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St. John
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Ann Stone RCIA
Joel Everett Music

St. Stephen
S. Janis McQuade, S.S.J. Faith Formation
Phillip Parrish RCIA
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 treasures 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.

Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025

Fasting and Feasting - Celebrating the 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

Ash Wednesday
Fast from negativity
Feast on a positive heart.

Be intentional when you pray, fast, and give alms.

Thursday
Fast from selfishness.
Feast on generosity.

Friday
Fast from compulsions.
Attend Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from hard-headedness.
Feast on cooperation.

1st Sunday of Lent
Fast from control.
Feast on collaboration.

Monday
Fast from self-indulgence.
Feast on abstinence.

Tuesday
Fast from resentment.
Feast on letting go.

Wednesday
Fast from resentment.
Feast on gratitude.

Thursday
Fast from stubbornness.
Feast on flexibility.

Friday
Fast from resentment.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from abusing others.
Feast on appreciating others.

2nd Sunday of Lent
Fast from rigidity.
Feast on flexibility.

Monday
Fast from wasting time.
Feast on good planning.

Tuesday
Fast from judging.
Feast on affirming.

Wednesday
Fast from compulsions.
Feast on praying.

Thursday
Fast from shaming.
Feast on honoring.

Friday
Fast from wasting time.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from sarcasm.
Feast on graciousness.

3rd Sunday of Lent
Fast from stressing differences.
Feast on appreciating them.

Monday
Fast from arrogant pride.
Feast on humility.

Tuesday
Fast from road rage.
Feast on road compassion.

Wednesday
Fast from fear.
Feast on risks for faith.

Thursday
Fast from a blind heart.
Feast on seeing with love.

Friday
Fast from being divisive.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from hypocrisy
Feast on integrity.

4th Sunday of Lent
Fast from belittling.
Feast on praising.

Monday
Fast from useless stress.
Feast on being intentional.

Tuesday
Fast from arrogance.
Feast on humility.

Wednesday
Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent

Thursday
Fast from contempt.
Feast on admiration.

Praying
Fasting
Almsgiving

Friday
Fast from confrontation.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from willfulness.
Feast on 20 minutes in prayer with God.

5th Sunday of Lent
Fast from insecurity.
Feast on confidence in God.

Monday
Fast from discouragement.
Feast on hope.

Tuesday
Fast from religious rigidity.
Feast on openness to God.

Wednesday
Fast from rebelling.
Feast on supporting.

Thursday
Fast from caustic glares.
Feast on loving glances.

Friday
Fast from judging.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from being disorderly.
Feast on good planning.
Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation with your family

Passion Sunday
Fast from sadness.
Feast on honoring your grief.

Monday of Holy Week
Fast from craving approval.
Feast on who you are in God.

Tuesday of Holy Week
Fast from betrayals.
Feast on loyalty.

Wednesday of Holy Week
Fast from anger.
Feast on forgiveness.

The Triduum

Holy Thursday
Fast from laziness.
Feast on generous service.

Good Friday
Fast from fear.
Feast on sacrificing with joy.

Attend *Women of Jerusalem*.

Holy Saturday
Fast from anxiety and fear.
Feast on waiting in joyful hope.

Easter Sunday



Feast on the promise of Everlasting Life.

Easter Monday
Feast on Christ's light.

Easter Tuesday
Feast on Christ's recompense.

Easter Wednesday
Feast on Christ's presence.

Easter Thursday
Feast on Christ's courage.

Easter Friday
Feast on Christ's resolve.

Easter Saturday
Feast on Christ's mercy.

2nd Sunday of Easter
Feast on healed wounds.

Monday
Feast on gratitude.

Tuesday
Feast on thoughtfulness.

Wednesday
Feast on creation.

Thursday
Feast on joy.

Friday
Feast on patience.

Saturday
Feast on your Baptism.

3rd Sunday of Easter
Feast on waiting.

Monday
Feast on
being loved by God.

Tuesday
Feast on
being created by God.

Wednesday
Feast on
being chosen by God.

Thursday
Feast on
being anointed by God.

Friday
Feast on
being sent by God.

Saturday
Feast on
being God's prophet.

4th Sunday of Easter
Feast on
being lead by God.

Monday
Feast on
thirsty for God.

Tuesday
Feast on praising God.

Wednesday
Feast on God's faith in you.

Thursday
Feast on God's goodness.

Friday
Feast on worshipping God.

Saturday
Feast on
the faith of our ancestors.

5th Sunday of Easter
Feast on compassion.

