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St. John

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St. Stephen

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Natalie Lopez	Youth Faith Formation
Peggy Reikowsky	Youth Faith Formation
Phillip Parriah	RCIA

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2023



“Get used to different.” ~ Jesus *The Chosen*

Morning Church!

Change. Some changes are easy, like changing your clothes. Not so easy to do is changing your mind, your heart or your lifestyle. Change infers a willing flexibility that begins *inside out*, which is not exactly one of our preferential human choices.

For most of us, change is as gut-wrenching as it is life-giving. You can have an adventuresome spirit, and still find change a genuine challenge to your daily routines and personal preferences. Change can be soul-stretching and intimidating. When you consent to change, you consent to a yet-to-be newness, to an unimaginable grace.

Change came hard for Jonah when God called him to be a prophet. He did everything possible to avoid going to Nineveh. Inevitably God’s unrelenting grace changed his heart. Look deeper into the meaning of Jonah’s mission. It is much bigger than a great fish. Jonah’s prophetic message is universal, meant for the Assyrians, the Israelites, and generations to come. The universal message is:

God offers all people a chance to change.

Unlike Jonah, Jesus understands and accepts his mission. He willingly changed and kept moving forward to proclaim the Reign of God. He did so with a sense of holy urgency. Those who followed him learned very quickly that their lives would change *radically and frequently*.

The Chosen (S1 E4) is a worthy watch this weekend. In a dramatic and yet understated scene, you witness the call of Peter and Andrew on the shore. Jesus simply says “Follow me” to Peter and Andrew. The camera’s closeup on the face of Jesus as he says these words makes you feel like Jesus is talking to you, too.

How delightfully skeptical Peter is about this rabbi, Jesus. Minutes later he and his brother Andrew abandon their boat, their nets, their familiar livelihood to follow the unfamiliar Jesus. Their encounter with Jesus changed their hearts. Christ’s call is gentle, simple, and profound. His eyes are magnetically peaceful.

Peter and Andrew are among the first to be chosen to change. They are the first to abandon their comfortable routines, residences, and regimented life to follow and be in relationship with Jesus.

Peter and Andrew embrace Christ’s mission and the changes it will demand. They take on Christ’s sense of urgency in the realization that this is the “time of fulfillment”. Their yes to Christ changed them forever.

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 **HEARTwork**


~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word ~

What are you willing to abandon to follow Jesus?

What are you ready to relinquish so you can renew your relationship with Jesus and follow him more closely?

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

	21	3rd Sun OT Family Faith Formation, 10:30-12N	Christian Unity Week
	23	Communion Service, 12:15p The Chosen, 10a & 6p	
	24	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 	
	28	4th Sun OT Faith Formation, 10:30-12N	
	30	Communion Service, 12:15p The Chosen, 10a & 6p	
	31	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 	
LOOKING AHEAD...FEBRUARY			
	10	Souper Soup Competition	
	11	We Believe in Marriage Sunday	
	12	Ladies Guild	
	14	Ash Wednesday	
	15	Wise Ones	
	17	Men's Breakfast	
	18	RCIA Rite of Election	

 Mass Intentions	
21	Christian Unity (Jan 18-25); Mary Askew
28	+Mae Tyrrell; Michael O'Neill +Sara Ann Goodson Faust

Birthdays & Anniversaries

21 Ines Trejo	25 Braulio Mata
22 Sonia Rodriguez	20 Marta Lopez
23 Lou Stackhouse	31 Dolores Spicer

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Quotes on Christian Unity


"...that all may be one..." ~ Jesus

"...unity without uniformity...
...diversity without division..."

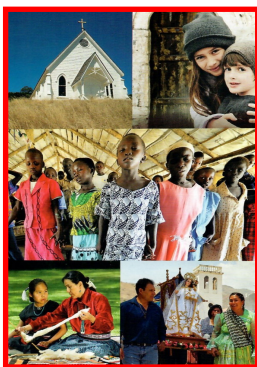
~ S. Rita Woehlchke, SSJ
Sept. 17, 1946 - Sept. 23, 2023

 "Let borders become sunlight so we traverse this Earth as one nation and drive the darkness out."

