

**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 22, 2024

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Cuatro 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

**Special Masses / Misas Especiales**

Christmas Eve 4:00, 6:00, 8:00PM

Christmas Day 10:00AM

Christmas Day *Español* 11:45AM

*\*No noon Mass or Reconciliation either day\**

**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.*

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**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.*



**OCIA:** Our next class will be Wednesday, January 8th at 6:45pm. Join us in the Main Church as we learn about the explanation and demonstration of the Mass. All are welcome!

**2025 Calendars are here!** Grab yours today from the bookshelf outside the Parish Office.

**"Las Posadas":** Join us as we bring to life the story of Mary and Joseph searching for a place to give birth. This event is in Spanish and will be held nightly at 7:00pm through December 23rd. The evening begins with a rosary in the church followed by a procession at 7:25pm. After the procession, everyone will gather in the Parish Life Center for a potluck. If you have any questions, call the parish office or email [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:marketing@ststephenbentonville.com).

**"Las Posadas":** Únase a nosotros para dar vida a la historia de María y José en su búsqueda de un lugar para dar a luz. Este evento es en español y se llevará a cabo todas las noches a las 7:00 p. m. hasta el 23 de diciembre. La velada comienza con un rosario en la iglesia seguido de una procesión a las 7:25 p. m. Después de la procesión, todos se reunirán en el Centro de Vida Parroquial para compartir una comida. Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la oficina parroquial o envíe un correo electrónico a [marketing@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:marketing@ststephenbentonville.com).

*Nativity of the Lord*

**Tuesday, December 24**  
**(Christmas Eve)**

- Parish Office Closed
- No Adoration, Confession, or noon Mass
- 3:15pm Children's Pageant
- 4:00pm Children's Mass
- 6:00pm & 8:00pm English Mass

**Wednesday, December 25**  
**(Christmas Day)**

- Parish Office Closed
- No Adoration, Confession, or noon Mass
- 10:00am English Mass
- 11:45am Spanish Mass

**Thursday, December 26 &**  
**Friday, December 27**

- Parish Office Closed
- No Adoration
- 11:30am Confession & 12:00pm Mass as usual

**St. Stephen**  
Catholic Church

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.*

**Year End Donations:** Please consider the Parish's financial needs in your year-end giving plans. We are prepared to handle donations of stock or you might consider making a tax-free charitable donation from your IRA. Speak with your CPA or financial institution about your options. If you are a Walmart employee, Walmart now provides a triple match donation through their Executive Giving Program. Ask your employer if they offer a matching grant program for charitable giving. You can also donate online at: <https://ststephenbentonville.com/4125-2/>

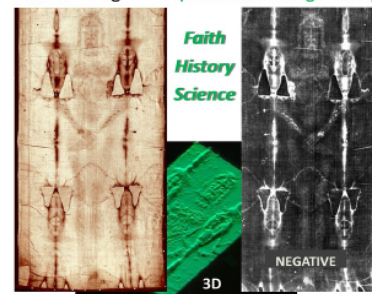
**Donaciones de fin de año:** Tenga en cuenta las necesidades financieras de la parroquia en sus planes de donaciones de fin de año. Estamos preparados para manejar donaciones de acciones o puede considerar hacer una donación caritativa libre de impuestos desde su IRA. Hable con su contador público o institución financiera sobre sus opciones. Si es empleado de Walmart, Walmart ahora ofrece una donación de triple contrapartida para ejecutivos a través de su Programa de donaciones ejecutivas. Pregúntele a su empleador si ofrece un programa de subvenciones de contrapartida para donaciones caritativas. También puede donar en línea en: <https://ststephenbentonville.com/4125-2/>

## Sacred Cloths of the Passion

The Shroud of Turin (Jesus' burial shroud)

The Sudarium of Oviedo (Covered Jesus' head on the cross)

The Tunic of Argenteuil (Jesus' seamless garment)



**A Rare Opportunity—Don't miss your chance to explore**

How was the Shroud image formed?

Physical proof of Jesus' Passion, Death & Resurrection?

Does the Man of the Shroud match Scripture?

Scientific links among these three cloths from Jesus' Passion.

Friday—January 3rd (Parish Hall)

LIVE PRESENTATION:

6:30 PM

PASSION EXHIBIT:

6—8:30 PM

**St. Stephen**

**Roman Catholic Church**

1300 NE J Street, Bentonville

479-273-1240

**Christmas Mass Collection:** The collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day go towards the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity that they continue to share with us.

