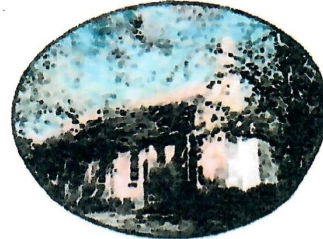




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***Ann Stone*** RCIA  
***Joel Everett*** Music

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***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, who share our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.  
We invite you to register with us by going to our website and completing the form on the Home page.*

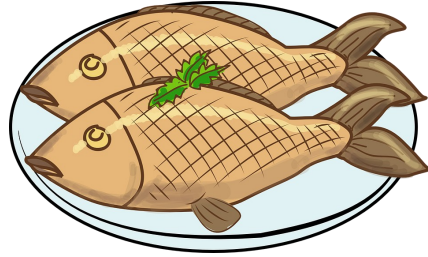
***Sacrament Preparation***  
Call S. Janis, (336) 835-4542

***Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)***  
*A way of exploring and seeking Christ through the Catholic faith.*

***Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick***  
*If you, or someone you know is desirous of God's healing, contact S. Janis*

***April 12, 2026***

# PARISH FUND RAISER



**Friday, April 24**

**5:15 ~ 7:45p**

Family Life Center

Reservations ***must***

be made by: **Sunday, April 12**

Sign up on clipboard in the lobby.

## **Menu**

Fried fish, hush puppies,  
French fries, & coleslaw  
(Made to order plates; no substitutes)

**Cost \$10**

**A Prayer for the Easter Season: April 2 ~ May 24, 2026**

*As we celebrate the Divine Truth of Resurrection,  
let us pray for the courage of our Risen Savior and  
the First Followers to live our faith with conviction...*

***Prayer for Conscience and Courage***

*Loving God,  
lead us beyond ourselves  
to care and protect,  
to nourish and shape,  
to challenge and energize  
both the life and the world  
You have given us.  
God of light and God of darkness,  
God of conscience and God of courage  
lead us through this time  
of spiritual confusion and public uncertainty.  
Lead us beyond fear, apathy and defensiveness  
to new hope in You and to hearts full of faith.  
Give us the conscience it takes  
to comprehend what we're facing,  
to see what we're looking at  
and to say what we see  
so that others, hearing us,  
may also brave the pressure that comes  
with being out of public step.  
Give us the courage we need  
to confront those things  
that compromise our consciences  
or threaten our integrity.  
Give us, most of all,  
the courage to follow those before us  
who challenged wrong and changed it,  
whatever the cost to themselves.  
In Jesus' Name, we pray.  
Amen. Alleluia +*



*The Newest Members  
of Our Community*

*Belva Mary Billings*

*Gregory Joseph Billings*

*Israel James Moses Lynch*

*Brittany Kursten Teresa Reese*

*Francis Ritz*

*We are blessed  
in your presence among us!*



...to our Liturgical Ministers  
who served during Holy Week...  
...our Environment team; Music Minister;  
Greeters / Ushers: Acolytes; Proclaimers,  
EMs; Tellers; and Altar Linen Ministers ...  
...to those who led Stations of the Cross...  
...to Jacquie Darcey and the wonderful  
woman of our parish who prayerfully  
led us on the journey  
with the Women of Jerusalem...  
...Your ministry among us helped create  
a prayerful celebrations throughout  
Holy Week...*Thank you so much!*

<b>Tri-C Almsgiving</b> <i>Thank you so much !!</i>		
<b>JAN</b> Canned tomatoes Spaghetti sauce	<b>MAR</b> Laundry detergent	<b>MAY</b> Toilet paper
<b>FEB</b> Corn meal	<b>APR</b> Canned fruit	<b>JUN</b> Tooth paste

**PRAY the ROSARY DAILY**  
 ...for peace and leaders of nations;  
 ... for the end to all bombings,  
 a peaceful and just end  
 to these wars, and all wars...  
 & the violence in Mexico...

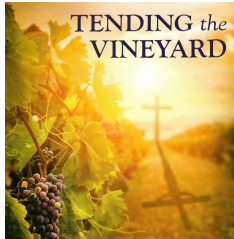


PRAY FOR AN END  
TO VIOLENCE,  
ESPECIALLY GUN VIOLENCE



**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING  
YOUR INK HERE.**  
**IT'S GOOD for the EARTH  
and IT'S HELPS THE CHURCH.**

## WAYS to GIVE



**DIOCESAN  
SUPPORT  
APPEAL 2026**

**Pledge:** Give over time until December 31, 2026

**One-time Gift:** use the DSA envelopes and make a one-time gift.

**Online Gift:** [charlottedioocese.org/dsa](http://charlottedioocese.org/dsa)

**Stock Donation:** [charlottedioocese.org/ways-to-give](http://charlottedioocese.org/ways-to-give)

**IRA Contribution:** [charlottedioocese.org/ways-to-give](http://charlottedioocese.org/ways-to-give)

*You are invited to our Open Table*

**4:30-6:30pm**

**Third Thursdays ~ NO COST**

**FBC Elkin 110 Gwyn Avenue**

**(336) 835-1998 / [www.elkinfbc.com](http://www.elkinfbc.com)**



<b>Apr. 16</b>	<b>Jul.16</b>	<b>Oct. 15</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Aug. 20</b>	<b>Nov. 19</b>
<b>Jun. 18</b>	<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>Dec. 17</b>

# Merced



*¡Buenos días, Iglesia!*

Parte de la oración del Sabbat judío es el “Dayeinu”, que significa: “Habría sido suficiente”.  
La versión de Lois Tverberg constituye una excelente reflexión para el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia.

