



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

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Primer Domingo de Adviento

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.

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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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OCIA: Our next class will be Wednesday, December 4th at 6:45pm. Join us in the Main Church as we learn about the Liturgical Seasons and Calendar. All are welcome!

Readership survey: Arkansas Catholic is conducting an online readership survey with readers of the print and/or digital editions. The survey will take about five to six minutes to complete, covering various topics related to articles and advertising in the diocesan newspaper and its digital platforms. All readers 18 years old and older are invited to complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZPZ6ZZ3>. One winner of a \$250 Amazon gift card will be chosen from those who completed the survey and shared their contact information with us. No purchase is necessary to enter the sweepstakes. The survey will be open until Dec. 8. The winner will be randomly drawn on or around Dec. 10.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Den. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock está comprometida a proteger a los niños y jóvenes. Si usted está enterado de algún abuso o ha sido abusado por Clérigos, voluntarios o funcionarios de la Iglesia, por favor comuníquese a la Línea de Ayuda del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños al (800) 482-5964 y con el Canciller para Asuntos Canónicos, Diác. Matthew A. Glover (501) 664-0340, ext. 361. Para asistencia pastoral, por favor comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia para Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock Laura Gottsponer (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

Circle of Grace, our Safe Environment program, will be presented to our youth attending classes for Pre-K-12th grade as follows:

- 2nd Year Confirmation on December 11, 2024

Safe Environment Training for minors is a requirement by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This is a requirement for all dioceses in the United States which is mandated in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

Círculo de Gracia, nuestro programa de Ambiente Seguro, se presentará a nuestros jóvenes que asisten a clases de Pre-K-12 grado de la siguiente manera:

- 2nd año de Confirmación el 11 de Diciembre de 2024

La capacitación del medio ambiente seguro para menores es un requisito de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Este es un requisito para todas las Diócesis en los Estados Unidos que está establecido en la Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes.

Our Advent Penance Service will be Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00pm. Several priests will be available to hear confession in English and Spanish.

Nuestra parroquia ofrecerá una celebración penitencial el martes el 3 de diciembre a las 6pm. Se trata de una oración guiada por el sacerdote para ayudar a la comunidad, cuyo fin es llevarnos al arrepentimiento y deseos de reconciliarnos con Dios y nuestros hermanos. Varios sacerdotes se reunirán para confesar en inglés y español.

The English speaking Cursillos for 2025 will be held at the St. John's Center in Little Rock the following weekends: the men's weekend will be February 20-23, and the women's weekend will be April 24-27. For more information and for applications, contact either Ed Moix at 479-381-0486 or ed.moix59@gmail.com, or Scott Jepsen at 662-255-0138 or scott.jepsen@hotmail.com

Parish Council Elections – It's that time of year when we think about parish council elections. If you are a registered parishioner in good standing in the Catholic Church, are over the age of 18 and interested in running for parish council or know of someone who is, please fill out one of the nomination forms in the Narthex and drop it in the nomination box. Out of courtesy, please ask the person first before you submit their name. All names must be submitted by Sunday, December 15.

Elecciones del Consejo Parroquial – Esta temporada del año es cuando pensamos en las elecciones del consejo parroquial. Si usted es un feligrés registrado en buen estado con la Iglesia Católica, mayor de 18 años y está interesado en el consejo parroquial o sabe de alguien que lo este, por favor llene una de las formas de nominación en el Nártex y deposítelo en la caja de nominación. Por cortesía, por favor, primero pregúntele a la persona antes de enviar su nombre. Todos los nombres deben ser enviados antes del día domingo, 15 de diciembre.



Ultreya en Español
Viernes a las 6:30pm

En el salón San Jerónimo

Para mas información, póngase en contacto con:

Marta Hernandez (714) 726-2983
Walter Hernandez (714) 726-2982



SSBC Cookie Exchange: Please sign up to bake cookies for the SSBC Cookie Exchange after Mass in the Narthex or by using the QR code. The Cookie Exchange is the weekend of Dec. 14-15. Cookies will be available for purchase after every Mass or until cookies run out. All proceeds go to help our neighbors in need with food, rent and utilities. Thank you for your support!

Job opening for a Director of Human Resources at the Diocese of Little Rock: The Diocese is seeking to hire a Catholic individual with HR management experience, including a working knowledge of state and federal employment laws, and a minimum of 5 years as a supervisor. This is a new position that offers competitive pay and benefits. A job description is available with the essential functions and qualifications. For more information or to apply by e-mailing a cover letter and resume, contact Dennis Lee, Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, at dlee@dolr.org or call (501) 664-0340.

Ministry Schedules: The parish office will begin working on the ministry schedules for the next quarter. Please contact the office or send an email with any conflicts you may have. The deadline is Wednesday, December 11th.

La oficina de la parroquia comenzará a trabajado en los horarios de ministros para el próximo trimestre. Por favor llame la oficina o envíe un correo electrónico e háganos saber de cualquier conflicto que pueda tener. La fecha límite es el miércoles, 11 de diciembre.

Arkansas Catholic schools provide a nurturing, Christ-centered education for our students, but the cost of tuition can be a significant barrier for many families who desire the quality Catholic education for their children that our schools offer. The LEARNS Act provides funding for tuition and some fees through Education Freedom Accounts for students who meet the criteria. Although the categories have expanded this year, many students who need financial assistance still do not qualify. The cost of paying full tuition remains an obstacle for many families. Our students are our future leaders, and your support can make a significant impact on their lives and the future of our world.

