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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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022

St. Stephen Church Protocol

Out of concern for one another, **we wear masks in church.**
We use **hand sanitizer** before coming forth to receive
Communion to insure the highest, safest level of protection
for everyone.



**OUR POLICY, FOR EVERYONE'S PROTECTION:
COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED
IN THE HAND ONLY.**

Kindly bring your own mask from home
so the masks we have can be offered to visitors
who don't know our parish policy
will have one when they come to Mass.

Thank you!

Kneelers Update

The kneelers were picked up this week,
will be refurbished and installed again.

The initial quote of \$4K is now \$5200.

Donations payable to:
St. Stephen Church.

No donation is too small.

Thank you!



*St. Stephen Wise Ones are the 55+ members
of our parish community who began getting together over a decade ago,
gathering on the 3rd Thursday of the month for a meal, dessert, and games.*

*The Wise Ones often join together in community service,
like Meal for the Elderly, volunteering as a tutor at Elkin Elementary School;
or at Hugh Chatham Hospital, Grace Clinic, and Tri-County ministries.*

Next gathering: February 17, 1:00p

Dodge City for lunch

2022 Calendar MASS INTENTIONS

To SCHEDULE A MASS at St. S,
please use the white envelopes found in the lobby.
PRINT the name or intention for the Mass on the front of the envelope.
A stipend for a Mass is ten (\$10) dollars in cash or a check payable to:
Fr. John Hanic. Give the envelope to S. Janis.

Open dates: February 20, 27

NO FLOWERS MARCH 6 - APRIL 10 (Lent)

Open beginning:

Holy Thursday, April 14

April 24 - Dec 31

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to DONATE FLOWERS marking an 2022 anniversary,
birthday, special intention, in gratitude to God,
in memory of a deceased loved, or just because,
please *SIGN UP* or *CALENDAR*
and contact *Donna*, (336) 835-5245.



SYNODALITY:

MEANS

WALKING TOGETHER

Communion + Participation + Mission



SINODALIDAD:

MEDIO

CAMINANDO JUNTOS

Comunión + Participación + Misión

Meaning of the Synod Logo:

A large, majestic tree, full of wisdom and light, reaches for the sky. A sign of deep vitality and hope which expresses the cross of Christ. It carries the Eucharist, which shines like the sun. The horizontal branches, opened like hands or wings, suggest, at the same time, the Holy Spirit.

The people of God are not static: they are on the move, in direct reference to the etymology of the word synod, which means "walking together". The people are united by the same common dynamic that this Tree of Life breathes into them, from which they begin their walk.

These 15 silhouettes sum up our entire humanity in its diversity of life situations of generations and origins. This aspect is reinforced by the multiplicity of bright colours which are themselves signs of joy. There is no hierarchy between these people who are all on the same footing: young, old, men, women, teenagers, children, lay people, religious, parents, couples, singles; the bishop and the nun are not in front of them, but among them. Quite naturally, children and then adolescents open their walk, in reference to these words of Jesus in the Gospel: "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children". (Mt 11:25)

The horizontal baseline: "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission" runs from left to right in the direction of this march, underlining and strengthening it, to end with the title "Synod 2021 - 2023", the high point that synthesizes the whole. ~ Isabelle de Senilhes, Paris, France



From the Synod Handbook:

Myriam Wijlens, a canon lawyer and Synod of Bishops consultor, told reporters that women need to "present themselves" and speak up "courageously" during this consultation phase.

It will also be important to listen to what women from non-Western cultures are saying, she added.

The Synod handbook said even though dioceses will be asked to spend six months doing extensive outreach and consultation with as many people as possible, the synodal process "is not a mechanical data-gathering exercise

Synodal listening is oriented toward discernment in which people listen to each other, to their faith tradition and to "the signs of the times in order to discern what God is saying to all of us.

*While there
is a remnant,
however small,
who cares
intensively
for the quality
of the
community life,
there is hope.*

~ William Sloane Coffin

See our website to view the full **Synod Handbook**
& other Synod info: www.StStephenNC.org



Stretch of the Imagination

Morning, Church!

Your Head and Heart are meant to work in sync, complimenting, inspiring, and influencing your choices, dreams, and risk-taking. Neither can dominate; so that together, they grace and balance you. Keeping rules and staying on the straight and narrow is a way ~ though Jesus says it's not enough. He hopes your love is *ever-expansive* and stretching your imagination to realize God's dream for you.

In the gospels, a great, expectant crowd gathered around Jesus. They were the first to hear the Beatitudes. Jesus, the Perfect Preacher, knew their spiritual hunger. He knew their hearts and how beaten down they were by the world and the oppressive Romans. These Insignificant found strength and comfort in Jesus' words. They felt bonded to Jesus who knew their multileveled hungers, their spiritual and pocket poverty, their grief, and all the ways they were being excluded. Jesus graced their openness to his message and he affirmed their blessedness. He encouraged them to own their blessedness and stay open to God.

The Beatitudes are the stretch of your imagination.

The Beatitudes are the stretch of gospel love.

The Beatitudes unapologetically proclaim Jesus' paradoxical message, that seems so insideout and backwards to its listeners.

The Beatitudes reveal God's imaginative preference for what is virtuous, holy and lasting.

Jesus hopes you keep their head and heart in sync; that you will stretch your spiritual imagination and live his *Be-attitudes* as you journey in faith.

