14
 Jas 5: 1-6
 Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Give, and it will be given to you.

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St. Stephen Benevolent Conference:	479-696-9361

Growth Fund Goal: Goal: \$500,000

We surpassed our Goal!



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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday, September 21**
 5:00PM Elizabeth Thomas †
- Sunday, September 22**
 7:45AM Andrew Lac Tran †
 10:00AM Parishioners/Filigreses
 11:45AM Rosalia Rangel †
 5:00PM Edward Sidwell†
- Monday, September 23**
 12:00PM Nick & Amanda Tyburski
- Tuesday, September 24**
 12:00PM Mary May Mattern Schaffer
- Wednesday, September 25**
 12:00PM Francisco Cisneros Serrato †
- Thursday, September 26**
 12:00PM Carman Ann Timmerman
- Friday, September 27**
 12:00PM Michelle Ann Williams
- Saturday, September 28**
 5:00PM John † Dorothy Pachecot
- Sunday, September 29**
 7:45AM Maria Nhu Bui † & Peter Thong Le †
 10:00AM Sanja Thanksgiving Mass
 11:45AM Parishioners/Filigreses
 5:00PM Thong Le Petert†

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Sep. 28 5:00 PM	Jen Krueckeberg (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	James Sutton - EMC - HOST (1) Margie O'Grady - EMC - HOST (2)	Pam Gander (C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bruce Peterson	Brian Ganey Rosalina Cox John Harrington Brennan Ganey	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Sep. 29 7:45 AM	Sylvester Fernandes (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Christina Baker	Robbie Estes - EMC - HOST (1) Kira O'Shaughnessy - EMC - HOST (2)	Tony Baker (C1) Chris O'Shaughnessy (C2)	Peggy Estes (A-B) Leo Stirton (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) Amanda Cantu (F)		Dominic Skidd Damian Skidd NOT FILLED Gus Skidd	Amanda Cantu
Sunday, Sep. 29 10:00 AM	Steve Harrington (Both Readings & Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Dcn. Ken Hunter (H1 & Petitions) Charlotte Champagne - EMC - HOST (2)	Greg Brandenburg (C1) TJ LaPlant (C2)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Daniel Cruz (C) Ken Butler (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		Steven Zink Lucy Pesek Ben Seiler NOT FILLED	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Sep. 29 11:45 AM	Mariá Almaraz (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Iván Sanabria	Brenda Cruz- EMC - Comunión (A) Noel Pérez - EMC - Comunión (B)	Olga Serrano (C1) Mariá Niño (C3) Iván Sanabria (C4) Mariá Elena Calderón (C6)	J. Concepción Serrano (A-B) Mariá Dalia López (C) Victor López (D-E) José Ortiz (F)		Aldo Trujillo Alondra Niño-Pérez Christian Pérez Rick Almaras	Iván Sanabria
Sunday, Sep. 29 5:00PM	Beatriz Segura (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Rob Brothers - EMC - HOST (1) Katie Morris - EMC - HOST (2)	Nicholas Tyburski (C1) Catherine Garner (C2)	Annabella Tyburski (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) David Power (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Sherri MacLean