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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

6th Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023



*Fr. John David Hanic
cordially invites you
to join him in giving thanks to God
as he celebrates his
Fortieth Anniversary of Priesthood.*

Sunday, June 4, 2023

St. Stephen Catholic Church

101 Hawthorne Road

Elkin NC 28621

9:00a Mass

10:30 Brunch

Family Life Center

R.S.V.P.

Sister Janis

St. Stephen Celebration

(336) 835-3007 by May 26

OR

St. John Baptiste de LaSalle Church

275 C.C. Wright School Road

North Wilkesboro NC 28659

11:15a Mass

12:30p Dinner

Parish Hall

R.S.V.P.

Adam Welch

St. John Celebration

(336) 262-5869 by May 26



During the month of June,
St. Stephen Churches
& St. John the Baptist de LaSalle
are taking up a special collection
of **diapers** to support
Catholic Charities Wee Care Ministry.

This ministry provides assistance
to help families with small children.
The ministry needs boxed diapers in all sizes,
especially **sizes 3 to 7.**

Catholic Charities is very grateful
to the parishioners for their generosity
to those most in need.

Please bring donated items to the church

**Sundays,
June 4, 11, 18 & 25**



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

**Please do your part:
 donate items, come to the Yard Sale
 and buy something!**

*Yard sales proceeds will be directed towards
 a parish need or charity.
 Last year the proceeds went towards our new church roof.*

Caring for Creation



*"We admire elephants
 in part because they demonstrate
 what we consider the finest human traits:
 empathy, self-awareness,
 and social intelligence.
 But the way we treat them
 puts on display
 the very worst of human behavior."
 – Graydon Carter*

203 Mass shootings
 since Jan, 2023
13,912 dead
 (Subject to change)



Tri-C Almsgiving
 Thank you so much !!

MAY	Dry pasta
JUN	Jelly



**Our Lady,
 Queen of Peace,
 pray for us!**

Morning Church!

At this time of the year, commencement speeches strive to energize, affirm, and direct graduates. Commencement means to begin, so Graduation speeches are not farewell speeches. Jesus' Last Discourse with his friends, his learners, followed the same intent. He knew he would be leaving them soon and his leaving would stretch their hearts in unexpected ways. He wanted his Last Discourse to instruct and root in their hearts. His Last Discourse would be their spiritual reservoir in the days to come. He knew his words would grace them to live the gospel for the rest of their lives.

Leaving is part of life's cycle. Soon Jesus would be leaving his disciples. He's not abandoning them like orphans, specially in their most insecure, uncertain time. He gathered with them at table, knowing how confused they were as they grappled with what he said and what it meant. Jesus wanted to reinforce that God's love requires intentional living, focus, sometimes starting over after a detour, yielding and adapting to his unfolding call.

Today, the same is true for those who strive to faithfully follow him. Every day Jesus reveals another facet of your call and its companioning grace. As you live honestly and openly, The Way will lead you to do what you are called and gifted to do. Best of all, you will have Jesus' ever-present Spirit of encouraging, strengthening grace. The Spirit, Baptism's gift, emboldens you to serve, heal, and teach as Jesus did.

Being Christ's disciple means keeping the Word, his command to love. Living Christ's simple and insistent command means a daily surrender of your heart, your will, your ways of seeing things, and your notions about who your Dear Neighbor is. Keeping Christ's Commands means you accept his Way of seeing, empathizing, and serving The Last, The Least and The Left Behind. No exceptions.

Keeping the Word requires unlimited sacrifice, disruptions, intrusive inconveniences, resilient patience, and generosity. Christ's Command determines where and how you spend your time and share your heart. Keep the Divine Command to love, you will celebrate a variety of commencements into yet-to-be-discovered grace, light, and healing.

*Keeping Christ's commands
will deepen your faith
and be the sustaining reason
for the hope within you.
You have his Word.*

God's blessings

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 *Reflecting and Acting on The Word*

Who / What is the reason for the hope within you?

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

**LAST SUNDAY...**

Last Sunday our Vietnamese parishioners celebrated Mass with **Fr. Joe Dinh** Pastor of Christ the King Church in High Point.

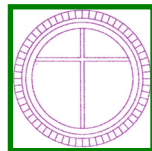
What a blessing to have our Vietnamese sisters and brothers among us, sharing in with us in faith, community, service, dreams, and hopes.



Last Sunday, I prayed the Mass in Vietnamese. This Mass touched my heart in new ways. They sang all the parts of the Mass, including the Creed in simple, sweet melodies. *All* who were present, women, men, and teens sang everything. One of the teens proclaimed the Word. Hanh sang the Responsorial verse, and Fr. Joe offered a wonderful homily.

Fr. Joe thanked me and all of you, the St. S parishioners, for our welcoming hospitality and encouraging presence to the newest members of our parish family.

