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**St. Stephen**

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**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, sharing our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.

**To register and get more information:** go to our website: [www.StStephenNC.org](http://www.StStephenNC.org)

**Sacrament Preparation** (Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Reconciliation (Penance), or Matrimony)  
Call S. Janis (336) 835-4542

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Offered for adults who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, rites, and practices.

**Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care**

*If you or someone you know is desirous of God's healing and would like to receive the sacred anointing, contact S. Janis.*

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 14, 2024**

## Prayer Shepherds Us.

Morning, Church!

At Tuesday's Communion Service we were confronted by God's call for *daily* conversion. God's Word retold how the Prince of Darkness' divisiveness is so visible... January 6, 2021's hostile attack on our Capitol and on our democracy...innumerable acts of gun violence... the heated, political rhetoric of the past ten years...Russia's invasion of Ukraine...the centuries-long tribal war in the Middle East...racism and every other "isms" that divide our hearts...gruesome school shootings...the world-wide migration of refugees...last week's recent assassination attempt on a presidential candidate...deep darkness seems to abound...

From where I stand, The Darkness will *never* overcome the Light ~ if we live what we say we believe, if we stand over and against all that strives to divide God's Children in our nation and throughout the world.

The cumulative violence of the past decade is utterly mind-boggling! It can numb us into apathy and inaction. The faith we proclaim *demand*s we speak up and stand together in the faith and values we hold in common.

This is no time for a nap, for "checking out". The conflicts and violence around us, and perhaps, within us, demand "deep, soaking prayer" and doing everything we can to bring Christ's light and love wherever we are. The gospel *obligates* us to speak Christ's truth in love and to listen to others with respect and attention.

We cannot wait for someone else to take the first step. Peace, justice, understanding and reconciliation happen wherever our feet are. We are the ones we've been waiting for, we're Christ's shepherds here and now.

*We must listen attentively and love courageously* (SSJ 2024 Chapter theme), forgive first, and create a climate where all feel heard and respected.

### 🍷 Reflecting on the Word

*Prayer shepherds us..*

- ~ Describe your prayer relationship with God. Is it consistent?
- ~ Do you pray only when you need to ask a favor of God?
- ~ What will help you improve your prayer and relationship with God?



It starts with surrendering to Christ in "deep, soaking prayer" that can change our heart, as my sister, said, "deep, soaking prayer is the only answer. Always."

Prayer *shepherds* us.

Prayer is our soul's most influential and graceful mentor.

Prayer prepares us to minister, among our Dear Neighbors. Prayer readies our hearts to see, hear, and respond with compassion, presence, and empathy to their pains and concerns.

Let's make renewed efforts to pray every day for the disarmament of our hearts, our own conversion, and for the grace to be Christ's presence in justice, compassion and light.

Let's pray for the grace to be the lead of our Divine Shepherd, who "gathers, tends and feeds his flock with loving care.

If we're conscious at all, prayer, *especially the Eucharist*, will grace us to hear and be sensitive to our own pain and broken sinfulness. Prayer is our light of grace against the darkness around and within us.

Jesus shepherds us in prayer: deep, soaking prayer. Pray. Ask him to change our hearts and grace us to be People of The Light, People of Justice and Peace. This is not the time for a nap.

In CommUNITY,

*spanis*

*World Day of Peace 1972*

*"If you want peace,  
work for justice."*

*~Pope Paul VI*

July	
21	16th Sun OT
23	Communion Service, 12:15p SSJ Associates gathering 10a 
24	Choir, 7p 
26	Parish Yard Sale ~ 8:00a – 2:00p 
27	Parish Yard Sale
30	17th Sun OT
30	Communion Service, 12:15p
31	Choir, 7p 

**July 26 ~ 8a-2p & July 27 ~ 8a-1p**  
**DROP OFF ITEMS:**  
**July 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24**  
**Contact: Aileen (336) 466-1484**



Tric Christian Crisis Ministries	
JUL	Jello or instant pudding
AUG	Flour
SEPT	Shampoo



