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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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023



IT'S A GREAT TIME!! "SPRING CLEAN"!!
SET ASIDE ITEMS YOU WISH TO DONATE
ST. S YARD SALE ~ JULY 29, 2023

Donations do not include:

Clothing	Books without covers
Unframed glass	Large or CRT televisions
Opened paint cans	Building supplies
Large appliances	Broken items
Cribs or baby equipment	Dirty items

DROP OFF SCHEDULE

Sat., July 22	11:00a ~ 12:30p
Mon., July 17	9:00 ~ 10:00a
Wed., July 19	9:00 ~ 10:00a
Fri., July 21	9:00 ~ 10:00a
Sun., July 23	Dropoff after Mass

For other arrangements, call
Aileen (336) 466-1484

**U.S.
Mass Shootings**



**WHEN IS ENOUGH,
ENOUGH?**

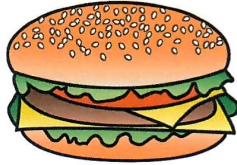
Tri-C Almsgiving
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**Our Lady,
Queen of Peace,
pray for us!**

You are invited to a CommUNITY Cookout



**Saturday, July 22, 2023
12:00 – 2:00PM**

**Elkin Presbyterian Church
151 Hillcrest Drive, Elkin NC**

**If you have a home church
please contact them to RSVP. If not,
please call Elkin Presbyterian Church
(336) 835-4545**

**Sponsored by Connections,
a group of local clergy who seek to
Dismantle Racism
*One Relationship at a Time***

**Please join us for a free
Fellowship Meal and Table Talk**



How does your



garden grow?

Morning Church!

Halftime of a game is a time to evaluate how the team's doing and what the coach and team could be doing better to collaborate for a positive outcome for all. For almost two decades we have shared faith, parish life, family celebrations, a pandemic, losses, and ministries and service. I am your designated pastoral leader among leaders. Our relationship is one of peer ministry; I am not your parent or the church police.

Today's gospel parable affords us a way to reflect on the state of our hearts in this halftime of summer. We'll use the parable to examine our choices to see how God's Word has taken root in each of us, and all of us together.

Relationship: Our parish builds on our relationship with God and each other. If St. S is to continue being the Catholic presence here, more consistency in our Stewardship is needed from all of us. St. S needs to be a priority if we are to be a life-giving, viable faith community. All relationships have responsibilities. Being in relationship with your parish implies participating/supporting parish events, engaging in at least one parish ministry or group, and sustaining our mission and ministry through your weekly contributions.

Hospitality: How well do you know the stories of those who gather to worship with you every week? Do you know the names of the folks who don't sit near you? If hospitality is a hallmark of our parish, how will you welcome and engage one another on Sunday, especially those you don't know yet?

Stewardship of Time and Talent: How truly do you invest in St. S events, ministries, projects? Do you take part in at least one ministry and parish group? *Stewardship of Treasure:* When preparing your weekly offering, are you intentional and grateful as you prepare your contribution ~ the way you would be when giving a loved one a gift? Is your pattern of giving to St. S flow freely from a sense of how blessed you are? *Stewardship of Time and Talent:* Do you offer to share your time and talents to enrich our parish life? Do you wait to be asked or do you take initiative and ask, "What can I do to help our church?"

State of the Heart: What does being a part of St. S mean to you? What is the lasting legacy you will leave as your sustaining presence here? How do you *want* to be remembered?

The Seed of Faith has been sown in your heart's soil: is your path so preoccupied that your faith gets gobbled up in busyness before it can root? Is your faith burned out on the rock of complacency, or being choked out by the *weedy attitude* "someone-else-will-do-it"? Will your presence and influence yield a rich legacy of faith and sustain St. S now and into the future?

Reflect on these questions in your heart, hear the voice of the Divine Sower inviting you to grow in faith, in relationship with your parish, and in your participation in the Stewardship of your faith community

All of us are Sowers in Jesus' Name. The preparation efforts you exert removing stones, plowing, irrigating, and your vigilance through the growing season, will yield a rich harvest for God. If you doubt that, remember the elementary school science experiment: plant a seed in the paper cup, water it, and watch the roots grow down and the plant grow up!

God's blessings,

spanis

 **HEARTwork ~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word**

On your faithjourney, where is your faith?

Exposed on the path?

On the rock?

In the weeds?


Planted in faith's rich soil?

