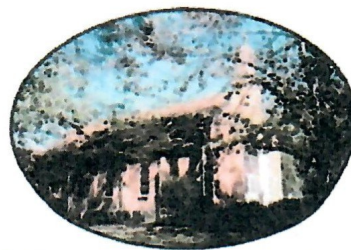




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<i>St. John</i>		<i>St. Stephen</i>	
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<i>Ann Stone</i>	<i>RCIA</i>	<i>Phillip Parrish</i>	<i>RCIA</i>
<i>Joel Everett</i>	<i>Music</i>	<i>Theresa Martin</i>	<i>Music</i>

Mass Schedule

<i>St. John</i>		<i>St. Stephen</i>	
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>4:00p</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:00a</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11:15a English</i> <i>1:00p en español</i>	<i>Communion Service</i> <i>Tuesday, 12:15p</i>	
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11:00a</i>	<i>Holy Days</i>	<i>7:00p</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45p *By appointment*

Welcome, New Parishioners: We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasures 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.

First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025

Fasting and Feasting - Celebrating the 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

Ash Wednesday
Fast from negativity
Feast on a positive heart.

Be intentional when you pray, fast, and give alms.

Thursday
Fast from selfishness.
Feast on generosity.

Friday
Fast from compulsions.
Attend Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from hard-headedness.
Feast on cooperation.

1st Sunday of Lent
Fast from control.
Feast on collaboration.

Monday
Fast from self-indulgence.
Feast on abstinence.

Tuesday
Fast from resentment.
Feast on letting go.

Wednesday
Fast from resentment.
Feast on gratitude.

Thursday
Fast from stubbornness.
Feast on flexibility.

Friday
Fast from resentment.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from abusing others.
Feast on appreciating others.

2nd Sunday of Lent
Fast from rigidity.
Feast on flexibility.

Monday
Fast from wasting time.
Feast on good planning.

Tuesday
Fast from judging.
Feast on affirming.

Wednesday
Fast from compulsions.
Feast on praying.

Thursday
Fast from shaming.
Feast on honoring.

Friday
Fast from wasting time.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from sarcasm.
Feast on graciousness.

3rd Sunday of Lent
Fast from stressing differences.
Feast on appreciating them.

Monday
Fast from arrogant pride.
Feast on humility.

Tuesday
Fast from road rage.
Feast on road compassion.

Wednesday
Fast from fear.
Feast on risks for faith.

Thursday
Fast from a blind heart.
Feast on seeing with love.

Friday
Fast from being divisive.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from hypocrisy
Feast on integrity.

4th Sunday of Lent
Fast from belittling.
Feast on praising.

Monday
Fast from useless stress.
Feast on being intentional.

Tuesday
Fast from arrogance.
Feast on humility.

Wednesday
Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent

Thursday
Fast from contempt.
Feast on admiration.

*Praying
Fasting
Almsgiving*

Friday
Fast from confrontation.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from willfulness.
Feast on 20 minutes in prayer with God.

5th Sunday of Lent
Fast from insecurity.
Feast on confidence in God.

Monday
Fast from discouragement.
Feast on hope.

Tuesday
Fast from religious rigidity.
Feast on openness to God.

Wednesday
Fast from rebelling.
Feast on supporting.

Thursday
Fast from caustic glares.
Feast on loving glances.

Friday
Fast from judging.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from being disorderly.
Feast on good planning.

Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation with your family

Passion Sunday
Fast from sadness.
Feast on honoring your grief.

Monday of Holy Week
Fast from craving approval.
Feast on who you are in God.

Tuesday of Holy Week
Fast from betrayals.
Feast on loyalty.

Wednesday of Holy Week
Fast from anger.
Feast on forgiveness.

The Triduum

Holy Thursday
Fast from laziness.
Feast on generous service.

Good Friday
Fast from fear.
Feast on sacrificing with joy.

Attend *Women of Jerusalem*.