...to our new Acolytes, Maddox LaCashio and Owen Wagoner...to Barbara DeJohn who volunteered to serve in Altar Linen Ministry...to Joan Boehm serving as a Pastoral Minister to the & homebound...our devoted ladies who care for our plants and clean our church...and our faithful Teller Ministers, Arelis & Lee Hadfield, Wendy & Jason McClamrock, Judy & Frank Simon, and Jane & Rob Worley...  
*Thank you and God bless!!*



MASS INTENTIONS	
07	Melisa Bustos (1st Communion); +Meg Bresse
14	+Silas Arthur Wylie, III (Father of Ashley Davis) St. Stephen Parishioners
21	+Grace Jenkins r/b Barb & Bob DeJohn
28	+Damien Michael Whisonant r/b Barb & Bob DeJohn

### Birthdays & Anniversary



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| 02 Jorge Lopez                                     | 21 Rose Amelia Kelly                                   |
| 04 Matthew Kelly<br>Janis McQuade<br>David Serafin | Joseph Martinez  |
| 06 Bryan Wagoner                                   | 22 Barbara DeJohn                                      |
| 08 Isidro Rodriguez                                | 24 Kevin Robinson                                      |
| 11 Julia Mantero                                   | 26 Lorraine Benfanti<br>Candace Fuentes<br>Frank Simon |
| 18 Eileen Ouellette                                | 31 Orlando Trinidad                                    |
| 20 Joyce Kelly                                     |  |
| 14 Dianne & Andy Crawford                          | 16 Pauline & Fred Sener                                |
| 22 Ashley & Aymes Davis                            | 27 Jacquie & John Darcey                               |
| 31 Cindy Whitley & Ozzie Martinez                  |  |

Dylann Roof, who as a 21-year-old and an admitted white supremacist, entered Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston on June 17, 2015, and joined a Bible study group. As the group closed their eyes for the closing prayer, Roof took out a gun and fired 74 rounds, killing nine parishioners.

These nine parishioner are represented by the nine roses in Bro. Mickey's painting. To learn more about Bro. Mickey's spirituality and art, here's a link:

<https://www.bromickeymcgrath.com/about>

*Love always wins.*



15th Tuesday in Ordinary Time\_July 16, 2024

Readings Is 7:1-9 Psalm 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 Matthew 11:20-24.

Communion Service ~ 15<sup>th</sup> Tues OT\_July 16, 2024

*Part of my homily....*

**HARSH!** *“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!...and Capernaum:  
...But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”*

If I were the Devil. . . I mean, if I were the Prince of Darkness, I would, of course, want to engulf the whole earth in darkness. I would have a third of its real estate and four fifths of its population... I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree, so I should set about however necessary to take over the U.S.

I would begin with of a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: “Do as you please.” “Do as you please.” To the young, I would whisper, “The Bible is a myth.” I would convince them that humans created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what is bad is good, and what is good is “square.”

In the ears of the young marrieds, I would whisper that work is debasing, that cocktail parties are good for you. I would caution them not to be extreme in religion, in patriotism, in moral conduct. And the old, I would teach to pray. I would teach them to say after me: “Our Father, which art in Washington”...

If I were the Devil, I’d educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull & uninteresting. I’d threaten T.V. with dirtier movies and vice versa. And then, if I were the Devil, I’d get organized. I’d infiltrate unions and urge more loafing and less work, because idle hands usually work for me.

I’d peddle narcotics to whom I could. I’d sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction and I’d tranquilize the rest with pills. If I were the Devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions . . . and just let those run wild.

I would designate an atheist to front for me before highest courts in the land and I would get preachers to say “she’s right.” With flattery and promises of power I could get the courts to rule what I construe as against God and in favor of pornography, and thus, I would evict God from the courthouse, and then from the school house, and then from the Houses of Congress and then, in God’s own churches.

I would substitute psychology for religion, and I would deify science because that way people would become smart enough to create super weapons but not wise enough to control them.

If I were the Devil, I’d make the symbol of Easter an egg, and the symbol of Christmas, a bottle. If I were the Devil, I would take from those who have and I would give to those who wanted, until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. And then, my police state would force everybody back to work.