**Special Note:** There are no blessing of religious items during the month of December.

**Nota especial:** No hay bendición de artículos religiosos durante el mes de diciembre.

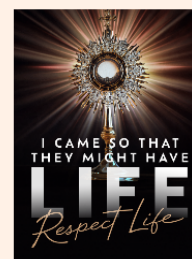
## Mass for Life

**JANUARY 19, 2025 NOON**  
**CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW**

617 LOUISIANA ST., LITTLE ROCK

BISHOP ANTHONY B. TAYLOR, PRESIDEN

The Respect Life Office invites you to join us as we pray for an end to abortion and for the legal protection of unborn children.



ROSARY FOR LIFE WITH  
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
FROM 11:20 - 11:50 AM

**FREE grab-n-go lunch**  
**TACOS GODOY**  
Donations welcomed.  
Any proceeds will benefit the Respect Life Office.

**ARKANSAS**  
RIGHT TO LIFE

Please join Arkansas Right to Life at 2pm for the 47th annual MARCH FOR LIFE along Capitol Ave. to the steps of the Arkansas State Capitol.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
THE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE  
OF THE DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK  
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**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](mailto:dlee@dolr.org) or call (501) 664-0340.



**Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference:** Registration is now open. The conference is free but donations are accepted to help cover costs. Please visit [arcatholicmen.com](http://arcatholicmen.com) for more information or to register.

**Free video series:** Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the Knights of Columbus called the "Mission of the Family." The videos can be found on the Knights of Columbus website for free! [kofc.org/en/campaigns/](http://kofc.org/en/campaigns/). The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length. You can also find the original "Into The Breach" video series by scrolling down on this page and under CATEGORIES click on "Into The Breach." This series is also free of charge and is sure to help you grow in your faith.

**Symposium on the Dangers of Human Trafficking and Pornography in Arkansas**  
(What you need to hear! What you need to know!)

**Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock**

- Attendees will hear from some experts and local speakers including:
- Father Jeffrey Bayth
  - Father Chuck Swanson
  - Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo Emeritus Chancellor of the Pontifical Academies of the Sciences and Social Sciences
  - Former Scotland Yard Inspector Kevin Hyland
  - Cyber Specialist Kevin Medcalf
  - Arkansas victim/survivor Lorie Stewart
  - Associate Editor of Arkansas Catholic Katie Zakrzewski
- Hear presentations on:
- How to spot victims of human trafficking and what actions to take
  - How to inform your child about human trafficking and pornography
  - How to overcome a pornography addiction
  - Testimonials from individuals who have been affected by pornography addictions and human trafficking survivors
  - And much more!

Free breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. A free lunch, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will also be served. The Symposium will be followed by a 5 p.m. Mass. A brochure with the agenda will be given to attendees at check-in. You must register for this free Symposium, go to <https://dolrtaskforce.org/>



Scan the QR code to register or for more information.

**Dear People of the Diocese of Little Rock,** I am delighted to share that Pope Francis will officially open the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City on December 24, 2024, marking the start of the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025. This Jubilee, centered on the theme Pilgrims of Hope, will be a year dedicated to fostering hope within our hearts and communities, concluding on January 6, 2026.

In a special decree issued on May 14, 2024, the Apostolic Penitentiary authorized diocesan bishops to designate churches within their dioceses as pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year, allowing the faithful—especially those unable to travel to Rome—to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. In keeping with these instructions from the Holy See, I am pleased to announce the Jubilee Churches in our Diocese of Little Rock:

- The Cathedral of St. Andrew, Little Rock — the mother church of our diocese
- St. Edward Church, Little Rock
- Immaculate Conception Church, Fort Smith
- St. Joseph Church, Pine Bluff and
- St. Mary Church, Helena

I warmly encourage each of you to embark on a pilgrimage to one of these Jubilee Churches. Let this journey be an opportunity to encounter God's abundant mercy and become true agents of hope in our world.

Sincerely in Christ,  
+Anthony B. Taylor  
Bishop of Little Rock

*Querido Pueblo de la Diócesis de Little Rock: Me alegra compartir que el Papa Francisco abrir oficialmente la Puerta Santa en la Basílica de San Pedro en la Ciudad del Vaticano el 24 de diciembre, 2024, marcando el inicio del Jubileo Ordinario de 2025. Este Jubileo, enfocado en el tema Peregrinos de esperanza, será un año dedicado a fomentar la esperanza en nuestros corazones y comunidades, concluyendo el 6 de enero, 2026.*

*En un decreto especial emitido el 14 de mayo, 2024, la Penitenciaria Apostólica autorizó a los obispos diocesanos a designar iglesias dentro de sus diócesis como sitios de peregrinaje para el Jubileo, permitiéndoles a los fieles-especialmente aquellos que no pueden viajar a Roma-a obtener la Indulgencia Jubilar. En cumplimiento con estas instrucciones de la Santa Sede, me complace anunciar las Iglesias Jubilares en nuestra Diócesis de Little Rock:*

