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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2023



Save the Date
 When:
 Every Sunday
 Where:
 Your Faith Community



 **HEARTwork**

~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word ~

Is your heart ready and open to Christ's invitations to "come to the feast" and be nourished in your conversations and experiences?
 Is everyone invited to your banquet?

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

Morning Church!

Jesus' parables are "earthly stories with heavenly meanings". They are complex and yet clear. They are intended to transform our every intention and choice. Parables are graced stories meant to create and catalyze a shift in our heart's leanings and learnings. Jesus told parables to challenge or even indict the hard-hearted doubters who refuse to acknowledge the *Kindom* of God in their midst. Parables proclaim the *Kindom* of God outloud.

Today's parable brings us to The Banquet, one that is heavenly and earthly. Its images call us to reflect carefully on our faithjourney. Today's parable asks us to examine our understanding and readiness to celebrate Divine Presence wherever our feet are ~ in conversations, experiences, dreams, and disappointments, etc.

The Banquet Table parable asks us to remember how God "dressed us up" at Baptism and clothed us in Christ so we could be ready for any invitation to feast with Jesus.

Our Sacred Banquet, the Eucharist nourishes us through Word, Sacrament, and Community. We are nourished so we can be the Living Word and the visible Body and Blood of Christ for the life of the world.

Our Sacred Banquet sends us forth to "glorify God with our lives" to go into God's Neighborhood, after being at The Feast, to be a healing presence, to serve all of our Dear Neighbors, without distinction; and to serve, nourish, and strengthen others in Jesus' Name.

As war rages in the Middle East, and unrest is seen in our country and abroad, is our prayer inclusive of all the sick and suffering, the refugees, the incarcerated, the ones in constant fear for the safety of their families, the terrorists whose choices are viciously inhumane?

Our loving is to be as inclusive as God's, so our presence and participation in the celebration of the Eucharist is way beyond an obligation. It's a matter of eternal life or...

God's blessings,

Janis



Founder's Day of the Sisters of St. Joseph (SSJ) 1650 ~ 2023

In 1650, Anna Brun, an orphan; Marguerite Burdier; war widow, Claudia Chastel; Anna Chraleyer; Anna Vey, age 15; and Françoise Eyraud, a hospital administrator, served as superior of the new community for 30 years. They came together in LePuy, France, to serve and be "ready for any and all good works". The Bishop of LePuy, Henri de Maupas, gave their foundation canonical status under the direction of Jesuit Jean-Pierre Médaille. These six women consecrated themselves to a vowed life, lived in community.

This new community became known as the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The Sisters faced persecution during the French Revolution that threatened to wipe them out. Their "little design," as they called it, prevailed. They not only prayed and served but nurtured their physical health and their intellect. The Sisters learned to make lace and taught others to do so as a source of income.

In 1836, at the invitation of the Bishop of St. Louis, MO, six sisters ventured from LePuy to establish the SSJs of Carondelet and to found St. Joseph's School for the Deaf there.

In 1847, SSJs, at the invitation of the Bishop, came to Philadelphia (Chestnut Hill-CH) and served in St. John's Orphanage. From CH, the SSJ communities were established on the east coast and around the world. The SSJs served both sides during the Civil War nursing the wounded and sick. and working as cooks without regard for color, religion or politics. Today, there are 14,000 SSJs serving in France, Italy, US, UK, Canada, Japan and India. Currently there are about 525 Philadelphia SSJs.

If you wish to learn more about the *SSJ Associates in Mission*, ask
 Becky Dursee, Kathy Jenkins, Ronnie Krakovsky, S. Janis, Debbie or Phillip Parrish, Diane or Skip Whitman.

OCTOBER	
Hispanic Heritage Month Sept 15 ~ Oct 15	
15	28th Sun OT SSJ Associate Rite of Welcome SSJ Christian Growth Group, 10:30a
17	Ministerial Association, 12N HCH Communion Service, 12:15p
18	RCIA, 6:00p; Choir, 7p
19	Wise Ones, Benny's Restaurant, J'ville 1p Host: Cathy King
21	Mens Breakfast, Cracker Barrel ~ 8:30a
22	29th Sun OT Anointing of the Sick Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a PROCLAIMERS' Formation & Information 10:30a (or Nov 4)
24	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen, FLC Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen, FLC
25	RCIA, 6:00p; Choir, 7p
26	SSJ Governance ZOOM, 3:00p-5:00p
28	Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00-7:30p, FLC
29	30th Sun OT Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a
31	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen, FLC Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen, FLC

SYNOD "Walking Together"



Synodality, is defined as listening and deliberating together (Francis is fond of "encounter"), is precisely the point of the synod. It involves not only cardinals, bishops, and priests ~ also lay people, including women — a huge step for a church that privileges male power.

The People of God are not static: they are on the move, in direct reference to the etymology of the word *synod*, which means "walking together". The people are united by the same common dynamic that this Tree of Life (logo above) breathes into them, from which they begin their walk. Pray for those who gather at the Synod. Keep up with the synod news and the public resistance or the passivity to the synod by some U.S. bishops who refuse to accept and support Vatican II's 62 year old reforms. The Holy Spirit is leading all of us, who are *The Church*.

