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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

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2023

LIVING FAITH OUT LOUD

Morning Church!

It's no small thing to believe!
 Believing is the strenuous stretch of the soul.
 Faith expressed in action
 is the full circle of grace.
 As we pray the Creed ~ out loud ~ at Mass,
 we're called to live our faith *out loud* every day.

Nicodemus lived his belief in secret, afraid others would judge and even condemn him for his faith in Christ. The Darkness of Doubt can affect us that way. It's hard to *see* Jesus in our Darkness of Disbelief all by ourselves. We need Christ's light.

Nicodemus' curiosity about Jesus gave him the desire to speak with Jesus personally, since he only knew about him from hearsay.

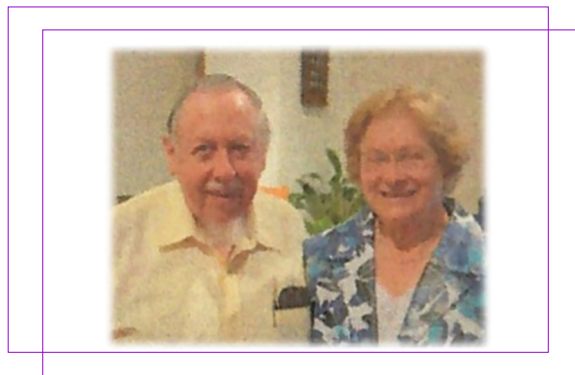
Faith claims ongoing desire to seek Jesus and to fully surrender to him in faith as Nicodemus did.

"*I believe*" is lived when we willingly share our time, talent, and treasure; when we stay present to those who are irksome, sorrowful, or confused; when we speak out against the blatant injustices that plague our country and our world.

Living our faith out loud is the mission of our Baptism. Nourished by Word and Sacrament, our faith is renewed every time we say, "*I confess*" at Mass or in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and every time we serve, forgive, or pray.

Adrienne and Tom shared their faith *out loud* in the most meaningful ways. Their happily ever lasted 59 years. Now they share their happily ever in Christ.

Together, they responded to all who hungered for presence, kindness, acceptance, and affection all their lives.



That's what *living faith out loud* means.
 Even with their challenging health issues,
 they never uttered an unkind word.

Even in pain, they were stunningly
 gracious and grateful.

Adrienne and Tom
 were *never* like Nicodemus.

They led with faith in God and each other.
 We witnessed their faith and faithfulness
lived out loud in so many ways.

Christ's love for Adrienne and Tom,
 and all of us, continues to call us
 beyond our doubts, and,
 like Nicodemus, to have a
personal relationship with him.

Faith calls us beyond our darkest doubts.
 It calls us to live in Christ's marvelous light,
 where we *live out loud*
what we say we believe.

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 **HEARTwork**

~ *Reflecting and Acting on The Word* ~

*How are you like Nicodemus in your tentativeness or fear
 to express and share your faith in him?*

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

MARCH	
10	4th Sun Lent RCIA Rite of Scrutiny II No Family Faith Formation
11	Ladies Guild, 5p 
12	The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
 13	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
15	Stations of the Cross, 6p
 17	5th Sun Lent RCIA Rite of Scrutiny III Family Faith Formation, 10:30-12N
18	SSJA Gathering 10a 
19	Happy St. Joseph Day ~ SSJ Mass, WS Ministerial Assoc., 12N Communion Service, 12:15p
 20	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
21	Wise Ones, Shiki's Restaurant, 1p Barbara & Bob DeJohn, (336) 737-4056 SSJ ZOOM 6:30-8:30P 
22	Stations of the Cross, 6p
23	<i>Memorial Mass: + Clyde Colwell, 11a</i>
24	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion NO Family Faith Formation
Ministerial Association Holy Week Service & Luncheon Monday ~ Friday 12N-1p First United Methodist Church, Elkin	
26	NO Communion Service
31	Easter Sunday, 9a NO Family Faith Formation



**Being Catholic 101:
~ RCIA Rite of Dismissal ~
Three Things to Know**

This Rite reminds the Elect, and all who are present, of their ongoing conversion process, as it prayerfully prepares the Elect for the day they are full members of the Church.

