

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 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Segundo 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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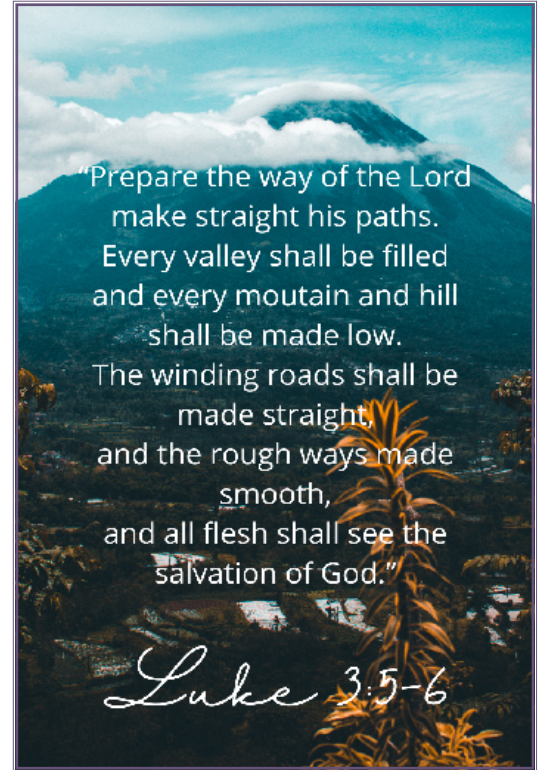
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Bautismo Infantil: *Se ofrece una vez al mes en inglés y español. Se requiere preparación para Bautismo. Los padres deben ser miembros registrados de San Esteban. No habrá bautismos en diciembre.*

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 11th at 6:45pm. Join us in the Main Church as we learn about Catholic Customs and Traditions. All are welcome!

St. Stephen's Sacred Art and Prayer Group, I Pray and I Create (Oro Y Creo) will meet Thu, Dec 12, 9:30-11:30am in the church library. You are welcome to come whether you do creative work or not. If you appreciate art and want to pray and contemplate a work of art, we would love to have you. If you wish, you can bring an art project you are working on and/or supplies needed to start on something. Please only bring what you can easily pack in/out and clean up. Only a small portion of our time will be for sharing, and the group time will look different from how we are used to "fellowshipping"; it is a time to give and receive without lots of comment. Come prepared to pray and create, share and receive. Beauty lifts our hearts up; take time to seek The Father through it. For questions or more details, contact Amy Lane mlane5280@gmail.com or text at 225.306.5195.



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 the 2nd Year Confirmation classes on Dec 11, 2024. Safe Environment Training for minors is a requirement by the USCCB. 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 las clases de Confirmación de 2do Año 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.

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 for executives 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/>

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.

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.

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 esté, 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.

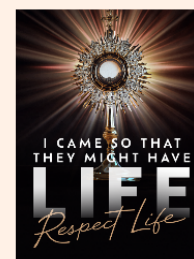
Christmas Mass Collection: The collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day go towards the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted 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. To donate directly to our parish please notate "for St. Stephen" on your contribution.

Mass for Life

JANUARY 19, 2025 NOON
CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW
617 LOUISIANA ST., LITTLE ROCK
BISHOP ANTHONY B. TAYLOR, PRESIDER

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 GODDY
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



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!

BHS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PRESENTS
Christmas Concert Series
 DECEMBER 16TH
 6:30 PM

ENJOY THE MUSIC OF THE HOLIDAYS PERFORMED BY THE BENTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA! PERFORMANCE IS FREE BUT DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. ALL PROCEEDS HELP FUND TRAVEL TO THE MARCH 2025 NATIONAL ORCHESTRA CUP IN NYC.



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.

**ACOMPANOS A CELEBRAR
 A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE
 JOIN US TO CELEBRATE TO
 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 2024**

- In 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?

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, Dec 9th

English Mass
 12:00 & 5:30 pm

Spanish Mass
 7:00 pm

Parish Office Closed



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 Monday, the obligation to attend Mass was dispensed from.

However, in September of 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.

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.

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to help with the purchase of Christmas Flowers, please use the envelope in your packet or place your donation in an envelope and drop in the collection basket. You can donate in Honor of or Memory of someone and those names will be published in the bulletin the weekend prior to Christmas.