 "God is Unity, but always works in variety."

 "Never allow anything that divides or destroys the oneness of your life with Christ to remain in your life without facing it."

Tuesday Communion Service, 12:15,
Our Communion Service began over 15 years ago. It's proven to be a life-giving way to strengthen and share your faith with other parishioners. Consider this invitation to come and celebrate God's Word and receive the Eucharist.



GLOBAL ALMSGIVING

COMBINED MISSION COLLECTION
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THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 20th-21st, 2024

Winter Weather Broadcasts

WXII Ch. 11 or 1203

Fox 8 Ch. 10 or 1206



**Feed the Elderly: An Opportunity
for Compassionate, Generous Service**

Jan	17, 18, 19	<p>Feed the Elderly (FTE) is a local service for isolated residents here. of our community.</p> <p>Along with other church volunteers, St. S parishioners have served these residents on specific days.</p> <p>If you are willing to help, in this meaningful service, contact our FTE Coordinator: Gayle Altemueller, (336) 468-0676</p>
Mar	6, 7, 8	
Apr	24, 25, 26	
Jun	24, 25, 26	
Jul	31	
Aug	1, 2	
Sept	18, 19, 20	
Nov	6, 7, 8	
Dec	25, 26, 27	

**Opportunities
to Calendar and Gather**



Ladies Guild

2nd Monday of the Month
5:00p, Family Life Center

Jan 8	Apr 8	Jul 8	Oct 14
Feb 12	May 13	Aug 12	Nov 11
Mar 11	Jun 10	Sept 9	Dec 9



**St. Stephen Ladies Guild
Souper Soup Competition**



February 10, 2024

5:30p ~ Family Life Center

Everyone is invited to enter until all the slots are filled.

Bring a crockpot of your favorite soup, and, if you like, crackers, bread, or chips

If you're willing, bring copies of your recipe to share with everyone.

Sample as many soups and you like, then vote for your favorites.

Winners announces at 7p.



Men's Breakfast Group

3rd Saturday of the Month
8:30a, Cracker Barrel *

***Any change of venue will be in the bulletin**

Jan 20	Apr 20	Jul 20	Oct 19
Feb 17	May 18	Aug 17	Nov 16
Mar 16	Jun 15	Sept 21	Dec 21



Wise Ones Luncheon

3rd Thursday of the Month
Host and venue vary and will be in the bulletin

Jan 18	Apr 18	Jul 18	Oct 17
Feb 15	May 16	Aug 15*	Nov 21
Mar 21	Jun 20	Sept 19	Dec 19

Entry Fee

Soup Chef	Free
Adults & children over 6	\$5.00
Children 3-6	\$3.00
Children under 3	Free

Registration deadline: February 5

For more info or to register and give the name of your soup: Call to leave a message or text Aileen, (336) 466-1484

Come, follow me...



If Jesus asked you to follow him right now, would you be ready and willing to follow him? In today's Gospel that's exactly what happened to Peter and Andrew, James and John.

They were working on their fishing nets when Jesus walked by and called them.

All of us are called to follow Jesus. Some people **FOLLOW ME** follow Jesus by getting married and having children to follow Jesus. Some people join a religious community and serve as ministers in the church in their own country or in a foreign land. There are others who choose to live the gospel as a single person.

Women and men who follow Jesus this way serve others through different kinds of ministry.

Can you name some ministries that different people do ~ married, single or members of a religious community?

What ways do you follow Jesus at home?

What ways do you follow Jesus at school?

What ways do you follow Jesus when you are with your friends?

