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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*

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 20, 2023**



# A Christmas Story: The Musical

December 10th, 2023 @ 3pm  
Yadkin Arts Council Arts Center  
Yadkinville

Cost is \$24 Adults & children  
Show Only No Meal Serve

**Ticket prices include all taxes & fees**

**Tickets are non-refundable**

**Seating is general admission**

**Available upon request ADA accessible seats**

This musical, which received rave reviews on its Broadway run, is based on the movie classic that runs round-the-clock TV every Christmas.

Set in the 1940s in the fictional Indiana town, the musical follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker and his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts, an Official Red Ryder Carbine-action BB gun.

All the iconic scenes from the movie are included in ballads and show-stopping full ensemble pieces.

The Musical brings an exciting, new dimension to its long-term fans and is a delight for those who are seeing it for the first time.

**Tickets must be purchased by:  
September 24 to reserve your seats**

**Sign up at church**

**or contact**

**Julie Colglazier (336) 353-822**

**The venue is small,  
so first come, first serve**



*Our Lady of Protection*  
Ukrainian Madonna

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**FEBRUARY 24, 2022**  
**18 months**

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Ukrainian Catholics dedicate their country to *Our Lady of Protection*, interceding to Mary to wrap their country with her mantle of loving protection.

With the fast pace of communications these days, it's easy to become overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage of news.  
As Catholic Christians, you realized you are intimately tethered to every Dear Neighbor locally and globally.  
When you're feeling overwhelmed and weary, think of and pray for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers who are overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage  
~ not of news ~  
but by daily bombings, death, family separation, and the other forms of collateral damage of war since February 24, 2022.

**Our Lady of Protection, pray for us!**

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**As of June 24, 2023**  
**U.S. Mass Shootings**  
**323**  
**Gun-related deaths**  
**20,561**



**WHEN IS ENOUGH,  
ENOUGH?**

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**Tri-C Almsgiving**  
**Thank you so much !!**  
**SEPT** Sm. Bottles of shampoo



**THANK YOU!**

**Elkin Elementary &  
Traphill Elementary Students**  
**say, "Thank you!"**



### *Morning Church!*

One of the most famous ports-of-entry is Ellis Island. Hundreds of thousands came to her unfamiliar, promising place of boundless opportunities. These 19th century pilgrims are the first of 12 million to benefit from the hard-fought battles of the Revolutionary War. Ellis Island served as the welcoming place. Here, all are welcome. Here, all belong. Here, all are home.

The complexity of the immigration issue in the U.S. today calls into question our foundational and national values. Some business owners have unlawfully and greatly profited from the labor of undocumented men, women, and children. The immigration issue is clearly a religious issue, especially for our citizenry who have built our lives on once being the *foreigners* who fast became the *welcomers* of those following us through Ellis Island. “...you are no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens and with the saints and members of the household of God.” (Eph. 2:19).

It is a religious issue raised in today’s gospel as Jesus encounters the Canaanites woman and her daughter who is tormented by a demon’s possession. The mother, like other women, feels Jesus’ dismissing rebuff. Unfazed, she claims her place in his company and claims the birthright of her neighbors, the Israelites. She will not be denied what she believes to be true: Jesus, the great prophet and healer, came for everyone. He welcomes everyone who comes to him in faith and rewards them with the answer to their prayer. Jesus, who is the Ultimate Insider, came to welcome all peoples with love. In his eyes, no one is an immigrant, foreigner, or outsider.

The Canaanite woman stood her ground, calling Jesus to be who he is: the Savior of *all peoples*. All of us are called by God’s Word to break down the prejudices and boundaries that separate us. In our own hearts and parish, we follow Jesus’ example.

***Here***, all are welcome. ***Here***, all belong. ***Here***, all are home.

God’s blessings,







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 **HEARTwork ~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word**

Remember a time when you felt unwelcomed. Pray for the grace to be welcoming of others, so that no one is outside your love and compassion.

