

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 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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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

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

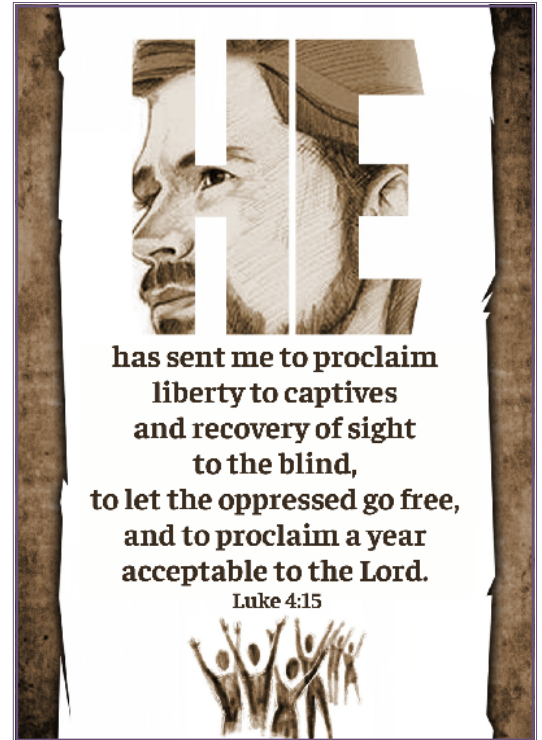
Office Hours / Horario de Oficina
Mon-Th/Lun-Jue 9:00AM-3:00PM
Friday/Viernes 9:00AM-12:00PM

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.*



HE
has sent me to proclaim
liberty to captives
and recovery of sight
to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year
acceptable to the Lord.

Luke 4:15

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, February 5th at 6:45pm. Join us in the Main Church as we discuss Holy Orders/ The Clergy & Anointin of the Sick. All are welcome!

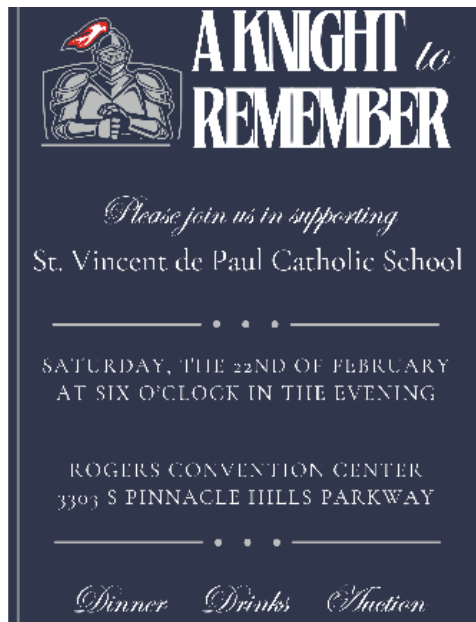
Helping Hands Coordinator Needed:

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



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.



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.

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.

Photo contest: Any Arkansas photographer, 18 or older, can enter their photo of a local Catholic church or institution for a chance to be featured on the cover of the 2026 Diocese of Little Rock directory. Arkansas Catholic sponsors the annual cover photo contest. The contest entry deadline is March 17. Complete rules and how to enter are available at arkansas-catholic.org/. For more information, contact Debbie Kelly at dkelly@dolr.org or (501) 664-0125.

MINISTRY FAIR

Ministry Fair: Looking for ways to get involved and make a difference in our church community? The Ministry Fair is the perfect opportunity to learn about the various ministries and opportunities available at St. Stephen. Whether you're passionate about service, hospitality, children's ministry, or outreach, there's a place for you to grow and serve. Come explore, ask questions, and find a ministry where you can contribute your time, talents, and faith.

Date: Sunday, January 26th

Time: 11:00am - 2:30pm

Location: St. Stephen Parish Life Center

We can't wait to see you there and help you find your place in God's work!

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage: Arkansas Catholic is traveling to Italy October 28-November 8 for the Holy Year and we want you to join us. Father Brian Cundall, pastor of Christ the King Church in Fort Smith, will be the spiritual director for this tour. You can experience Florence and Siena on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, plus stops in Milan, Turin, Orvieto and Montecassino. Pilgrims will have four days in Rome and walk through the Holy Doors. An informational meeting will be held Sunday, February 16 at 3 p.m. at Christ the King Church Parish Hall in Fort Smith. RSVP at bit.ly/ACPilgrimage202. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Primm at Sue Smith Vacations at kathy@suesmithvacation.com or 501-771-0987.



A note from SSBC: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Because of your generous donations, members of the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference can bring glad tidings to the poor in our community. Email ssbcpres@gmail.com if you're interested in joining SSBC.

Encounter

Adult Small Groups

Encounter Sign-ups: Want to meet other Catholics and grow in your faith this Lent? Join an Encounter adult small group! Groups start meeting in February and will be doing various studies from learning more about Mary, the Holy Spirit, being a disciple and more! Scan the qr code or go to <https://shorturl.at/jkXZW> to sign up. Questions? Contact encounter@ststephenbentonville.com



Virtual Healing Resource (VHR) Gathering for February 2025: Anyone suffering from the trauma of a past abortion is invited to join a virtual small prayer group and discussion meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. You may join anonymously from the comfort of your own space. This gathering is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of the Diocese of Little Rock. We welcome anyone from any area of our state who has been affected in any way by an abortion. This non-judgmental group desires to assist anyone who is searching for healing, peace, and forgiveness. Please call or text our CONFIDENTIAL helpline at 501-663-0996 for the confidential meeting link or email projectrachel@dolr.org. We love you, and it our great desire to help you!

