



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 29, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigésimo-sexto 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, October 2nd at 6:45pm in the Main Church. This week's topic is "The Church: One Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic." 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 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.

OZARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, October 6th
1-3 PM
192 E. Henri de Tonti Blvd.
Tontitown, AR 72770

479-316-3445
www.ozarkcatholic.org
admissionsoca@ozarkcatholic.org

The bishops of the United States have issued a statement on the importance of bringing the values of our faith to the decisions made in our public life. In their statement, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the bishops call for "a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable" (no. 14). As you prepare for the upcoming election, please consider how the values of your faith can help you make your decisions. For information on Faithful Citizenship, visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

St. Vincent de Paul CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND GET A SITTER FOR YOUR KIDDS BECAUSE IT'S SVPD TRIVIA NIGHT! REGISTER BY SEP 11 OCTOBER 12TH, 6 PM PURCHASE TICKETS HERE AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING A GROUP OF 4 \$200 - \$400 OF A \$200 - \$400 OF A

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Scan the barcode to purchase tickets

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

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:
jolenn3@stbernard.org
479-855-9069 ext. 223

Marriage Enrichment - Thank you to all the couples who joined us for our first Marriage Enrichment class! Our next meeting is Thursday, October 24th. Dinner will start at 5:30pm with the video and discussion beginning at 6:00pm. Email Theresa Brauburger at leis.brauburger for more information.

IGNATIANT ADVENTURE
Retreat in Daily Life
32 Weeks of Spiritual Reflection

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 Ignatian 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 or 806-584-4160



In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." The members of the **St. Stephen Benevolent Conference** are on the frontline in laboring for the poor. They are among the first to know their real needs. Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference? Email ssbcpres@gmail.com to learn more.

40 Days for Life begins this week! 40daysforlife.com/rogers 9/25 - 11/2 (except Sundays) from 7a - 7p in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion referral center. While we live in a culture that ends the lives of the unborn through all 9 months, Christians in a peaceful, prayerful and powerful presence stand for the sacredness of Life from the moment of conception. We have plenty of open hours this week - waiting for you to say, "Yes!" to our Lord of Life.

Wednesday, 9/25: 9a - Noon, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6, 6-7
 Thursday, 9/26: 9-10, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Friday, 9/27: 9-10, 11-3, 4-7
 Saturday, 9/28: 2-6

Many thanks to all who brought food and/or served at 8th Street Motel this past Thursday, 9/19 evening. You were joyful & generous! Much to the delight of the recipients - with the abundance of chicken, fresh fruit, salads & cookies - servers had trouble closing lids on the take-out boxes! Nineteen (19) volunteers served 138 meals.



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!



En honor a la fiesta de San Francisco de Asís, los programas juveniles te invitan a traer a tus mascotas para ser bendecidas el 5 de octubre a las 10 am. Se aceptan donaciones para recaudar fondos para los próximos retiros juveniles.

Are you or someone you know being called to give back to God a little of all he's done in your life? The **Life Teen** program needs you. We are in need of adult volunteers to make sure the program runs smoothly. Please reach out to the Youth Formation Directors with your YES to the Lord.

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce está siendo llamado a devolver a Dios un poco de todo lo que Él ha hecho en su vida, el programa Life Teen te necesita. Necesitamos voluntarios adultos para asegurarnos de que el programa funcione sin problemas. Por favor, comuníquese con los Directores de Formación Juvenil con su sí al Señor.



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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 Email articles to:
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Church Operations for September

Operating Expenses\$97,913
 St. James warns about the transitory character life on earth with its amassed wealth. These material blessings are to be used in the proper way to build up treasures in eternity. Please be faithful to the regular stewardship collection through the various means now available.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$114,481	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$9,333	\$21,000

Scripture Readings for 10/6/2024

Gn 2: 18-24
 Ps 128(127): 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
 Heb 2: 9-11
 Mk 10: 2-16

Give, and it will be given to you.

Annulment Advocates: Joe & Rose Hartnett 479-855-2344
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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 28

5:00PM John † & Dorothy Pacheco†

Sunday, September 29

7:45AM Maria Nhu Bui † & Peter Thong Le †
 10:00AM Sanjay Thanksgiving Mass
 11:45AM Parishioners/Filigreses
 5:00PM Thong Le Peter†

Monday, September 30

12:00PM Sandra Shipley & Family

Tuesday, October 1

12:00PM Alice Jansen

Wednesday, October 2

12:00PM Santiago Urmaza †

Thursday, October 3

12:00PM Mary & Richard † Hurtig

Friday, October 4

12:00PM Carman Ann Timmerman

Saturday, October 5

9:00AM Los Difuntos
 5:00PM Fred A. Olson

Sunday, October 6

7:45AM Parishioners/Filigreses
 10:00AM Wayne Bene Sr. †
 11:45AM Francisco Cisneros Serrato †
 5:00PM Edward Sidwell †

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Oct. 5 5:00 PM	Tom Adler (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	Susan McDaniel - (H1 & Vessels) Jack McDaniel - (H2)	Pam Gander (C2) James Sutton (C3)	NOT FILLED (A-B) Clayton Akehurst (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bruce Peterson	Conner Fitzpatrick NOT FILLED NOT FILLED John Harrington	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Oct. 6 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	April Appleby - (H1 & Vessels) Tony Baker - EMC - Host (2)	Kira O'Shaughnessy (C1) Christina Baker (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) Gerard Davenport (C) Katie (Leo) Stirton (D-E) Greg Woodell (F)		Dominic Skidd Damian Skidd NOT FILLED Gus Skidd	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Oct. 6 10:00 AM	Douglas Kavulich (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mary Kate Beckham	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Vessels) Theresa Brauburger - (H2 & Vessels)	Greg Brandenburg (C1) TJ LaPlant (C2)	Bruce Beckham (C1) Pam Willis (C2)		Steven Zink Reese Keller Kai Keller Brecklyn Keller	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, Oct. 6 11:45 AM	Maria Tinagero (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Mirna Serrano	Dcn. Jesus Ramos - EMC - Comunion (A) Eva Miramon - EMC - Comunion (B)	Marcela Esquivel (C1) Brenda Cruz (C3) Noel Perez (C4) Julian Serrano (C6)	Roberto Paredes (A-B) Juan Diego Hernandez (C) Maria Salcedo (D-E) Bertha Valdez (F)		Aldo Trujillo Christian Perez NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Mirna Serrano
Sunday, Oct. 6 5:00PM	Libby Harris (Both Readings, Petitions, & Announcements)	Cary Richard	Luis Colunga - EMC - HOST (1) Susan Davis - EMC - HOST (2)	Chris Davis (C1) Lisa Richard (C2)	David Power (A-B) Rob Brothers (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	Caleb Medders Gwyneth Medders	Cary Richard