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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

Feast of the Ascension
May 21, 2023



*Fr. John David Hanic
cordially invites you
to join him in giving thanks to God
as he celebrates his
Fortieth Anniversary of Priesthood.*

Sunday, June 4, 2023

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101 Hawthorne Road

Elkin NC 28621

9:00a Mass

10:30 Brunch

Family Life Center

R.S.V.P.

Sister Janis

St. Stephen Celebration

(336) 835-3007 by May 26

OR

St. John Baptiste de LaSalle Church

275 C.C. Wright School Road

North Wilkesboro NC 28659

11:15a Mass

12:30p Dinner

Parish Hall

R.S.V.P.

Adam Welch

St. John Celebration

(336) 262-5869 by May 26



During the month of June,
St. Stephen Churches
& St. John the Baptist de LaSalle
are taking up a special collection
of **diapers** to support
Catholic Charities Wee Care Ministry.

This ministry provides assistance
to help families with small children.
The ministry needs boxed diapers in all sizes,
especially **sizes 3 to 7.**

Catholic Charities is very grateful
to the parishioners for their generosity
to those most in need.

Please bring donated items to the church

Sundays,
June 4, 11, 18 & 25



IT'S A GREAT TIME!! "SPRING CLEAN"!!
SET ASIDE ITEMS YOU WISH TO DONATE
ST. S YARD SALE ~ JULY 29, 2023

Donations do not include:

Clothing	Books without covers
Unframed glass	Large or CRT televisions
Opened paint cans	Building supplies
Large appliances	Broken items
Cribs or baby equipment	Dirty items

**Please do your part:
donate items, come to the Yard Sale
and buy something!**

*Yard sales proceeds will be directed towards
a parish need or charity.
Last year the proceeds went towards our new church roof.*

Caring for Creation



*"We admire elephants
in part because they demonstrate
what we consider the finest human traits:
empathy, self-awareness,
and social intelligence.
But the way we treat them
puts on display
the very worst of human behavior."
- Graydon Carter*

203 Mass shootings
since Jan, 2023
13,912 dead
(Subject to change)



Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

MAY	Dry pasta
JUN	Jelly



**Our Lady,
Queen of Peace,
pray for us!**

Morning Church!

Someone once said trust gives birth to courage. Trust rises in the heart and evokes courageous action. It births an uncrushable joy and a resilient hope. The First Followers had complete trust in Jesus and his mission: to proclaim God's **KINDom**. Though Jesus died, his message and ministry could not be killed.

The **KINDom** of God is all about the Community of Believers holding fast to Christ's truth, trusting in him and trusting in their **KINship** of in him. As a visible sign of the **KINDom** as they tried to be of one heart and mind. The "eyes of their hearts were enlightened", so they "knew the hope" that belongs to Christ's call.

KINDom is not a typo. It's a term that defines a faith community who completely trusts in and commits their lives to Jesus, to discipleship, and to each other. Even in his visible absence, they trusted in every promise he made, because he *kept every promise he made*.

The **KINDom** is reflected in *missionary activity* of Christ's disciples. Their sense of urgency drove them to proclaim The **KINDom** of God throughout the world. Like them, you are asked to do the same as you "travel" into the Unfamiliar or Uncomfortable each day. Your **KINship** with the Community of Believers, gives you strength to trust and be courageous.

The root of travel is *travail*. Experiences take you "places" you wouldn't choose to go. As you *go out into the world, make disciples, teach, and baptize in Jesus' Name*, you will encounter some road blocks, and have to take risks. Your trust in Jesus and staying rooted in his mission **KINDom** and the **KINship** of your faith community will sustain you.

Along your way, you will encounter countless Hellos and Good-byes. Letting go and beginning again is an act of pure trust and faith. You are just visiting here. This is not your Home.

 **Reflecting and Acting on The Word**

*How invested are you
in your faith community at St. Stephen?*

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

TRUST and ASCEND.



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For the disciples, the Ascension became a powerful opportunity to anchor their trust in Christ and in hope to which they were called. Ascension offers you the same opportunity.

Proclaiming Christ's **KINDom** is the universal mission of the Church. You are The Church and this mission is entrusted to you.