Holy Saturday
Fast from anxiety and fear.
Feast on waiting in joyful hope.

Easter Sunday



Feast on the promise of Everlasting Life.

Easter Monday
Feast on Christ's light.

Easter Tuesday
Feast on Christ's recompense.

Easter Wednesday
Feast on Christ's presence.

Easter Thursday
Feast on Christ's courage.

Easter Friday
Feast on Christ's resolve.

Easter Saturday
Feast on Christ's mercy.

2nd Sunday of Easter
Feast on healed wounds.

Monday
Feast on gratitude.

Tuesday
Feast on thoughtfulness.

Wednesday
Feast on creation.

Thursday
Feast on joy.

Friday
Feast on patience.

Saturday
Feast on your Baptism.

3rd Sunday of Easter
Feast on waiting.

Monday
Feast on
being loved by God.

Tuesday
Feast on
being created by God.

Wednesday
Feast on
being chosen by God.

Thursday
Feast on
being anointed by God.

Friday
Feast on
being sent by God.

Saturday
Feast on
being God's prophet.

4th Sunday of Easter
Feast on
being lead by God.

Monday
Feast on
thirsty for God.

Tuesday
Feast on praising God.

Wednesday
Feast on God's faith in you.

Thursday
Feast on God's goodness.

Friday
Feast on worshipping God.

Saturday
Feast on
the faith of our ancestors.

5th Sunday of Easter
Feast on compassion.

Monday
Feast on a childlike wonder.

Tuesday
Feast on God's glory.

Wednesday
Feast on your faith journey.

Thursday
Feast on God's fabulous
deeds.

Friday
Feast on God's peace.

Saturday
Feast on God's respect of
you.

6th Sunday of Easter
Feast on being God's Child.

Monday
Feast on Christ's victory
over death.

Tuesday
Feast on blessings.

Wednesday
Feast on achievements.

Thursday
Feast on being Church.

Friday
Feast on inclusiveness.

Saturday
Feast on a variety of music.

Feast of the Ascension
Feast on Christ's
prayer for us:
"That all may be one."

Monday
Feast on Christ's words:
"Ask and you shall receive."

Tuesday
Feast on Christ's
prayer for us:
"I entrust them to You."

Wednesday
Feast on Christ's
prayer for us:
"I guarded them
with your name."

Thursday
Feast on Christ's prayer
for all of us:
"I have revealed
your Name to them,
and I will continue
to reveal it
so that your love
for me may live in them."

Friday
Feast on
Christ's words to you:
"Do you love me?"
"Feed my lambs...."
"Feed my sheep..."

Saturday
Feast on
Christ's words to you:
"Follow me."

Pentecost Sunday



Feast on the gift of the
Spirit sent by Jesus,
the love of God
always with you.

Monday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Wisdom.

Tuesday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Knowledge.

Wednesday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Fortitude.

Thursday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Understanding.

Friday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Piety / Spirituality.

Saturday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
**Wonder and Awe
in God's Presence.**

Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>	
MAR	Small laundry soap
APR	Canned fruit
MAY	Toilet tissue
JUN	Toothpaste



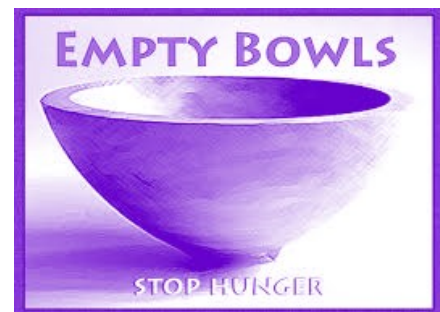
CARE for CREATION
RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES
LOBBY CONTAINERS.
Thank you!

EMPTY BOWLS
YADKIN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

WHERE: YADKINVILLE MOOSE LODGE
1432 Country Club Road, Yadkinville

WHEN: APRIL 1, 2025

TIME LUNCH: 11:30a - 1:30p
DINNER: 4:30p - 6:30p



TAKE OUT ONLY ~ Drive through pickup

Tickets: \$25.00



2025 Jubilee Year of Hope
Reflection Question



Pilgrim,
what is your **deepest hope**
for yourself, your family,
St. Stephen, your Church, Creation?

