

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

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Presentación 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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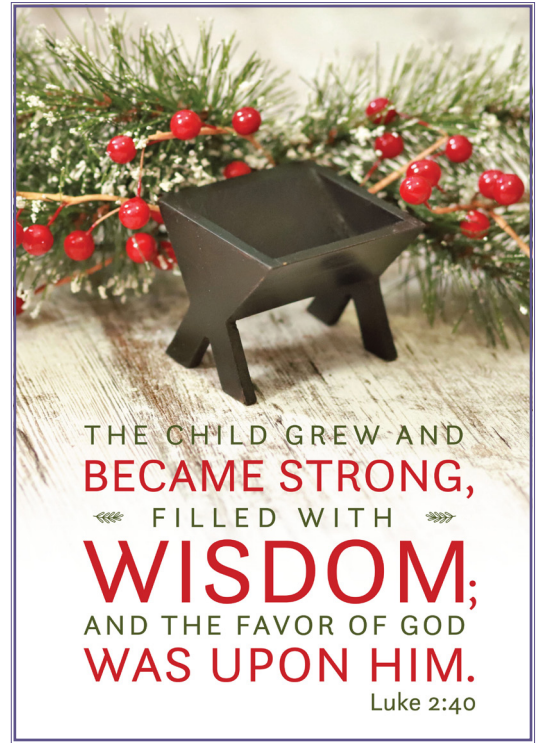
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THE CHILD GREW AND
BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH
WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.
Luke 2:40

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 & Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome!



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.

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.

2025 SVdP PTO Scholarship Information: The St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School PTO is once again offering two \$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors! Application link: <https://bit.ly/2025svdptoscholarship>
Scholarship Criteria:

- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Attended St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School for a minimum of 5 consecutive years
- Graduated from the 8th grade
- Involvement in school, church, and community activities
- Application including the essay question
- Application deadline: Friday, March 31, 2025

If you have any questions, please contact this year's PTO Scholarship Chairperson, Teisha Weisenfels at weisenfels@gmail.com.

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

A KNIGHT to REMEMBER

Please join us in supporting
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School

SATURDAY, THE 22ND OF FEBRUARY
AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

ROGERS CONVENTION CENTER
3303 S PINNACLE HILLS PARKWAY

Dinner Drinks Auction

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal: This weekend the 2025 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal begins. If you take your pledge card home, please be sure to bring it back next week or mail in the pre-paid envelope. Your generous response is appreciated and your money will be administered wisely. "Through CASA we can open our hearts and our wallets to the Lord and welcome him with all that we have and all that we are--as faithful servants." Our parish goal is \$46,650.

Compartida Católica de Arkansas: *Este fin de semana comienza la Campaña Compartida Católica de Arkansas 2025. Si se lleva a casa su tarjeta de promesa de donativo por favor asegúrese de traerla de regreso la semana entrante o de enviarla por correo en el sobre prepago. Se aprecia su generosa respuesta y su dinero será administrado prudentemente. "A través de CASA podemos abrir nuestros corazones y carteras al Señor y darle la bienvenida con todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos -- como fieles servidores." La meta de nuestra parroquia es \$46,650.*

Magnificat
A Ministry to Catholic Women

Spring Magnificat Brunch
Saturday, March 1
10:00am-1:00pm
St. Joseph Spiritan Center

Guest Speaker: Fr. Emanuel Tanu
'God With Us'

Tickets: \$20, includes brunch
Register online: tinyurl.com/4awdmjth
TICKETS **MUST** BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE
Deadline to register February 21st
Questions: Contact Jalisa, jvalde1@aol.com, 501-514-0965

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.

Stay Connected to the Catholic Community: Don't miss the stories that matter to your faith! Arkansas Catholic, your award-winning diocesan newspaper, brings you inspiring local Catholic news, thoughtful commentary and spiritual enrichment every week. For less than the cost of a monthly streaming service, you can have Arkansas Catholic delivered right to your door all year long. The print edition is only \$32/year (\$30 for seniors). Save by signing up for two or three years. February Offer for New Subscribers: Subscribe to the print edition and receive a FREE copy of "Lenten Gospel Reflections 2025" by Bishop Robert Barron — a perfect companion for your Lenten journey. Join thousands of faithful readers across Arkansas. Subscribe today:

- Pick up an envelope in the pews
- Visit arkansas-catholic.org
- Call (501) 664-0125

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A note from SSBC: In the Gospel today, we learn of the first sword in Mary's heart – the knowledge of her Son's death. Though many would live forever in fear, Mary found courage in her faith in the Lord. Your gifts to the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference helped nearly 70 people overcome their swords of fear and doubt in the month of January. Thank you for your support!

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



Encuentro Matrimonial is a Marriage Encounter in Spanish and is a program of 44 hours in which couples can leave work, children, housework, and telephone in order to focus only on each other. If you are looking to grow in your relationship, to make it more profound and to enrich it, then you will like the difference that a weekend of Worldwide Marriage Encounter can make in your lives. The next weekend will be held February 14, 15, 16, 2025 at St. John Center. For more information or registration, call 870-642-2256 or 773-213-9593. Space is limited.