Monday
Feast on a childlike wonder.

Tuesday
Feast on God's glory.

Wednesday
Feast on your faith journey.

Thursday
Feast on God's fabulous
deeds.

Friday
Feast on God's peace.

Saturday
Feast on God's respect of
you.

6th Sunday of Easter
Feast on being God's Child.

Monday
Feast on Christ's victory
over death.

Tuesday
Feast on blessings.

Wednesday
Feast on achievements.

Thursday
Feast on being Church.

Friday
Feast on inclusiveness.

Saturday
Feast on a variety of music.

Pentecost Sunday



Feast on the gift of the
Spirit sent by Jesus,
the love of God
always with you.

Monday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Wisdom.

Tuesday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Knowledge.

Wednesday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Fortitude.

Thursday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Understanding.

Friday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Piety / Spirituality.

Saturday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
**Wonder and Awe
in God's Presence.**

Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>	
MAR	Small laundry soap
APR	Canned fruit
MAY	Toilet tissue
JUN	Toothpaste



CARE for CREATION
RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES
LOBBY CONTAINERS.
Thank you!

EMPTY BOWLS YADKIN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

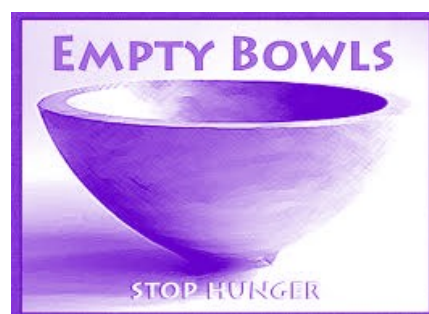
WHERE: YADKINVILLE MOOSE LODGE
1432 Country Club Road, Yadkinville

WHEN: **APRIL 1, 2025**

TIME LUNCH: 11:30a - 1:30p
DINNER: 4:30p - 6:30p

TAKE OUT ONLY ~ Drive through pickup

Tickets: \$25.00



2025 Jubilee Year of Hope
Reflection Question



Pilgrim,
what is your **deepest hope**
for yourself, your family,
St. Stephen, your Church, Creation?

Does your deepest hope
include
re-forming your life in Christ?

Peregrino,
¿cuál es tu **esperanza más profunda?**
para ti, tu familia,
San Esteban, ¿tu Iglesia, Creación?

¿Tu más profunda Esperanza
incluye
reformando tu vida en Cristo?

¡Iglesia de la mañana!



Poeta y artista, Jan Richardson escribió sobre la Transfiguración diciendo que no se trata simplemente de aprender a dejar la cima de la montaña, ni de soltar aquello a lo que nos hemos apegado. La Transfiguración se trata de abrir nuestros ojos a la gloria, permitir que la gloria nos transforme y estar dispuestos a caminar a donde nos lleve. La Transfiguración nos insta a confiar en que lo que hemos visto, lo que hemos conocido, nos acompañará. Nos asegura que el don recibido en la cima de la montaña continuará iluminándonos no solo en terreno llano, sino incluso cuando caminemos por el valle de la sombra.

Para nosotros, esta deslumbrante historia no es una espectacular imagen espiritual generada por computadora. Son esos momentos que nos abren los ojos y el corazón y nos ofrecen un atisbo del cielo: ver a un bebé dormir o dar sus primeros pasos; mirar al cielo en una noche despejada y reconocer la inmensidad de los universos; ver un diente de león crecer entre las grietas de la acera, o una oportuna Navidad blanca, son transfiguraciones cotidianas que nos suceden porque tenemos los ojos abiertos y el corazón alerta.

Las transfiguraciones son gracias que nos llegan cuando no las buscamos, justo donde están nuestros pies, no donde queremos estar. Su presencia es momentánea, pero cambia nuestra perspectiva del mundo para siempre.

Las transfiguraciones nos suceden igual que a los apóstoles cuando presenciaron los milagros y las sanaciones de Cristo. Les sucedió porque renunciaron a lo que les apegaba y deseaban estar con Jesús.

La gracia de nuestras Transfiguraciones continúa iluminándonos después de nuestro encuentro en la cima de la montaña. Nos fortalece mientras caminamos "en el valle de la sombra". Nuestro "valle de la sombra" es el caos, la incertidumbre implacable, la división y la desesperación de nuestros tiempos. Bendecidos con la gracia de la iluminación, estamos llamados a proclamar la gloria que presenciamos allí.