Does your deepest hope
include
making sacrifices during Lent?

Peregrino,
¿cuál es tu **esperanza más profunda?**
para ti, tu familia,
San Esteban, ¿tu Iglesia, Creación?

¿Tu más profunda Esperanza
incluye
hacer sacrificios durante la Cuaresma?



PRAY for the People of UKRAINE & RUSSIA
 PRAY for PRESIDENTS ZELENSKY & PUTIN
 PRAY for a PEACEFUL and JUST END to this WAR
 HAIL MARY, FULL of GRACE...



Living Lent:

~ Fasting ~

Fasting means eating one full meal and two smaller meals that don't add up to a full meal; and no solid food between meals..


Catholics aged 18–59 must fast Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

~ Abstinence ~


Catholics aged 14 and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.

Abstinence means not eating meat.

It doesn't prohibit eggs, milk products, or condiments made from animal fat, meat juices and liquid foods made from meat.



DEDICATION & OPEN HOUSE FOR

 **LifeLine**
PREGNANCY CENTER

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025
2:00-4:00 PM

AT OUR NEW HOME!
 680 NC HWY 268 W
 ELKIN, NC 28621

We would be honored to have you join us for this joyous occasion as we have a time of dedication and praise to God for the way He is working in this ministry. Come Grow with us!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: SHARON KELLY @ 336-526-4033

La única opción en el desierto

¡Iglesia de la mañana!

Les comparto este poema-oración para que reflexionen en este primer domingo de Cuaresma. Al entrar en el desierto de la decisión, oremos por un corazón abierto, vulnerable y dispuesto a permanecer en este lugar en silencio y oración, escuchando la voz de Jesús, que está con nosotros.

Soltero.
Distinto.
Solo.
Solitario.
Único.
Inusual.
Uno.
Único.

Sin consuelo.
Sin sustento.
Sin apoyo.

Desertor de toda oscuridad
Fiel sin miedo
en medio del diluvio de deseos divergentes.

Eliges la integridad.
Eliges permanecer firme
arraigado en la Palabra
en medio de cada tentación
de comprometer
tus gracias del desierto.



Tú sólo sirves a Dios.
Tú sólo sirves a la Verdad.
Tú sólo sirves a tu ser más verdadero.

Con determinación, te enfrentas a
todas las falacias
que combaten la fe en esta
lucha espiritual.
El objetivo del mal es fracturar tu alma.
Nunca te deshaces,
nunca te rindes a los engaños.

Acompáñanos en nuestro Desierto
de Decisiones de Cuaresma.

Estamos abrasados
por nuestras elecciones estériles
y consumistas,
orgullo pretencioso y
nuestro apetito de admiración.

Concédenos tu Divino Deseo
de sacrificarnos, ayunar
y permanecer contigo,
nuestro Único.

~ Cuaresma, Semana I 2016

En ComUNIDAD,

🕯️ TRABAJO del CORAZÓN
Reflexionando sobre la Palabra

Tentaciones:

Identifique sus conductas consumistas.
Pida a Jesús que lo sane
de su derroche y excesos.

Pida a Jesús que le conceda la gracia de hacer
los sacrificios necesarios para frenar
su Orgullo y su necesidad de admiración.

**ADORARÁS
AL SEÑOR
TU DIOS
Y SIRVERÁS
SOLO A DIOS.**

The Only Choice in the Desert

Morning Church!

Sharing this prayer-poem for your reflection on this 1st Sunday of Lent. As we enter the Desert of Decision, let us pray for a heart that is open, vulnerable, and willing to stay in this place in prayerful silence, listening to the voice of Jesus, who is with us.

