

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 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

La Epifanía 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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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.

Year End Donations: Thank you for all your continued contributions to St. Stephen. All 2024 contributions must be received in the offertory collection or parish office by January 5th and must include a 2024 date. Any checks or contributions with a 2024 date received after January 5th will be recorded as 2025 contributions.

Donaciones de fin de año: Gracias por todas sus continuas contribuciones a St. Stephen. Todas las contribuciones de 2024 deben recibirse en la colecta del ofertorio o en la oficina parroquial antes del 5 de enero y deben incluir una fecha de 2024. Cualquier cheque o contribución con una fecha de 2024 recibida después del 5 de enero se registrará como contribuciones de 2024.

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 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. Complete information can be found at <https://sevensistersapostolate.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/. 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: Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Thanks to your generous gifts, the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference was able to give newborn hope to nearly 70 neighbors in need in December. Thank you for your support!

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.

May

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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

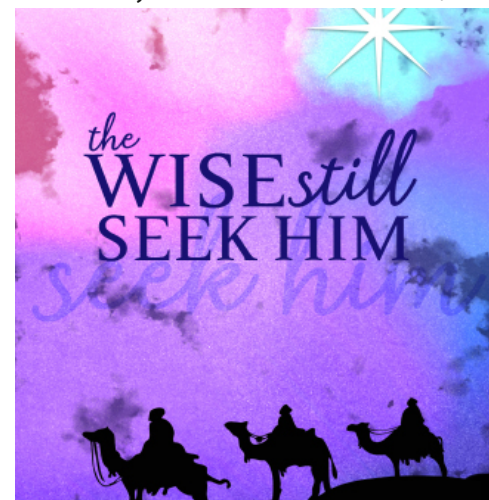
For Christians in areas of conflict

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.

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.

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 14th at 6:00pm Our Lady's Rosary Makes
- 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



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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:

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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.

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 Medcalf

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

Register for this **free** symposium at doltaskforce.org

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

Church Operations for December

Operating Expenses\$207,740

St. Paul speaks about the “stewardship of God’s grace.” Together with the Magi, bearing gifts, may we present to the Christ Child our stewardship, a portion of the many resources bestowed upon us.

| Revenue | Month-to-Date | Monthly Goal |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Stewardship & Other | \$311,732 | \$135,000 |
| Growth Fund | \$26,385 | \$21,000 |

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

Scripture Readings for 1/12/2024

Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 or Is 40: 1-5, 9-11
 Ps 29(28): 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
 Acts 10: 34-38 or Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7
 Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 4

9:00AM José & Ana Aguero †
 5:00PM Margaret Wheelhouse †

Sunday, January 5

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

Monday, January 6

12:00PM Connie Gempler †

Tuesday, January 7

12:00PM John Doyle Teague †

Wednesday, January 8

12:00PM Rolland Sutton †

Thursday, January 9

12:00PM Rolland Sutton †

Friday, January 10

12:00PM Rolland Sutton †

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 †

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| | Lector | Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels | Eucharistic Minister Host | Eucharistic Minister Cup | Usher | Lock Up | Altar Server | Sacristan & Vessels |
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| Saturday, Jan. 11 5:00 PM | Diana Goodwin (Both Readings and Announcements) | Kim Alexander | Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Sherolyn Johnson - (H2) | Lea Watson (C2) Anita Fomin (C3) | Bruce Peterson (A-B) Clayton Akehurst (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F) | Kim Alexander | Jackson Coco Emma Coco NOT FILLED John Harrington | Kim Alexander |
| Sunday, Jan. 12 7:45 AM | Tom Stawicki (Both Readings and Announcements) | Chris O’Shaughnessy | Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Kira O’Shaughnessy - (H2) | Amanda Cantu (C2) Mike Mohr (C3) | Gerard Davenport (A-B) Greg Woodell (C) Leo Stirton (D-E) NOT FILLED (F) | | NOT FILLED Fiona Koll Oscar Koll Wyatt Johnson | Mark Jechura |
| Sunday, Jan. 12 10:00 AM | Ed Brown (Both Readings and Announcements) | Charlotte Champagne | Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Theresa Brauburger - (H2) | Ted Brauburger (C2) TJ LaPlant (C3) | Mark Kreuter (A-B) Steve Harrington (C) Brian Rabal (D-E) Daniel Cruz (F) | | Lucy Pesek Ben Seiler Alex Shoemaker Haddie Seiler | Kathryn Gough |
| Sunday, Jan. 12 11:45 AM | Marta Hernández (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios) | Walter Hernández | Ricardo Almaras - Comunión (A) Héctor Rangel - Comunión (B) | Olga Serrano (C1) Eva Miramón (C2) Marcela Esquivel (C3) NOT FILLED (C4) | J. Concepcion Serrano (A-B) Victor Lopez (C) María Dalia López (D-E) María Barajas (F) | | Aldo Trujillo Allison Mata NOT FILLED Rick Almaras | Walter Hernandez |
| Sunday, Jan. 12 5:00PM | Libby Harris (Both Readings and Announcements) | Bryan Bacon | Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Lisa Juan - (H2) | Luis Colunga (C2) Nicholas Tyburski (C3) | David Power (A-B) Annabella Tyburski (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F) | Bryan Bacon | Caleb Medders Gwyneth Medders | Bryan Bacon |