We have received the following message from the Diocesan Director of Divine Worship:

For many years, USCCB norms provided that Holy Days of Obligation during Advent, Lent, or Easter seasons which fell on a Sunday were transferred to Monday, but without the obligation to attend Mass on that transferred solemnity. Those same norms also provided that when a Holy Day of Obligation fell on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass was dispensed from.

However, on September 4, 2024, the Holy See's Dicastery for Legislative Texts issued a response to a question from the USCCB, which announced an immediate change to this practice. From now on, all Holy Days of Obligation in the United States, regardless of the day of the week, will carry both the solemnity and the **obligation to attend Mass**. Additionally, if a Holy Day of Obligation is transferred to another date—such as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception—there remains the obligation to attend Mass on the date to which it is transferred.

Novena: In preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 9th, we encourage you to join us in praying the Novena to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, November 30-December 7. On the weekdays, join us as we pray the Novena, followed by Our Blessed Lady's Rosary, after the noon Mass. For Our Lady's Feast Day we will pray the Rosary outside at the Rosary Garden after Mass, weather permitting.

Coffee Social: Join us for a Coffee Social after the 10 am Mass on Sunday December 8. Come meet others and enjoy light refreshments while we discuss our role in the Church today and making the most in this Year of Mission.

Save the Dates:

- Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00pm Advent Penance Service
- Saturday, December 7 Advent by Candlelight
- Sunday, December 8 at 11:00am Coffee Social
- Thursday, December 12 at 7:00PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Celebration in Spanish
- Weekend of December 14/15 SSBC Cookie Exchange
- Sunday, December 15 - Monday, December 23 Las Posadas 7:00PM
- Monday, December 16 at 6:30pm BHS Chamber Orchestra Christmas Concert

**ACOMPAÑOS A CELEBRAR
A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE
JOIN US TO CELEBRATE TO
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 2024

- En la Iglesia San Esteban
- 6:00 PM – Rosario
 - 6:45 PM - Mañanitas
 - 7:00 PM - Santa Misa
 - 8:00 PM – Grupo Apache
Obra y convivio
 - 6:00 PM – Rosario
 - 6:45 PM - Mañanitas
 - 7:00 PM - Holy Mass
 - 8:00 PM – Apache Group
Guadalupe Play & Potluck



¿NO ESTOY AQUÍ YO, QUE SOY TU MADRE?
AM I NOT HERE, I WHO AM YOUR MOTHER?

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 (5 days prior to publication date.) Email articles to:

bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com
Fecha límite del Boletín: Martes a las 12:00 PM (5 días antes de la fecha de publicación). Envíe artículos a: bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com

To book rooms for meetings please email events@ststephenbentonville.com at least 2 weeks before your date.

Para reservar salas para reuniones, envíe un correo electrónico a events@ststephenbentonville.com al menos 2 semanas antes de la fecha.

Church Operations for November

Operating Expenses\$171,001
 Being vigilant for the Second Coming of Christ, we pray for strength to escape imminent tribulations. May we be prepared in all ways for whatever may occur.

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Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$135,963	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$6,610	\$21,000

Scripture Readings for 12/8/2024

Bar 5: 1-9
 Ps 126 (125): 1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
 Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11
 Lk3: 1-6

Let a sense of joy and thankfulness drive your generosity.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 30
 5:00PM All Souls

Sunday, December 1
 7:45AM Parishioners/Feligrases
 10:00AM Wayne Bene Sr. †
 11:45AM Maria Guadalupe Perea Albarran †
 5:00PM Edward Sidwell †

Monday, December 2
 12:00PM Mary E. Keane †

Tuesday, December 3
 12:00PM Francisco Almaras

Wednesday, December 4
 12:00PM Jose Raul Hurtado †

Thursday, December 5
 12:00PM Richard Winston †

Friday, December 6
 12:00PM Jessica Collazos

Saturday, December 7
 9:00AM Margarita Mejia
 5:00PM Mary Mae Mattern Schafer †

Sunday, December 8
 7:45AM Parishioners/Feligrases
 10:00AM Special Intention
 11:45AM Roberto y Francisca
 5:00PM Edward Sidwell †

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Dec. 7 5:00 PM	Tom Adler (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Jon Terlouw	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Davina Collins - (H2 & Vessels)	Anita Fomin (C1) James Sutton (C2)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Jon Terlouw	Jackson Coco Emma Coco NOT FILLED Conner Fitzpatrick	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, Dec. 8 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mark Jechura	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Christina Baker - (H2 & Vessels)	Tony Baker (C1) Robbie Estes (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) Amanda Cantu (C) Peggy Estes (D-E) Gerard Davenport (F)		Will Kopp Joe Kopp NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Dec. 8 10:00 AM	Mark Reichardt (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Steve Harrington - (H2 & Vessels)	TJ LaPlant (C1) Diedra or Steven Dourth (C2)	Charlotte Champagne (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Ed Brown (D-E) Daniel Cruz (F)		Steven Zink Ben Seiler Alex Shoemaker Haddie Seiler	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Dec. 8 11:45 AM	Maria Tinajero (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Ivan Sanabria	Dcn. Jesus Ramos - EMC - Comunion (A) Noel Perez - EMC - Comunion (B)	Brenda Cruz (C1) Olga Serrano (C3) Maria Elena Calderon (C4) Eva Miramón (C6)	J. Concepcion Serrano (A-B) Bertha Valdez (C) Maria Salcedo (D-E) Maria Barajas (F)		NOT FILLED Christian Perez NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Ivan Sanabria
Sunday, Dec. 8 5:00PM	Marianne Buehler (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) Cathy Townzen - (H2 & Vessels)	Katie Morris (C1) Luis Colunga (C2)	David Power (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Bryan Bacon