M A Y	
 14	6th Sun Easter No Family Faith Formation Vietnamese Community Celebration, FLC <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
 15	Give blood Elkin Rescue Squad 1:30-6p
16	Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association, 12N
 18	Wise Ones Mango Peel, 1p Hosts: Ayda & Sheldon (980) 829-2035 Sacrament of Matrimony Sophia Fioretino and Capt. Michael Dimeo, USA 
 20	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
 21	<i>Feast: Ascension</i> Family Faith Formation Family Brunch
23	Communion Service, 12:15p
17	RCIA, 6:45p
28	<i>Feast: Pentecost</i>
30	Communion Service, 12:15p



NEW PARISH DIRECTORY
HOUSEHOLD PHOTO Sessions
May 7, 14
NO photography session
May 21



**THE MEDIA ONLY WRITE
ABOUT THE SINNERS
AND THE SCANDALS
BUT THAT ' S NORMAL,
BECAUSE A TREE THAT FALLS
MAKES MORE NOISE
THAN A FOREST THAT GROWS.**

🌿 Mass Intentions	
14	All Mothers living and deceased +Buddy Blanton +Teresa Horneck; +Helen Purcell
21	+Tom Lux
28	St. Stephen Parishioners' Intentions

Parish Celebrations

15 Ron Berryman
Luis Angel Lopez
19 Miguel Nava
Lizette Hernandez
21 Luz Hernandez
23 Aymes Davis



23 Jonathan Ramirez
25 Crystal Mejia
26 Lila Keller
28 Diego Carreon
30 Alex Lara
Brian Lopez
31 Hilda Lopez

15 Jennifer & Jason LaCashio
16 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie
22 Rosa & Juan Islas



21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
28 Theresa & Phil Martin
30 Joyce & Aaron Kelly

Please pray for...



S. Frances P. Kirk, S.S.J.
Born September 2, 1933
Born to eternal life May 8, 2023
in the 72nd year of her religious life

AND

+Gonzalo Izaguirre Alvarez, (35),
cousin of Lupe Hernandez-Reyes,
born to eternal life in Mexico this week.

Please pray for his mother,
Elvira Alvarez Cardenas and siblings,
Jasan and Juissa, as well.

Thanks you!

Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit Through the Sacraments



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away, but the Father will send the Holy Spirit to help them.



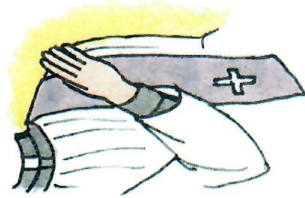
We can't see Jesus on earth any more, because His body went into Heaven at the Ascension. We can't see the Holy Spirit either, because He doesn't have a body. The Holy Spirit really is in the world,

though. He is working in the Church and in people who obey and love God.



The Holy Spirit comes to us mainly through the sacraments. We get grace, which is God's life in us, when we receive the sacraments. Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us on our way to Heaven. Do you know the seven sacraments? Here is a list to help you to remember:

- Baptism**
- Confession**
- Confirmation**
- Holy Communion**
- Marriage**
- Holy Orders**
- Sacrament of the Sick**



The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14th, 2023



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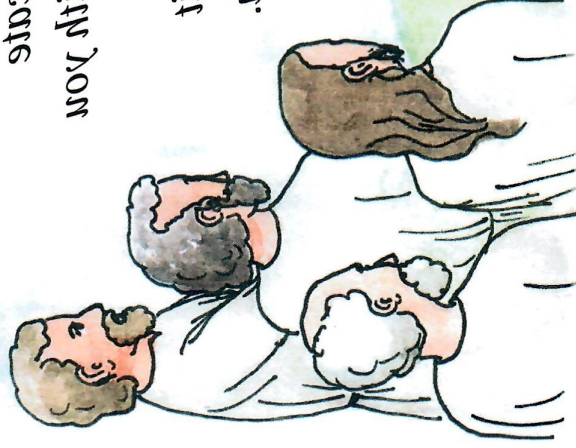
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What did Jesus say to the disciples to prepare them for His departure?

Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

Saint Bernardine of Siena

May 20

BERNARDINE WAS BORN AROUND 1380 IN ITALY. ORPHANED AT A YOUNG AGE, HE WAS RAISED BY PIOUS AUNTS. HE WOULD GET VERY UPSET IF PEOPLE USED BAD WORDS.

AT AGE 20 HE AND SOME FRIENDS HELPED LOOK AFTER PEOPLE DYING OF THE PLAGUE IN A HOSPITAL.

HE BECAME A FRANCISCAN BROTHER AND PRIEST, AND LIVED A QUIET LIFE FOR 12 YEARS.

ONCE HE WAS SENT TO PREACH A MISSION. HE SPOKE SO WELL EVERYONE WANTED MORE.

SO HE WAS SENT ALL OVER ITALY. HOWEVER, HE WAS STOPPED FOR A WHILE BECAUSE OF FALSE ACCUSATIONS.

BERNARDINE TAUGHT PEOPLE TO LOVE AND RESPECT THE NAMES OF JESUS AND MARY.

BECAUSE HE KNEW IT WAS HIS MISSION TO PREACH, HE REFUSED TO BECOME A BISHOP THREE TIMES. WHEN HE WAS GOING TO DIE HE PREACHED 50 DAYS IN A ROW!

ONE POPE SAID THAT ST. BERNARDINE WAS LIKE ANOTHER ST. PAUL BECAUSE OF HOW HE PREACHED. WHEREVER HE WENT PEOPLE CAME BACK TO THE FAITH AND MADE PEACE WITH THEIR NEIGHBOURS. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO USE OUR WORDS TO DO GOOD AND TO RESPECT THE NAMES OF JESUS AND MARY.

An Acts of the Apostles Word Find

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Today's first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. See if you can find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

PHILIP went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the

CHRIST to them. The people united in WELCOMING the MESSAGE Philip PREACHED, either because they had heard of the MIRACLES he worked or because they saw them for themselves. THERE was great REJOICING in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that SAMARIA had accepted the WORD of GOD, they sent PETER and JOHN to them, and they went DOWN there, and PRAYED for the Samaritans to receive the HOLY SPIRIT, for as yet he had not COME down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the NAME of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid HANDS on them, and they RECEIVED the