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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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

**LIVE LENT INTENTIONALLY:
BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS EACH DAY**

**COMMIT TO
ONE ACT OF LIGHT
GIVEN IN KINDNESS
THROUGH YOUR WORDS.**



**COMMIT TO
ONE ACT OF LIGHT
GIVEN IN KINDNESS
THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS
TO COUNTER THE DARKNESS THAT
DESIRES TO OVERTAKE YOU
AND ALL OF US.**

COMMIT TO PRAYER THREE TIMES A DAY:

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins
And bring us to everlasting life. Amen.*

Kneelers Refurbish & Install

SIT or KNEEL

Now that the kneelers have been refurbished and reinstalled you have prayer position options during Mass.

You may continue to sit. If you choose to **SIT**, please sit on the pew, and not halfway between the pew and the kneeler. *This pressure/weight on the pew's edge causes the pews to split.*

If you choose to **KNEEL**, please do not lean back onto the edge of the pew. *This pressure/weight on the pew's edge causes the pews to split.*

Thank you!



Snapshot ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation Then and Now

Prior to 1962, preparation for Reconciliation included an *Examination of Conscience*, to name and acknowledge one's sinfulness by naming the kinds and number of sins, and creating your sinful grocery list.

For many, this preparation made for a limited evaluation of one's faith journey:

*Where am I failing to respond to God's call
by choosing sin over grace?*

*How many times have I sinned and
to what degree have I disregarded the grace of God?*

In this perspective, Penance/Confession, Reconciliation, is limited to being a quantitative calculation of one's sinful choices, rather than, in its fullest expression, as a *Sacrament of Healing*.

A *Consciousness Examen* (CE) is a more holistic approach for self-reflection. Using CE, you consider *all your choices*: giving thanks to God for your choices to be loving and generous, as well as, being accountable for all your sinful, selfish choices. CE includes paying attention to times, places and persons connected to your sinful choices.

To nurture your spiritual life,
ask yourself two questions every night:

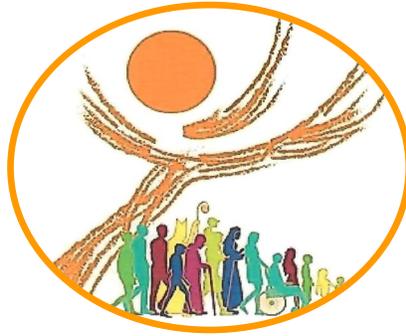
What loving, generous choices did I make today?

What selfish, sinful choices did I make today?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation includes confessing and doing penance, and in a full circle, means reconciling with those your sinfulness has hurt.

In this way, you freely share
God's merciful forgiveness with others.

**SYNODALITY:
WALKING TOGETHER**
COMMUNION
PARTICIPATION
MISSION



**SINODALIDAD:
CAMINANDO JUNTOS**
Comunión
Participación
Misión

A brief survey on
"Walking Together"
as Church will be emailed
to you this week.

Please complete
and return it as
we prepare for our
Listening Sessions.

Thank you!

**TODAS
SON
BIENVENIDAS**

Esta semana se le enviará
por correo electrónico una breve
encuesta sobre
"Caminando Juntos"
como Iglesia.

Por favor complételo y devuélvalo
mientras nos preparamos
para nuestras sesiones
de escucha.

¡Gracias!

**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**

**Our Lady,
Queen of Peace,**

pray for us!

Prayer of Pope Francis for Ukraine

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners!

Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling
on Kyiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker
in Kharkiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines,
have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands
in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails
with which we crucified Your hands,
as we continue to slake our thirst with the blood
of those mauled by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands which You created
to tend have been transformed into instruments of death.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us, O Lord,
if we continue to kill our sisters and brothers;
Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up
the stones of our fields to kill Abel.

Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty
with our labors, if we legitimize the brutality
of our actions with our pain.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You!
Hold fast the hand of Cain!
Illuminate our consciences; may our will not be done;
Abandon us not to our own actions!

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Stop us, O Lord, stop us! And when you have held back
the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother.

***O Lord, put a halt to the violence!
Stop us, O Lord! Amen.***

*Making Lent More Intentional Peace
in Ukraine and the World*

Mondays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.

Tuesdays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.

Wednesdays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.

Thursdays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.

