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**St. John**

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**St. Stephen**

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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, 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.*

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 13, 2024**

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*Prayer Before An Election*

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, our state, and our country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as sisters and brothers, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, neglect, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears to hear the cries of the least, the lost, and the lonely, women and men oppressed because of race, creed, religion, age, or gender.

We ask for Christ's mind and heart to be open to hearing the voice of those leaders who will lead us to living the gospel fully.

We pray for discernment to choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep your ways of truth as they follow Christ's Way of justice, compassion, and peace.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who is our Savior, now and forever. Amen.+

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...*

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*Adult Faith Formation Opportunity*

*Tuesday, November 4, 5:00p*  
*St. Stephen Family Life Center*  
*Sister Janis*  
*“Pre-planning*  
*Your Funeral Service”*

**¿Sin qué no puedes vivir?  
¿Qué necesitas para renunciar?**

*¡Buenos días, Iglesia!*

Después de la oración inicial, planteé estas preguntas:

¿Cuál es tu "riqueza"? ¿Cuáles son esas realidades, relaciones o símbolos de riqueza que usted es reacio a compartir o abandonar por completo?

"¡Uf, son algunas preguntas! ¡Tomarán algún tiempo para responder!", dijo Barry B.

"Estas son preguntas que todos debemos hacernos y responder todos los días", John C.

Para responder estas o cualquier pregunta sobre la fe, debemos tomarnos en serio nuestra relación con Cristo y seguirlo todos los días. Esto requiere que tengamos una aguda conciencia de las cosas, personas o situaciones que potencialmente pueden poseernos.

Si estamos siendo poseídos "demoníacamente" por ciertas relaciones o realidades, Jesús nos invita a "venderlas" para crecer en la gracia de entregarnos a él.

Aquellos que siguen fiel y consistentemente a Jesús eligen con valentía la conversión y desean hacerlo con un espíritu libre.

Mientras caminamos juntos en fe, nos gloriamos en la verdad de que nada es imposible para Dios y cualquier "riqueza" que renunciemos a regañadientes abre la Palabra de Dios en nuestras vidas.

Esta es nuestra fe. Ésta es la fe de la Iglesia.

Estamos orgullosos de profesarlo en Cristo Jesús.

(Rito del Bautismo)

Con alegría y convicción, sigamos planteándonos a nosotros mismos y a los demás las preguntas desafiantes que nos conducirán a todas las posibilidades del Reino de Dios.

En ComUNIDAD,



## Permanecer / Stay

Cada día  
Jesús te invita  
para seguirlo.

Every day  
Jesus invites you  
to follow him.

Siguiendo a Jesús  
significa  
que lo dejas ir  
de cualquier  
preconcebido  
ideas de lo  
que eso significará  
para usted,  
qué cambia eso  
exigirá  
de ti,  
y como tu corazón  
se formará  
y reformado  
una y otra vez  
hasta  
se suaviza  
y se abre  
al corazón  
de Cristo.

Following Jesus  
means you let go  
of any pre-conceived  
ideas of what that will  
mean for you,  
what changes that  
will demand  
of you,  
and how your heart  
will be formed  
and reformed  
again and again  
until  
it softens  
and opens  
to the heart  
of Christ.

¿Te quedarás?  
con Jesús?  
Quieres  
dejar ir  
lo que  
te impide  
de salir  
detrás  
de cualquier cosa  
eso te impide  
de tu "sí"  
a Jesús?

Will you stay  
with Jesus?  
Will you  
let go of  
whatever  
prevents you  
from leaving  
behind anything  
that prevents you  
from your "yes"  
to Jesus?

Quédate con él.  
Aférrate a él.  
el lo hará  
llevarte a casa.  
~ hermana Janis

Stay with him.  
Cling to him.  
He will  
lead you home.

### Reflexionando sobre la Palabra

Haga un inventario de su "riqueza", las cosas que atesoras y guardas Continúe con fiereza, por ejemplo, sus opiniones, juicios de otros, tu tiempo, tu tesoro, tu generosidad.

¿Qué necesitas para "vender", deshacerte de ti?

¿Para seguir a Cristo con un corazón libre?

**What can't you live without?  
What do you need to relinquish?**

**Stay**

*Morning, Church!*

After the opening prayer, I posed these questions:  
What is your "wealth"? What are those realities,  
relationships, or symbols of wealth  
you are reluctant to share or give up altogether?  
"Phew, they're some questions!  
They'll take some time to answer!", Barry B.  
"These are questions all of us need to ask  
and answer every day," John C.

To answer these or any faith questions, we must be serious about our relationship with Christ and following him every day. This requires that we have a keen awareness of the things, people, or situations that potentially can possess us.