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

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AUGUST	
20	20th Sun OT
 21	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad 1:30-6:00p
22	Communion Service, 12:15p
27	21st Sun OT
29	Communion Service, 12:15p
SEPTEMBER	
02	Parents' Baptism Prep Session, St. J, 9a
03	22nd Sun OT
05	Communion Service, 12:15p
10	23rd Sun OT
 11	Ladies Guild, 5p
12	Communion Service, 12:15p
14	Wise Ones, TBA, 1p
16	Men's Breakfast, TBA, 8:30a 
 17	24th Sun OT
18	Give Blood, Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p
 19	Communion Service, 12:15p
20	RCIA, 6:45p
24	25th Sun OT
 26	Communion Service, 12:15p
27	RCIA, 6:45p



*Welcome,*  
*Isabella Amelia Kelly!*  
*Child of God, Child of Grace!*  
*Blessings on your parents,*  
*Rose Amelia and Matthew,*  
*and big brother, Michael!*  
*Welcome to St. Stephen!*

☪ Mass Intentions	
20	Kathy & John Fosselman 46th Anniv.
27	Sister Donna Loeper, SSJ Sister Jackie Griffith, SSJ
03	+Ellyn M. Garwood +Linda M. Gentili +Kathleen A. Hyer

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

21 Lucas Garcia		25 Luisa Rodriguez
23 Judy Berryman		Hannah Treannie
24 Gayle Altemueller		27 Johnl Rodriguez
24 Leo Ouellette		28 Pat Kophamer
		Peter Volk
		30 Nancy Espino
20 Sarahi & Antonio Crispin		31 Judy & Ron Berryman



Amsgiving ~ Tri-C Christian Ministries

Aug

Small bag of flour



**S. Donna Jo Loeper, S.S.J.**

Born February 20, 1953

Born to Eternal Life August 18, 2023  
in the 43<sup>rd</sup> year of her religious life.



Flocknote is a means to improve parish communication.  
 It will be utilized for essential communications via  
 household emails / texts regarding severe weather,  
 changes in scheduled events, invitations to sign up  
 for gatherings, or prayer request announcements for living  
 and deceased parishioners. Thank you for your willingness  
 to join in this parish service.

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
LS = Live stream

**Saturdays**

4p  
(English St. J ~ LS)

**Sundays**

9a (English St. S~LS)  
11:15p (English St J~LS)  
1:00p en Espanol (LS St. J)

*St. Clare,  
patron of media,  
pray for us!*



*If St S 9:00a live streaming doesn't run  
into technical difficulties, Mass will be posted  
on our website by 12N...if our system is working.*

 **CAREERS** BY GOODWILL



**Senior Connections**

**2nd Wednesday of each month | 10 - 11 a.m.**  
**Goodwill Career Center | 1457 North Bridge Street, Elkin**

Join us to hear from community leaders and experts on topics relevant to seniors, including:

Insurance • Nutrition • Budgeting • Job Search • Community Resources

Meet with other peers and enjoy light refreshments.  
For more information, call **336-526-2144**.

Goodwill Industries of Northwest NC  
Career Connections Center  
1457 North Bridge Street, Elkin, NC | 336-526-2144  
www.goodwillnwc.org



## GOD LOVES ALL PEOPLE

In today's gospel, Jesus show God's love is offered to everyone, from every country in the world.

A Woman from a country outside Jerusalem, called Canaan, comes to Jesus to ask him to heal her daughter who needs healing.



The Canaanite Woman comes to Jesus because she believes he will make her daughter well again. She says, "Lord, help me."

Jesus sees how great is The Woman's faith and determination is. He praises her for her great faith. Jesus says, "O Woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish." At that very moment, Jesus cured her daughter. The Woman and her daughter were so happy!

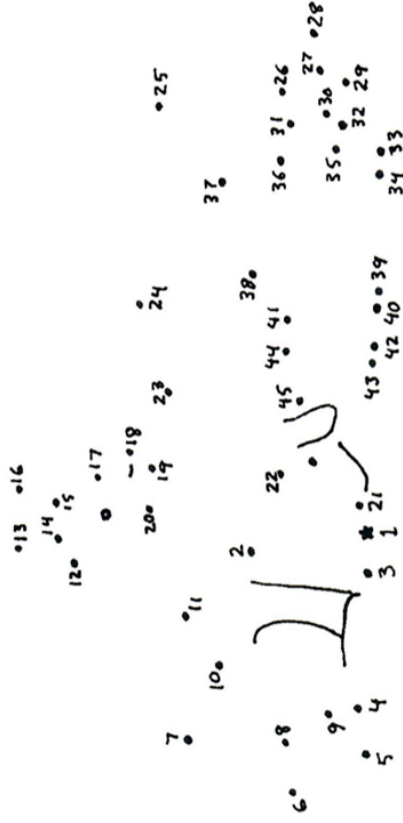
In this gospel Jesus is teaching us that he loves all people. He shows the same love and compassion to a woman from a different country as he does to the people in his own country.

