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St. John

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St. Stephen

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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

Sacrament Preparation (Baptism, 1st 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.

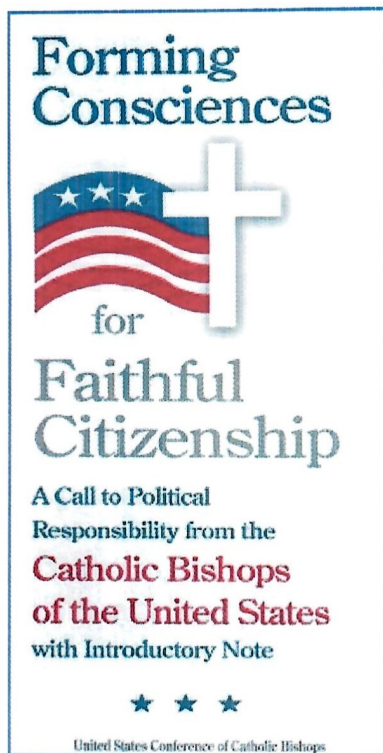
Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024



As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions.

This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity.

Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship and learn more. Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?"

*Never let evil talk pass your lips;
say only the good things others
need to hear, things that will really help them.
Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit
with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption.*

*Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words,
slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these,
be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving,
just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).*

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to "genuine dialogue and openness to others," by which we may "be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 203).

This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates — we must consider not only candidates' positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

(Excerpt from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops)

Wisdom vs. Foolishness

Morning, Church!

This weekend God's Word juxtaposes Wisdom and Foolishness. The Book of Proverbs is aimed at the training of future public servants and the pitfalls and advantages of this service. Public servants must be trained in the ways of wisdom and to avoid foolishness.

A public servant or anyone, must divest themselves of foolishness. Their Wisdom must be mature and discerning. It cannot be compulsive or irrational. We need this in our leaders. Wisdom that rises from the depths of one's soulful, reflective living inside out. We need this in our leaders. Wisdom sees through the erratic and fickle and is a feast of grace in refined choices that lead one to be courteous and respectful. We need this in our leaders. This kind of Wisdom sustains the wise and all who come to her table.

Wisdom sets the Table and invites all to come to her to move away from foolishness, especially the foolishness of our current culture of "debauchery". Why is it we have a tendency to remain in our own ignorance, without the influence of Wisdom's spirit?

The Letter to the Ephesians and to us echoes the same message. Being wise means positioning oneself to "make the most of grace's opportunities". Being foolish is the visible expression of sin's decadence. Foolishness is far from Wisdom's Table and from the Tables of Word and Sacrament.

As Jesus continues his discourse on The Bread of Life, he reminds us that he is so much more than the miraculous manna given in the desert. Yes, the manna brought our Ancestors in Faith nourishment and a new wisdom on who God is for them, yet it's not eternally life-giving.

Like our Ancestors in Faith, we need to fall on our knees in gratitude and humility as we gather around these Tables of Word and Sacrament. The Bread of Life is the Wisdom of God, the Banquet Feast, the Grace That Sustains and leads us to eternal life. Grumbling or murmuring here is pure foolishness and show a lack of wisdom and gratitude celebrated by those who "taste and see the goodness of the Lord".

These Banquet Tables are not "cafeteria style". We cannot pick and choose what we will take in, be fed by or consume. These are the Tables of Transformation for all who call themselves followers of Christ, for all who say they believe in the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. This is a call to become who we receive.

In the next three months, Christ calls us to a renewed, daily,
deep, soaking, and humble prayer.

Let us pray to choose our future public servant,
that they will show wisdom, understanding, and humility as they serve.

We ask the Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts to choose leaders
who will be faithful to our Constitution and our democracy.

We consider not only the "candidates' position on various issues,
but their character and integrity as well."