Fridays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.

Saturdays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.

Sundays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.



Morning, Church!

Recall God's Word these past Lenten Sundays:
The Desert of Decision, The Mount of Transfiguration,
The Fig Tree with Another Chance, and today's Prodigal,
The Wasteful Child.

Each Sunday's Scriptures reveals
The God Who See Our Possibilities.

The God Who Sees Possibilities is most vivid in the Prodigal Parable. Take a closer look at each of the people in this story and will notice you share some of their traits and possibilities. There's The Prodigal, (meaning *wasteful*), the older son, and the father.

Each one is tied up with concerns and anxieties. Each one is bound together in the relationship of family. In family, you learn the meaning of forgiveness, compassion, and possibilities ~ or you don't. The Prodigal gives evidence that he is all about himself, his wants, and desires. With no regrets, he willingly cuts ties with his family. Free of family responsibilities to follow his own childish pursuits into the Darkness of The Temporary, with no recognition of the consequences of his choice.

Daily Readings ~ www.usccb.org

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

2 Cor 5:17-21

Ps 34:2-7

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

☞ Reflecting and Acting on the Word ☞

*As you prayerfully scrutinize your heart with God,
what needs to be uncovered and healed;
what needs to be strengthened, refined, or purified,
or appreciated as upright, strong, and good?*

The God Who Sees Possibilities knew the heart of the Wasteful One and understood his immature compulsions. Slowly he begins to discover his true hungers, and his real relationships. With his inheritance wasted and his reputation gone, the grace of memory leads him to another life-changing decision: make a U-turn. Not only is God redirecting his steps, God's redirecting his heart, too. The Prodigal's possibilities just increased exponentially.

The God Who Sees Possibilities extends love to the other son, too. "...The father...wants both to participate in his joy...the father's unreserved, unlimited love is offered wholly and equally. He does not compare the two sons...expresses complete love according to their individual Journeys."~Nouwen (His) all-embracing love makes him a Prodigal Father. He "wastes" his love on his returning son as he equally advocates for his older brother.

The God Who Sees Possibilities enfolds all of us in loving mercy and forgiveness, your Prodigal days, your jealous days, and all the days you ache for your own homecoming. God sees your possibilities in faith and grace, and God waits ~ no ~ God runs towards you to embrace you where the possibilities are endless.

God's blessing,

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Full bulletin:
<https://www.ststephennc.org/bulletin-archives>

MARCH	
27	4th Sun Lent Rite of Scrutiny II, 9:00a Family Faith Formation: Sacrament Prep, 10:30a
28	RCIA, 3:30p
29	Communion Service, 12:15p
APRIL	
03	4th Sun Lent Rite of Scrutiny III, 9:00a Faith Fusion, 10:30a
04	RCIA, 3:30p
05	Communion Service, 12:15p
08	Stations of the Cross, 6p

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 10th 9.00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 14th 7.00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
April 15th 7.00pm

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
April 16th 8.00pm

Easter Sunday
April 17th 9.00am

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Parish Celebrations

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| 01 Pat Colwell | 10 Rich Jones |
| 05 Marcelino Trinidad | 11 Osvaldo Martinez |
| 06 Natalie Trinidad | Keith Stringer |
| 08 Melisa Bustos | 12 Jose Ledesma |
| Clyde Colwell | 19 Mario Crispin |
| Jennifer LaCashio | 21 Joanna Salvatore |
| 09 Osvaldo Bustos | 27 Luis Rodriguez |
| | 30 Vanessa Lopez |



- 05 Beth Altemueller & Newell Hauser
15 Judy & Frank Simon
21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
27 Julie & Patrick Colglazier



*Lenten Prayer & Fasting
with Youe Time*



Communion Service
Tuesdays, 12:15p

Station of the Cross
Fridays, 6:00p



S. Veronica Kaiser, S.S.J.
Born:
July 9, 1926
Born to eternal life:
March 19, 2022
in the 78th year of her religious life

PROCLAIMERS of the WORD		
3/27	Ronnie K	Kathy J
4/3	Beth O	John O

MARCH	
27	+Joe Krakovsky St. Stephen Parishioners
APRIL	
03	+Mary Burnham
10	+Ray Wayda r/b Jo DeJournette

welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to St. Stephen!