It alerts parishioners that the Elect are among them and They journey in faith with us. It serves as a reminder to the members of their responsibility to the Elect to give good example and support them with their prayers and encouragement.

The Rite of Dismissal reminds the parishioners that they have a privileged place as full members of the Church. The Dismissal Rite is vitally important for the formation of the entire parish and serves to reemphasize the role of the baptized's priesthood in the gospel mission.

Mass Intentions	
10	+Carol McQuade; +Dorothy Hanic
17	Kate Delaney; Larry Liss
24	+Michael A. Garwood, Sr. +St. Oscar Romero, El Salvador

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 12 Fred Sener | 16 Karen Rodriguez |
| 13 Lee Hadfield | 23 Cindy Whitley |
| 16 Cathy King | Yovanni Martinez |
| 22 Margarita Serafin & Memo Lara | |
| 19 Ericka & Ruben Ramirez | |
| 24 Jane & Rob Worley | |

<i>The Sacred Triduum</i>	
<i>March 24</i>	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>
<i>March 28</i>	<i>Holy Thursday, 7p</i>
<i>March 29</i>	<i>Woman of Jerusalem, 5:30p Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7p</i>
<i>March 30</i>	<i>Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8p</i>
<i>March 31</i>	<i>Easter Sunday, 9a</i>



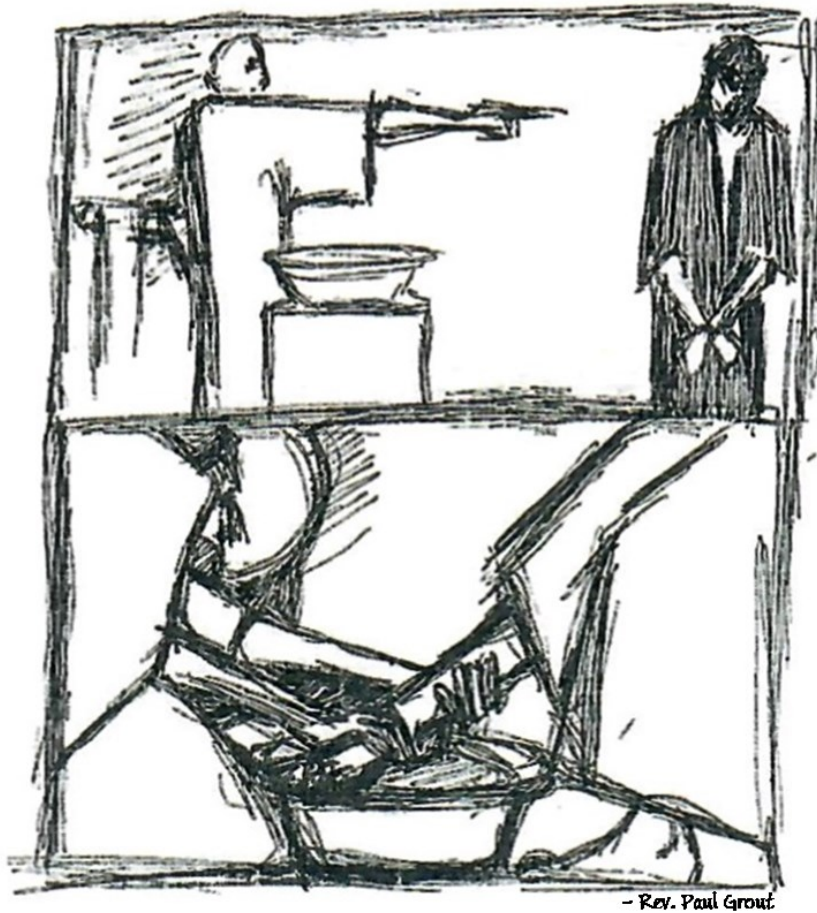
Easter Flowers

If you wish to honor or memorialize a loved one, you can make an Easter flower donation using the envelope in the pew.

