

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 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

Tercer 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

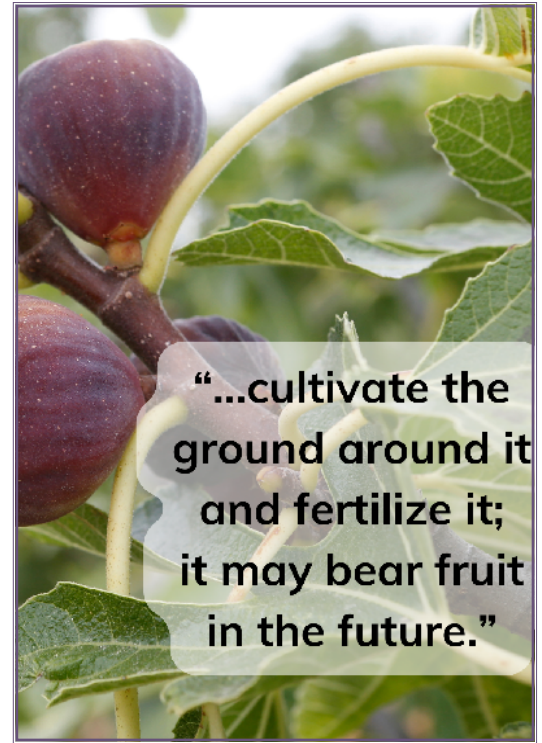
Friday / Viernes 9:00AM–12:00PM

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.*



“...cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.”

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.*

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OCIA: Our next class will be Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:45pm. Join us in the Main Church as we discuss Confession/Reconciliation. 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. We will have snacks and beverages available, all are welcome!



A note from SSBC: In today's Gospel, Jesus is quite clear in his message: bear fruit or be cut down. This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work far greater than you think. Know that your gift to the St. Stephen Benevolent Conference is multiplied by the gifts others give to SSBC to serve our neighbors in need. Thank you!

Day of Reflection: Fr. Richard Walz, OSB, will lead the Lenten Day of Recollection at Coury House 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 couryhouse@subi.org to register by Monday, March 24.

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.

The St. Stephen Knights of Columbus awarded Volunteer Hour Awards to the following Knights for the month of February:
Dan Reiff - 300 Hours
Troy Ward - 100 Hours
Clayton Akehurst - 100 Hours
Harold Puls - 50 Hours
Michael Kauppert - 50 Hours
Are you called to serve as a Knight? Consider joining the St Stephen Knights of Columbus. If interested, or if you 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).

Camp Subiaco: Applications are now being accepted at Camp Subiaco "for a summer of memories & a lifetime of friendships." Week 1 is June 15-21 and Week 2 is June 22-28. For boys ages 9-13, activities include go-karts, fishing, camping, archery, swimming, riflery, and so much more! Camp is organized and operated by Subiaco Academy Alumni, Inc. and fathers of campers with the monks of Subiaco Abbey. Camp fee is \$550 which includes a nonrefundable \$100 deposit required to complete the registration. There is a 10% discount for 2 or more brothers from the same household. For more information and to register visit campsubiaco.org.

The Knights of Columbus are providing a limited number of partial Scholarships for Camp Subiaco. Deadline to submit applications is Sunday April 26th. Applications are located on the table in the Narthex or can be requested via email. Submit scholarship applications and essays to Paul Beauchamp at pauljbeauchamp1@gmail.com by April 27th. Decisions will be made by May 12th on scholarships. If you have any questions please email or call 479.903.3368.

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, 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: Join us each Friday during Lent for the Rosary in English at 5:00pm and Spanish at 6:30pm; each followed by the Stations in English at 5:30pm and Spanish at 7:00pm.
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 (Via Crucis): 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.

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

Monday, April 14

- No reconciliation
- No noon Mass

Tuesday, April 15

- No reconciliation
- No noon Mass

Wednesday, April 16

- Last reconciliation before Easter
- Mass at noon

Holy Thursday, April 17

- No reconciliation or noon Mass
- Parish Office Closed
- 6:30pm Bilingual Mass
- Adoration until midnight

Good Friday, April 18

- Parish Office closed
- No adoration, reconciliation, or noon Mass
- 3pm English Service, 6pm Bilingual Service

Holy Saturday, April 19

- 11:00am Basket Blessing
- No reconciliation or 5pm Mass
- 8pm English Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20

- 7:45 & 10AM English Mass (no 5pm Mass)
- 11:45am Spanish Mass

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. 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.org or visit www.StJosephCenter.org.