2021 Communion Participation Mission 2024

Mass Intentions

15	Cheri Lawrence r/b Dianne Crawford SSJ & Associates ~ Founder's Day 1650 - 2023
22	Missionaries
29	Denise Tuffner (Birthday)

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

18 Athena Spicer	22 Ruben Ramirez
19 James St. Cyr	23 Lellany Garcia
20 John Darcey	25 Beth Altemueller
22 Ty Keller	26 Ramona Doyle
22 Liza Go & Jeff Harris	
25 Samantha & Andrew Ange	



ADULT FAITH FORMATION: "The Chosen"

TUESDAYS, beginning Oct 24
10:00a-12Noon or 6:45p-8:45p

COME AND SEE!

Sign up in the lobby by October 18

FLOGKnotice



Formation & Information Sessions ALL Current PROCLAIMERS of the Word

(Readers)

& anyone who'd like to be prepared
for this ministry



SSJ Associates in Mission



If your heart thrives on life-giving, right relationships, if you desire to be a healing presence, sharing in Christ's desire
"...that all may be one..."

consider exploring the *SSJ Associates in Mission*... women and men who strive to love inclusively through their example wherever they are. For more info, ask S. Janis or any SSJAssociate.



Come and join us for the
St. Stephen Ladies Guild

SEVENTH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, October 28
6 pm to 7:30pm
Family Life Center



MENU

Spaghetti and Meatballs
Green Salad
Italian Bread
Dessert
Coffee (Decaf) or Juice
Bring your own wine



TICKETS

\$8.00 for adults
\$3.00 for children (3 to 10 years)
Tickets must be bought in advance
available after Masses
October 15 and 22



Cardboard CITY 2023



257 Standard Street
Elkin, NC

Saturday, November 18, 2023

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Spread the word and **plan** to join us for our annual *Get Out of the Box* fundraising event.

Volunteer participants agree to be *in the box* until a **minimum** of \$500 is raised for the shelter. The Ark provides housing and supportive services for homeless families and single women.

Amanda Brewer, Event Chairlady

Contact info: amandavbrewer@gmail.com

To volunteer, donate, or get more
information:

theark.director@gmail.com

www.thearkelkin.org



A Christmas Story: The Musical

December 10th, 2023 @ 3pm
Yadkin Arts Council Arts Center
Yadkinville

Cost is \$24 Adults & children
Show Only No Meal Serve

Ticket prices include **all taxes & fees**
Tickets are **non-refundable**
Seating is **general admission**
Available upon request **ADA accessible seats**

Tickets must be purchased by:
September 24 Sign up at church
or contact
Julie Colglazier (336) 353-822
The venue is small, so first come, first serve

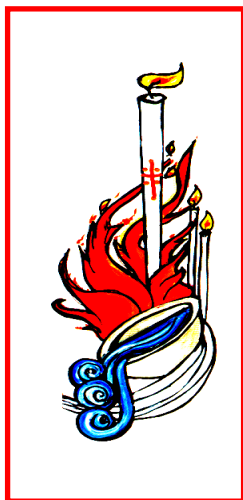


HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
15 septiembre ~ 15 octubre, 2023

¡Eres parte
de nuestra familia
y una bendición!



CARE for CREATION
RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES
Recycle containers are in the lobby.
Thank you!



Adult Sacraments

First Communion
Confirmation

Sacrament of Matrimony

For couples who would like to marry
or who are married civilly and would
like to have your marriage
blessed in the Church.

Anointing of the Sick

Offered to the hospitalized
or homebound

R.C.I.A.

For Adults desiring to explore
the Catholic Faith.

For more information,
call S. Janis (336) 835-4542

We pray
for our sisters
and brothers
in Maui,
Morocco
and Libya



Our Lady of Protection
Ukrainian Madonna

FEBRUARY 24, 2022
19 months

Ukrainian Catholics dedicate their country to *Our Lady of Protection*, interceding to Mary to wrap their country with her mantle of loving protection.

With the fast pace of communications these days, it's easy to become overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage of news.
As Catholic Christians, you realized you are intimately tethered to every Dear Neighbor locally and globally.
When you're feeling overwhelmed and weary, think of and pray for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers who are overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage
~ not of news ~
but by daily bombings, death, family separation, and the other forms of collateral damage of war since February 24, 2022.

Our Lady of Protection, pray for us!

As of Sept. 17, 2023
U.S. Mass Shootings: 500
Gun-related deaths: 25,200
Of those who died,
879 were teens &
170 were children.



**WHEN IS
ENOUGH,
ENOUGH?**



Tri-C Almsgiving

Thank you so much !!

OCT

Sm. dish soap

NOV

Bar soap

DEC

Dry beans

Invitation to the Wedding Feast



'M TOO BUSY. You imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!