PRINT your name on the front, the amount enclosed, and your envelope # on the front. Put the names of those you wish to remember on the back. Put the envelope in the collection basket.

Thank you!

Easter Flowers	
<i>Lou Stackhouse</i>	<i>The Stackhouse Family</i>



- Rev. Paul Grout

*I watch what I do
to see what I believe.*

~ Helen Prejean, CSJ



Empty Bowls

Yadkin Christian Ministries

TAKE OUT or DRIVE THROUGH PICKUP

Yadkinville Moose Lodge

1432 Country Club Rd, Yadkinville

March 19, 2024

Lunch: 11:30a-1:30p

Dinner: 4:30p-6:30p

Tickets: \$25.00

Meal includes:

Cracker Barrel vegetable beef soup,
Taste of Italy salad, crackers, Krispy Kreme donuts,
bottled water, and a handcrafted bowl

Tri-C Almsgiving

Thank you so much !!

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**Feed the Elderly: An Opportunity
for Compassionate, Generous Service**

Jan	17, 18, 19	<p>Feed the Elderly (FTE) is a local service for our isolated residents.</p> <p>Along with other church volunteers, St. S parishioners have served these residents on specific days.</p> <p>If you are willing to help, in this meaningful service, contact our FTE Coordinator: Gayle Altemueller, (336) 468-0676</p>
Mar	6, 7, 8	
Apr	24, 25, 26	
Jun	24, 25, 26	
Jul	31	
Aug	1, 2	
Sept	18, 19, 20	
Nov	6, 7, 8	
Dec	25, 26, 27	

**Opportunities
to Calendar and Gather**



Ladies Guild			
2nd Monday of the Month 5:00p, Family Life Center			
Jan 8	Apr 8	Jul 8	Oct 14
Feb 12	May 13	Aug 12	Nov 11
Mar 11	Jun 10	Sept 9	Dec 9



Men's Breakfast Group			
3rd Saturday of the Month 8:30a, Cracker Barrel *			
*Any change of venue will be in the bulletin			
Jan 20	Apr 20	Jul 20	Oct 19
Feb 17	May 18	Aug 17	Nov 16
Mar 16	Jun 15	Sept 21	Dec 21



Wise Ones Luncheon			
3rd Thursday of the Month Host and venue vary and will be in the bulletin			
Jan 18	Apr 18	Jul 18	Oct 17
Feb 15	May 16	Aug 15*	Nov 21
Mar 21	Jun 20	Sept 19	Dec 19

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PATRICK WAS BORN TO A ROMAN FAMILY IN BRITAIN. WHEN HE WAS STILL YOUNG HE WAS KIDNAPPED AND TAKEN TO IRELAND.



HE WAS SOLD AS A SLAVE. WHILE LOOKING AFTER ANIMALS IN THE FIELDS HE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO PRAY.

Our Father who art in Heaven...



AFTER SEVERAL YEARS HE ESCAPED AND WENT BACK TO ENGLAND.

Thank God!



HE STUDIED, BECAME A PRIEST, AND THEN WAS MADE A BISHOP.



THEN HE RETURNED TO IRELAND.

And thank God again!



HE TAUGHT THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND, WHO WERE ALL PAGANS, ABOUT GOD.

The Shamrock is like the one God in three persons.