You can begin now to learn how Jesus is calling you to love and serve as you get older by praying each day:

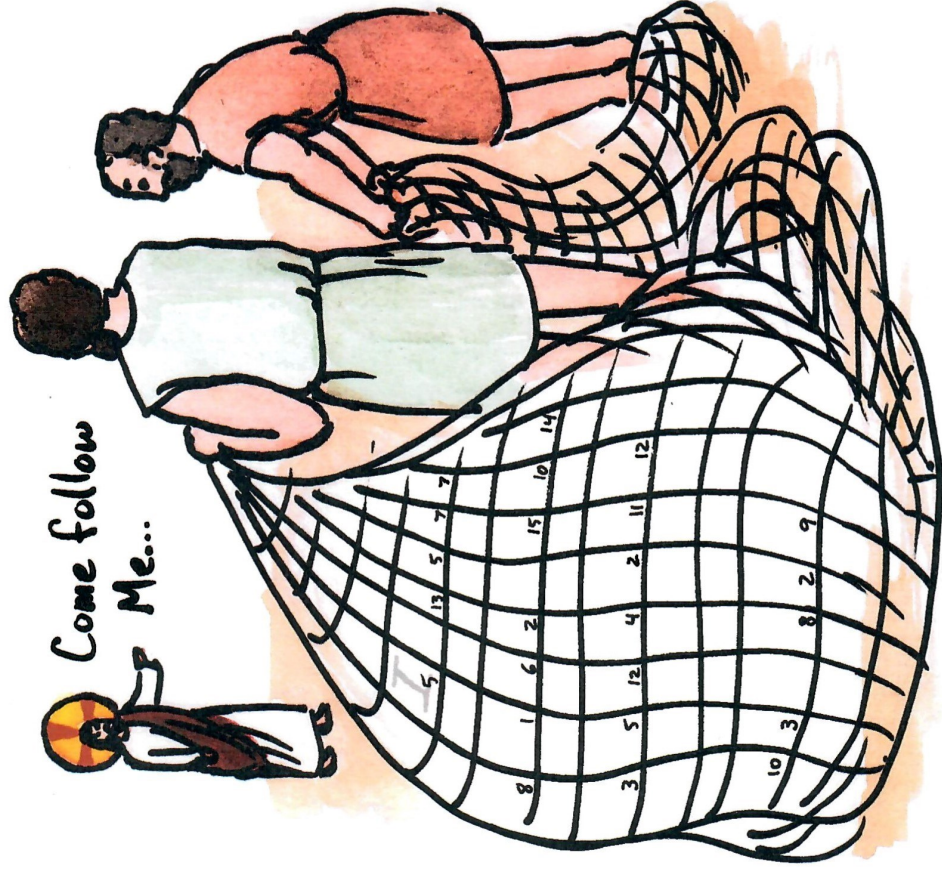
*Jesus, help me to listen to your voice in my heart
so I can follow you each day with joy and generosity.
Help me to share my gifts with others.
Help me to respect and honor others.
Help me to love as you love. Amen.*

Front page: I will make you fishers of men.
True or False: 1. True 2. False 3. False 4. True
5. False 6. True 7. True

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21st, 2024

What else did Jesus say when He called the fishermen?
Find the letters that match the numbers in the net
to fill in the spaces in the net and find out!



A E F H I K L M N O R S W U Y
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Saint Francis de Sales

January 24



JONAH GOES TO NINEVEH: TRUE OR FALSE?

How well do you know the second part of Jonah's story? Which of these are true and which are false?

1. After Jonah's incident with being inside a whale for three days, God asked him to go to Nineveh again. True or false?
2. Jonah refused to do what God asked this time too. True or false?
3. Nineveh was only a small city, so Jonah walked across it in a couple hours. True or false?
4. Jonah cried out that in forty days the city would be overthrown. True or false?
5. The people ignored Jonah and went on with their lives. True or false?
6. All the people believed in God, proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth. True or false?
7. God saw what the people were doing and decided that the city would not be overthrown. True or false?



We pray for our sisters and brothers in Gaza, Maui, Morocco, Middle East, and Libya... and the 32 places where war is being raged now.



Our Lady of Protection, pray for us!

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

Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

JAN	Canned tomatoes, Spaghetti sauce
FEB	Corn meal
MAR	Small laundry soap



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RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES

LOBBY CONTAINERS

Thank you!

Do you know the number of U.S. Mass shootings and gun-related deaths so far in 2024?



WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH?