

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 29, 2024

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

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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

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.*



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 will run from December 15 – 23. On Dec. 15th, the Posadas will be in English. (The rest of the days will be in Spanish.) We will begin in the church at 7:00 pm to pray the rosary then begin the procession through the church at 7:25. At 7:40 we will have a potluck in the Parish Life Center. Reach out to marketing@ststephenbentonville.com or call the parish office if you have any questions.

“Las Posadas”: *Únase a nosotros mientras damos vida a la historia de María y José en busca de un lugar para dar a luz. Este evento se llevará a cabo del 15 al 23 de diciembre con una noche especial el día 20 en inglés. Comenzaremos en la iglesia a las 7:00 pm para rezar el rosario y luego comenzaremos la procesión por la iglesia a las 7:25pm. A las 7:40pm tendremos una comida compartida en el Centro de Vida Parroquial. Comuníquese con marketing@ststephenbentonville.com o llame a la oficina parroquial si tiene alguna pregunta.*

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.*

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/>*



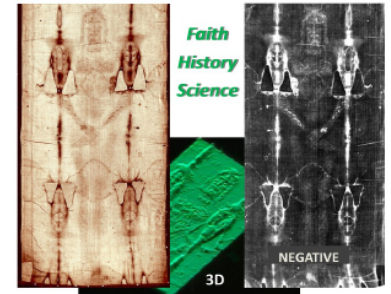
Arkansas Catholic Men’s Conference: Registration is now open. The conference is free but donations are accepted to help cover costs. Please visit arcatholicmen.com for more information or to register.

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

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/. 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.

A note from SSBC: Thank you so much for supporting the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference Cookie Exchange and Blue Envelope drive. Your generosity is critical for our neighbors in need. Thank you!

Mass for Life

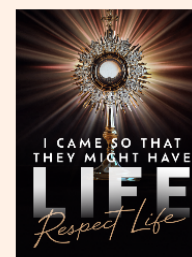
JANUARY 19, 2025 NOON
CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW

617 LOUISIANA ST., LITTLE ROCK

BISHOP ANTHONY B. TAYLOR, PRESIDING

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.

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



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

**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
501-664-0340 EXT 393
RESPECTLIFE@DOLR.ORG

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2025:

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The second prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation.

January

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

March

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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 Scottland Yard Inspector Kevin Hylsand
- 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://doitaskforce.org/>



Scan the QR code to register or for more information.

June

That the world might grow in compassion Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

July

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

August

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

September

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

October

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

November

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

December

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

OZARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY
OPEN HOUSE
 Sunday, January 19th
 1-3 PM
 192 E. Henri de Tonti Blvd.
 Tontitown, AR 72770
 479-316-3445
www.ozarkcatholic.org
admissionsoca@ozarkcatholic.org

Save the Dates:

- January 9th at 10:00am I Pray and I Create
- January 9th at 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
- January 11th at 3:00pm Little Flowers Club Meeting
- January 16th at 7:00pm Hora Santa
- January 20th Parish Office Closed, No Adoration
- January 23rd at 5:30pm Marriage Enrichment
- January 25th Confirmation Retreat
- January 26th at 11:00am Ministry Fair
- January 27th no Reconciliation, no noon Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

- CONFESSION AND NOON MASS AS USUAL
- ADORATION ENDS AT NOON
- PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES AT NOON
- 5:30PM VIGIL MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

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

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

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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 December

Operating Expenses\$170,820

As the birth of a child calls for family celebration, we rejoice that Jesus the Savior has been born in our midst. Let us gift Him with our faithful giving as a symbol of our heart-felt love.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$216,195	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$19,211	\$21,000

Let a sense of joy and thankfulness drive your generosity.

Scripture Readings for 1/5/2024

Is 60: 1-6
 Ps 72(71): 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6
 Mt 2: 1-12



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 †

Monday, December 30
 12:00PM Timothy Whitfield †

Tuesday, December 31
 12:00PM Jose & Alberta Aguern †
 5:30PM Joseph † & Rita Ley †

Wednesday, January 1
 10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses
 11:45AM Elijah Buster

Thursday, January 2
 12:00PM Mary Margaret Conolly

Friday, January 3
 12:00PM J. Refugio Trujillo †

Saturday, January 4
 5:00PM Margaret Wheelhouse †

Sunday, January 5
 7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
 10:00AM Evardo Torres †
 11:45AM J. Refugio Trujillo †
 5:00PM John † & Tish † Laurk

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Jan. 4 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	Margie O'Grady - (H1) Anita Fomin - (H2)	Lesla Hoover (C2) James Sutton (C3)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bruce Peterson	Anthony Cox Rosalina Cox John Harrington Conner Fitzpatrick	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Jan. 5 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	NOT FILLED - (H1) Mark Jechura - (H2)	Mike Mohr (C2) Kira O'Shaughnessy (C3)	Gerard Davenport (A-B) Leo Stirton (C) Amanda Cantu (D-E) Greg Woodell (F)		NOT FILLED Wyatt Johnson NOT FILLED Owen Gautier	Amanda Cantu
Sunday, Jan. 5 10:00 AM	Steve Harrington (Both Readings and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Claudia Garcia - (H2)	Mark Reichhardt (C2) TJ LaPlant (C3)	Ed Brown (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Brian Rabal (D-E) Ken Butler (F)		Steven Zink Matthew DeRito Lucy Pesek NOT FILLED	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Jan. 5 11:45 AM	Ramon Portilla (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Ivan Sanabria	Marcela Esquivel - Comunion (A) Eva Miramon - Comunion (B)	Maria Elena Calderon (C1) Hector Rangel (C2) NOT FILLED (C3) NOT FILLED (C4)	Juan Diego Hernandez (A-B) Maria Dalia Lopez (C) Victor Lopez (D-E) Roberto Paredes (F)		Eduardo Mata Fatima Mata Allison Mata Aldo Trujillo	Ivan Sanabria
Sunday, Jan. 5 5:00PM	Marianne Buehler (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Nicholas Tyburski	Rob Brothers - (H1) Susan Davis - (H2)	Brent Bain (C2) Chris Davis (C3)	Annabella Tyburski (A-B) David Power (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Nicholas Tyburski	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Nicholas Tyburski