The Feast of the Ascension calls you to trust, to proclaim The **KINDom** of God. Draw strength from Jesus as you celebrate this feast and its promise:
those who trust in him will ascend in hope.

Trust Jesus and give your heart to him.
Follow his itinerary,
The Way he set for you to follow.
Let trust give birth to your courage
to go where Jesus sends you
to serve your Dear Neighbor.

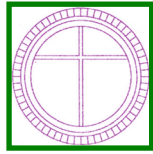
The Spirit of Jesus is always with you
and guides you on The Way.

God's blessings

Blessing ~ Jan Richardson

In the leaving
in the letting go
let there be this
to hold onto
at the last:
the enduring of love
the persisting of hope
the remembering of joy
the offering of gratitude
the receiving of grace
the blessing of peace.

M A Y	
21	<i>Feast: Ascension</i> Family Faith Formation Family Brunch
23	Communion Service, 12:15p
17	RCIA, 6:45p
28	<i>Feast: Pentecost</i> <i>"Wear Red" Day</i>
30	Communion Service, 12:15p



UPDATED
 PARISH DIRECTORY
 HOUSEHOLD PHOTO Sessions
NO photography session
May 21
OPEN & FINAL DATES
 for HOUSEHOLD PHOTOS
 and INCLUDED
 in UPDATED DIRECTORY
June 4, 11, 25

Thank You

WATSON'S FLORIST
 for providing
 Mother's Day flowers last weekend.
 God bless you real good!

🌿 Ma ss I n t e n t i o n s	
21	+Tom Lux +Sue Fernandez
28	St. Stephen Parishioners' Intentions
04	Fr. John ~ 40th Anniversary

Parish Celebrations

21 Luz Hernandez		28 Diego Carreon
23 Aymes Davis		30 Alex Lara
23 Jonathan Ramirez		Brian Lopez
25 Crystal Mejia		31 Hilda Lopez
26 Lila Keller		

21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
 22 Rosa & Juan Islas
 28 Theresa & Phil Martin
 30 Joyce & Aaron Kelly

Please pray for...



S. St. Rose Dwyer, S.S.J. (98)
 Born December 18, 1925
 Born to eternal life May 17, 2023
 in the 82nd year of her religious life



S. Joan Blair, S.S.J. (84)
 Born April 17, 1938
 Born to eternal life May 19, 2023
 in the 67th year of her religious life

Saint Cristobal

May 21

CRISTOBAL WAS BORN IN MEXICO IN 1896. HE ENTERED THE LOCAL SEMINARY AT THE AGE OF 19 AND WAS ORDAINED AT AGE 30.



Congratulations on your ordination, Father!

HE BECAME A PARISH PRIEST. HE STARTED MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS FOR TRADES.



Make sure it's facing the right way...

BUT SOON THE GOVERNMENT OUTLAWED THE CHURCH!



If you see a priest arrest him immediately.

WHEN THE SEMINARY WAS CLOSED, FATHER CRISTOBAL STARTED A SECRET ONE.



We'll start classes at 8 PM.

HE AND THE OTHER PRIESTS WORKED SECRETLY SO THEY WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT



BUT HE WAS ARRESTED ON HIS WAY TO SAY MASS ON A FARM.



Hey! Stop right there!

CRISTOBAL WAS KILLED FOUR DAYS LATER. BEFORE HE DIED HE FORGAVE THE MEN WHO WERE ABOUT TO KILL HIM.



I die innocent and I ask God that my blood may serve to unite my Mexican Family!

SANT CRISTOBAL WORKED TO HELP HIS FELLOW MEXICANS TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO STOP THE CHURCH, HE KEPT WORKING ANYWAY. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT HELPING PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN THEIR FAITH, IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HAVING A NICE SAFE LIFE.

True or False about... The Ascension

How well do you know the story of the Ascension?
See if you know which of these are true and which are false:

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead. True or false?
2. When Jesus was with His disciples after He rose from the dead, they could only see Him but they couldn't touch Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't tell His friends that He was going to leave them. True or false?
4. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit. True or false?
5. The disciples had gathered together and asked Jesus if He was going to restore the earthly kingdom. True or false?
6. Nobody saw Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. True or false?



7. Two men appeared to the disciples and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky?" True or false?