Como los apóstoles, seguimos adelante y dejamos que la gloria nos guíe. Confiamos en nuestros encuentros con Cristo y nos mantenemos firmes en él.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janis". The script is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

✠ TRABAJO del CORAZÓN
Reflexionando sobre la Palabra

En medio de todo cambio, qué permanece?

¿En la partida y el desapego, qué don nos acompaña?

¿Cómo nos dejaremos transformar por el Cristo transfigurado que nos acompaña en todo lugar?

Morning Church!

Poet and artist, Jan Richardson, wrote about the Transfiguration saying it's not simply about learning to leave the mountaintop, or about releasing what we've grown attached to. Transfiguration is about opening our eyes to glory, allowing glory to alter us, and becoming willing to walk where it leads us. Transfiguration urges us to trust that what we have seen, what we have known, will go with us. It assures us that the gift received on the mountaintop will continue to illuminate us not only on level ground, but even when we walk in the valley of the shadow. The story urges us to trust that what we have seen, what we have known, will go with us. It assures us that the gifts received on the mountaintop will continue to illuminate us not only on level ground but even when we walk in the valley of the shadow.

For us, this dazzling story isn't some spectacular spiritual computer-generated imagery. It's those moments that open our eyes and hearts and give us a glimpse of heaven...watching a baby sleep or take her first steps...looking skyward on a clear night and recognizing the vastness of the universes...seeing a dandelion growing in between the sidewalk cracks, or a timely white Christmas are everyday Transfigurations that happen for us because we have our eyes open and our heart alert.

Transfigurations are graces that come to us when we aren't looking for them, right where our feet are, not the place we want to be. Their presence is momentary, yet they change the way we look at the world forever.

Transfigurations happen to us just as they happened for the apostles when they witnessed Christ's miracles and healings. It happened for them because they gave up what they'd grown attached to and desired to be with Jesus.

The grace of our Transfigurations continue to illuminate us after our mountaintop encounter. They fortify us as we journey "in the valley of the shadow". Our "valley of the shadow" is the chaos, relentless uncertainty, division, and desperation of our times. Blessed with the grace of illumination, we are called to proclaim the glory we witnessed there.

Like the apostles, we move on and allow the glory to lead us. We trust our encounters with Christ and stand firm in him.

In CommUNITY,

 HEARTwork ~ Reflecting on the Word

In all the changing, what abides?

In the leaving and letting go, what gift still goes with us?

*How will we allow ourselves to be transformed by the transfigured Christ
who accompanies us in every place?*

MARCH	
14-16	SSJ Assembly
 16	2nd Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
17	 St. Patrick's Day  Give Blood Elkin Res. Cntr. 1:30-6p RCIA I, 6:30p 
18	 Adult Faith Formation ~ The Chosen Ministerial Association, 12:15p RCIA II, 6:30p
19	 St. Joseph Day RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
20	Wise Ones ~ Cowboys Restaurant, 1p Hosts: Doris & Greg 
21	 Stations of the Cross, 6p
22	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
23	 3rd Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N LifeLine Pregnancy Center Dedication & Open House 2-4p 680 NC Hwr 268 W, Elkin
24	 SAFETY FIRST! Presentation: <i>Safety: Personal & Family</i> , 5:30p, FLC Auxiliary Staff Officer Newell Hauser
25	 Adult Faith Formation ~ The Chosen RCIA I, 6:30p 
24	St. Oscar Romero, El Salvador martyr 
26	 RCIA II, 6:30p' Choir, 7p 
28	 Stations of the Cross, 6p
30	 4th Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N

☪ Mass Intentions	
16	Katie Delanoy Larry Liss The Keller and Ford families
23	+Michael A. Garwood, Sr.
30	+Patrick Tyrrell Kelly McQuade Anahi Espinoza

Birthdays & Anniversaries



12 Fred Sener	23 Cindy Whitley
13 Lee Hadfield	27 Delia Carmona
16 Cathy King	
07 Beth & John Orta	19 Erika & Ruben Ramirez
22 Margarita & Memo Lara	24 Jane & Rob Worley



*Continue to hold
Pope Francis
in your prayers.*



PRAY the ROSARY DAILY

for the people of Ukraine & Russia; for Presidents Zelenskyy,
Putin & Trump; for a peaceful and just end
to this war, and all wars
Hail Mary, full of grace...