MARDI GRAS Casino Night
 Saturday, March 1st
 6-10:00 pm
 \$30/ticket or \$50/couple

Tickets include heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and \$500 in chips
 Join us for an incredible night as we raise money for Religious Education!

St. Stephen Catholic Church
 1300 NE J St.

February 2, 2025
Candlemas Candelaria

Faith Formation Directors will have BLESSED candles available and will accept DONATIONS that will go toward our future youth retreats.

Los Directores de Formación en la Fe tendrá velas BENDITAS disponibles y estarán aceptando DONACIONES que se destinarán a nuestros futuros retiros juveniles.

Suggested Donation/Donación Sugerida \$3

Mass Notice: We will be welcoming all the families of those preparing for First Communion at the 10am Mass on Sunday, February 2nd. This Mass will be highly attended. You may consider attending a different Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Vigil, Sunday 7:45am or Sunday 5:00pm; if preferred.

JOIN US

2025-26 Scheduled Tours
 Sunday, February 2nd
 9:00am to 12:00pm by Appointment

scan the QRcode to sign up

Applications for the 2025-26 school year for PreK-3 year olds through 8th grade may be accessed online through our website beginning Monday, February 3rd
 Questions? Please contact Sandra Stephens, Admissions Director, at (479)636-4421 or admissions@svdpschool.net
 Website to Apply: www.svdpschool.net/application

St. Vincent de Paul CATHOLIC SCHOOL

MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL
 Sunday, March 2nd
 11:00 am
 \$10/adults, \$5/kids, \$40 Family Max

Food • Balloon drop • Crafts • Games
 Join us for an afternoon of Family FUN!

St. Stephen Catholic Church
 1300 NE J St.

Save the Dates:

- January 27th no Reconciliation, no noon Mass
- January 27th at 7:00pm Mariologia
- January 30th at 7:00pm Amor y Respeto
- February 1st at 9:00am First Saturday Mass
- February 13th at 10:00am I Pray and I Create
- February 13th at 6:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
- February 20th at 9:30am Our Lady's Rosary Makers
- February 20th at 5:30pm Marriage Enrichment
- February 20th at 7:00pm Hora Santa
- March 1st at 6:00pm Mardi Gras Casino Night
- March 2nd at 11:00am Mardi Gras Family Celebration

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.

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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 January

Operating Expenses\$83,819

As St. Paul reminds us, we are all parts of the Body of Christ. With our many gifts, may we faithfully fulfill our various roles, together with the administration of the material goods needed to proclaim the message of Jesus in the world.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$124,070	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$16,059	\$ 21,000

Giving to God is a grace.

Scripture Readings for 2/2/2025

Mal 3: 1-4
 Ps 24(23): 7, 8, 9, 10
 Heb 2: 14-18
 Lk 2: 22-40 or 22-32

Scan here to give online



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 25
 5:00PM Brian Simet †

Sunday, January 26
 7:45AM Hazel Massanelli †
 10:00AM Rev. Thomas Keller †
 11:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
 5:00PM Scott Antony †

Monday, January 27
 12:00PM **No Noon Mass or Confessions**

Tuesday, January 28
 12:00PM Earl Thomas †

Wednesday, January 29
 12:00PM Msgr. Scott Marczuk

Thursday, January 30
 12:00PM Alice Jansen

Friday, January 31
 12:00PM Fr. Paulin Vatakali

Saturday, February 1
 9:00AM Dcn. Ken Hunter & Family
 5:00PM Vincente Barrientos †

Sunday, February 2
 7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
 10:00AM Nancy F. Lawton †
 11:45AM Julian y Mirna Serrano
 5:00PM Peter Thong Le †

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Encounter (Adult Small Groups):

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Our Lady's Rosary Makers:

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Martha's Meal Ministry:

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Feb. 1 5:00 PM	Diana Goodwin (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	Davina Collins - (H1) James Sutton - (H2)	Sherolyn Johnson (C2) Lesa Hoover (C3)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bruce Peterson	Conner Fitzpatrick Rosalina Cox John Harrington Anthony Cox	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Feb. 2 7:45 AM	Tina Teissere (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mark Jechura	Chris O'Shaughnessy - (H1) Kira O'Shaughnessy - (H2)	NOT FILLED (C2) Mike Mohr (C3)	Gerard Davenport (A-B) Greg Woodell (C) Amanda Cantu (D-E) Leo Stirton (F)		NOT FILLED Fiona Koll Oscar Koll Wyatt Johnson	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Feb. 2 10:00 AM	Lily Farley (Both Readings and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Mark Reichhardt - (H2)	Diedra or Steven Dourth (C2) TJ LaPlant (C3)	Brian Rabal (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Steve Harrington (D-E) Charlotte Champagne (F)		Steven Zink Matthew DeRito Alex Shoemaker Haddie Seiler	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Feb. 2 11:45 AM	Rosalba Ortiz (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Mirna Serrano	Brenda Cruz - Comunion (A) Julian Serrano - Comunion (B)	Eva Miramon (C1) Marcela Esquivel (C2) Hector Rangel (C3) Noel Perez (C4)	Victor Lopez (A-B) Maria Dalia Lopez (C) Jose Ortiz (D-E) Juan Diego Hernandez (F)		Eduardo Mata Fatima Mata Christian Perez Aldo Trujillo	Mirna Serrano
Sunday, Feb. 2 5:00PM	Bryan Bacon (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Susan Davis - (H1) Luis Colunga - (H2)	Lisa Richard (C2) Chris Davis (C3)	Rob Brothers (A-B) Annabella Tyburski (C) David Power (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Rob Brothers	Caleb Medders Gwyneth Medders	Bryan Bacon