THE KING INVITES YOU TO HIS SON'S WEDDING!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.

This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven.

Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!

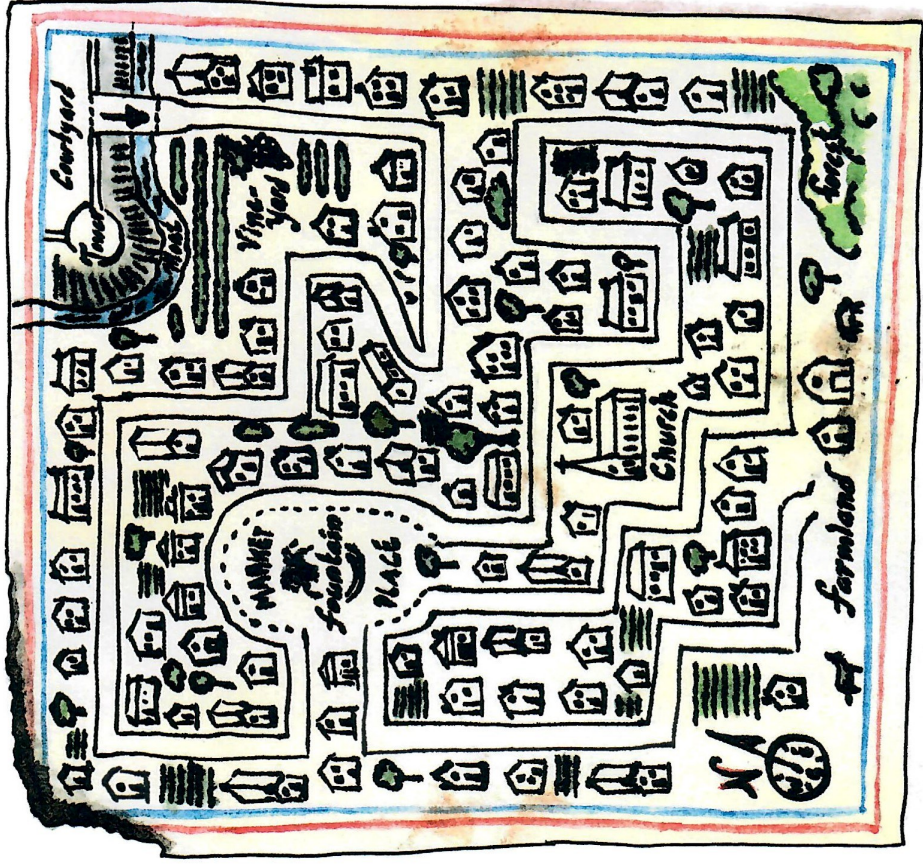


WHY AREN'T YOU PROPERLY DRESSED?

Answer to front page: Everyone's invited! Answers to True or False: 1.false 2.true 3.true 4.false 5.true 6.true 7.true

The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15th, 2023



The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.
Who was invited to the feast?

Saint Luke

October 18

SAINT LUKE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST CHRISTIANS. UNLIKE MOST, HE HAD BEEN A GENTILE AND NOT A JEW.



Luke, I baptize you...

HE WAS A DOCTOR AND CARED FOR THE POOR.



Here, come in and let me check your foot.

LUKE MET SAINT PAUL AND ACCOMPANIED HIM ON SOME OF HIS JOURNEYS.



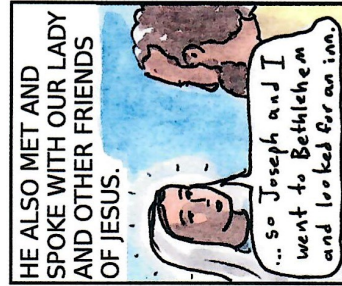
AT TIMES HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO STAYED WITH THE IMPRISONED ST. PAUL.



Peace be with you!

Ah! Good morning, Luke.

HE ALSO MET AND SPOKE WITH OUR LADY AND OTHER FRIENDS OF JESUS.



... so Joseph and I went to Bethlehem and looked for an inn.

LUKE WROTE THE THIRD GOSPEL AND THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.



ST. LUKE IS PORTRAYED IN ART WITH AN OX, WHICH IS A SYMBOL OF SACRIFICE, SINCE HIS GOSPEL STARTS WITH THE STORY OF THE PRIEST, ZACHARIAH.



SAINT LUKE NEVER MET JESUS. HE LEARNED ABOUT HIM BY TALKING WITH HIS FRIENDS AFTER JESUS HAD ALREADY GONE INTO HEAVEN. STILL SAINT LUKE KNEW ENOUGH ABOUT HIM THAT HE COULD WRITE A GOSPEL! WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT LUKE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE FRIENDS WHO LOVE GOD!

True or False:

Who is Invited to the Wedding?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a wedding feast for his son. What happened in the story? See if you know which of these are true statements and which are false:

1. *The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?*
2. *When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?*
3. *Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?*
4. *The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?*
5. *The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?*
6. *When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?*
7. *When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?*