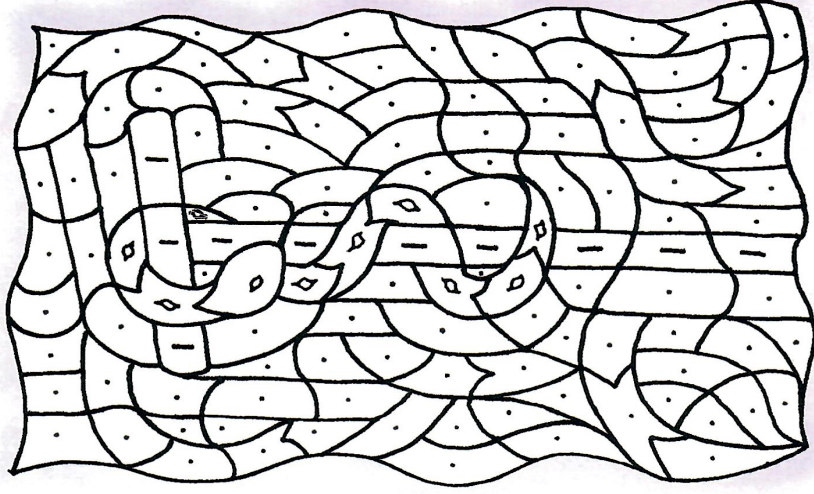
Have you tried to poison him yet??

THE PAGAN LEADERS WHO DID NOT WANT PATRICK TO TEACH ABOUT GOD TRIED TO GET RID OF HIM BUT HE STAYED.

SAINT PATRICK DIED IN IRELAND IN 461. BY THE TIME HE DIED ALMOST ALL OF IRELAND HAD CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY. SOON MISSIONARIES WERE GOING OUT FROM IRELAND TO BRING THE FAITH TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD! PRAY THAT YOU WILL LOVE GOD AND BE ZEALOUS LIKE SAINT PATRICK!

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10th, 2024



Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could go to Heaven. When God's people in the desert were bitten by snakes, Moses held up something he made from bronze that the people could look at and live. What was it? Use the colour code to find out!

- blue
- | brown
- ◊ green

Praying the Stations of the Cross



Jesus, make my faith stronger. Help me to trust you more.



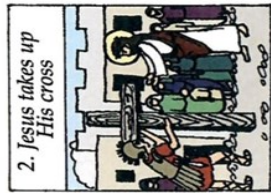
Jesus, give me strength to help and love all who are in need.



Jesus, give me a strong heart to follow you every day.



Jesus, help me to be loving and tender with those who are in pain, sick or dying.



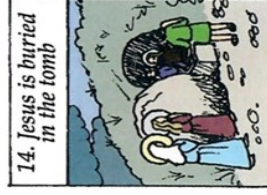
Jesus, help me accept and do what is hard to do.



Jesus, give me courage to do what is loving, kind, and brave.



Jesus, help me to stay strong when others make fun of me.



Jesus, you kept every promise you made to us. Help me keep my promises.



Jesus, help me say I'm sorry when I make an unloving choice.



Jesus, when I fail to love as you did, Help me apologize and do better.



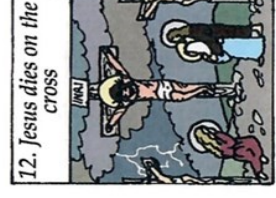
Jesus, when I experience pain or hurt, help me to be brave and face it.



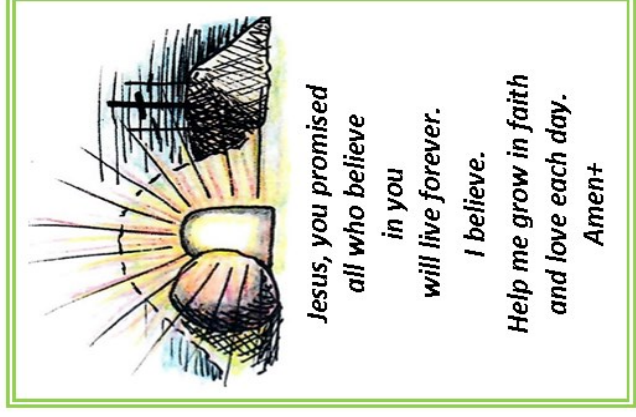
Jesus, help me to see my parents' loving help as your love



Jesus, help me to be loving with those who are sad or lonely.



Jesus, you loved us and sacrificed your life for us. Help me to be generous with my life, too.