Si Cristo me hubiera redimido con su sufrimiento y muerte,  
pero no me hubiera colmado con su Espíritu,  
**habría sido suficiente.**

Si Cristo me hubiera colmado con su Espíritu, pero no hubiera guiado mi vida a diario como su discípulo,  
**abría sido suficiente.**

Si Cristo hubiera guiado mi vida a diario como su discípulo, pero no hubiera respondido con amor a mis oraciones,  
**habría sido suficiente.**

Si Cristo hubiera respondido con amor a mis oraciones, pero no me hubiera dado su promesa de pasar la eternidad con Él,  
**habría sido suficiente.**

Si Cristo nos hubiera sustentado en el desierto durante cuarenta años, pero no nos hubiera llevado a la Tierra Prometida,  
**habría sido suficiente.**

Si Cristo nos hubiera llevado a la Tierra Prometida, pero no nos hubiera hecho un pueblo santo,  
**habría sido suficiente.**

**Añade lo tuyo:**

**Si Cristo** \_\_\_\_\_

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**habría sido suficiente.**

¡Cuánto más, entonces, debemos estar agradecidos a Dios por todas estas cosas buenas que Dios, en verdad, ha hecho por ti y por todos nosotros!

Hoy nos alzamos para celebrar y proclamar con certeza que **Dios es Misericordia:**  
~ **¡Divina Misericordia!**

¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

*spanis*

# MERCY

Part of the Jewish Sabbath prayer is the *Dayeim*, meaning, "It Would Have Been Enough."  
~ Lois Tverberg's version is an excellent reflection for Divine Mercy Sunday.

*If Christ had redeemed me with his suffering and death, but not filled me with His Spirit, it would have been enough.*

If Christ had filled me with His Spirit, but did not guide my life daily as His disciple, **it would have been enough.**

If Christ guided my life daily as His disciple, but did not lovingly answer my prayers, **it would be enough.**

If Christ lovingly answered my prayers, but did not give me his promise to spend eternity with him, **it would be enough.**

If Christ had supplied us in the desert for 40 years, but not brought us to the land of promise, **It would have been enough.**

If Christ had brought us to the land of promise, but not made us a holy people, **It would have been enough.**

Add your own:

If Christ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***It would have been enough.***

How much more, then, are we to be grateful to God for all of these good things which God has indeed done for you and all of us!  
Today, we rise to celebrate and proclaim with certainty, that God is Mercy  
~ **Divine Mercy.**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*In the One, we are one...in CommUNITY,*



“When Thomas returns to his friends and hears the unlikely tale of their dead teacher showing up in their locked room, he doesn't believe it.

What does he say he needs?

He needs a physical, actual experience to believe.

He doesn't want a story,

an idea,  
an image,  
theology.

He needs
















to touch Jesus' wounds.”

~ Sister Stephanie Peirola, CSJP

***What do YOU need***

***to believe***

***in the Risen Christ?***

A P R I L	
29	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i> No Family Faith Formation
<b>MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION</b> <i>Holy Week Service &amp; Luncheon</i> <b>Elkin Presbyterian Ch, Mon ~ Fri, 12N ~ 1:00p</b>	
31	NO Communion Service
01	OCIA Rehearsal 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
02	<i>Holy Thursday, 7p</i>
03	<i>Women of Jerusalem, 5:30p</i>
	<i>Good Friday: Passion of the Lord, 7p</i>
04	OCIA Preparation Rites, 10a <i>Easter Vigil, 8p</i>
05	<i>Easter Sunday, Mass ~ 9a</i>
08	Choir, 7p 
 12	<i>2nd Sun Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
14	Communion Service, 12:15p <b>Eucharistic Minister Renewal Session, 1p</b>
 15	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 
16	Wise Ones Mexico Viejo Grill, 1p Host: Kathy J 
18	Men's Group @ Cracker Barrel, 8:30a <b>Eucharistic Minister Renewal Session, 1p</b>
 19	<i>3rd Sun Easter</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
20	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p 
21	Ministerial Association, 12N HCH Communion Service, 12:15p
 22	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 
24	<i>Fish Fry Fundraiser</i> <i>Family Life Center</i> <i>5:15-7:45p</i> 
 26	<i>4th Sun Easter</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
 28	Communion Service, 12:15p; OCIA 2, 6:30p
 29	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 