Encuentro Matrimonial: MATRIMONIOS ATREVANSE A VIVIR UN FIN DE SEMANA DE ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL - Restaura tu matrimonio con esta grandiosa experiencia. No dudes no tienes nada que perder, pero si puedes ganar mucho. ENCUENTRA EL VERDADERO SENTIDO DE TU RELACION. ¡CUPO LIMITADO! ¿DONDE? EN LA CASA DE RETIRO DE SAN JUAN EN LITTLE ROCK, EL 14, 15 y 16 de febrero de 2025. PARA REGISTRARTE LLAMA AL 870-642-2256 o 773-213-9593.

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!

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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!

Retiro de Oracion y Sanación: El ministerio de Proyecto Raquel ofrecerá un retiro para mujeres o hombres que sufren a causa un aborto provocado el sabado 22 de febrero de 2025 de 9:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. en el noroeste de Arkansas. La ubicación exacta solo se revela a los participantes. Este retiro se llevará a cabo en español. Para inscribirte u obtener más información, llama o envía un texto a la línea confidencial 501-663-0996 o envía un correo electrónico a projectrachel@dolr.org. Aunque sientas miedo o vergüenza, contacta a Proyecto Raquel. No estás sola y este retiro es sin juzgar. La esperanza, la sanación y el perdón son posibles. Todas las comunicaciones son confidenciales.

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!

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Save the Dates:

- February 12th at 6:30pm Speaker Series: Brett Salkeld, "Gifts of the Holy Spirit"
- February 13th at 10:00am I Pray and I Create
- February 13th at 6:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
- February 13th at 7:00pm Amor y Respeto
- February 17th Parish Office Closed and no Adoration, Reconciliation and noon Mass still as scheduled
- 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\$204,163

May the greatest spiritual gift of charity animate our desire to support the ministry of the Church.

Scripture Readings for 2/9/2025

Is 6: 1-2a, 3-8

Ps 138(137): 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

1 Cor 15: 1-11 or 15: 3-8

Lk 5: 1-11

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 1

9:00AM Dcn. Ken Hunter & Family

5:00PM Vicente Barrientos †

Sunday, February 2

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM Nancy F. Lawton †

11:45AM Julian y Mirna Serrano

5:00PM Peter Thong Le †

Monday, February 3

12:00PM Rita & Bud Streulie †

Tuesday, February 4

12:00PM Chris & Jenn Teague & Family

Wednesday, February 5

12:00PM Genaro Almaraz †

Thursday, February 6

12:00PM Jessica Petter

Friday, February 7

12:00PM Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 8

5:00PM Elizabeth Teague †

Sunday, February 9

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM Clarence Leis †

11:45AM Family Romo

5:00PM Gayle & Paul † Vonnegut & Family

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Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$164,325	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$16,898	\$21,000

Giving to God is a grace.

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Feb. 8 5:00 PM	David Krueckeberg (Both Readings and Announcements)	Kim Alexander	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) NOT FILLED - (H2)	Lesa Hoover (C2) Sherolyn Johnson (C3)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) Bruce Peterson (C) Jack Kelley (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Kim Alexander	Jackson Coco Emma Coco Rosalina Cox John Harrington	Kim Alexander
Sunday, Feb. 9 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings and Announcements)	Tony Baker	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Mark Jechura - (H2)	Mike Mohr (C2) Tom Stawicki (C3)	Leo Stirton (A-B) Greg Woodell (C) Amanda Cantu (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		Dominic Skidd Wyatt Johnson Damian Skidd Gus Skidd	Amanda Cantu
Sunday, Feb. 9 10:00 AM	Pam Willis (Both Readings and Announcements)	Mary Kate Beckham	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Rose Hartnett - (H2)	Bruce Beckham (C2) Mark Reichhardt (C3)	Steve Harrington (A-B) Mark Kreuter (C) Ken Butler (D-E) Ed Brown (F)		Lucy Pesek Brecklyn Keller Kai Keller Reese Keller	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, Feb. 9 11:45 AM	Luis López Sánchez (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Walter Hernández	Ricardo Almaras - Comunión (A) Julián Serrano - EMC - Comunión (B)	Olga Serrano (C1) Marcela Esquivel (C2) Eva Miramón (C3) Mirna Serrano (C4)	J. Concepción Serrano (A-B) Roberto Paredes (C) Juan Diego Hernández (D-E) Bertha Váldez (F)		Aldo Trujillo Allison Mata NOT FILLED Rick Almaras	Walter Hernández
Sunday, Feb. 9 5:00PM	Libby Harris (Both Readings and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Katie Morris - (H2)	Lisa Juan (C2) Brent Bain (C3)	Annabella Tyburski (A-B) David Power (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Cary Richard