



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 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Quinto 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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When they brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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 12th at 6:45pm. Join us in the Main Church as we discuss Marriage & Theology of the Body/NFP. 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.

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/2025svdpptoscholarship>
Scholarship Criteria:

- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Attended SVdP 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
- Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2025

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

40 Days for Life: Wednesday, March 5th – Saturday, April 11th you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood, 1222 W. Poplar in Rogers and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information go to: 40daysforlife.com/rogers OR email

nwarespectlifecouncil@gmail.com with 40 DAYS in subject line OR text Sheila at 469-231-1959 YOU CAN HELP SAVE LIVES!



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.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
St. Stephen
SPEAKER SERIES
6:30pm
February 12, 2025
1300 NE J St.
Bentonville

Talk will be led by **Dr. Brett Salkeld, Archdiocesan Theologian for the Archdiocese of Regina.**

- Husband to Flannery and father to seven
- Responsible for deacon formation
- Author of:
 - Can Catholics and Evangelicals Agree about Purgatory and the Last Judgment?
 - How Far Can We Go? A Catholic Guide to Sex and Dating (with Leah Perrault)
 - Transubstantiation: Theology, History, and Christian Unity
 - Educating for Eternity: A Teacher's Companion to Making Every Class Catholic
- Podcaster: "Thinking Faith!" with Deacon Eric Gurash
- Monthly Columnist: "Two Wings" (Our Sunday Visitor)

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.*

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.



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.

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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

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, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that "whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me." Please pray for the poor and the suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. The next St. Stephen Benevolent Conference meeting is from 8:45-9:45 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 16 in the St. Jerome room. All are welcome to attend.

St. Stephen's Sacred Art and Prayer Group I Pray and I Create (Oro Y Creo) will meet Thursday, February 13th, 9:30-11:30 am in the church library. The library is on the left side of the hall that runs to the left of the sanctuary doors, past the women's restroom. You are welcome to come whether you do creative work or not. If you appreciate art and want to pray and contemplate a work of art, we would love to have you. If you wish, you can bring an art project you are working on and/or supplies needed to start on something. These cannot be stored at the church, so only bring what you can easily pack in/out and clean up. Only a small portion of our time will be for sharing, and the group time will look different from how we are used to "fellowshipping"; it is a time to give and receive without lots of comment. Come prepared to pray and create, share and receive. Beauty lifts our hearts up; take time to seek The Father through it. For questions or more details, contact Amy Lane mlane5280@gmail.com or text at 225.306.5195.



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 12th at 6:30pm Speaker Series: Brett Salkeld, "Gifts of the Holy Spirit"
- February 13th at 9:30am 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.

Parish Communications

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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

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	\$164,325	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$16,898	\$21,000

Love your neighbor,
serve the vulnerable.

Scripture Readings for 2/16/2025

Jer 17: 5-8

Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4, 6

1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20

Lk 6: 17, 20-26

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, February 10

12:00PM Theresa Jones †

Tuesday, February 11

12:00PM Tracy & David Richmond

Wednesday, February 12

12:00PM Ricardo Almaras y Familia

Thursday, February 13

12:00PM Antonio & Olga Almaras

Friday, February 14

12:00PM Alexandra Espinosa

Saturday, February 15

5:00PM Hazel Massanelli

Sunday, February 16

7:45AM Duane Solerwine
10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses
11:45AM Evelyn Blevins
5:00PM Lily & Justin Farley

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Feb. 15 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	Jill Saulsbery - (H1) Davina Collins - (H2)	James Sutton (C2) Sherolyn Johnson (C3)	NOT FILLED (A-B) Steve Saulsbery (C) Clayton Akehurst (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Steve Saulsbery	Brian Ganey John Harrington NOT FILLED Brennan Ganey	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, Feb. 16 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Chris O'Shaughnessy	April Appleby - (H1) Mike Mohr - (H2)	Robbie Estes (C2) Kira O'Shaughnessy (C3)	Amanda Cantu (A-B) Greg Woodell (C) Peggy Estes (D-E) Gerard Davenport (F)		Will Kopp Wyatt Johnson Joe Kopp Owen Gautier	Amanda Cantu
Sunday, Feb. 16 10:00 AM	Ramon Portilla (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mary Kate Beckham	Paul Krapf - (H1) Pam Willis - (H2)	Kathryn Gough (C2) Bruce Beckham (C3)	Charlotte Champagne (A-B) Daniel Cruz (C) Ed Brown (D-E) Mark Kreuter (F)		Steven Zink Matthew DeRito Alex Shoemaker Lucy Pesek	Ted Brauburger
Sunday, Feb. 16 11:45 AM	María Tinagero (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Mirna Serrano	Julián Serrano - Comunión (A) Héctor Rangel - Comunión (B)	Noel Pérez (C1) Brenda Cruz (C2) Iván Sanabria (C3) María Elena Calderón (C4)	María Barajas (A-B) María Salcedo (C) Bertha Valdez (D-E) Roberto Paredes (F)		Eduardo Mata Fátima Mata Christian Pérez Aldo Trujillo	Mirna Serrano
Sunday, Feb. 16 5:00PM	Beatriz Segura (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Nicholas Tyburski	Susan Davis - (H1) Chris Davis - (H2)	Catherine Garner (C2) Rob Brothers (C3)	Annabella Tyburski (A-B) David Power (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Nicholas Tyburski	Gerhardt Brady Spranger Brady	Nicholas Tyburski