



**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 16, 2025

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
*Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma*

**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, March 19th at 6:45pm. Join us in the Main Church as we discuss Catholic Social Teaching. All are welcome!

## Theology of the Body & the Eucharist



Dive into the meaning of the body and the richness of the Eucharist as Kate presents on TOB and the Eucharist. Combined with a prayerful experience with Kate's original sacred art paintings and live prayerful music by her husband, Pawel.

THURSDAY,  
MARCH 27TH  
6:00PM

ST STEPHEN  
1300 NE J. ST  
BENTONVILLE



**Speaker Series:** Kate Capato, Visual Grace, is a Catholic sacred art painter and speaker rooted in the tradition of the faith. She creates oil paintings inspired by prayer and the truths of our faith and is greatly influenced by the Renaissance masters due to her gifted time studying in Florence Italy. As a missionary of Divine beauty, Kate travels around with her art speaking about beauty and the ways the Lord shares his love with us through it. Her husband, Pawel, joins in with his talent of music to create a fuller experience of a transcendent encounter with Christ.

**Traveling Icon:** Please join the Knights of Columbus as they present the Pilgrim Icon Program. The sacred Heart of Jesus Icon was painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and was venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. This reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner, and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world. The icon will be on display at St. Stephen following each mass on Saturday the 22nd & Sunday the 23rd of March.

**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 one 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 Courthouse, Subiaco, AR. SPACE IS LIMITED. Visit <http://www.arkansaswwe.org>.



**A note from SSBC:** Our parish is blessed with an abundance of resources which we wish to share with our neighbors in need. There will be a St. Joseph's Altar in the Narthex from March 10-23. It celebrates the feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. Please bring non-perishable foods such as pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat and cereal. Place your offering on the St. Joseph altar, say a prayer of thanksgiving for all you have and for those you are helping, and pray for your family to be a replica of the Holy Family. If you are blessed with work, enough to eat and money for a rainy day, give thanks to God for His goodness. Thank you for your support in honor of St. Joseph and our neighbors in need!

*Nuestra parroquia ha sido bendecida con una abundancia de recursos que deseamos compartir con nuestros vecinos necesitados. Habrá un Altar de San José en el Nártex del 10 al 23 de marzo. Celebra la fiesta de San José el 19 de marzo. Les pedimos traer alimentos no perecederos como pastas, salsa para pasta, carnes enlatadas y cereales. Coloca tu ofrenda en el altar de San José, di una oración de acción de gracias por todo lo que tienes y por aquellos a quienes estás ayudando, y ora para que tu familia sea una réplica de la Sagrada Familia. Si tienes suerte con trabajo, suficiente para comer y dinero para un día lluvioso, dale gracias a Dios por su bondad. ¡Gracias por su apoyo en honor a San José y nuestros vecinos necesitados!*

**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 18 at 6:30pm: St. Joseph (Tontitown)  
Wednesday, March 19 at 11:00am & 7:00pm: St. Bernard (Bella Vista)  
Thursday, March 20 at 7:00pm: 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 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 español a partir de las 6:30 p. m. Las estaciones serán en inglés a las 5:30 p. m. y en español a las 7:00 p. m.

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

**Day of Reflection:** Fr. Richard Walz, OSB, will lead the Lenten Day of Reflection at Courthouse on Tuesday, March 25. Registration is 8-9 am with the first conference at 9 am. The day will end with Mass at 2:30 pm. Cost is \$30 for the day and lunch. Please call 479-934-1290 or e-mail [courthouse@subi.org](mailto:courthouse@subi.org) to register by Monday, March 24.

The St. Stephen Benevolent Conference hosts

### THE ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

**Thanksgiving:** We acknowledge and are grateful for our prayers answered by God

**Sharing:** As God has been generous with us, we, in turn, are generous with others

#### DONATIONS REQUESTED

♥ Pasta	♥ Pasta sauce
♥ Cereal	♥ Canned fruit
♥ Macaroni & cheese	♥ Deodorant
♥ Brownie/cookie mix	♥ Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
♥ Canned meat	♥ Shampoo

Thank you for your support!



**Helping Hands Volunteer Day:** Helping Hands is a thrift store that was founded 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. Helping Hands offers rental, utility, and medical assistance programs to help those who are struggling get back on their feet. Our next parish volunteer day is Saturday April 26, 2025 from 12 - 4 pm. A minimum of 10 volunteers is needed. 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, 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.

**Orphanage reunion:** On Saturday, July 5, St. Joseph Center (former orphanage) in North Little Rock is hosting a reunion to gather all those whose lives have been touched by this historic place. The reunion will take place on the grounds of today's urban farmstead at 6800 Camp Robinson Road from 2-7 p.m. The event is planned to mimic the old carnivals that were held in years past. Tickets are \$10/person and can be purchased online at [zeffy.com/en-US/ticket](http://zeffy.com/en-US/ticket). Food, drink, and games will be available as guests reminisce about years gone by with the orphanage, school, daycare and more. Stories and photos will be collected and housed in the SJ mini-museum. For more information, email [Sandy@StJosephCenter.o](mailto:Sandy@StJosephCenter.o) or visit [www.StJosephCenter.org](http://www.StJosephCenter.org).



**Peace**  
After Divorce

Helping you find  
Peace and Healing  
After Your Divorce

**Divorced, or know someone who is divorced?**

*Sessions*  
The eight-week program will begin on Thursday, April 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, and will conclude on Thursday, May 29th.

