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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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 20, 2022

St. Stephen Church Protocol Update

FOR EVERYONE'S PROTECTION:

Out of concern for one another, we continue use **hand sanitizer** before receiving Communion to Insure the highest, safest level of protection for everyone.



As long as numbers continue in a positive direction masks will be optional in church.

We continue our Communion policy:
COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE HAND ONLY.

Reminder for reception in the hand:

After bowing, extend your hands, one over the other, creating a flat surface for the minister to place the Eucharist on your hand.

Your response to "Body of Christ" is: "Amen!"

Kneelers Update

The kneelers are being refurbished and prepared for installation.

The initial quote has increased only \$500.00

If you wish to make contribute, make your donations payable to:

St. Stephen Church.

No donation is too small.

thank you!

2022 Calendar MASS INTENTIONS

To SCHEDULE A MASS at St. S, please use the white envelopes found in the lobby. PRINT the name or intention for the Mass on the front of the envelope. A stipend for a Mass is ten (\$10) dollars in cash or a check payable to: Fr. John Hanic. Give the envelope to S. Janis.

Open dates: February 27

NO FLOWERS MARCH 6 - APRIL 10 (Lent)

Open beginning:

Holy Thursday, April 14 (Lilies or any Spring flowers)

April 24 - Dec 31

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to DONATE FLOWERS marking an 2022 anniversary, birthday, special intention, in gratitude to God, in memory of a deceased loved, or just because, contact Donna, (336) 835-5245.

**SYNODALITY:
WALKING TOGETHER**

- + Communion
- + Participation
- + Mission



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CAMINANDO JUNTOS**

- + Communion
- + Participation
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Meaning of the Synod Logo:

A large, majestic tree, full of wisdom and light, reaches for the sky. A sign of deep vitality and hope which expresses the cross of Christ. It carries the Eucharist, which shines like the sun. The horizontal branches, opened like hands or wings, suggest, at the same time, the Holy Spirit.

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 breathes into them, from which they begin their walk.

These 15 silhouettes sum up our entire humanity in its diversity of life situations of generations and origins. This aspect is reinforced by the multiplicity of bright colours which are themselves signs of joy. There is no hierarchy between these people who are all on the same footing: young, old, men, women, teenagers, children, lay people, religious, parents, couples, singles; the bishop and the nun are not in front of them, but among them. Quite naturally, children and then adolescents open their walk, in reference to these words of Jesus in the Gospel: "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children." (Mt 11:25)

The horizontal baseline: "For a synodal Church: *Communion, Participation and Mission*" runs from left to right in the direction of this march, underlining and strengthening it, to end with the title "Synod 2021 - 2023", the high point that synthesizes the whole.

~ Isabelle de Senilhes, Paris, France

A SYNOD SURVEY is being readied so that you can be prepared to engage in the upcoming LISTENING SESSIONS.

Synodal listening is oriented toward discernment in which people listen to each other, to their faith tradition and to "the signs of the times in order to discern what God is saying to all of us.

See our website to view the full **Synod Handbook**
& other Synod info: www.StStephenNC.org





WALKING TOGETHER: RADICAL LOVE



Morning, Church!

Jesus' Beatitudes stretched his hearers and us beyond the "shalt nots" to a whole new way of living in faith. The Beatitudes offer a way of being in the world and the kind of attitude believers must have. The Beatitudes mirror and enmesh humility, trust, vulnerability, and faith in the life of a believer. No one seeks deprivation spiritually or materially; no one desires to be hungry, to grieve, to be hated, insulted, or to feel unsafe, unloved, or excluded. If this is your life experience, Jesus says, "*Rejoice and be glad. I am with you always.*"

In a continuation of the Sermon on the Plain, the Divine Reversals continue. Jesus ratchets up his expectations of his followers. In what seem like an impossible stretch of the heart, Jesus avows how he wants his followers to respond to needs and or the violence of their neighbors. Giving more than is necessary with no expectation of recompense; restraining yourself so you don't return evil for evil; going further than is presumed; and loving those who don't love you, may be a stretch too far for the Listeners on the Plain ~ or us.

The Sermon on the Plain proclaims Christ's core values lived with his *Be*-attitude and his non-violent stance. The gospel will always be radically counter cultural. The gospel will always highlight and affirm the Divine Reversals of The Way. The Sermon on the Plain is meant to stretch your established idea of how far you will go, how long you can endure, and how deeply you can love.

When the spirit of the Sermon on the Plain takes root in your life, your life will change for the better. You will drop your defenses and trust God more consistently. You will stay open and vulnerable to all the ways you are being invited to wholeness and holiness. Not only will you love those who love you more truly, you will love those who don't love you. You will stop judging others' motives and actions. You will come to understand that loving your enemies by desiring their good, and well-being. Faithful followers of Jesus do not have enemies.