*Dianne Crawford
Jackie & John Darcey
Evelyn & Rusty Jacobs*

*We are blessed that you
are part of our parish family!*

TRI-COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

ANY non-perishable foods: veggies,
PB & J, spaghetti and sauce;
Small laundry or dish soap; Toilet paper



The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27th, 2022

What did the son in today's Gospel reading say to show his father he was sorry?

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

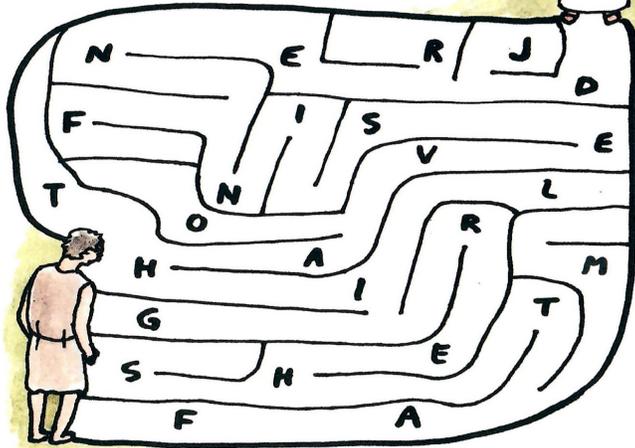
God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away.

Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration!



Answer to Front Page: Father I have sinned. Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 1. his 3. let 6. its 8. humble 9. praise 10. that 13. from 16. name 17. together 18. answered DOWN: 2. soul 4. times 5. glorify 7. set 10. taste 11. errors 12. see 14. on 15. make

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As you go through the maze, use only the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:

Saint Vincent Ferrer April 5

VINCENT WAS BORN TO NOBLE AND VIRTUOUS PARENTS IN SPAIN IN 1357. HE WAS GENEROUS TO THE POOR FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE.

Here, Vincent. You can give these to the poor.

BY THE TIME HE WAS 18 HE HAD FINISHED HIS STUDIES AND BECAME A DOMINICAN.

Dad, I want to be a priest!

HE STUDIED THE BIBLE WITH GREAT DEVOTION.

Vincent understands philosophy and can explain it well.

VINCENT BEGAN TO PREACH ALL OVER WESTERN EUROPE.

SOON HE WAS ASKED TO TEACH.

I will offer up s sleeping on the floor for peace in the Church.

VINCENT WORKED HARD TO END THE DIVISION IN THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME. HE DIED AT AGE 69 IN BRITANNY.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE REPENTED AND WERE CONVERTED.

I should go to confession. I want to be better!

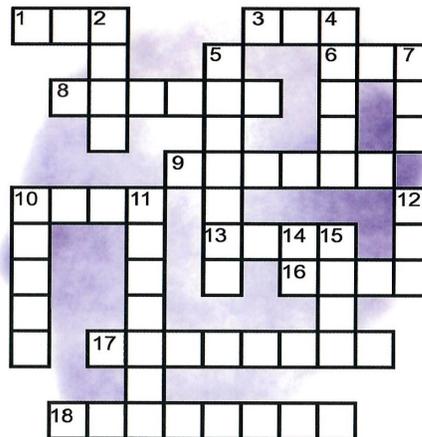
Yes... God will forgive me!

I want to be better!

SAINT VINCENT ONCE WROTE THAT TO STUDY WELL MEANS CONSULTING GOD MORE THAN BOOKS. TO KNOW WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT WE SHOULD READ AND KNOW AND LOVE THE BIBLE, SINCE IT TEACHES US ABOUT GOD. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY!

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Psalm 34 Cross-Word Puzzle



Use these words to fill in the blanks for the crossword puzzle:

- FROM
- TERRORS
- PRaise
- SET
- GLORIFY
- LET
- HIS
- ANSWERED
- NAME
- ON
- SEE
- TASTE
- THAT
- HUMBLE
- ITS
- TIMES
- SOUL
- MAKE
- TOGETHER

10D and 12D 10A the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all 4D,

His 9A is always 14D my lips;

In the Lord my 2D shall 15D 6A boast.

The 8A shall hear and be glad.

5D the Lord with me.

17A 3A us praise

1A 16A

I sought the Lord

and he 18A me,

13A all my 11D he 7D me free.

