



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 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

Primer 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 12th at 6:45pm. Join us in the Main Church as we discuss the Introduction to Morality/Conscience. All are welcome!

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 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 envíar un correo electrónico a 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.

Encuentro Matrimonial is Marriage Encounter in Spanish. 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 April 14, 15, 16, 2025 at St. John Center. For more information or registration, call 870-642-2256 or 773-213-9593. Space is limited.

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, 16 abril. PARA REGISTRARTE LLAMA AL 870-642-2256 o 773-213-9593.**



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 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 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 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.

- 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

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal: If you have not returned your Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. 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.

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 | liturgy@svdprogers.com

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!

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

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.

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.

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.*

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.

Save the Dates:

- 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
 - 5:00pm Rosary
 - 5:30pm English (potluck dinner)
 - 7:00pm Spanish
- 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 22nd and 23rd Traveling Sacred Heart Icon after all Masses
- March 24th at 10:00am Blood Drive



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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: 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 February

Operating Expenses\$151,412

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	\$173,547	\$135,000
Growth Fund	\$7,441	\$ 21,000

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

Scripture Readings for 3/16/2025

Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18

Ps 27(26): 1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14

Phil 3: 17-4: 1 or 3: 20-4: 1

Lk 9: 28b-36

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, March 10

12:00PM Joseph Dan Van Hoang †

Tuesday, March 11

12:00PM **No Mass**

Wednesday, March 12

12:00PM **No Mass**

Thursday, March 13

12:00PM **No Mass**

Friday, March 14

12:00PM John Doyle Teague †

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 †

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	Lector	Eucharistic Minister HEM & Vessels	Eucharistic Minister Host	Eucharistic Minister Cup	Usher	Lock Up	Altar Server	Sacristan & Vessels
Saturday, Mar. 15 5:00 PM	Michael Janick (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Kim Alexander	NOT FILLED - (H1) Margie O'Grady - (H2)	Jack McDaniel (C2) Susan McDaniel (C3)	Clayton Akehurst (A-B) Bruce Peterson (C) NOT FILLED (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Kim Alexander	Brian Ganey John Harrington NOT FILLED Brennan Ganey	Kim Alexander
Sunday, Mar. 16 7:45 AM	Brent Gautier (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Christina Baker	Peggy Estes - (H1) Robbie Estes - (H2)	Tony Baker (C2) Mike Mohr (C3)	Amanda Cantu (A-B) Leo Stirton (C) Gerard Davenport (D-E) Greg Woodell (F)		NOT FILLED Fiona Koll Oscar Koll Wyatt Johnson	Mark Jechura
Sunday, Mar. 16 10:00 AM	Maria Mendez (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Joe Hartnett	Brian Rabal - (H1) Gina Koch - (H2)	Greg Brandenburg (C2) Claudia Garcia (C3)	Ed Brown (A-B) Tim Koch (C) Mark Kreuter (D-E) Steve Harrington (F)		Lucy Pesek Ben Seiler Alex Shoemaker Haddie Seiler	Joe Hartnett
Sunday, Mar. 16 11:45 AM	María Tinajero (Todas Lecturas y Peticiones y Anuncios)	Iván Sanabria	Brenda Cruz - Comunión (A) Héctor Rangel - Comunión (B)	Marcela Esquivel (C1) Eva Miramón (C2) María Elena Calderón (C3) Noel Pérez (C4)	Roberto Paredes (A-B) Juan Diego Hernández (C) Victor López (D-E) María Dalia Lopez (F)		Eduardo Mata Fátima Mata Christian Pérez Aldo Trujillo	Iván Sanabria
Sunday, Mar. 16 5:00PM	Beatriz Segura (Both Readings, Petitions, and Announcements)	Bryan Bacon	Luis Colunga - (H1) Brent Bain - (H2)	Catherine Garner (C2) Katie Morris (C3)	Annabella Tyburski (A-B) David Power (C) Rob Brothers (D-E) NOT FILLED (F)	Bryan Bacon	Gerhardt Brady Spranger Brady	Bryan Bacon