Jesus' model of non-violence is not a passive life stance. It's the most courageous stance you can take. This is true especially in our hyper-violent world. Often times the non-violent stance requires you serve as the prophet and speak the truth in love. The gospel says you have to stick your neck out and name the injustice. Speaking out against injustice stretches your heart past your fear, and your arms into a cruciform. This is how far Christ stretched so that his mission can be made visible in you. *Go and do likewise.*

God's blessings,

Janis

What is the deepest desire of your heart?

7th Sun OT ~ Feb 20	
www.usccb.org	
1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,20-23	1Cor 15: 45-49
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13	Luke 6: 27-38



PROCLAIMERS of the WORD		
Date	Reading I	Reading II
2/6	Jason McC	Wendy McC
2/13	Beth O	John O
2/20	Peggy R	Jerry S
2/27	Judy S	Lou S

☞ Reflecting and Acting on the Word _____

*When it comes to loving your enemies
and doing good to those who hate you, etc.,
what grace do you need to make
The Sermon on the Plain your lifestyle?*

Tri-C Christian Ministries

CURRENT NEEDS:

ANY canned vegetables, esp. peas & any kind of beans; sm. Toiletries or laundry soap.

🌱 FEBRUARY	
20	7th Sun OT FAITH FUSION, 10:30, FLC
21	RCIA GIVE BLOOD Elkin Rescue Sq. 1:30-6:00p Ladies Guild, 7p
22	Communion Service, 12:15p
27	8th Sun OT 1st Communion FFF, 10:30a, FLC
28	RCIA

🌱 FEBRUARY	
06	+Byrdie Gerkle; Noreen O'Neill (Birthday)
13	Married Couples
20	Celeste Liss
27	Sally Bianco r/b Ladies Guild

Birthdays

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|-----------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 22 Julie Colglazier
Wendy McClamrock | | 24 Aaron Kelly
Marcus Orta |
| 23 Gabby LaCashio
Margarita Serafin | | Allan Lara Serafin |
| 24 Andrew Ange | | 25 Ray Hernandez
28 June Soots |



27 June & Billy Soots

**INCLEMENT WEATHER INFO / AVISOS DE MAL TIEMPO
CHECK THESE TV STATIONS FOR INFORMATION:**

**NBC ~ WXII
CBS/WFMY
ZORRO WGHP**

**NBC/ WXII
CBS/WFMY
FOX/WGHP**



**+Sister
Loretta Dolores Scribbick, S.S.J.**

**Born
June 6, 1935
Born to Eternal Life
February 15, 2022**



2022 DSA Diocesan Support Appeal

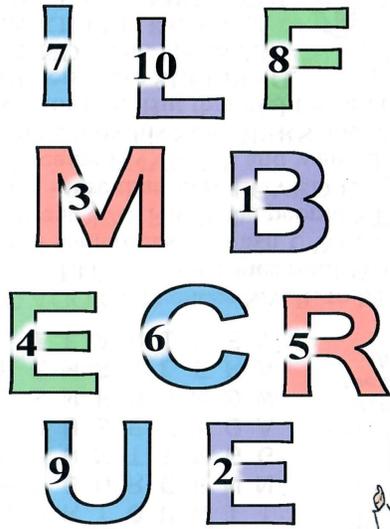
The diocese announcing DSA is underway.
Our 2022 assessment is \$15,297.22.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.
*Please mail your donation directly to the diocese
or drop it in the collection on Sunday.*

**DSA
The Catholic Center
123 South Church Street
Charlotte NC 28293-4003**

The memo line put: **St. Stephen, Elkin**

The Kids' Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 20th, 2022



What was Jesus telling us to do in today's Gospel reading?
Use the numbers to help unscramble the letters!



Being Merciful

YOU'RE SHARING WITH ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS MEAN TO YOU?



In today's Gospel, Jesus tell us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He says the way we treat others is how God will treat us.

Has anyone ever been unkind to you? Did you fell like being mean back? Jesus says, instead you are to be extra kind to that person. Sometimes you are mean or do selfish things, too. You want God to be merciful to you.

What Jesus is talking about is called **MERCY**. Mercy means treating others with kindness, even when they are not being kind to you.

Jesus showed mercy to others, even those who hated him.

Next time someone is mean to you, ask Jesus to help you to show mercy and kindness to them.



Answer to Word-Find: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

www.thekidsbulletin.com

Saint Gabriel Possenti February 27



WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT GABRIEL THAT BEING A SAINT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE BORING OR SAD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE HAVE FUN WITH OUR FRIENDS AS LONG AS WE ARE OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS. ALSO, WE CAN HELP OUR FRIENDS GROW CLOSER TO GOD WHEN WE ARE CHEERFUL

David and King Saul Word-Find

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

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story of David and King Saul.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.