Then, I could separate families, putting children in uniform, women in coal mines, and objectors in slave camps. In other words, if I were Satan, I’d just keep on doing what Satan’s doing.

*~ Paul Harvey, Good Day.  
April 3, 1965*

Iglesia católica de San Esteban  
Formación de fe familiar

De vuelta a la escuela

FIESTA DE BARBACOA



11 de agosto  
3-8PM.

Parque Fort Hamby  
Refugio de picnic Ann

Wilkesboro, Carolina del Norte 28629

Cargo por estacionamiento de \$5 por vehículo  
¡¡¡Trae tu traje de baño!!!

Nhà thờ Công giáo St.Stephen  
Sự hình thành đức tin gia đình

Trở lại trường

BỮA BÒ



ngày 11 tháng 8  
Từ 3 - 8 giờ tối

Công viên Pháo đài Hamby  
Nơi trú ẩn dã ngoại Ann  
Wilkesboro, NC 28629

Phí đỗ xe \$5 mỗi xe  
Mang theo đồ bơi của bạn!!!

St.Stephen Catholic Church  
Family Faith Formation

Back to School

BBO BASH



August 11th  
From 3- 8p.m.

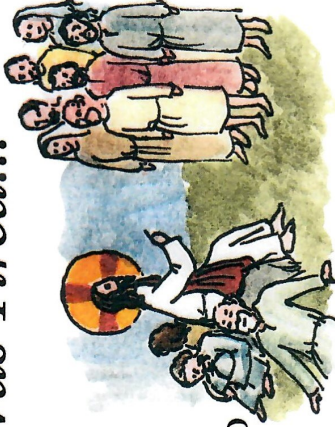
Fort Hamby Park  
Ann Picnic Shelter  
Wilkesboro, NC 28629

Park Charge \$5 per vehicle  
Bring your swim wear!!!



## When Jesus Was Tired...

The apostles were tired when they came back from their mission trip, so Jesus took them across the lake to a quiet place to have a rest.



But the other people saw where they were going and got there ahead of them! Jesus saw that these people were like sheep without a shepherd, so He felt sorry for them. Even though He was tired and hungry He decided to teach the people who needed Him, without taking a rest.



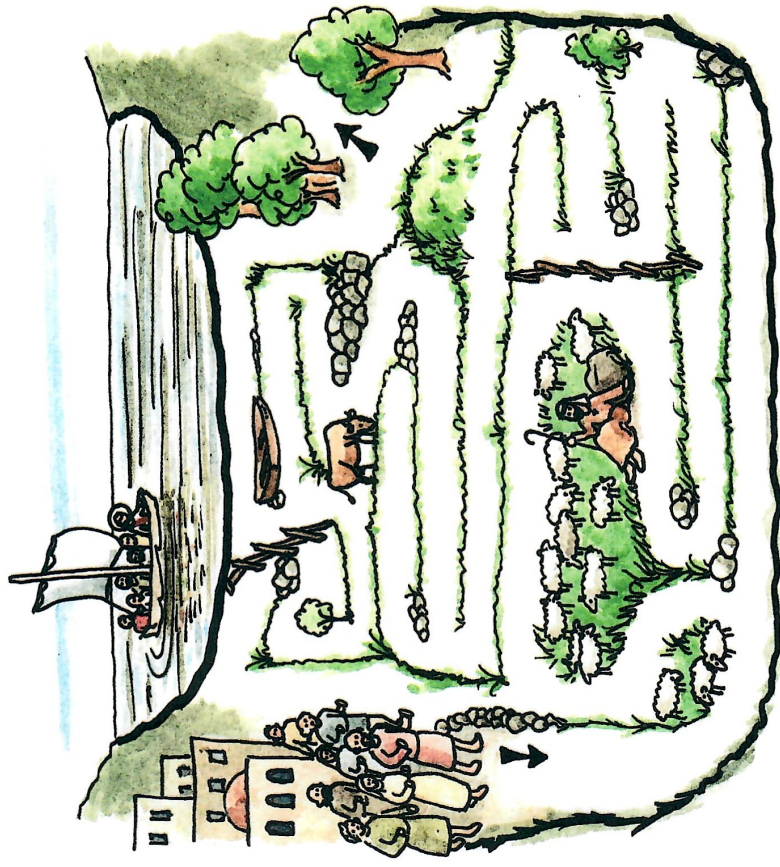
Have you ever been asked to help someone when you were tired? It isn't easy, is it? But we can learn from Jesus that no matter how tired we are, we should still be ready to help others who are in need.



