



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 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Septimo 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.



We are collecting last year's palms until Monday, March 3rd. They will be burnt for use in Ash Wednesday services.

Estamos colectando las palmas del año pasado hasta el lunes 3 de marzo. Serán quemadas para su uso en los servicios del Miércoles de Ceniza.

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

MASS FOR HOPE AND HEALING

For everyone who is interested in praying for victims of sexual abuse, their families and friends.

Sunday, April 27, 5:30 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Andrew
617 S. Louisiana St.
Little Rock
Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, Celebrant



PROMISE TO PROTECT PLEDGE TO HEAL

Sponsored by the diocesan Safe Environment office. Contact (501) 664-0340 x. 332 or sldavid@delc.org

Helping Hands Volunteer Day: Helping Hands is a thrift store that was founded over 46 years ago in 1976 by volunteers to aid those in need. Proceeds from the thrift store are then used to meet the needs of Benton County residents through various assistance programs. It is supervised by a volunteer board, which consists of representatives of each of 23 partner churches, including St. Stephen Catholic Church. Helping Hands offers rental, utility, and medical assistance programs to help those who are struggling get back on their feet. It also has a food pantry and clothing closet to help with basic needs.

Our next parish volunteer day is Saturday April 26, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. We have to have a minimum of 10 volunteers. We welcome anyone who would like to share their gift of time and talent to help with the registers, sacking, working on the sales floor, or working in back with receiving and sorting. If you are a teen or have a teen in the home in need of service hours for school or confirmation, Helping Hands always has a few projects to work on too. Please contact Denise Pesek at bearpesek@yahoo.com, or (870-814-8303) for more details.

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 today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to "love your enemies," "give to everyone who asks of you," "do to others as you would have them do to you," and "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Through your generosity to the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference, you are answering Jesus' call. The next SSBC meeting is from 8:45-9:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 2 in the St. Jerome room. All are welcome!

Lenten Journey: Encounter the Blessed Mother in a radically new way! Join us as we walk with Mary on her journey to Jerusalem alongside her son, Jesus. The Ascension Lenten Companion program includes an inspirational journal and engaging videos by Fr. Mark Toups. Our group meets on Tuesdays nights 6:00 - 7:30pm March 4 - April 15 in the Parish Library. For more information contact Lainie Snider 806-584-4160 or lainiesnider@yahoo.com.

Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some adventure to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or for decades, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put fresh air into your relationship. The next weekend is March 21-23, at Subiaco Courty House, Subiaco, AR . SPACE IS LIMITED. Visit <http://www.arkansas-wmme.org>.

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 27th at 5:30pm Marriage Enrichment
- 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
- Stations of the Cross
5:30pm English
7:00pm Spanish
**Fish Fry to follow both*
- March 20th at 7:00pm Lenten Penance Service

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.

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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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.

Church Operations for February

Operating Expenses\$68,778

Due to inclement weather updated numbers are not available this week.

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

Scripture Readings for 3/2/2025

Sir 27: 4-7
 Ps 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16
 1 Cor 15: 54-58
 Lk 6: 39-45

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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 †

Monday, February 24
 12:00PM Alice Dorothy Jansen †

Tuesday, February 25
 12:00PM Elizabeth Ganey & Family

Wednesday, February 26
 12:00PM

Thursday, February 27
 12:00PM

Friday, February 28
 12:00PM Mary Klingele

Saturday, March 1
 9:00AM Genaro Almaraz †
 5:00PM Andrew Lac Tran †

Sunday, March 2
 7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses
 10:00AM Scripture Sisters
 11:45AM Antonio y Olga Almaraz
 5:00PM Joe Ann Hargraves †

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Mar. 1 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Kim Alexander	Lesa Hoover - (H1) James Sutton - (H2)	Anita Fomin (C2) Davina Collins (C3)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) Steve Saulsbery (C) Bruce Peterson (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Steve Saulsbery	Jackson Coco Emma Coco Rosalina Cox Anthony Cox	Kim Alexander
Sunday, Mar. 2 7:45 AM	Mark Jechura (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Christina Baker	Mike Mohr - (H1) April Appleby - (H2)	Kira O'Shaughnessy (C2) Chris O'Shaughnessy (C3)	Amanda Cantu (A-B) Leo Stirton (C) Gerard Davenport (D-E) Greg Woodell (F)		NOT FILLED Fiona Koll Oscar Koll Wyatt Johnson	Amanda Cantu
Sunday, Mar. 2 10:00 AM	Mark Reichardt (Both Readings and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Diedra or Steven Dourth - (H2)	Brian Rabal (C2) Pam Willis (C3)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Steve Harrington (C) Ken Butler (D-E) Charlotte Champagne (F)		Lucy Pesek Kai Keller Brecklyn Keller Reese Keller	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Mar. 2 11:45 AM	Lily Farley (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Mirna Serrano	Ivan Sanabria - Comunion (A) Maria Elena Calderon - Comunion (B)	Olga Serrano (C1) Eva Miramon (C2) Marcela Esquivel (C3) Mirna Serrano (C4)	J. Concepcion Serrano (A-B) Roberto Paredes (C) Juan Diego Hernandez (D-E) Bertha Valdez (F)		Eduardo Mata Fatima Mata Christian Perez Aldo Trujillo	Mirna Serrano
Sunday, Mar. 2 5:00PM	Marianne Buehler (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Catherine Garner - (H1) Brent Bain - (H2)	Lisa Richard (C2) Katie Morris (C3)	Annabella Tyburski (A-B) David Power (C) Rob Brothers (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	Gerhardt Brady Spranger Brady	Cary Richard