No one is an outsider to Jesus. Everyone is loved by him. Jesus asks you to love everyone as he does, no matter where they grew up, what language they speak, or what they look like.

FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS: just, revealed, Lord, servants, keep, Sabbath, mountain, prayer, house, ALL PEOPLES

# The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 20th, 2023



*In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman was asking Jesus to cure her daughter. But Jesus said that He was sent to care for the children of Israel, not foreigners.*

*The woman replied to Jesus, "But even the \_\_\_\_\_ eat the scraps that fall from their master's table!"*

*What did she say she was like?  
Connect the dots to find out!*

# Saint Louis of France

## August 25

KING LOUIS IX OF FRANCE WAS BORN IN 1214. HIS WISE MOTHER REIGNED FOR HIM AFTER HIS FATHER DIED UNTIL HE WAS OLD ENOUGH TO RULE ALONE.

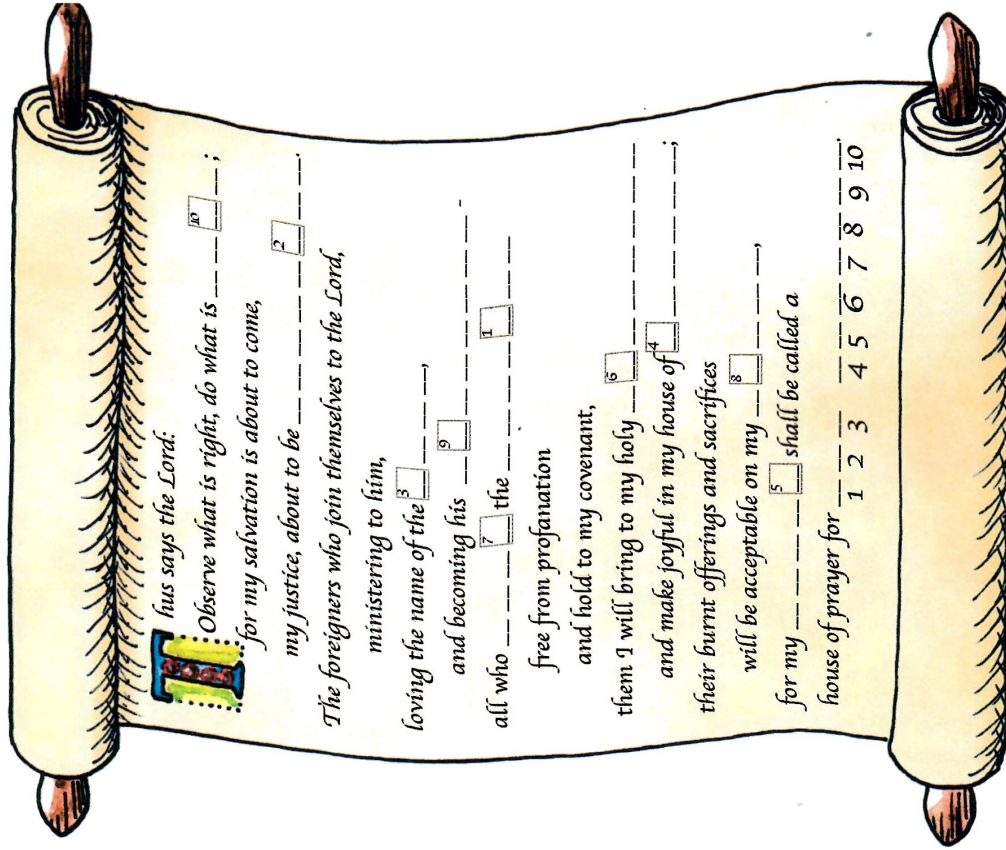


KING SAINT LOUIS SAID THAT LOVING GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE. IT WAS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN RULING WELL! BECAUSE HE PRAYED AND ATTENDED MASS SO OFTEN AND SO WELL HE WAS GIVEN THE GRACE TO RULE HIS PEOPLE JUSTLY. PRAY FOR YOUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS!

# Isaiah 56 Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

Then use the marked letters to fill in the appropriate spaces at the end.



- ALTAR
- HOUSE
- PRAYER
- REVEALED
- MOUNTAIN
- SERVANTS
- SABBATH
- KEEP
- JUST
- LORD