🌿 Mass Intentions	
02	+Patrick Tyrrell r/b S. Janis
04	Belva & Greg Billings, Israel Lynch, Brittany Reece, Francis Ritz, and Josh Talbott and their sponsors
05	St. Stephen Parishioners
12	+Charles Dursee r/b Becky +Georgette & William Dyer r/b Sean Dyer
19	+Joe Mandes +Judy Tymko
26	World Day of Prayer for Vocations

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



04 Freddy Carmona, Jr.	12 Jose Ledesma
05 Marcelino Trinidad	15 Andy Crawford
06 Natalia Trinidad	23 Sally Allred
08 Melisa Bustos	Kimberly Lopez
Alberto Nava	26 Michael Hadfield
08 Osvaldo Bustos	27 Dianne Crawford
10 Richard Jones	Luis Rodriguez
11 Osvaldo Martinez	28 Israel Lynch
Keith Stringer	30 Vanessa Lopez

04 Eileen & Leo Ouellette  
 05 Beth Altemueller & Newell Hauser  
 15 Judy & Frank Simon  
 21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez  
 29 Julie & Patrick Colglazier



### Easter Flowers

If you wish to donate to our Easter Flower fund to honor a living or deceased loved one, use the envelope in the pew pockets.

**PRINT** your NAME and donation amount on the front and **PRINT** the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope.

Place the envelope in the collection basket.

<i>Easter Flowers</i>	
Donator	In honor/memory of
Wendy McClamrock	Mary Elizabeth Cain Jeff Stout Susan Martin
Thi Ngoc Thanh Vo	Thank you for everything
Jane & Rob Worley	The Buchholz & Worley Families Fr. Paul Maier

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also the Feast of Divine Mercy. It is the day we specially remember God's Mercy.

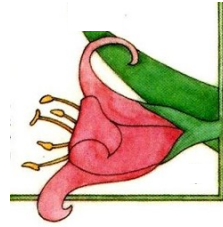


Mercy is when we treat others lovingly, with no judgment. Since everything comes from God as a gift, we ought to live our lives with gratitude. We show our gratitude for God's mercy by being merciful to others.

Jesus' death on The Cross is the biggest act of mercy. Jesus gave up his life so we could be forgiven and so we could live with him forever in heaven. Take time today to thank Jesus for giving up his life for you!

Here are some prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful on all of us:

**Sacred Heart of Jesus,**  
**have mercy on us!**  
**Jesus, I trust in you!**



Answer to Word-Find: My Lord and my God!

# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12th, 2026



Saint Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. **What did Thomas say he would have to see before he believed that Jesus was alive?**  
*Connect the dots to find out!*

# Saint Lidwina

## April 14

LIDWINA WAS BORN IN HOLLAND IN 1380 TO A POOR FAMILY. WHEN SHE WAS 16 A FRIEND ACCIDENTALLY KNOCKED HER DOWN WHILE SKATING.



Oh! I'm so sorry!

LIDWINA WAS BADLY HURT. SHE HAD A BROKEN RIB AND SOON HAD TO STAY IN BED.



I'm afraid you have to stay in bed.

Why is God letting me get worse?



SHE BEGAN TO SUFFER HEADACHES AND FEVER AND EVENTUALLY WENT BLIND IN ONE EYE.

AS TIME WENT ON HER WHOLE BODY WAS IN PAIN.



Lidwina, think of the sufferings of Christ.

Lord, I offer this pain to You!



LIDWINA OFFERED HER SUFFERINGS TO GOD... FOR THE NEXT THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS!

IN SPITE OF HER PAIN, SHE WAS KIND TO HER VISITORS AND PRAYED FOR THEIR INTENTIONS.



Can you pray that I do better in school?

Of course!

LIDWINA HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO OUR LORD IN HOLY COMMUNION. IN FACT, THAT IS ALL SHE ATE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS OF HER LIFE!



Corpus Domini Nostrum...

SANT LIDWINA LIVED A LIFE OF EXTREME SUFFERING, BUT SHE DID NOT GIVE UP LOVING GOD AND BEING KIND TO OTHERS. GOD EVEN LET MIRACLES HAPPEN THROUGH HER PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE! WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT LIDWINA THAT WE SHOULD BE KIND TO OTHERS EVEN WHEN WE ARE SUFFERING.

# Doubling Thomas Word-Find



Find the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle, and when you're done use the left over letters to fill in the blanks near the end.

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

In the EVENING when the doors were locked where the DISCIPLES were for FEAR of the JEWS, Jesus came and said, "PEACE be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples REJOICED. JESUS said again, "Peace be with you. As the FATHER has sent me, so I SEND you." He breathed on them and said, "RECEIVE the Holy SPIRIT. Whose SINS you forgive are FORGIVEN them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

THOMAS, one of the TWELVE, wasn't there when Jesus came so they told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said, "UNLESS I see the mark of the NAILS in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A WEEK later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were LOCKED, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my HANDS, and bring your hand and put it into my SIDE, and do not be UNBELIEVING, but believe." Thomas said to him,

"\_\_\_\_\_!"  
 Jesus said, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? BLESSED are those who have not seen and have BELIEVED."