Answers to Psalm 23 Word Puzzle: green, soul, fox, dark, side, that, me, spread, sight, head, overflows, Lord.  
**GOOD SHEPHERD**

# The Kids' Bulletin

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday July 21st, 2024



*In today's Gospel reading,  
Jesus wanted to take the tired apostles  
across the lake to rest in a quiet place.  
But the people saw where Jesus was going  
and ran ahead.*

*See if you can find their path through the maze.*

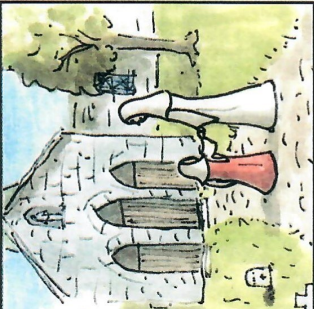
Mark 6:30-34



# Saint Bridget of Sweden

July 23

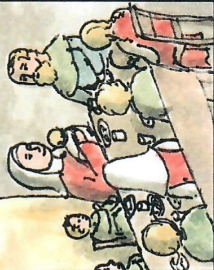
BRIDGET WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A WEALTHY CHRISTIAN FAMILY IN SWEDEN IN THE 1300'S. SHE WAS RAISED BY A DEVOUT AUNT.



AT THE AGE OF 13 SHE WAS MARRIED TO A GOOD MAN NAMED ULF.



THEY HAD EIGHT CHILDREN, ONE OF WHOM ALSO BECAME A SAINT!



Maybe you should talk to your husband about the criminal...



BRIDGET WAS THE QUEEN'S LADY IN WAITING. SHE GAVE HER GOOD ADVICE.

WHEN ULF DIED BRIDGET STARTED AN ORDER AND BECAME A NUN.

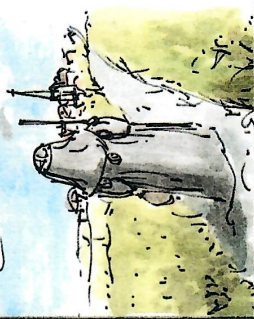


Now I will serve God alone...

ALL HER LIFE SHE RECEIVED VISIONS OF OUR LORD'S SUFFERINGS.



BRIDGET SPENT THE REST OF HER LIFE DOING PILGRIMAGES AND GIVING ADVICE TO THE LEADERS OF COUNTRIES AND THE CHURCH.



BRIDGET HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO OUR LORD'S SUFFERINGS. SHE WROTE WHAT HE SHOWED HER IN VISIONS, AND SHE ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT HIS SUFFERING. WE SHOULD TAKE A LITTLE TIME EVERY DAY TO LOOK AT A CRUCIFIX AND THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH OUR LORD LOVES US.

# Psalm 23 Word Puzzle

Who is this Psalm about?

Unscramble the letters in blanks and use the ones in circles to fill in the answer at the bottom!

In  (EGRNE) pastures

he gives me repose;

beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my  (LOSU).

He guides me in right paths

(FRO) his name's sake.



Even though I walk

in the  (AKRD) valley

I fear no evil, for you are at my

(IEDS)

with your rod and your staff

(HATT) give  (EM) courage.

You  (EADSRP) the table

before me

in the  (HGTSI) of my foes;

you anoint my  (EAHD) with oil;

my cup  (FOWLVOESR)

(FOWLVOESR)

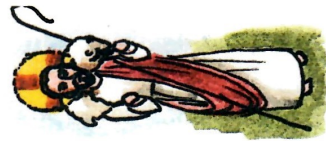
Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell

in the house of the  (DOLR)

for years to come.



**This Psalm tells us about the**