

**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

January 12, 2025

## The Baptism of the Lord

*El Bautismo del Señor*

### 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-Th / 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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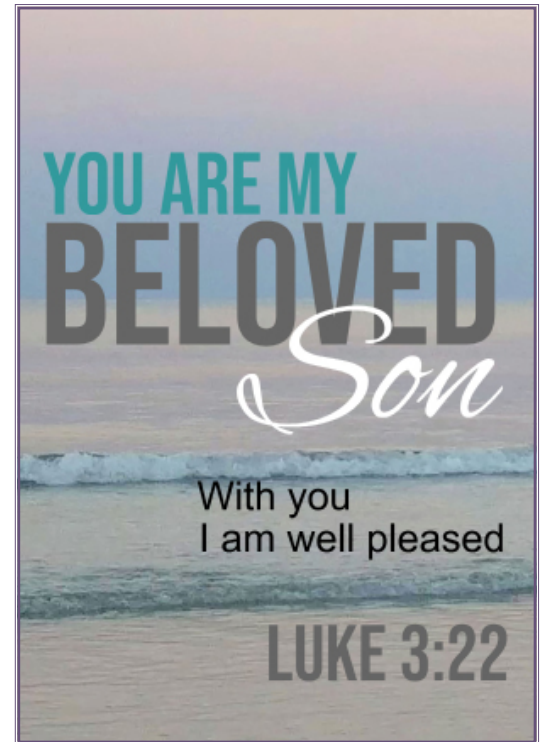
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**Infant Baptism:** Offered once a month in English and Spanish. Baptism preparation required. Parents must be registered members of St. Stephen. No baptisms in December.

**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 15th at 6:45pm. Join us in the Main Church as we begin an introduction to the Liturgy and Sacraments. All are welcome!

**Helping Hands Coordinator Needed:** Helping Hands Inc. is a non-profit organization operated as a partnership of over 20 churches throughout Benton County. Established in 1976, Helping Hands has been aiding those in need for 46 years through operation of a thrift store located at 2602 SW D St in Bentonville. Proceeds from the thrift store are used to meet the needs of Benton County residents in times of hardship, meeting its vision of a community where everyone experiences hope, and no one goes to bed hungry or in need of shelter, and where all people are treated with dignity. St. Stephen Catholic Church was a long-time volunteer parish, along with St. Vincent de Paul in Rogers. During the pandemic, many partnership churches were unable serve Helping Hands due to public health safety measures and never returned to a regular volunteer schedule, including St. Stephen's.

We are now seeking a parish member willing to share his or her time and talent to help coordinate a group of volunteers to work a rotation of 2-3 Saturday afternoons per year at Helping Hands, providing support working the cash registers, bagging, stocking, and receiving donations from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Staffing generally only requires 6-10 parishioners, though no volunteers will be turned away and it's also a great way for families to serve together or for students to earn service hours. John Carney of St. Vincent de Paul Church has kindly offered to introduce and train a member of our parish to help us reestablish this social outreach ministry. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve our parish and our brothers and sisters of need in Benton County. If you have any questions, or feel called to lead this ministry for St. Stephen, please contact John Carney at 479-381-4385 or via email at John.Carney@ofi.com



**CATHOLIC CAREGIVER RETREAT**  
Learn The Successful Approach  
A transformative one-day retreat enabling you to navigate the emotional, mental, and spiritual dimensions of caring for a loved one.

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**  
8:00 AM Mass  
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Registration and Retreat

**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Little Rock  
**Registration:** \$10



**By The End Of This Retreat, You Will Know How To:**

- Go from feeling **EXHAUSTED** to **BALANCED** restore the life you desire for yourself, family, and parent.
- Go from feeling **OVERWHELMED** to **UNDER CONTROL** regain order back into your life.
- Go from feeling **GUILTY** to **PEACEFUL** give the best of you and not what is left of you.
- Go from feeling **ALONE** to **ACCOMPANIED** recognize and engage caregiving support.