Jesus hopes you will find comfort and strength in your spiritual or pocket poverty; your grief, when you experience injustice, being excluded or insulted.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

God's blessings,

Janis

*The Beatitudes are the deepest desire of God's heart.
What is the deepest desire of your heart?*

Nothing is more practical
than finding God,
that is,
than falling in love
in a quite absolute,
final way.

What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination
will affect everything.

It will decide
what will get you
out of bed
in the morning,
what you will do
with your evenings,
how you will spend
your weekends,
what you will read,
who you will know,
what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you
with joy and gratitude.

Fall in love; stay in love,
and it will decide
everything.

~ Pedro Arrupe, S.J.



6th Sun OT ~ Feb 13	
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Jeremiah 17:5-8	1Cor 15:12, 16-20
Ps 1: 1-4, 6	Luke 6:17, 20-26



PROCLAIMERS of the WORD		
Date	Reading I	Reading II
2/6	Jason McC	Wendy McC
2/13	Beth O	John O
2/20	Peggy R	Jerry S
2/27	Judy S	Lou S

🕊️ Reflecting and Acting on the Word _____

Where do you look for happiness?
Do you believe that God wants you to be happy?
What do the Beatitudes
teach you about happiness?

Tri-C Christian Ministries

CURRENT NEEDS:
ANY canned vegetables, esp. peas & any kind of beans; sm. Toiletries or laundry soap.

🕊️ FEBRUARY	
13	6th Sun OT We Believe in Marriage Day 1st Communion FFF, 10:30a, FLC
14	RCIA
15	Communion Service, 12:15p
17	Wise Ones Lana & Bob TBA
20	7th Sun OT FAITH FUSION, 10:30, FLC
21	RCIA GIVE BLOOD Elkin Rescue Sq. 1:30-6:00p Ladies Guild, 7p
22	Communion Service, 12:15p
27	8th Sun OT 1st Communion FFF, 10:30a, FLC
28	RCIA

🕊️ FEBRUARY	
06	+Byrdie Gerkle; Noreen O'Neill (Birthday)
13	Married Couples
20	Celeste Liss

Birthdays

22 Julie Colglazier Wendy McClamrock		24 Aaron Kelly Marcus Orta
23 Gabby LaCashio Margarita Serafin		25 Ray Hernandez
24 Andrew Ange		28 June Soots



27 June & Billy Soots

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CHECK THESE TV STATIONS FOR INFORMATION:**

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We Believe in Marriage Day
We celebrate the faithful love of many couples in our community, as well as the married couples in our families whose steadfast love gives witness to God's steadfast, faithful love.



+S. Theresa O'Donnell, S.S.J.
Born
July 18, 1939
Born to Eternal Life
February 5, 2022
in the 65th year
of her religious life.



+S. Joan Dolores Boyce, S.S.J.
Born
May 16, 1930
Born to Eternal Life
February 5, 2022
in the 74th year
of her religious life.



The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022

Can you match up the pieces in this puzzle?

Blessed are you when people hate you because of me...

Blessed are you who are poor...

for you will be satisfied.

for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry...

your reward will be great in Heaven.

for you will laugh.

Blessed are you who are now weeping...

Hidden Blessings



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you?

Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray.

But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them- when you are suffering, you can give your sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them!

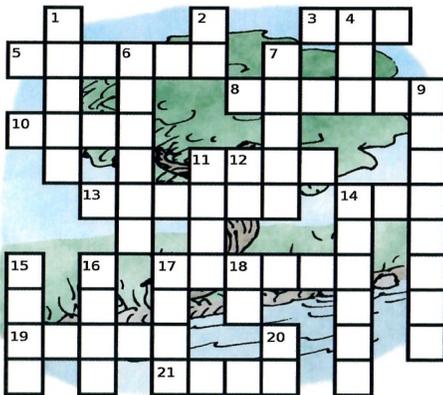
Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!



Answers to Cross-Word puzzle:
Across: 3. who 5 trusts 8. cursed 10. year 11. that 13. barren 14. but 17. beings 19. roots 21. heat
Down: 1. green 2. is 4. his 6. stream 7. human 9. distress 11. tree 12. he 14. beside 15. Lord 16. from 17. bush 18. in 20. it

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Trust in the Lord Cross-Word



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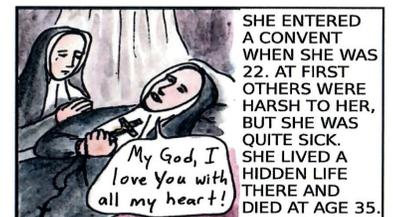
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Here is today's first reading, from Jeremiah.
Fill in the blanks using the words from the list and fit them into the puzzle.

Thus says the Lord:

8a is the one who trusts in 7d 17a,
3a seeks 4d strength 18d flesh,
whose heart turns away 16d the Lord.
12d is like a 13a 17d in the desert
11a enjoys no change of season,
14a stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.
Blessed is the one who 5a in the Lord,
whose hope is the 15d.
He 2d like a 11d planted 14d the waters that
stretches out its 19a to the 6d:
it fears not the 21a when 20d comes; its leaves stay 1d;
in the 10a of drought it shows no 9d,
but still bears fruit.

Saint Bernadette Soubirous February 18



BECAUSE BERNADETTE WAS HONEST, SHE WAS ABLE TO BRING OUR LADY'S MESSAGES TO THE WORLD. THROUGH HER OUR BLESSED MOTHER TOLD THE WORLD THAT SHE WAS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-THAT SHE NEVER HAD ORIGINAL SIN. ARE YOU HONEST ENOUGH TO SHARE THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD?

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