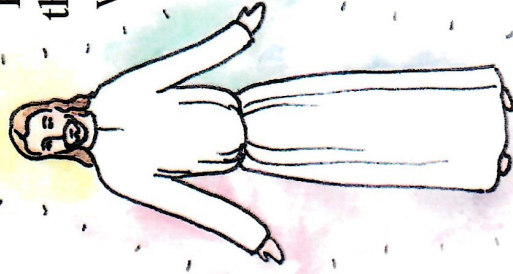


+S. Mary Catherine Walton, SSJ	
Born	May 11, 1936
Born to Eternal Life	March 10, 2025
in the 71 st year of religious life	

+S. Catherine Julia Reinhart, SSJ	
Born	October 2, 1938
Born to Eternal Life	March 11, 2025
in the 69th year of religious life	

Looking at Jesus

In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun and talking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.



Jesus let the apostles see Him in glory to help them to understand why He had to suffer and die. We won't see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good for us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.

Look at the Crucifix and share your heart with Jesus. Ask Jesus to help you love as he loves and serve others as he did.



How will you show your love for Jesus this week?

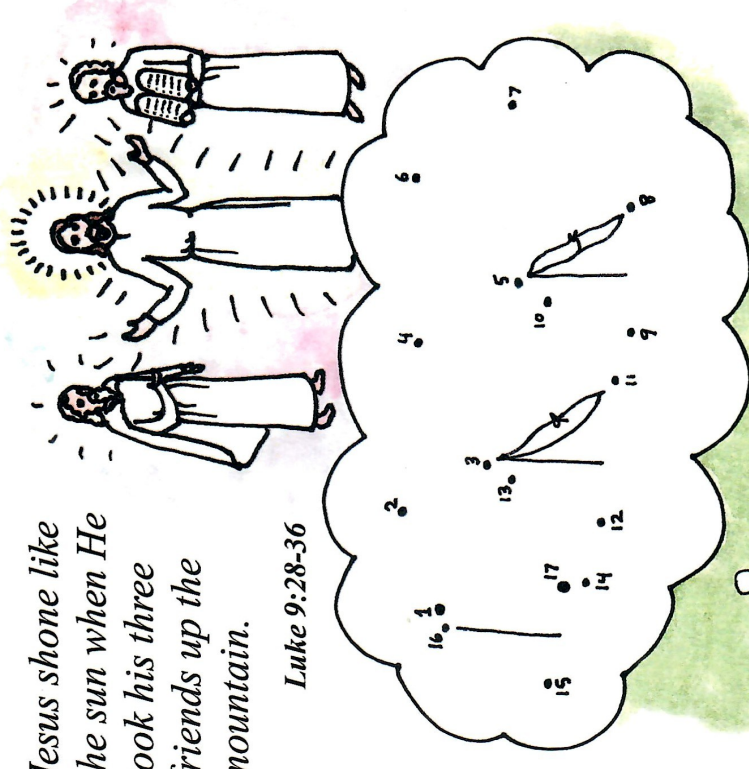
Answer to St. Joseph Puzzle:
1. E 2. F 3. D 4. C 5. B 6. A

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent
March 16th, 2025

Jesus shone like the sun when He took his three friends up the mountain.

Luke 9:28-36



Peter was confused and said something without thinking. What did he say he could make?



Connect the dots to find out!



The 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

2nd Sunday of Lent

Fast from willful.
Feast on a willingness to help.

Monday

Fast from wasting time.
Feast on good planning.

Tuesday

Fast from judging others.
Feast on encouraging them.

Wednesday

Fast from wanting your way.
Feast on praying.

Thursday

Fast from shaming others.
Feast on honoring others.

Friday

Fast from wasting your gifts.
Feast on sharing your gifts.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday

Fast from meanness.
Feast on kindness.

REMEMBER:



PRAY



GIVE UP UNLOVING WAYS & WORDS



BE GENEROUS

St. Joseph Puzzle March 19

The Gospel tells us that Saint Joseph was a just man. What did he do?

Match the things that he did (on the right) with the circumstances on the left.

1. Before they were married and he found out that Mary was expecting a baby ____

2. When the angel came in a dream and told him to take Mary as his wife ____

3. When the government said that everyone had to register in their home town ____

4. When an angel came in a dream and told him that the soldiers were coming to kill baby Jesus ____

5. When Jesus stayed in the Temple instead of coming home with him ____

6. While Jesus was growing up ____

A. St. Joseph taught Jesus to be a carpenter.

B. St. Joseph looked for Jesus for three days until he found Him.

C. St. Joseph took Mary and baby Jesus to Egypt right away.

D. St. Joseph went to Bethlehem with Mary.

E. St. Joseph planned to break off his engagement quietly so that Mary wouldn't be ashamed.

F. St. Joseph married Mary.

