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St. John

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St. Stephen

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Theresa Martin Music

Mass Schedule

St. John

Saturday 4:00p
Sunday 11:15a English
1:00p en español
Wednesday 11:00a

St. Stephen

Sunday 9:00a
Communion Service
Tuesday, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45p

By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners: We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.

To register and get more information: go to our website: www.StStephenNC.org

Sacrament Preparation (Baptism, 1st Communion, Reconciliation (Penance), or Matrimony)
Call S. Janis (336) 835-4542

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Offered for adults who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, rites, and practices.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is desirous of God's healing and would like to receive the sacred anointing, contact S. Janis.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024

Gathering and Sharing Abundance

Morning, Church!

Opposites make us choose. Our faith journey can be lived a sense of worry and anxiety or in trust; with a sense of scarcity or abundance; or with a sense of incompleteness or enoughness. Many seem to complain that they don't have what they *really* need, yet our recycle centers are billowing over with the ruins of our over consumption.

Preparing for another Yard Sale, I went through my things and found unused items that are taking up space and gathering dust. I donated them to the sale. Consider those who say they're always on the financial short end, yet their vacations are posted on Facebook. Don't have enough time? Draw a pie chart. Divide it into hourly sections of how you spend your time each day. It's an eye-opening exercise!

Today's Scriptures are a reminding grace that our God is a God of Abundance and Divine Leftovers, and not a God of Scarcity. Our God is a Multiplier of Abundance. (Book of Kings and in the Gospel. The miraculous events in both texts reveal the abundance of God and those who are one with God.

The faithful live in Divine Abundance and not in worldly abundance. Divine Abundance is shown on all who are faithful and live The Word, like Elisha did. In both texts, hundreds were fed ~ and there were leftovers for more meals!

The Gospel takes us deeper into the mystery of Eucharist, The Bread of Life. No doubt Eucharist is our Divine Abundance entrusted to us so we may *"come to share in divinity with the one who shared in our humanity."*

Our Eucharistic Congress has just concluded. It is a significant moment for the whole Church. Now, more than ever, the Eucharist calls us to be one Body, one Spirit, one Faith, and one Hope in Christ.

*Grant that we, who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.*

~ Third Eucharistic Prayer



The Eucharist is our Divine Unifier,
the Divine Abundance of Christ.
Fed and nourished by the Bread of Everlasting
Life we are sent to be unifying Love,
Abundance, and Christ's Nourishing Presence
wherever our feet are, especially among those
who've been pushed to the edges of
or outside of the Circle of Loving Acceptance.
How will *you* respond to "the hungry crowd"?
Send them away or out of your sight
so your won't be challenged by their presence?
The Eucharist missions us to share
the abundance of our own lives,
who we are and what we have with others.
In the end, it doesn't matter *how much* you give
of yourself, your time, your talent,
or your treasure, we will *still* have an
abundance of "leftovers"
that we can continue to share.
It's the way God is,
our God of Abundance.











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📖 Reflecting on the Word

Do you have items you really don't need or use?

Share your abundance and donate these them!


July	
30	17th Sun OT
30	Communion Service, 12:15p
31	Choir, 7p 
AUGUST	
04	18th Sun OT SSJ Zoom, 6:30-8:30p
06	Communion Service, 12:15p
11	19th Sun OT Fr. John Birthday ~ Coffee & cake after Mass, FLC Faith Formation REGISTRATION in CHURCH, 10:15a Parish BBQ Bash Hamby Park (see attached flyer) 
12	Ladies Guild, 5p
13	Communion Service, 12:15p
14	Choir, 7p 
15	Wise Ones, 1p Cowboy's Restaurant Hosts: Barb & Bob DJohn Feast: Assumption, Mass, 7p 
17	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
18	20th Sun OT Faith Formation REGISTRATION Family Life Center, 10:15a 
19	Give Blood Elkin 1st Baptist Church ~ 1:30-6:00p 
20	Communion Service, 12:15p
21	Choir, 7p 
25	21st Sun OT Faith Formation REGISTRATION Family Life Center, 10:15a 
27	Communion Service, 12:15p
 28	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p

MASS INTENTIONS	
07	Melisa Bustos (1st Communion); +Meg Bresse
14	+Silas Arthur Wylie, III (Father of Ashley Davis) St. Stephen Parishioners
21	+Grace Jenkins r/b Barb & Bob DeJohn
28	+Damien Michael Whisonant r/b Barb & Bob DeJohn