Single.
Distinct.
Solo.
Lone.
Sole.
Unusual.
One.
Only.



No solace.
No sustenance.
No support.

Defector from all darkness
fearlessly faithful
amid the deluge of divergent desires.

You choose integrity.
You choose to stand steadfast
rooted in the Word
amid every temptation
to compromise
your wilderness graces.
your intimacy with the Spirit,
your Soul.

You serve only God.
You serve only Truth.
You serve only your truest self.

With resolve, you engage
all the fallacies
that fight faith in this spiritual fray.

Evil's aim is to fracture your soul.
You never unravel,
you never surrender to the deceptions.

Accompany us in our Lenten
Desert of Decisions.

We are scorched with our barren,
consumptive choices,
pretentious pride,
and our appetite for admiration.

Grace us with your Divine Desire
to sacrifice, fast,
and stay with you,
our One and Only.

~ Lent, Week I 2016

In CommUNITY,

spanis























🐣 HEARTwork ~ Reflecting on the Word

Temptations:

Identify your consumptive behaviors.
Pray to Jesus to heal you
of your wastefulness and overindulgence.

Pray to Jesus to grace you to make the necessary
sacrifices to curb your prideful ways
and your need for admiration.



MARCH	
 09	1st Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
 10	Ladies Guild, 5p
 11	Adult Faith Formation ~ The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p RCIA, 6:30p
 12	RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
 14	Stations of the Cross, 6p
 14-16	SSJ Assembly
 16	2nd Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
 17	 St. Patrick's Day Give Blood Elkin Res. Cntr. 1:30-6p  RCIA I, 6:30p
 18	Adult Faith Formation ~ The Chosen Ministerial Association, 12:15p RCIA II, 6:30p
 19	St. Joseph Day RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
20	Wise Ones ~ Cowboys Restaurant, 1p Hosts: Doris & Greg 
 21	Stations of the Cross, 6p
22	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
 23	3rd Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
 25	Adult Faith Formation ~ The Chosen RCIA I, 6:30p
24	St. Oscar Romero
 26	RCIA II, 6:30p' Choir, 7p 
 28	Stations of the Cross, 6p
 30	4th Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N

☪ Mass Intentions	
09	+Caroll Mc Quade; +Dorothy Hanic
16	Katie Delaney; Larry Liss The Keller and Ford families
23	+Michael A. Garwood, Sr.
30	Anahi Espinoza; Kelly McQuade

Birthdays & Anniversaries



12 Fred Sener	23 Cindy Whitley
13 Lee Hadfield	27 Delia Carmona
16 Cathy King	
07 Beth & John Orta	19 Erika & Ruben Ramirez
22 Margarita & Memo Lara	24 Jane & Rob Worley



+S. Adele Solari, SSJ	
<i>Born</i>	1957
<i>Born to Eternal Life</i>	March 5, 2025
in the 70 th year of religious life	



*Continue to hold
Pope Francis
in your prayers.*

Jan. Stewardship of Treasure Snapshot	
General Monthly Expenses	\$6,172.00
Administration Fund*	\$4103.00
Total Monthly Budget	\$10,275.00
January Offertory	\$8490.00
Under budget	\$1,785.00
* S. Janis' monthly Stipend	

Feb. Stewardship of Treasure Snapshot	
General Monthly Expenses	\$6,172.00,
Administration Fund*	\$4103.00
Total Monthly Budget	\$10,275.00
February Offertory	\$6,735.00
Under budget	\$3,540.00
* S. Janis' monthly Stipend	



2025 DSA Assessment: \$10,962.00	
Donations	\$1,975.80
Under	— \$8,986.20

January & February

—\$5,325.00



The 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

Ash Wednesday

Fast from negativity
Feast on a positive heart.

Thursday

Fast from selfishness.
Feast on generosity.

Friday

Fast from acting without thinking.
Attend Stations of the Cross.
at church, 6:00p

Saturday

Fast from hard-headedness.
Feast on cooperation.