Save the Dates:

- Sunday, December 15 - Monday, December 23 Las Posadas 7:00PM
- Tuesday, December 24
 Parish Office Closed
 No Adoration or Confession
 3:15pm Children's Pageant
 4:00pm Children's Mass
 6:00 & 8:00pm English Mass
- Wednesday, December 25
 Parish Office Closed
 No Adoration or Confession
 10:00am English Mass
 11:45am Spanish Mass
- Thursday, December 26 & Friday, December 27
 No Adoration
 Parish Office Closed
 11:30pm Confession
 12:00pm English Mass

The following are dates of Penance Services offered in our Deanery during the season of Advent. Several priests will be available at each celebration:

- Tuesday, December 10 - St. Mary (Si-loam Springs) - 7:00pm
- Wednesday, December 11 - St. Bernard (Bella Vista) - 11:00am & 7:00pm
- Tuesday, December 17 - St. Joseph (Fayetteville) - 6:30pm
- Wednesday, December 18 - St. Anne (Berryville) - 5:00pm
- Thursday, December 19 - St. Vincent de Paul - 6:30pm

Parish Communications

Comunicación Parroquial

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Bulletin Deadline: Tue. 12:00 PM
 (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\$169,668
 St. Paul reminds us that we share
 "partnership for the Gospel" As we prepare
 for the Lord's Coming, may God who
 began the good work in us in spreading
 the Good News bring it to completion.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$155,210	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$7,125	\$21,000

Let a sense of joy and thankfulness
 drive your generosity.

Scripture Readings for 12/15/2024

Zeph 3: 14-18a
 Is 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6
 Phil 4: 4-7
 Lk 3: 10-18

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 7

9:00AM Margarita Mejia
 5:00PM Mary Mae Mattern Schafer †

Sunday, December 8

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
 10:00AM Special Intention
 11:45AM Roberto y Francisca
 5:00PM Edward Sidwell †

Monday, December 9

12:00PM Jerri Mechels † & Family
 5:30PM Monsignor Richard Oswald †
 7:00PM Parishioners/Feligreses

Tuesday, December 10

12:00PM Familia Almaras Mejia

Wednesday, December 11

12:00PM Kathleen Tripplette †

Thursday, December 12

12:00PM Ingrid Torres
 7:00PM Familia Barajas

Friday, December 13

12:00PM Jerri Mechels †

Saturday, December 14

5:00PM Santiago Martinez †

Sunday, December 15

7:45AM Hannibal Family
 10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses
 11:45AM Roberto y Francisca
 5:00PM All Souls

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Dec. 14 5:00 PM	Jen Krueckeberg (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Jon Terlouw	Lori Terlouw - (H1 & Vessels) James Sutton - EMC - HOST (2)	Pam Gander (C1) Davina Collins (C2)	Jack Kelley (A-B) Clayton Akehurst (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Jon Terlouw	Jackson Coco Emma Coco John Harrington Conner Fitzpatrick	Jon Terlouw
Sunday, Dec. 15 7:45 AM	Tina Teissere (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mark Jechura	Tom Stawicki - (H1 & Vessels) Robbie Estes - EMC - HOST (2)	NOT FILLED (C1) NOT FILLED (C2)	Katie (Leo) Stirton (A-B) Greg Woodell (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) Peggy Estes (F)		Wyatt Johnson Fiona Koll Oscar Koll NOT FILLED	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Dec. 15 10:00 AM	Lily Farley (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bruce Beckham	Mary Kate Beckham - (H1 & Vessels) Gina Koch - EMC - HOST (2)	TJ LaPlant (C1) Diedra or Steven Dourth (C2)	Tim Koch (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Daniel Cruz (D-E) Steve Harrington (F)		Lucy Pesek Kai Keller Brecklyn Keller Reese Keller	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, Dec. 15 11:45 AM	Marugel Monzalvo (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Iván Sanabria	Dcn. Jesús Ramos - Comunión (A) Brenda Cruz - Comunión (B)	Noel Pérez (C1) Héctor Rangel (C3) Mariá Elena Calderón (C4) Marcela Esquivel (C6)	Roberto Paredes (A-B) Victor Lopez (C) Mariá Dalia Lopez (D-E) Juan Diego Hernández (F)		NOT FILLED Christian Pérez NOT FILLED Aldo Trujillo	Iván Sanabria
Sunday, Dec. 15 5:00PM	Nicholas Tyburski (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Rob Brothers - (H1 & Vessels) Lisa Juan - EMC - HOST (2)	Catherine Garner (C1) Cathy Townzen (C2)	David Power (A-B) Annabella Tyburski (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Sherri MacLean