

**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

March 2, 2025

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

### 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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Aug–May

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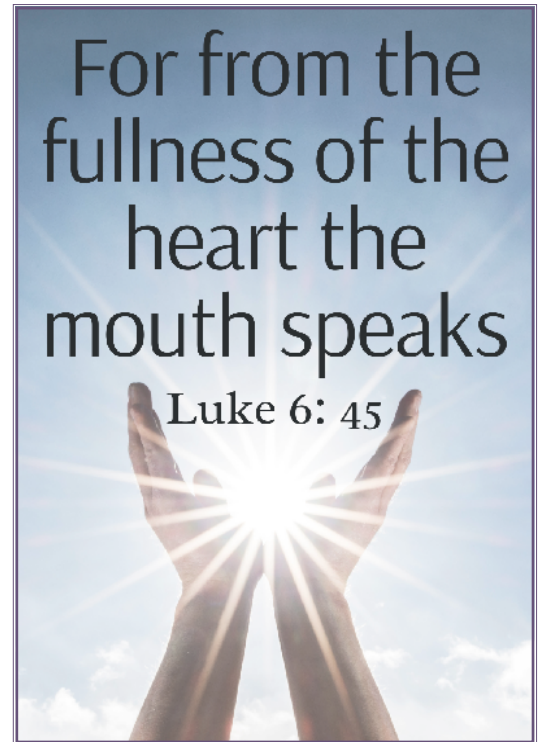
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**Infant Baptism:** Offered once a month in English and Spanish. Baptism preparation required. Parents must be registered members of St. Stephen. No baptisms in December.

**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, March 12th at 6:45pm. Join us in the Main Church as we discuss the Introduction to Morality/Conscience. 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/](http://arkansas-catholic.org/). For more information, contact Debbie Kelly at [dkelly@dolr.org](mailto: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.*

**Fish Fry:** The St. Stephen Knights of Columbus will have their first Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 7, 2025 in the Parish Life Center. The fish fry will start at 5:30 and end after the Spanish Stations of the Cross. They will be serving fried fish, hush puppies, french fries, cole slaw, and macaroni and cheese. Drinks will also be served. The cost is \$10/person. To-go options available.

**Ministry Schedule:** Work will begin on the ministry schedules for the next quarter. Please contact the office or send an email to [cespinosa@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:cespinosa@ststephenbentonville.com) with any conflicts you may have. The deadline is Monday, March 10th. This will include April, May and June.

**Horario del Ministerio:** *Se iniciará el trabajo sobre los cronogramas del ministerio para el próximo trimestre. Por favor llame la oficina o enviar un correo electrónico a [cespinosa@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:cespinosa@ststephenbentonville.com) y háganos saber de cualquier conflicto que pueda tener. La fecha límite es el lunes, diez de Marzo. estetrimeste incluye los mes de abril, mayo y junio.*



#### 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. 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.



**A note from SSBC:** In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind person guide a blind person?...Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?...A good tree does not bear rotten fruit..." It is true that donations come to the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart. Because of your generosity, SSBC was able to help more than 60 neighbors in need in February. Thank you!

**Lenten Penance Services:** The following are dates of Penance Services offered in our area during the season of Lent. Several priests will be available at each.

Tuesday, March 4 at 5:00pm: St. Raphael (Springdale)

Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30pm: St. Joseph (Tontitown)

Wednesday, March 19 at 11:00am & 7:00pm: St. Bernard (Bella Vista)

Thursday, March 20 at 6:00pm: St. Stephen (Bentonville)

Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30pm: St. Joseph (Fayetteville)

Thursday, April 3 at 6:30pm: St. Vincent de Paul (Rogers)

Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00pm: St. Mary (Siloam Springs)

Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00pm: St. Thomas (Fayetteville)

**Stations of the Cross** will be offered each Friday during Lent with the Rosary in English beginning at 5:00pm. Stations will be in English at 5:30pm and Spanish at 7:00pm. March 7, 5:30pm - hosted by Life Teen/Edge with Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  
March 14, 5:30pm - hosted by Confirmation with potluck  
March 21, 5:30pm - hosted by SSBC with soup dinner  
March 28, 5:30pm - hosted by Ladies of Grace, no dinner  
April 4, 5:30pm - hosted by Catholic Kids/Impact with Lenten Mission to follow  
April 11, 5:30pm - hosted by OCIA with Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

**Estaciones de la Cruz** *Se ofrecerán todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma con el Rosario en inglés a partir de las 5:00 p. m. Las estaciones serán en inglés a las 5:30 p. m. y en español a las 7:00 p. m.*

7 de marzo, 7:00 pm - organizado por TBD con pescado frito de los Caballeros de Colón

14 de marzo, 7:00 pm - organizado por TBD

21 de marzo, 7:00 pm - organizado por TBD

28 de marzo, 7:00 pm - organizado por TBD

4 de abril, 7:00 pm - organizado por TBD

11 de abril, 7:00 pm - organizado por TBD con pescado frito de los Caballeros de Colón



## 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 [cdavid@deltr.org](mailto:cdavid@deltr.org)

### Fasting and Abstinence during Lent:

Practicing as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast. The following is a question/answer to help you:

#### Q: What are the rules about fasting and abstinence?

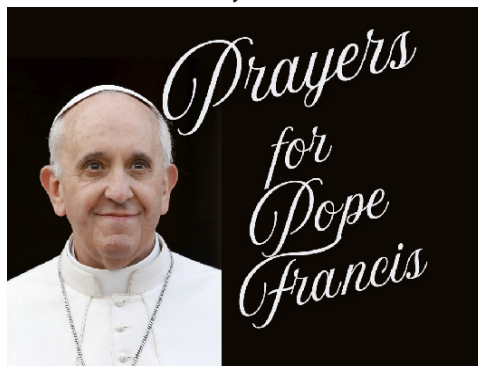
**A:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59.