If we are being "demonically" possessed by certain relationships or realities, Jesus invites us to "sell them off" in order to grow in the grace of surrender to him.

Those who faithfully, consistently follow Jesus courageously choose conversion and desire to do so with an unencumbered spirit.

As we journey together in faith, we glory in the truth that nothing is impossible for God and any "wealth" we reluctantly relinquish, breaks open God's Word in our lives.

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.  
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus.  
(Rite of Baptism)

With joy and conviction, let us keep asking the challenging questions of ourselves and each other ~ the ones that will lead us to every possibility of the Reign of God.

In CommUNITY,

*Janis*

I know how your mind  
rushes ahead  
trying to fathom  
what could follow this.  
What will you do,  
where will you go,  
how will you live?

You will want  
to outrun the grief.  
You will want  
to keep turning toward  
the horizon,  
watching  
for what was lost  
to come back,  
to return to you  
and never leave again.

For now  
hear me when I say  
all you need to do  
is to still yourself  
is to turn  
toward one another  
is to stay.

Wait  
and see what comes  
to fill  
the gaping hole  
in your chest.  
Wait with your hands open  
to receive what could never  
come  
except to what is empty  
and hollow.

You cannot know it now,  
cannot even imagine  
what lies ahead,  
but I tell you  
the day is coming  
when breath will  
fill your lungs  
as it never has before  
and with your own ears  
you will hear words  
coming to you new  
and startling.  
You will dream dreams  
and you will see the world  
ablaze with blessing.






















Wait for it.  
Still yourself.  
Stay.

~ Jan Richardson

 *Reflecting on the Word*

*Take inventory of your "wealth",  
the things you treasure and hold  
on to with fierceness, e.g., your opinions,  
judgments of others,  
your time, your treasure, your generosity.*

*What do you need to "sell off", divest yourself of  
in order to follow Christ with a free heart?*

OCTOBER	
01	Communion Service, 12:15p
 02	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
05	Blessing of Animals, Farmer's Market, 10:30a
 03-08	SSJ Fall Assembly
 06	27th Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
08	Communion Service, 12:15p
 09	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
 13	28th Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
 14	Ladies Guild, 5p
 15	SSJ Founder's Day 1650 Adult Faith Formation ~ The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association, 12N
 16	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
17	Wise Ones Crave Restaurant, Sparta, 1p Hosts: Judy & Frank (336) 701-7688 
19	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
 20	29th Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
21	Donate Blood, 1st Baptist Church, 1:30-6:00p 
 22	SSJ CGG, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p
 23	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
 27	30th Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
29	Communion Service, 12:15p
 30	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 



We hold in prayer all who gather at the Synod in Rome. May they follow the lead of the Holy Spirit, as they discern and discover how God is leading us into the future.

OCT MASS INTENTIONS	
06	+Grace Jenkins +Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory Geri Rogers, S.S.J.
13	Christopher Trembley Birthday +Thomas Patrick Rosser Sisters of St. Joseph
20	Healing in our homes, hearts, nation, world
27	+Phil Altemueller r/b Gayle +Carter Chu r/b Debbie & Phillip

### Birthdays & Anniversary



- |                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 01 Ellen Bernabe    | 12 Natalie Lopez-Williams |
| Liam Hernandez      | 14 Raquel Martinez        |
| Daniela Trejo       | 18 Athena Spicer          |
| 03 Nancy Hubbard    | 19 Yandi Nava             |
| Gerardo Parral, Sr. | 20 John Darcey            |
| 04 Ngoe Vo          | 22 Ty Keller              |
| 06 Marisol Ledesma  | Ruben Ramirez             |
| 08 Maria Mata-Reyes | Leilany Garcia            |
| Sergio Loyola       | 25 Beth Altemueller       |
| 10 Angel Ledesma    | 26 Ramona Doyle           |
| 11 Beth Orta        |                           |

- 01 Ofelia & Alberto Nava
- 10 Andrea Faw & Stephen Faust
- 22 Liza Go & Jeff Harris
- 25 Samantha & Andrew Ange



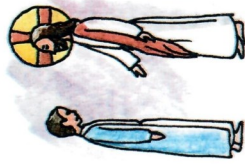
**You're invited!**  
**Adult Faith Formation & Faithsharing:**  
**The Chosen**  
**Tuesdays, October 15 & 22**  
**10:00a ~ 11:30a**  
 Contact S. Janis for more information



**S. Marie C. Fenton, SSJ**  
 November 6, 1935 ~ October 10, 2024  
 71<sup>st</sup> Year as Sister of St. Joseph



## Jesus and the Rich Young Man



In today's gospel, a rich, young man comes to Jesus because he wanted to follow him. Jesus told him to give what he had to the those in need and then come follow him. This made the young man sad because he couldn't give up the things he had. The young man walked away from Jesus feeling sad.