~ *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility* USCCB

In CommUNITY,



 *Reflecting on the Word*

*In what aspects of your life do you need Wisdom's guidance most?
What aspects of your life do you grumble about the most?
What does Jesus say about this?*

AUGUST	
11	19th Sun OT Fr. John Birthday ~ Coffee & cake after Mass, FLC Faith Formation REGISTRATION in CHURCH, 10:15a Parish BBQ Bash Hamby Park (see p. 4)
12	Ladies Guild, 5p
13	Communion Service, 12:15p
14	Choir, 7p
15	Wise Ones, 1p Cowboy's Restaurant Hosts: Barb & Bob DeJohn Feast: Assumption, Mass, 7p
17	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
18	20th Sun OT Faith Formation REGISTRATION Family Life Center, 10:15a
19	Give Blood Elkin 1st Baptist Church ~ 1:30-6:00p
20	Communion Service, 12:15p
21	Choir, 7p
25	21st Sun OT Faith Formation REGISTRATION Family Life Center, 10:15a
27	Communion Service, 12:15p
28	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p

MASS INTENTIONS	
04	+Elizabeth Karaffa; +Larry Watson
11	Gary McQuade (79 th Bday); Claire Kelly "Chip" Charles Bruce Davis
18	+Damien Michael Whisonant
25	+Phil Altemueller Students & Teachers, Coaches & Mentors

Birthdays & Anniversary



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| 02 Maria Ledesma | 15 Jane Worley |
| 05 Natalia Ouellette | 17 Sergio Hernandez |
| 06 Isidro Rodriguez
Rudy Ardizzola | 23 Judy Berryman |
| 07 Mary Blackburn | 24 Gayle Altemueller
Evangeline Cancel
Leo Ouellette |
| 09 Ashley Davis
Joel Lopez | 25 Hannah Treannie
Louisa Rodriguez |
| 10 Anayeli Bustos
John Hanic | 26 Pat Kophamer |
| 13 Nelda Spicer | 30 Nancy Espino |
| 05 Janis McQuade | 12 Lila & Ty Keller |
| 11 Olivia & Isidro Rodriguez | 31 Judy & Ron Berryman |

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Giving and sharing increases

love and allows God
to perform wonders.

I'm encouraging you~ try to share more,
as Jesus teaches.

~ Pope Francis

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Importante:

Registro de formación de fé Los formularios de inscripción para la formación de fé se Publicarán en nuestro sitio web a partir. Todos los padres que quieran que sus hijos formen parte de nuestro programa. Todos los padres que quieren que sus hijos formen. Parte de nuestro programa deben registrar a cada niño después de la Misa antes del 11, 18 o 25 de agosto. Sin excepciones.

Important: Faith Formation Registration Form is posted on our website. All parents who want their children to be part of our program must register each child after Mass on August 11, 18, or 25. No exceptions.



S. Wanda Davidson, S.S.J.

April 10, 1933 ~ August 7, 2024

73rd Year as Sister of St. Joseph

We Thank Jesus for Coming to Us

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people that He really will give Himself to them as food to eat. We receive Jesus every time we go to Holy Communion.



One of the words we use for Holy Communion is EUCHARIST, which means thanksgiving.

THANK YOU,
JESUS, FOR
COMING TO ME
IN HOLY
COMMUNION!

It tells us that the Mass is the best way of giving thanks to God. It also reminds us that we should be very thankful to Jesus for coming to us and giving Himself to us.



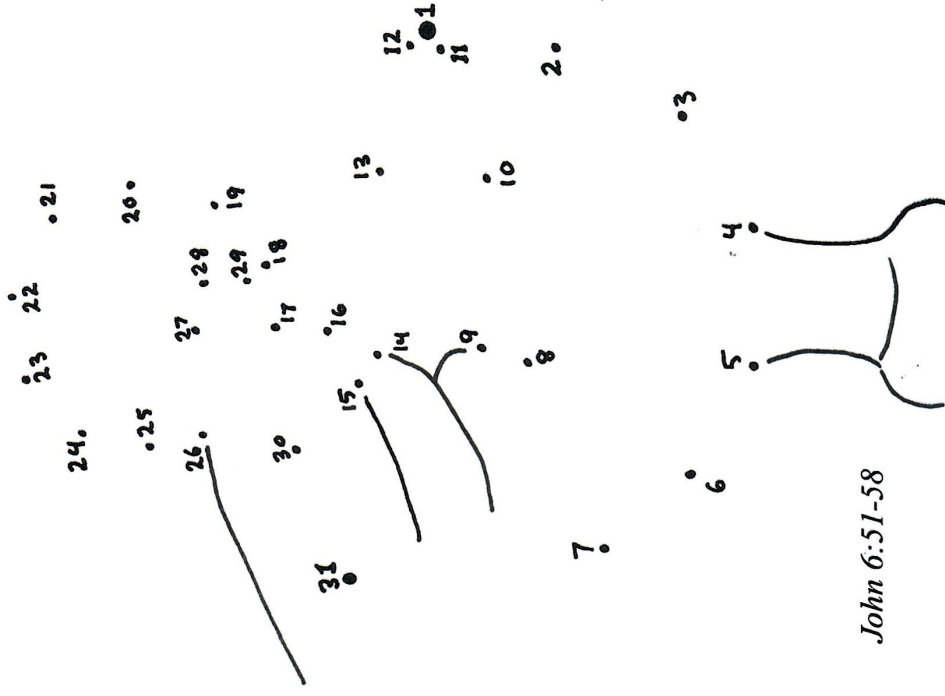
We should thank Jesus as soon as we have received Holy Communion. But don't stop being thankful as soon as Mass is over! Being a good Christian means being thankful and trying to please God all the time!