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

HOSTED BY OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, LITTLE ROCK, AR & PRESENTED BY CATHOLIC DAUGHTER

**8th Street Motel Food for the Homeless:** Coming Soon! NWA Respect Life has the privilege of serving the homeless a hot meal at the 8th Street Motel, 915 S. 8th St., Rogers on Thursday, January 16th at 4:30 p.m. If you'd like to bring food and/or serve sign up below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044EA5AF22A6FC1-54133524-chili>



**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.

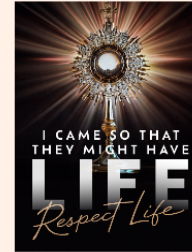
**Seven Sisters Apostolate:** The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of our St. Stephen Catholic Church priests, Msgr. Rev. Scott L. Marczuk and Fr. Divya Nathan Paulin Raj Vatakali. It is a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for the priests' deeper conformity to Christ. Fourteen sisters and three substitutes have prayed a year for our priests. We are in need of a praying sister replacement for Tuesday of each week; and one sister for Saturday of each week. More information can be found at <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/> or contact Mary Claire May at 605-863-1083.

**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 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



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

**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.



**A note from SSBC:** After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended like a dove and a voice from heaven was heard, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." As you give to the poor, hear these same words, "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased."

The next St. Stephen Benevolent Conference meeting is from 8:45-9:45 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19 in the St. Jerome room. All are welcome!

# Encounter

Adult Small Groups

**Encounter Leader Sign-ups:** Our next season of Encounter, our adult small group ministry, will be starting in February. If you would like to meet others and grow in your faith consider joining us as a small group leader. Groups will be meeting in person and online. Scan the QR code or go to <http://tiny.cc/3o94001> to sign up to be a small group leader. Small group participant sign ups will be soon. Questions? Contact Desirae Cox [encounter@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:encounter@ststephenbentonville.com)



**Ladies Bible Study:** The Ladies of Grace Bible study will start the Winter/Spring season on Friday, January 24, 2025, from 10:00am to 11:30am in the St. Jerome Room. We will be studying The Gospel According to Luke, Parts One and Two. Each part is \$13/book. This is approximately a 12-13 week course for the entire season using our book/study guide, viewing short videos, and discussions. For more details contact: Mikey Morgan: 316-644-0472, [mikeymorgan97@gmail.com](mailto:mikeymorgan97@gmail.com) Rose Ann Jolly: 913-645-8143, [rajolly1975@att.net](mailto:rajolly1975@att.net)

**OZARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY**  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
 Sunday, January 19th  
 1-3 PM  
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 Tontitown, AR 72770  
 479-316-3445  
[www.ozarkcatholic.org](http://www.ozarkcatholic.org)  
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**Parish Council Elections:** Parish Council elections will take place after each Mass this weekend. Voting is open for registered parishioners in good standing 18 years and older. A table is set-up in the Narthex where you may cast your vote for three candidates.

**Elecciones del Consejo Parroquial:** Las elecciones del Consejo Parroquial se llevarán a cabo después de cada Misa el fin de semana del 11/12. La votación está abierta para los feligreses registrados y están en buen estado con la iglesia de edad 18 años o más. Se instalará una mesa en el Nártex donde podrás emitir tu voto por tres candidatos.

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers:** Our Lady's Rosary Makers, along with Fr. Paul, would like to thank everyone who contributed to our venture of providing mission rosaries for Fr. Paul to take to India. With your help we were able to make over 2,000 rosaries in four months! Your overwhelming support was amazing. Through your rosaries "vice can be destroyed, sin decreased, and heresies defeated" as promised by Our Blessed Mother. Your help was no small act. Fr. Paul is so very grateful and is excited to be able to share the rosaries with his former parishes back in India.

We will continue to make rosaries for other missions and our own parish, so come join us on Thursday, January 23, 9:30-11:30am, in the St. Jerome room, for our first gathering of 2025. For additional info, email Lisa Richard at [olrm.sponsor551@passmail.com](mailto:olrm.sponsor551@passmail.com).

**Winter Weather Policy:** With winter approaching we would like to remind you of our policy regarding the closing of the parish office and the cancellation of classes and activities. We follow the Bentonville school district. If school is canceled, the parish office is closed and all activities and classes will be canceled, except for Mass. Mass will always be celebrated regardless of weather. St Stephen cancellations are also posted on KNWA, KHOG 40/29, and KFSM.