### El Ayuno y la Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma:

Practicar como lo instruye la Iglesia es un buen comienzo. Una forma corporal de recordarnos a nosotros mismos que necesitamos a Dios sobre todas las cosas, el ayuno también es un sacrificio, un regalo a Dios de la intención de nuestro corazón de depender más completamente de Dios. El libre deseo interior de profundizar nuestra relación con Dios es la esencia del ayuno de Cuaresma. La siguiente es una pregunta/respuesta para ayudarle:

#### P: ¿Cuáles son las reglas sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia?

**R:** El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia. La ley del ayuno permite una comida completa y dos más pequeñas. La ley de abstinencia prohíbe comer carne. Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia en los Estados Unidos. La obligación de abstinencia comienza a los 14 años. La ley del ayuno obliga a todos entre los 18 y los 59 años.



**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](mailto:bearpesek@yahoo.com), or (870-814-8303) for more details.

**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-wwme.org>.

**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](mailto:lainiesnider@yahoo.com).

### Save the Dates:

- Ash Wednesday, March 5th  
6:30am Ash Service (No Mass)  
12:00pm English Mass  
5:30pm English Mass  
7:30pm Spanish Mass
- March 7th Stations of the Cross  
5:30pm English  
7:00pm Spanish  
*\*Fish Fry to follow both*
- March 6th at 7:00pm Amor y Respeto
- March 11th - 13th no Reconciliation or noon Mass for Priest continuing education
- March 13th at 9:30am I Pray and I Create
- March 13th at 5:30pm Marriage Enrichment
- March 13th at 7:00pm Hora Santa
- March 14th Stations of the Cross  
5:30pm English (*potluck dinner*)  
7:00pm Spanish
- March 20th at 7:00pm Lenten Penance Service

**Winter Weather Policy:** 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.

### Parish Communications

*Comunicación Parroquial*

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**Bulletin Deadline:** Tue. 12:00 PM  
(5 days prior to publication date.) Email articles to:

[bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@ststephenbentonville.com)

**To book rooms** for meetings please email [events@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:events@ststephenbentonville.com) at least 2 weeks before your date.

**Para reservar salas** para reuniones, envíe un correo electrónico a [events@ststephenbentonville.com](mailto:events@ststephenbentonville.com) al menos 2 semanas antes de la fecha.

## Church Operations for February

Operating Expenses .....\$151,412

May good fruit come forth as a result of our stewardship, motivated by being "fully devoted to the work of the Lord."

## Scripture Readings for 3/9/2025

Dt 26: 4-10

Ps 91(90): 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Rom 10: 8-13

Lk 4: 1-13

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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 †

### Monday, March 3

12:00PM Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, March 4

12:00PM John Doyle Teague †

### Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 5

12:00PM Theresa Jones †  
5:30PM Jack Richardson †  
7:00PM Marta Hernandez y familia

### Thursday, March 6

12:00PM Julián Esqueda Amezcua †

### Friday, March 7

12:00PM Julián Esqueda Amezcua †

### Saturday, March 8

5:00PM Geraldine Whiteman †

### Sunday, March 9

7:45AM Rita Streuli & Family  
10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
11:45AM Julián Esqueda Amezcua †  
5:00PM Ancestors/Forefathers

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Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$162,852	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$6,917	\$ 21,000

Everyone can experience the joy and blessing of generosity because everyone has something to give.

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Mar. 8 5:00 PM	Diana Goodwin (Both Readings and Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Jill Saulsbery - (H2)	Sherolyn Johnson (C2) Lea Watson (C3)	Jack Kelley (A-B) Steve Saulsbery (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bruce Peterson	Anthony Cox Rosalina Cox John Harrington Conner Fitzpatrick	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Mar. 9 7:45 AM	Tina Teissere (Both Readings and Announcements)	Tony Baker	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Christina Baker - (H2)	Chris O'Shaughnessy (C2) Kira O'Shaughnessy (C3)	Greg Woodell (A-B) Gerard Davenport (C) Leo Stirton (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		Dominic Skidd Wyatt Johnson Damian Skidd Gus Skidd	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Mar. 9 10:00 AM	Ted Brauburger (Both Readings and Announcements)	Theresa Brauburger	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) TJ LaPlant - (H2)	Mark Reichhardt (C2) Brian Rabal (C3)	Charlotte Champagne (A-B) Daniel Cruz (C) Ed Brown (D-E) Mark Kreuter (F)		Lucy Pesek Matthew DeRito Alex Shoemaker Steven Zink	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, Mar. 9 11:45 AM	Dulce Ortiz (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Walter Hernández	Noel Pérez - Comunión (A) Brenda Cruz - Comunión (B)	Iván Sanabria (C1) María Elena Calderón (C2) Héctor Rangel (C3) Eva Miramón (C4)	María Barajas (A-B) María Salcedo (C) Victor López (D-E) José Ortiz (F)		Aldo Trujillo Allison Mata Christian Pérez Rick Almaras	Walter Hernández
Sunday, Mar. 9 5:00PM	Libby Harris (Both Readings and Announcements)	Nicholas Tyburski	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Chris Davis - (H2)	Susan Davis (C2) Lisa Juan (C3)	Annabella Tyburski (A-B) David Power (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Nicholas Tyburski	Caleb Medders Gwyneth Medders	Nicholas Tyburski