*Cost*  
The cost of the program is \$25 which includes the Surviving Divorce Personal Guide and all program materials.

*Location*  
ST. VINCENT DE PALLI CATHOLIC CHURCH

To get additional information, please contact  
De Larry Greile | 479-636-4020 | [liturgy@svdprogers.com](mailto:liturgy@svdprogers.com)

**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.

**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.*

**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.*

**Hiring:** The Diocese of Little Rock has a job opening for an Associate Director in the Stewardship and Development Office to assist with fundraising appeals and events, special collections, donor relations and grants. The position is scheduled for 32 to 40 hours per week, requires fundraising experience, a bachelor's degree, and proficiency with Microsoft Office. Along with competitive pay, benefits include health insurance, paid time off and a retirement plan. For more information or to apply e-mail a cover letter and resume to Mrs. Kelly Wewers, Director of Stewardship and Development, at [kwewers@dolr.org](mailto:kwewers@dolr.org) or call the diocese at (501) 664-0340.

**Save the Dates:**

- March 18th at 10:00am Messengers of Divine Mercy
- March 20th at 9:30am Our Lady's Rosary Makers
- March 20th at 7:00pm Lenten Penance Service
- March 21st Stations of the Cross  
5:00pm Rosary  
5:30pm English (*soup dinner*)  
7:00pm Spanish
- March 22nd and 23rd Traveling Sacred Heart Icon after all Masses
- March 24th at 10:00am Blood Drive
- March 27th at 6:00pm Speaker Series: Theology of the Body & the Eucharist



**Lenten Mission**  
with Meg Hunter-Kilmer

St. Stephen Catholic Church

**Friday, April 4**  
6:00pm: **Talk 1**  
Join us after Stations of the Cross for a meal before the talk begins.

**Saturday, April 5**  
10:00am: **Children's Hour**  
Join us after First Saturday Mass as Meg reads to the kids. Activities and snacks available. All ages welcome!

**6:00pm: Talk 2**  
Join us after the 5:00pm Mass for Meg's second talk of the series. Light snacks and beverages available.

**Sunday, April 6**  
1:00pm: **Talk 3**  
Join us for the last of the series as Meg concludes our Mission.

**Parish Communications**

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## Church Operations for March

Operating Expenses .....\$82,360

As Moses offered to God "the first-fruits of the soil" may we recall the penitential practice of almsgiving and prayer during this Lenten Season, returning to God the tithing of our "first fruits."

Revenue	Month-to-Date	Monthly Goal
Stewardship & Other	\$87,372	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$6,163	\$21,000

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

## Scripture Readings for 3/23/2025

Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15

Ps 103(102): 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12

Lk 13: 1-9

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, March 15**

5:00PM Vicente Barrientos †

**Sunday, March 16**

7:45AM Maria Keily Nguyen †  
 10:00AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
 11:45AM Ivan y Elena Sanabria  
 5:00PM Theresa Jones †

**Monday, March 17**

12:00PM Wayne Kleeman †

**Tuesday, March 18**

12:00PM Monica Shoemaker & Family

**Wednesday, March 19**

12:00PM Mark Heffernan †

**Thursday, March 20**

12:00PM Brennan Ganey

**Friday, March 21**

12:00PM Marivel Romo & Family

**Saturday, March 22**

5:00PM Larry Wewers †

**Sunday, March 23**

7:45AM Parishioners/Feligreses  
 10:00AM Joseph Trang Bui †  
 11:45AM Richardo y Mario Almaras  
 5:00PM Souls in Purgatory

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, <b>Mar. 22</b> 5:00 PM	Diana Goodwin (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bruce Peterson	Lesla Hoover - (H1) NOT FILLED - (H2)	James Sutton (C2) Davina Collins (C3)	NOT FILLED (A-B) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bruce Peterson	Conner Fitzpatrick John Harrington NOT FILLED Brennan Ganey	Bruce Peterson
Sunday, <b>Mar. 23</b> 7:45 AM	Irma Holasek (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mark Jechura	Mike Mohr - (H1) April Appleby - (H2)	Greg Brandenburg (C2) NOT FILLED (C3)	Leo Stirton (A-B) Amanda Cantu (C) Greg Woodell (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		Dominic Skidd Wyatt Johnson Damian Skidd Gus Skidd	Mark Jechura
Sunday, <b>Mar. 23</b> 10:00 AM	Steve Harrington (Both Readings and Announcements)	Bruce Beckham	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Mary Kate Beckham - (H2)	Pam Willis (C2) Diedra or Steven Dourth (C3)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Charlotte Champagne (C) Daniel Cruz (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		Steven Zink Matthew DeRito Ben Seiler Haddie Seiler	Kathryn Gough
Sunday, <b>Mar. 23</b> 11:45 AM	Maria Almaras (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Mirna Serrano	Olga Serrano - Comunion (A) Noel Perez - Comunion (B)	Brenda Cruz (C1) Ricardo Almaras (C2) Julian Serrano (C3) Marcela Esquivel (C4)	J. Concepcion Serrano (A-B) Bertha Valdez (C) Victor Lopez (D-E) Jose Ortiz (F)		Aldo Trujillo Allison Mata Christian Perez Rick Almaras	Mirna Serrano
Sunday, <b>Mar. 23</b> 5:00PM	Chris Davis (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Cary Richard	Lisa Richard - (H1) Brent Bain - (H2)	Chris Davis (C2) Susan Davis (C3)	David Power (A-B) Annabella Tyburski (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Cary Richard	Caleb Medders Gwyneth Medders	Cary Richard