Jesus invites you to think about ways you can share with others. Can you share your joy with someone who is sad? Can you help others when they need you? Will you pray for your sisters and brothers who have many needs? Will you make donations to the people in western NC who need warm clothing, blankets, and non-perishable food?

You don't have to be rich to share or help others. All Jesus asks of you is that you share your heart, your love, your gifts and talents, and your willingness to serve.



Bee like Jesus:

Be loving, kind, and generous  
with your time and your talents.

Cross-word Puzzle answers: Across: 3.light 5.silver 7.good 10.her 12.chose  
13.was 14.gold 15.me 16.splendor Down: 1.things 2.wisdom 3.loved 4.the  
6.riches 8.prayed 9.throne 11.hands

# The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 13th, 2024

Mark 10:17-30



The rich young man in today's Gospel reading was sad because Jesus told him to sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.  
But all things are possible with God!

Can you find the way from the camel through the needle?



# Saint Teresa of Avila

## October 15

TERESA OF AVILA WAS BORN IN 1515 IN SPAIN TO A CATHOLIC FAMILY. WHEN SHE WAS 7 SHE AND HER BROTHER RAN AWAY, HOPING TO BECOME MARTYRS.

HER MOTHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS 14. WHEN SHE BECAME DISTRACTED BY WORLDLY THINGS HER FATHER SENT HER TO A CONVENT.

SHE WAS SENT HOME WHEN SHE BECAME ILL, BUT WENT BACK WHEN SHE WAS BETTER.

It's so hard to leave my father... but I must go!

Sister Anne's cousins are coming today!

Oh! They're fun!

THE NUNS AT THIS CONVENT DID NOT PRACTICE POVERTY OR SILENCE.

FOR A LONG TIME TERESA STRUGGLED WITH PRAYER. SHE LIKED TO BE WITH HER FRIENDS.

I don't have time to pray...

Did you hear about Elizabeth?

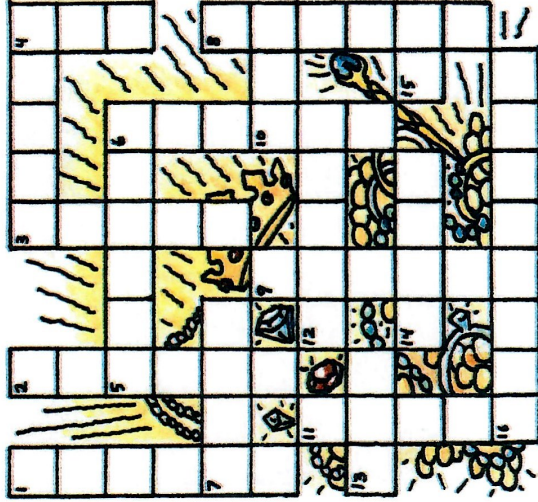
BUT GOD ASKED HER TO TALK ONLY TO HIM. TERESA BEGAN TO HAVE VISIONS AND HEAR THINGS FROM GOD.

Speak -- no more -- with men...

SOON SHE STARTED NEW CONVENTS THAT FOLLOWED THE OLD RULES. MANY PEOPLE TRIED TO STOP HER, BUT SHE OBEYED GOD. SHE WAS SICKLY ALL HER LIFE AND DIED AT AGE 67.

WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG SAINT TERESA HAD A HARD TIME KEEPING GOD FIRST IN HER LIFE. SHE WAS DISTRACTED BY FRIENDS AND NICE THINGS. BUT SHE KNEW THAT GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT, SO SHE GAVE HER LIFE TO HIM. WHAT ARE YOU DISTRACTED BY? WILL YOU LET IT KEEP YOU AWAY FROM GOD?

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# Wisdom Cross- Word Puzzle

Wisdom 7:7-11

Unscramble the words in **CAPITALS** and fit them into the puzzle!  
A=Across and D=Down.

I DEYPAR (8D), and prudence SWA (13A) given me;  
I pleaded and HET (4D) spirit of MSODWI (2D) came to EM (15A).

I preferred her to scepter and ONTHRE (9D), and deemed ERSIHC (6D) nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all DLGO (14A), in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, VELSIR (5A) is to be accounted mire.

Beyond health and comeliness I OELVD (3D) her, And I SECHO (12A) to have RHE (10A) rather than the HGLTI (3A), because the DORSPLEN (16A) of her never yields to sleep.  
Yet all DOOG (7A) NSGTH (1D) together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her SDHNA (11D).