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!




Batter Up! St. Stephen Men's Softball will start soon. Start dusting off your cleats for the upcoming season. Please contact Jamie Willetts 479-616-2955.



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 PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

To get additional information, please contact
De Larry Greile | 479-636-4020 | liturg@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 or call the diocese at (501) 664-0340.

Save the Dates:

- March 24th at 10:00am Blood Drive
- March 27th at 6:00pm Speaker Series: Theology of the Body & the Eucharist
- March 28th Stations of the Cross
 - 5:00pm Rosary
 - 5:30pm English
 - 6:00pm Rosario
 - 7:00pm Spanish
- April 4th Stations of the Cross
 - 5:00pm Rosary
 - 5:30pm English
 - 6:00pm Rosario
 - 7:00pm Spanish
- Friday April 4th at 6:00pm Lenten Mission Dinner and Talk #1
- Saturday April 5th at 9:00am First Saturday Mass
- Saturday April 5th at 10:00am Children's Book Reading and Activities with Meg Hunter-Kilmer
- Saturday April 5th at 6:00pm Lenten Mission Talk #2
- Sunday, April 6th at 1:00pm Lenten Mission Talk #3
- Thursday April 10th at 9:30am I Pray and I Create



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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 March

Operating Expenses\$96,951

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	\$122,089	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$8,354	\$ 21,000

For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Scripture Readings for 3/30/2025

Josh 5: 9a, 10-12
Ps 34(33): 2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Cor 5: 17-21
Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

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Mass Intentions for the Week

	Saturday, March 22
5:00PM	Larry Wewers †
	Sunday, March 23
7:45AM	Parishioners/Feligreses
10:00AM	Joseph Trang Bui †
11:45AM	Ricardo y María Almaras
5:00PM	Souls in Purgatory
	Monday, March 24
12:00PM	Olga Serrano & Family
	Tuesday, March 25
12:00PM	Dorothy Pacheco †
	Wednesday, March 26
12:00PM	Lilian Farley
	Thursday, March 27
12:00PM	Beau Beauchamp
	Friday, March 28
12:00PM	David Northway †
	Saturday, March 29
5:00PM	Joseph Minh Bui †
	Sunday, March 30
7:45AM	David Northway †
10:00AM	Parishioners/Feligreses
11:45AM	Amelia † y Ramón † Romo
5:00PM	Almas del Purgatorio

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Mar. 29 5:00 PM	Bruce Peterson (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Kim Alexander	Margie O'Grady - (H1) Jill Saulsbery - (H2)	Davina Collins (C2) Anita Fomin (C3)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) Steve Saulsbery (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Kim Alexander	Jackson Coco Emma Coco John Harrington Conner Fitzpatrick	Kim Alexander
Sunday, Mar. 30 7:45 AM	Tina Teissere (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Mark Jechura	Amanda Cantu - (H1) April Appleby - (H2)	Mike Mohr (C2) NOT FILLED (C3)	Leo Stirton (A-B) Gerard Davenport (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)		NOT FILLED Fiona Koll Oscar Koll Wyatt Johnson	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Mar. 30 10:00 AM	Rose Hartnett (Both Readings and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Dcn. Ken Hunter - (H1 & Petitions) Charlotte Champagne - (H2)	Claudia Garcia (C2) Greg Brandenburg (C3)	Mark Kreuter (A-B) Ken Butler (C) Daniel Cruz (D-E) Steve Harrington (F)		Steven Zink Lucy Pesek Ben Seiler Haddie Seiler	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Mar. 30 11:45 AM	Luis López Sánchez (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Iván Sanabria	Marcela Esquivel - Comunión (A) Eva Miramón - Comunión (B)	María Elena Calderon (C1) Héctor Rangel (C2) NOT FILLED (C3) NOT FILLED (C4)	Roberto Paredes (A-B) Juan Diego Hernández (C) María Barajas (D-E) María Salcedo (F)		Eduardo Mata Fátima Mata NOT FILLED Aldo Trujillo	Iván Sanabria
Sunday, Mar. 30 5:00PM	Bryan Bacon (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Nicholas Tyburski	Brent Bain - (H1) Catherine Garner - (H2)	Luis Colunga (C2) Katie Morris (C3)	Rob Brothers (A-B) Annabella Tyburski (C) David Power (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Rob Brothers	Agustin Rosso Francesco Rosso	Nicholas Tyburski