

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 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sexto 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

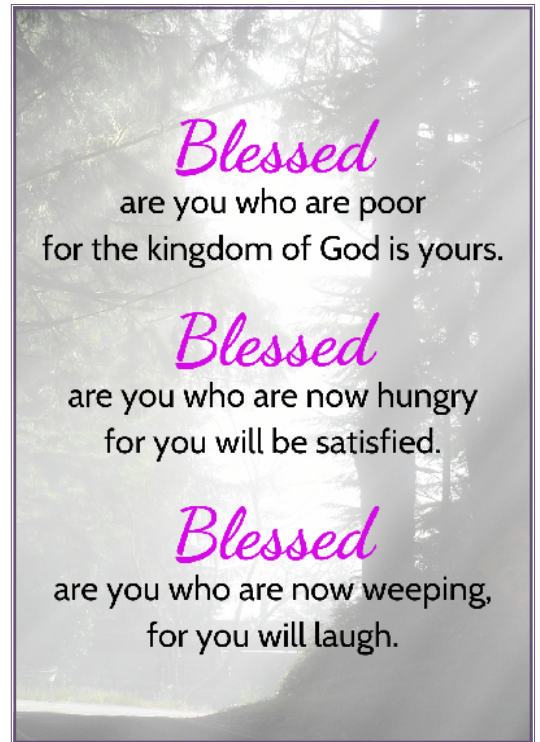
Friday / Viernes 9:00AM-12:00PM

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.*



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.*

O CIA: Our next class will be Wednesday, February 19th at 6:45pm. Join us in the Main Church as we discuss the 10 Commandments. All are welcome!

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.

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal: If you have not returned your Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. You can drop it in the collection basket or return it in the attached pre-paid envelope. Thanks so much for your generous support in helping our diocese continue to grow and carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

Compartida Católica de Arkansas: Si no ha regresado su tarjeta de promesa de donativo de la Campaña Católica de Arkansas a Compartir por favor hágalo lo más pronto posible. La puede poner en la canasta de la colecta o en el sobre prepagado que venía adjunto. Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo al ayudar a nuestra diócesis a seguir creciendo y llevando a cabo el trabajo misionero de Jesús.



A Knight to Remember: Join us in supporting St. Vincent de Paul School Saturday the 22nd of February at six o'clock in the evening. Rogers Convention Center, 3303 S Pinnacle Hills Parkway. There will be dinner, drinks, and a silent auction.

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



Diocesan Jubilee Events:

June 14, 2025 – St. Raphael Church, Springdale

June 28, 2025 – Christ the King Church, Little Rock

Both events will begin at 8:00 AM and conclude with Mass at 4:00 PM. These gatherings will offer the faithful an opportunity to receive the Jubilee Indulgence and celebrate as a diocese with Bishop Taylor. More details will be shared soon, but please begin promoting these events and encouraging participation. Lunch will be provided.

Jubilee Masses at Jubilee Churches:

Bishop Taylor will celebrate Jubilee Masses at the designated Jubilee Churches throughout the fall of 2025. Please attend the Jubilee Mass being held closest to you. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a faith community, celebrate this special year of grace, and deepen our commitment to Christ. Let us join in prayer and thanksgiving as we mark this significant moment in our diocese.

Cathedral of St. Andrew, Little Rock : November 22, 2025 at 4:30 pm.

St. Edward Church, Little Rock: September 13, 2025 at 4 pm.

St. Joseph Church, Pine Bluff: September 20, 2025 at 5 pm.

St. Mary Church, Helena: September 27, 2025 at 4 pm.

Immaculate Conception Church, Fort Smith: November 1, 2025 at 5 pm.

The Jubilee Cross:

A key symbol of the Jubilee is the Jubilee Cross, which contains a relic of the True Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ. During the spring 2025, the Jubilee Cross will travel to the Jubilee Churches.

Closing of the Jubilee:

The Closing Mass of the Jubilee of Hope will take place at 12 Noon on December 28, 2025, at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. During this Mass, Bishop Taylor will commission us to continue our mission as Pilgrims of Hope in our diocese, nation, and world.



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DIA DEL EVENTO
Domingo, Marzo 02
 A comenzar a las 1:30 pm
Conoce Tus Derechos
 Foro de Inmigración
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
 1416 W Poplar St, Rogers, AR 72758
 Guarda la fecha

EVENT DAY
Sunday, March 02
 Starting at 1:30 pm
Know Your Rights
 Forum on Immigration
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
 1416 W Poplar St, Rogers, AR 72758
 Save the date

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.*

The St. Stephen Knights of Columbus awarded Volunteer Hour Awards to the following Knights:

Dan Reiff - 250 Hours
 Phil Pesek - 100 Hours
 Ken Butler - 100 Hours
 Ryan Stackhouse - 50 Hours
 Perry Brown - 50 Hours

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, or would like information concerning what they do to serve the St. Stephen Parish and the Community, please contact Phil Pesek (bentonvillekofc@gmail.com) or Jack Kavulich (kavulichj@yahoo.com).