Answer to Queen of Heaven Word-Find:
Queen of my heart

The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2024



John 6:51-58

Jesus told the people that He is the Bread of Life and that He would give Himself to them as food.

Connect the dots to see how He gives Himself to us today.

Pope Saint Pius X

August 21

JOSEPH SARTO WAS BORN IN 1835 IN ITALY. HIS FATHER WAS A MAIL MAN. WHEN JOSEPH WENT TO SCHOOL TO BECOME A PRIEST HE WAS SO POOR THAT HE WENT BAREFOOT FOR MILES TO SAVE HIS ONLY SHOES.

AS A PRIEST, FATHER SARTO LOVED THE POOR AND GAVE EVERYTHING HE HAD TO HELP THEM.

FATHER SARTO BECAME A BISHOP AND THEN A CARDINAL.

Fr. Sarto is an excellent pastor. He will make a good bishop.

WHEN THE POPE DIED HE WAS CHOSEN TO BE POPE. HE TOOK THE NAME PIUS X.

POPE PIUS X ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION OFTEN.

WHEN WORLD WAR I BROKE OUT HE WAS VERY SAD.

Lord, please let this end!

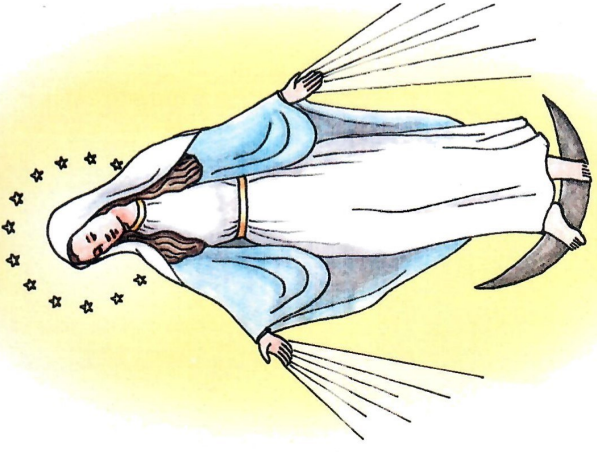
POPE SAINT PIUS X DIED ON AUGUST 20, 1914. UNTIL THE END OF HIS LIFE HE GAVE EVERYTHING HE HAD TO THE POOR.

Those dishes were a lovely gift. We should give them to the Antoni family.

SAINT PIUS X WANTED EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE JESUS IN HOLY COMMUNION. HE ALLOWED YOUNGER CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, WHEN BEFORE THEY HAD TO BE AT LEAST 12. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION OFTEN AND WITH GREAT LOVE.

Queen of Heaven Word-Find

August 22nd (this Wednesday)
is the feast of
the Queenship of Mary.



P E R F E C T C L
Q U M O V E N S F R O
T H E R Y P R T H E I N E T T
R O N M A Y A R T H E I N E T T
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A T B L E S S E D L E S S
A P O S T L E S

When Our Lady's life was over, JESUS took her, body and soul, into HEAVEN. There He honours her as the Queen of Heaven and EARTH. She is the most PERFECT of all the SAINTS. MARY is the QUEEN of the APOSTLES, MARTYRS and PROPHETS. She rules beside her Son Jesus on His THRONE in Heaven.

But Our BLESSED MOTHER does not forget us. She is full of LOVE and CARES for us, and will always LISTEN when we PRAY to her. She is OUR greatest HELP and prays to God for us.

Here is a name that you can give Our LADY to remember how much she loves you: