

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 8, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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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.



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 11th at 6:45pm in the Main Church as Ben Rowse discusses the Glory Be. 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.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA NIGHT REMINDER!! IT'S ALMOST HERE!! Our next Catholic Trivia Night is Saturday, September 14 at 6 pm in the Parish Life Center. You still have time to register 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. Don't miss out on this evening of fun and fellowship! Example question: When is the Solemnity of Mary always celebrated? Answer: January 1st.



Holy Family Foster and Adoption Support Ministry is a support group for current foster or adoptive families or families seeking to foster or adopt thru the foster care system. We will have a table in the Narthex after each mass for anyone interested to stop and learn more. If you would like to help or join our ministry please email us at fostersupportministry@svdprogers.com.



Estate Planning Seminar
Presented by Attorney Marcos P. Martinez, JD, LL.M., and Trust & Wealth Advisor Matthew Roll, 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

St. Stephen Catholic Church
1500 NE J St. Bentonville, AR 72712

Bishop Taylor issued the following **liturgical update to music** in light of the Eucharistic Revival: Though clapping to accompany the music of more charismatic type songs is acceptable, there should NEVER be applause to express appreciation following a song sung by the choir or instrumental music played during or following the liturgy. This is because such applause changes what should be prayer into a performance. The music is at the service of the liturgy, not vice versa, and so should accompany the liturgical action and end as soon as the liturgical action ends. Gratitude for the efforts of the choir could instead be expressed with applause at the time of the announcements.

El Obispo Taylor publicó la siguiente actualización litúrgica de la música a la luz del Renacimiento Eucarístico: Aunque aplaudir para acompañar cantos de tipo más carismático es aceptable, NUNCA se debe aplaudir para expresar apreciación después de un canto cantado por el coro o música instrumental tocada durante o después de la liturgia. Esto se debe a que dicho aplauso cambia lo que debe ser una oración a una actuación. La música está al servicio de la liturgia, y no viceversa, por lo que debe acompañar al acto litúrgico y terminar tan pronto termine el acto litúrgico. La gratitud por los esfuerzos del coro podría mejor expresarse con un aplauso en el momento de los anuncios.

CURSO DE MARIOLOGIA II
Desarrollo de la Mariología



Conocer a María es el mejor camino para conocer a Jesús.
13 CLASES DEL 09 DE SEPTIEMBRE AL 02 DE DICIEMBRE
LOS LUNES DE 7:00 A 8:30 PM
ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
1500 NE J ST. BENTONVILLE, AR, 72712
INFORMES:
LILY FARLEY: (201) 384-1631 - LILLYEV@HOTMAIL.COM
Y EN LA OFICINA DE LA PARROQUIA:
(479) 273-1240 - STSTEPHEN@STSTEPHENBENTONVILLE.COM

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

Mark your calendar for Thur, Sep 19th from 4:30p - 6:00p. **NWA Respect Life** will prepare and serve food to the homeless at the 8th Street Motel in Rogers.

Save the Date! The 30th Annual **Red Mass** will be celebrated on Fri, Oct 4, 2024, at 12:00 noon at Christ the King Church, 4000 North Rodney Parham Road in Little Rock. The Red Mass is open to all as we pray for our judicial system, bench, bar, law professors and students, and all civic and public officials. A luncheon honoring Reginald Rogers, the 2004 St. Thomas More Award recipient will follow in the CTK Ministries Building. Luncheon tickets are \$25. To make luncheon reservations mail your check to the Saint Thomas More Society of Arkansas, PO Box 1426, North Little Rock, AR 72115-1426. For more information contact Connie Brown Phillips, Red Mass Chairperson, at cbphillipslaw@gmail.com or 501-680-6919.

NWA 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:
volunteer@stbernard.org
479-855-9069 ext. 223

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 509-703-3797 or Jack Kavulich at kavulichj@yahoo.com 310-430-4853.

IGNATIUS 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 Ignatius Spirit, scholarships are available.

Dates/Time/

October 7, 2024 through June 2, 2025

St. Stephen's Catholic Church/Bentonville

Library

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Location:

Interested?

Contact Lainie Snider, lainiesnider@yahoo.com or 806-584-4160

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.



ARKANSAS PEACE WEEK & THE INTERFAITH CENTER PRESENT:

PEACE ACROSS FAITHS

Cultivating a culture of peace

HOSTED AT:
WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6400 KAVANAUGH BLVD

An Annual Interfaith Dinner

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.

September 15, 2024
5:30 - 8:00 PM

JOIN US

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

Find us online
arkansaspeaceweek.com
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 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 for more info or questions.



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 on Sunday, September 8.

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12:00 PM (5 días antes de la fecha de

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Church Operations for August

Operating Expenses\$163,516
With no distinction between rich and poor, St. Paul urges no partiality in the holy assembly. As one body, may we hear the call to Biblical tithing and contributes a portion of our income to the regular stewardship collection, as well as volunteering to serve in various ministries.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$134,526	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$15,289	\$ 21,000

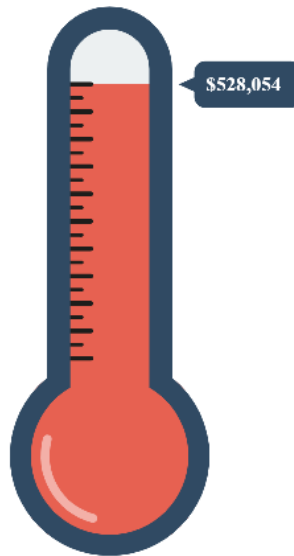
Scripture Readings for 9/15/2024

Is 50: 5-9a
Ps 114(113): 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Jas 2: 14-18
Mk 8: 27-35

God loves a cheerful giver.

Growth Fund Goal: Goal: \$500,000

We surpassed our Goal !



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Mass Intentions for the Week

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 †

Monday, September 9

12:00PM Carman Ann Timmerman

Tuesday, September 10

12:00PM Michelle Ann Williams

Wednesday, September 11

12:00PM David Trautner & Family

Thursday, September 12

12:00PM Mark Anthony Yackley

Friday, September 13

12:00PM George Gulash †

Saturday, September 14

5:00PM Judith Rae Jenkins

Sunday, September 15

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
10:00AM Wayne Bene Sr. †
11:45AM Maria Rodriguez †
5:00PM Andrew Lac Tran †

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Saturday, Sep. 14 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings & Announcements)	Kim Alexander	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Susan McDaniel - EMC - HOST (2)	Pam Gander (C1) Davins Collins (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) Clayton Akehurst (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Kim Alexander	Jackson Coco Emma Coco John Harrington Conner Fitzpatrick	Kim Alexander
Sunday, Sep. 15 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier (Both Readings & Announcements)	Mark Jechura	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Tom Stawicki - EMC - HOST (2)	Robbie Estes (C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	Leo Stirton (A-B) Peggy Estes (C) Amanda Cantu (D-E) Gerard Davenport (F)		Will Kopp Joe Kopp NOT FILLED Owen Gautier	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Sep. 15 10:00 AM	Lily Farley (Both Readings & Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Gina Koch - EMC - HOST (2)	Steve Harrington (C1) Kathryn Gough (C2)	Tim Koch (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Daniel Cruz (D-E) Charlotte Champagne (F)		Steven Zink Gerhardt Brady Alex Shoemaker Lucy Pesek	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Sep. 15 11:45 AM	Fernando Barbosa (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Mirna Serrano	Eva Miramon- EMC - Comunion (A) Marcela Esquivel - EMC - Comunion (B)	Brenda Cruz (C1) Noel Perez (C3) Maria Nino (C4) Hector Rangel (C6)	Maria Barajas (A-B) Maria Dalia Lopez (C) Victor Lopez (D-E) Jose Ortiz (F)		Aldo Trujillo Alondra Nino- Perez Christian Perez NOT FILLED	Mirna Serrano
Sunday, Sep. 15 5:00PM	Beatriz Segura (Both Readings & Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Catherine Garner - EMC - HOST (2)	Cathy Townzen (C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) David Power (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Sherri MacLean