Birthdays & Anniversary



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| 02 Jorge Lopez | 21 Rose Amelia Kelly |
| 04 Matthew Kelly
Janis McQuade
David Serafin | Joseph Martinez |
| 06 Bryan Wagoner | 22 Barbara DeJohn |
| 08 Isidro Rodriguez | 24 Kevin Robinson |
| 11 Julia Mantero | 26 Lorraine Benfanti |
| 18 Eileen Ouellette | Candace Fuentes |
| 20 Joyce Kelly | Frank Simon |
| 14 Dianne & Andy Crawford | 31 Orlando Trinidad |
| 16 Pauline & Fred Sener | |
| 22 Ashley & Aymes Davis | 27 Jacque & John Darcey |
| 31 Cindy Whitley & Ozzie Martinez | |

 ...to our Live Streaming Team: John Orta, Lukas McClamrock, Peggy Reikowsky, and Theresa Martin, who assure our Sunday Mass is posted recorded and online...to all who helped with the Yard Sale in any way, especially our Ladies Guild...
God bless you real good!



TriC Christian Crisis Ministries	
AUG	Flour
SEPT	Shampoo



Faith Formation Registration Forms will be posted on our website as of August 4. All parents who want their children to be part of our program must register each child online by August 18. No exceptions.

Los formularios de inscripción para la formación de fe se publicarán en nuestro sitio web a partir del 4 de agosto. Todos los padres que quieran que sus hijos formen parte de nuestro programa. Debe registrar a cada

Iglesia católica de San Esteban
Formación de fe familiar

De vuelta a la escuela

FIESTA DE BARBACOA



11 de agosto
3-8PM.

Parque Fort Hamby
Refugio de picnic Ann

Wilkesboro, Carolina del Norte 28629

Cargo por estacionamiento de \$5 por vehículo
¡¡¡Trae tu traje de baño!!!

Nhà thờ Công giáo St.Stephen
Sự hình thành đức tin gia đình

Trở lại trường

BỮA BÒ



ngày 11 tháng 8
Từ 3 - 8 giờ tối

Công viên Pháo đài Hamby
Nơi trú ẩn dã ngoại Ann
Wilkesboro, NC 28629

Phí đỗ xe \$5 mỗi xe
Mang theo đồ bơi của bạn!!!

St.Stephen Catholic Church
Family Faith Formation

Back to School

BBO BASH

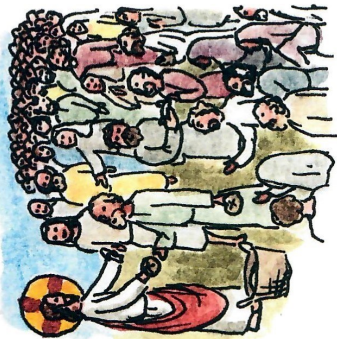


August 11th
From 3- 8p.m.

Fort Hamby Park
Ann Picnic Shelter
Wilkesboro, NC 28629

Park Charge \$5 per vehicle
Bring your swim wear!!!

Jesus Multiplies our Gifts



Jesus saw that a huge crowd of people had come to Him, and He knew that they needed food. However, all they had was a few loaves of bread and a couple fish that a boy had brought along.

Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and blessed them, and started giving them to the crowd. Soon there was enough to feed five thousand people, plus there were twelve baskets of leftovers!

Jesus still multiplies what we give Him today. At Mass we offer to God some bread and wine and He turns it into the Body and Blood of Jesus!

All of us have something to offer to Jesus, too. If you offer your work, your talents, or even your whole life to God, God will use your gifts to bring many blessings to others.