**Symposium on the Dangers of Human Trafficking and Pornography in Arkansas**

**Saturday, January 25, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Christ the King Church, Little Rock**

**Attendees will hear from experts:**

- Father Jeffery Bayhi • Father Chuck Swanson
- Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo • Former Scotland Yard Inspector Kevin Hyland • Cyber Specialist Kevin Medcoff

**\* Free breakfast and lunch, 5 p.m. Mass**

**Register for this free symposium at [doltaskforce.org](http://doltaskforce.org)**

The Diocese of Little Rock Task Force Against Human Trafficking and Pornography

## Save the Dates:

- January 13th no Reconciliation, no noon Mass
- January 14th no Reconciliation, no noon Mass
- January 16th at 7:00pm Hora Santa
- January 20th Parish Office Closed, No Adoration
- January 23rd at 9:30am Our Lady's Rosary Makers
- 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
- March 1st at 6:00pm Mardi Gras Casino Night
- March 2nd at 11:00am Mardi Gras Family Celebration



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com)

**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 January

Operating Expenses .....\$65,828

Being baptized into Jesus Christ, we share in His graces "richly poured out on us." May our regular stewardship demonstrate our fidelity to His mission, and may He reward us with His generous love.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$65,003	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$2,828	\$21,000

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

## Scripture Readings for 1/19/2024

Is 62: 1-5  
Ps 96(95): 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10  
1 Cor 12: 4-11  
Jn 2: 1-11

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, January 11

5:00PM Beau Beauchamp †

### Sunday, January 12

7:45AM Joseph † & Rita † Ley  
10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
11:45AM Héctor y Maricela Rangel  
5:00PM Rev. Thomas Keller †

### Monday, January 13

12:00PM **No Mass or Confession**

### Tuesday, January 14

12:00PM **No Mass or Confession**

### Wednesday, January 15

12:00PM Aura & Paola Wagner

### Thursday, January 16

12:00PM Christina Espinosa

### Friday, January 17

12:00PM Rev. Thomas Keller †

### Saturday, January 18

5:00PM John † & Dorothy † Pacheco

### Sunday, January 19

7:45AM Tom Grady †  
10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
11:45AM Oscar Soto †  
5:00PM Mary Paula Hennerty †

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Jan. 18 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Kim Alexander	Margie O'Grady - (H1) James Sutton - (H2)	Jack McDaniel (C2) Susan McDaniel (C3)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) Bruce Peterson (C) Jack Kelley (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Kim Alexander	Jackson Coco Emma Coco John Harrington Conner Fitzpatrick	Kim Alexander
Sunday, Jan. 19 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mark Jechura	Kira O'Shaughnessy - (H1) April Appleby - (H2)	Mike Mohr (C2) Chris O'Shaughnessy (C3)	Leo Stirton (A-B) Greg Woodell (C) Amanda Cantu (D-E) Gerard Davenport (F)		Dominic Skidd Wyatt Johnson Damian Skidd Gus Skidd	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Jan. 19 10:00 AM	Greg Brandenburg (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Kathryn Gough - (H1) Gina Koch - (H2)	Mark Reichhardt (C2) Steve Harrington (C3)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Tim Koch (C) Charlotte Champagne (D-E) Daniel Cruz (F)		Steven Zink Brecklyn Keller Kai Keller Reese Keller	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Jan. 19 11:45 AM	Dulce Ortiz (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Mirna Serrano	Marcela Esquivel - Comunion (A) Eva Miramon - Comunion (B)	Noel Perez (C1) Brenda Cruz (C2) Julian Serrano (C3) Hector Rangel (C4)	Jose Ortiz (A-B) Juan Diego Hernandez (C) Bertha Valdez (D-E) María Salcedo (F)		Eduardo Mata Fatima Mata Christian Perez Aldo Trujillo	Mirna Serrano
Sunday, Jan. 19 5:00PM	Beatriz Segura (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Katie Morris - (H1) Lisa Richard - (H2)	Susan Davis (C2) Nicholas Tyburski (C3)	Annabella Tyburski (A-B) David Power (C) Rob Brothers (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Rob Brothers	Gerhardt Brady Spranger Brady	Cary Richard