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

J U L Y	
16	15th Sun OT
17	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6p 
18	Communion Service, 12:15p
19	RCIA, 6:45p
20	Wise Ones Luncheon, 1p <i>Cedarbrook C.C.</i> Host: Karen Gochnauer 
22	CommUNITY Cookout Elkin Presbyterian Church, 12N-2p ALL ARE WELCOME!! Sponsored by Ministerial Association (See p. 4)
23	16th Sun OT <i>National Grandparents' Day</i>
25	Communion Service, 12:15p 
29	PARISH YARD SALE
30	17th Sun OT
31	Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

☪ Mass Intentions	
16	St. Stephen Parishioners Julia Mantero (91); +Kathleen Hyer
23	Grandparents & Wise Ones

Birthdays & Anniversaries

18 Eileen Ouellette		26 Lorriaine Benfanti
29 Joyce Kelly		Frank Simon
22 Barb DeJohn		29 Julian Espino
22 Joseph Martinez		31 Orlando Trinidad
24 Kevin Robinson		



16 Pauline & Fred Sener
22 Jacquie & John Darcey
Ashley & Aymes Davis
31 Cindy Whitley & Ozzie Martinez



S. Elizabeth Ellen Tombler, S.S.J.

Born March 18, 1943

Born to eternal life July 9, 2023
in the 62nd year of her religious life

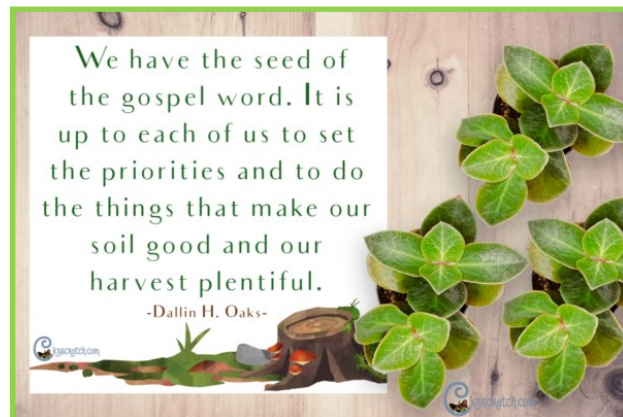
PARISH DIRECTORY
HOUSEHOLD PHOTOS

FINAL DATES
to have your household's photo
included in the directory.

July 16, 23



Tri-C Christian Ministries
July Almsgiving
Jello or Jello pudding



God's Word is Like Seed...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.



The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love God more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.



What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?




Answers to Unscramble Puzzle:
'Lord, rain, snow, earth, seed, bread, month, word, sent.

The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16th, 2023

Here is the parable Our Lord told in today's Gospel reading, with pictures!




A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,

some of the  fell on the , and  came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky

ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was

not deep, and when the  rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of

Some  fell among , and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some  fell on

rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or

sixty, or thirty-fold.

St. Appollinaris of Ravenna

July 20



SAINT APPOLLINARIS WAS ONE OF THE EARLY CHRISTIANS. HE WAS ORDAINED A BISHOP BY SAINT PETER, AND SENT TO LOOK AFTER RAVENNA, ITALY.



HE WAS THE FIRST BISHOP THERE AND MADE CONVERTS BY DOING MIRACLES.

Bishop Appollinaris cured my sickness!



THE PAGANS HATED HIS PREACHING, SO THEY BEAT HIM AND LEFT HIM FOR DEAD.



BUT THE CHRISTIANS FOUND AND HELPED HIM, AND HE BEGAN PREACHING AGAIN.

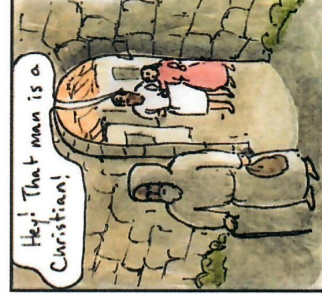


THEN HE WAS CAPTURED AGAIN AND TORTURED AND SENT IN EXILE TO GREECE.



BUT THERE HE SILENCED THE PAGANS TOO, SO THEY BEAT HIM AND SENT HIM BACK TO ITALY.

How can you believe in gods made of stone?



Hey! That man is a Christian!

THE EMPEROR OUTLAWED CHRISTIANS, SO SAINT APPOLLINARIS HAD TO HIDE. HE WAS SEEN LEAVING THE CITY AND WAS BEATEN. HE DIED SEVEN DAYS LATER.

SAINT APPOLLINARIS WAS A TRUE HERO FOR THE FAITH. HE KEPT GOING BACK TO HIS PEOPLE EVEN THOUGH HE KEPT GETTING BEATEN AND TORTURED. HE IS AN EXAMPLE TO US TO NEVER QUIT HELPING PEOPLE COME TO GOD EVEN WHEN OTHERS KEEP FIGHTING AGAINST US.

Isaiah 55 Unscramble

Unscramble the words to finish today's first reading!

Thus says the _____ : [DRLO]

Just as from the heavens

the _____ [NIRA] and _____ [OWNS]

come down

and do not return there

till they have watered the _____, [HRATE]

making it fertile and fruitful,

giving _____ [EDSE] to the one who sows

and _____ [EBDRA] to the one who eats,

so shall my word be

that goes forth from my _____; [TOUMH]

my _____ [DOWR] shall not return to me void,

but shall do my will,

achieving the end for which I _____ [NTSE] it.