- La Catedral de San Andres, Little Rock - la iglesia madre de nuestra diócesis
- Iglesia de San Eduardo, Little Rock

- Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepcion, Fort Smith
- Iglesia de San Jose, Pine Bluff e
- Iglesia de Sta. Maria, Helena

*Los animo afectuosamente a cada uno de ustedes a que emprendan un peregrinaje a una de estas Iglesias Jubilares. Que este camino sea una oportunidad para encontrar la abundante misericordia de Dios y convertirnos en agentes verdaderos de esperanza en nuestro mundo.*

Sinceramente en Cristo,  
+Anthony B. Taylor  
Obispo of Little Rock

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

- 5:30PM VIGIL MASS, ENGLISH
- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- NO CONFESSION, NO NOON MASS

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1**

- 10:00AM ENGLISH MASS
- 11:45AM SPANISH MASS
- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- NO CONFESSION, NO NOON MASS

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**To book rooms** for meetings please email [events@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:events@ststephenbentonville.com) at least 2 weeks before your date.  
**Para reservar salas** para reuniones, envíe un correo electrónico a [events@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:events@ststephenbentonville.com) al menos 2 semanas antes de la fecha.

## Church Operations for December

Operating Expenses .....\$112,764

As sacrifices and offerings were given to the Lord in the temple, may we, who have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus, gratefully return to Him a portion of our resources as a gift.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$116,835	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$17,702	\$21,000

Let a sense of joy and thankfulness drive your generosity.

## Scripture Readings for 12/29/2024

Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14 or 1Sm 1: 20-22, 24-28

Ps 128(127): 1-2, 3, 4-5

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Lk 2: 41-52

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, December 21

5:00PM Bud Struli † & Family

### Sunday, December 22

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM Wayne Bene Sr. †

11:45AM Roberto y Francisca

5:00PM Edward Sidwell †

### Monday, December 23

12:00PM Richard Hurtig †

### Tuesday, December 24

4:00PM Frank Butler † & Family

6:00PM Clarence †, Betty †, and Gary † Leis

8:00PM Parishioners/Feligreses

### Wednesday, December 25

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM Roberto y Francisca

### Thursday, December 26

12:00PM Maria Bui Nhu †

### Friday, December 27

12:00PM Norma Sumalinog †

### Saturday, December 28

5:00PM John † & Dorothy † Pacheco

### Sunday, December 29

7:45AM Chris Pizarro

10:00AM Frank Taillon †

11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

5:00PM Maria Rodriguez †



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### Our Lady's Rosary Makers:

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, <b>Dec. 28</b> 5:00 PM	Jen Krueckeberg (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Kim Alexander	Jack McDaniel - (H1 & Vessels) Susan McDaniel - EMC - HOST (2)	Anita Fomin (C1) Pam Gander (C2)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Kim Alexander	Brian Ganey John Harrington Anthony Cox Brennan Ganey	Kim Alexander
Sunday, <b>Dec. 29</b> 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mark Jechura	April Appleby - (H1 & Vessels) Bruce Peterson - EMC - HOST (2)	NOT FILLED (C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) Leo Stirton (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) Amanda Cantu (F)		Wyatt Johnson NOT FILLED NOT FILLED Owen Gautier	Amanda Cantu
Sunday, <b>Dec. 29</b> 10:00 AM	Rose Hartnett (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Dcn. Ken Hunter - EMC - HOST (1) TJ LaPlant - (H1 & Vessels)	Diedra or Steven Dourth (C1) Kathryn Gough (C2)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Daniel Cruz (C) Ken Butler (D-E) Charlotte Champagne (F)		Steven Zink Lucy Pesek Ben Seiler Haddie Seiler	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, <b>Dec. 29</b> 11:45 AM	Luis Lopez Sanchez (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Mirna Serrano	Dcn. Jesus Ramos - Comuni3n (A) Julian Serrano - Comuni3n (B)	Hector Rangel (C1) Eva Miram3n (C3) Marcela Esquivel (C4) NOT FILLED (C6)	Roberto Paredes (A-B) Victor Lopez (C) Maria Dalia Lopez (D-E) Juan Diego Hernandez (F)		Aldo Trujillo Allison Mata Fatima Mata Eduardo Mata	Mirna Serrano
Sunday, <b>Dec. 29</b> 5:00PM	Beatriz Segura (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Nicholas Tyburski	Catherine Garner - (H1 & Vessels) Katie Morris - EMC - HOST (2)	Chris Davis (C1) Susan Davis (C2)	NOT FILLED (A-B) David Power (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Nicholas Tyburski	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Nicholas Tyburski