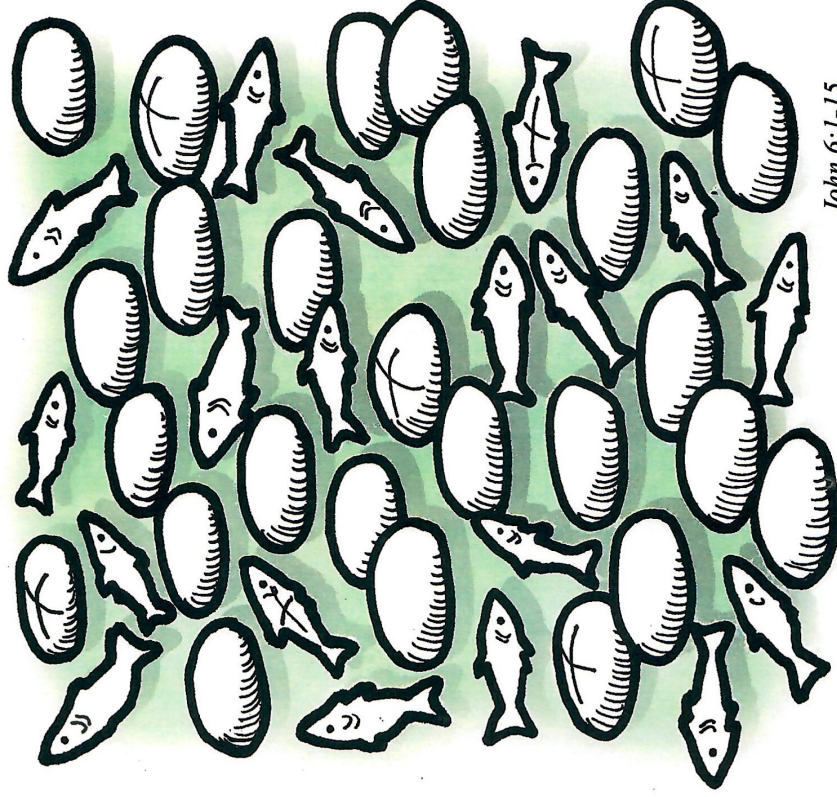


Bee a **MULTIPLIER** of good!

Answer to puzzle on front page: five loaves and two fish.
Answer to Loaves and Fishes Word-Find: multiplied.

The Kids' Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 28th, 2024



John 6:1-15

*When five thousand people came to hear Jesus,
He turned one boy's bread and fish
into enough for everyone.*

*How much did He have to start with?
Colour and count the loaves and fishes
with crosses on them to find out!*

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

JULY 31



IGNATIUS WAS A SPANISH NOBLEMAN'S SON IN THE LATE 1400'S. HE DREAMED OF BECOMING A GREAT SOLDIER AND MARRYING A BEAUTIFUL LADY.



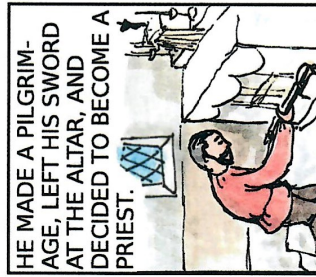
HE DID BECOME A SOLDIER, BUT HE WAS WOUNDED BY A CANNON AND HAD TO SPEND MONTHS IN BED.



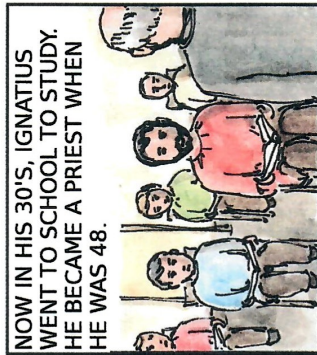
HE WANTED TO READ NOVELS BUT THE ONLY BOOKS AROUND WERE STORIES OF SAINTS.



IGNATIUS REALIZED THAT THE REAL BATTLE WAS THE FIGHT AGAINST SIN.



HE MADE A PILGRIMAGE, LEFT HIS SWORD AT THE ALTAR, AND DECIDED TO BECOME A PRIEST.



NOW IN HIS 30'S, IGNATIUS WENT TO SCHOOL TO STUDY. HE BECAME A PRIEST WHEN HE WAS 48.



HE STARTED AN ORDER OF PRIESTS, WHO PREACHED AND TAUGHT. BY THE TIME HE DIED THERE WERE A THOUSAND PRIESTS IN THE ORDER.

SAINT IGNATIUS LOVED THE IDEA OF BEING A GREAT SOLDIER AND BEATING HIS ENEMIES. HE LEARNED BY READING ABOUT THE SAINTS THAT THE GREATEST BATTLE WE CAN FIGHT IS AGAINST THE DEVIL AND TEMPTATIONS TO SIN. WE CAN ALSO LEARN HOW TO WIN OUR BATTLES BY READING ABOUT SAINTS.

Loaves and Fishes Word-Find



E A T E N C R O W D
B R E A D M U B L
A B S N T A G M A J
R U T D I T H A N K S
L Y F R I E C E S L Y E U
E Y H L W P R S L T S
F I L I T T L E S I
I L S A T W E L V E
S I T H O U S A N D
H P W A N T E D E D



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

When Jesus saw that a large CROWD was coming to him, he said to PHILIP, "Where can we BUY enough food for them to eat?" He said this to TEST him, because he knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of BREAD would not be enough for each of them to have a LITTLE." ANDREW said to him, "There is a boy here who has five BARLEY loaves and two FISH; but what good are these for so MANY?" Jesus said, "Tell the people to sit down." Now there was much GRASS in that place. So the men SAT down, about five THOUSAND in number. Then JESUS took the loaves, gave THANKS, and distributed them to those who were seated, and also as much of the fish as they WANTED. When they had EATEN their FILL, he said to his disciples, "GATHER the PIECES left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled TWELVE BASKETS with fragments of the loaves, left by those who had eaten.



Jesus _____ the bread and fish.