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.



A note from SSBC: In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe. Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.



Curso Tetélestai: 21 - 23 de Febrero 6:30pm
 Lugar: San José Fayetteville, 1722 N Starr Dr
 Contacto: (479)305-1942
 Donación: \$35
"Tetélestai," una palabra de origen griego que significa "Todo está cumplido," hace referencia a las últimas palabras de Jesús desde la cruz antes de morir. La Escuela de Evangelización San Andrés es un programa católico de evangelización para jóvenes adultos que hablan español en las parroquias de todo el mundo. Lleva el nombre del Apóstol Andrés por su ejemplo de evangelizar a su hermano, Pedro. Los participantes aspiran seguir el ejemplo de Andrés encontrando a personas como Pedro que puedan amar, servir y proclamar al Señor mejor que ellos mismos.



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:

- 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
- February 23rd at 1:00pm Divorce Ministry Retreat
- 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



ASH WEDNESDAY
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
 6:30AM ASH SERVICE (NO MASS)
 12:00PM ENGLISH MASS
 5:30PM ENGLISH MASS
 7:30PM SPANISH MASS

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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 February

Operating Expenses\$68,778

St. Paul says that, with God's grace, despite being unworthy to be called an apostle, he toiled harder than the others. We too wish to follow Jesus, and serve in catching other disciples with our missionary outreach.

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$69,140	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$3,324	\$21,000

Love your neighbor,
serve the vulnerable.

Scripture Readings for 2/23/2025

1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Ps 103(102): 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Cor 15: 45-49

Lk 6: 27-38

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 15

5:00PM Hazel Massanelli †

Sunday, February 16

7:45AM Duane Sourwine †

10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses

11:45AM Evelyn Blevins

5:00PM Lily & Justin Farley

Monday, February 17

12:00PM Joseph Campagna †

Tuesday, February 18

12:00PM Evelyn & John Blevins

Wednesday, February 19

12:00PM Nietis Fam Almaras

Thursday, February 20

12:00PM Paul Vonnegut †

Friday, February 21

12:00PM Martha Blevins

Saturday, February 22

5:00PM Virginia † & Michael † DiGiacomo

Sunday, February 23

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses

10:00AM Michael Kieffer †

11:45AM Walter y Marta Hernandez

5:00PM Maria Nhu Bui †

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Feb. 22 5:00 PM	Diana Goodwin (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Kim Alexander	Margie O'Grady - (H1) Sherolyn Johnson - (H2)	James Sutton (C2) Davina Collins (C3)	Bruce Peterson (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Kim Alexander	Conner Fitzpatrick Anthony Cox NOT FILLED John Harrington	Kim Alexander
Sunday, Feb. 23 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mark Jechura	Robbie Estes - (H1) April Appleby - (H2)	Tom Stawicki (C2) Peggy Estes (C3)	Leo Stirton (A-B) Greg Woodell (C) Amanda Cantu (D-E) Gerard Davenport (F)		Dominic Skidd Damian Skidd NOT FILLED Gus Skidd	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Feb. 23 10:00 AM	Douglas Kavulich (Both Readings and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Greg Brandenburg - (H2)	Claudia Garcia (C2) Charlotte Champagne (C3)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Ed Brown (C) Steve Harrington (D-E) Daniel Cruz (F)		Steven Zink Wyatt Johnson Alex Shoemaker Haddie Seiler	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Feb. 23 11:45 AM	Marugel Monzalvo (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Ivan Sanabria	Maria Elena Calderon - Comunion (A) Mirna Serrano - Comunion (B)	Noel Perez (C1) Brenda Cruz (C2) Julian Serrano (C3) Eva Miramon (C4)	Jose Ortiz (A-B) Maria Dalia Lopez (C) Maria Barajas (D-E) Maria Salcedo (F)		Aldo Trujillo Allison Mata Christian Perez Rick Almaras	Ivan Sanabria
Sunday, Feb. 23 5:00PM	Nicholas Tyburski (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Luis Colunga - (H1) Catherine Garner - (H2)	Lisa Juan (C2) Brent Bain (C3)	David Power (A-B) Annabella Tyburski (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Caleb Medders Gwyneth Medders	Bryan Bacon