Jesus, you promised all who believe in you will live forever. I believe. Help me grow in faith and love each day. Amen+

Ash Wednesday
FOR FAMILIES



TRADITIONS &
RESOURCES

+ LENTEN BULLETIN +

Hang this paper on your refrigerator or in your room.
Write your prayer intention for your prayer
& fasting for each day of the weekday of Lent.
Record date you donated to Tri-C or The Ark.

Ash Wednesday

This year, Ash Wednesday is on **February 14**
~ which is the same day as **Valentine's Day!**

So, this year Ash Wednesday is the perfect day to take
a good look at the choices we make with our hearts.

It is our Catholic tradition to focus on three choices in Lent:
+ PRAYER + FASTING + ALMSGIVING

+ PRAYER

Loving Jesus, you were led by the Holy Spirit into the desert
where you fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. There you learned to rely on God and the Word of God.

Response: *May the same Holy Spirit guide me as I enter into this prayer.*

May my prayers remind me of my complete dependence on you and your grace. **Response**

May my prayer unite me in one heart with those who suffer each and every day
and lead me to pray for those who are too scared, hurt, or ashamed to pray. **Response**

May my prayer for my intentions remind me that I am called to pray for my sisters and brothers
around the world, those waiting at our borders to find a safe home here,
those whose countries are at war, and those who are
hungry, homeless, abandoned, or abused. **Response**

May my daily prayer help me to grow in patience,
humility, generosity, forgiveness and compassion. **Response**

On **Sunday** my prayer intention is _____.

On **Monday** my prayer intention is _____.

On **Tuesday** my prayer intention is _____.

On **Wednesday** my prayer intention is _____.

On **Thursday** my prayer intention is _____.

On **Friday** my prayer intention is _____.

On **Saturday** my prayer intention is _____.

Be with me now, as I pray to be mindful
of my own need to change my heart, my habits, and my intentions.
Help me to grow in gratitude for your abundant blessings.
In Jesus' Name. Amen.

+ FASTING

Loving Jesus, you were led by the Holy Spirit into the desert where he fasted for 40 days and 40 nights.
There you learned to rely on God and not on bread alone.

Response: *May the same Holy Spirit guide me as I enter into this experience of fasting.*

May this fast remind me of my complete dependence on you and your grace. **Response**

May it unite me in one heart with those who suffer from hunger each and every day
and lead me to share what I have with others. **Response**

May each grumble of my stomach be a holy sign for me — a reminder of my hunger
for you and of how you satisfy that hunger. **Response**

May the discipline of fasting help me to grow in patience,
humility, generosity, and compassion. **Response**

These are my intentions for each day of Lent.

On **Sunday** for the intention of _____.

On **Monday** for the intention of _____.

On **Tuesday** for the intention of _____.

On **Wednesday** for the intention of _____.

On **Thursday** for the intention of _____.

On **Friday** for the intention of _____.

On **Saturday** for the intention of _____.

Be with me now, as I eat my meals and keep me mindful of my good health of mind, body, and spirit.
Help me to grow in gratitude for your abundant blessings. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

+ ALMSGIVING ~ Generous Giving without expecting repayment

Loving Jesus, you were led by the Holy Spirit into the desert where he fasted for 40 days and 40 nights.
There you learned to rely on God and not on bread alone.

Response: *May the same Holy Spirit guide me as I enter into this experience of generous giving.*

May my generosity help others' burdens to be lightened. **Response**

May I give without expecting repayment. **Response**

May I remember to give to **TRI-COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

FEB Corn meal MAR Small laundry soap

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The Ark

Toiletries for the adults; sketch pads and colored pencils for the children.

Response

May I generously share my time to help others, my gifts to enrich others
and my offering to Tri-County Christian Ministries
and The Ark to bring help to those in need. **Response**

Be with me now, as I share my blessings with others.
Help me to grow in gratitude for your abundant blessings. In Jesus' Name. Amen.