1st Sunday of Lent

Fast from getting your own way.
Feast on working with others.

Monday

Fast from eating whatever you want.
Feast on helping others.

Tuesday

Fast from resentment.
Feast on letting go.

Wednesday

Fast from grumpiness.
Feast on gratitude.

Thursday

Fast from unfairness.
Feast on flexibility.

Friday

Fast from being angry.
Feast on praising others.
Pray Stations of the Cross.
at church, 6:00p

Saturday

Fast from hurting others.
Feast on appreciating others.

REMEMBER:



PRAY



GIVE UP UNLOVING WAYS & WORDS



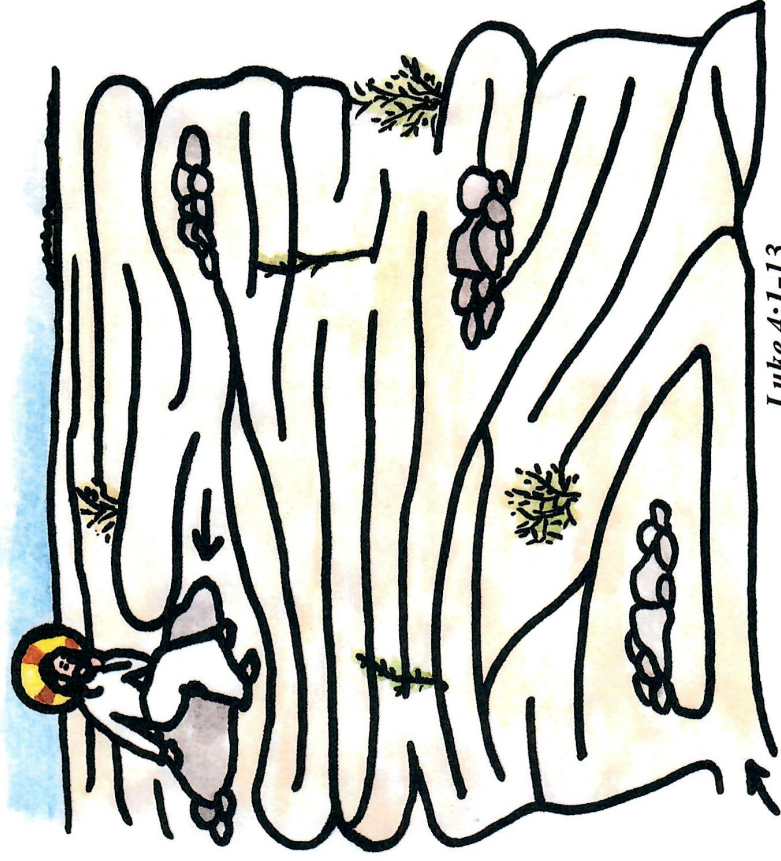
BE GENEROUS

Answers to True or False: 1. true 2. false 3. false
4. true 5. false 6. true 7. false

The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent

March 9th, 2025



Luke 4:1-13

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?

Saint John Ogilvie

March 10

JOHN OGILVIE WAS BORN IN SCOTLAND IN 1579. HIS FATHER RAISED HIM AS A CALVINIST. (CALVINISTS DON'T BELIEVE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.)

God has already decided if we're going to Heaven or Hell.

Hm... The Catholics must be right!

JOHN WENT TO SCHOOL IN EUROPE. THERE HE LEARNED ABOUT THE CHURCH AND BECAME CATHOLIC AT AGE 17.

HE BECAME A JESUIT PRIEST AND WAS SENT BACK TO SCOTLAND.

I can only send you if you really want to go.

I do!

The name's Watson.

BUT BECAUSE OF THE PERSECUTION HE HAD TO DISGUISE HIMSELF.

HE HELPED THE HIDDEN CATHOLICS, BUT WAS FOUND BY A SPY.

JOHN WAS TORTURED BUT WOULDN'T GIVE AWAY THE NAMES OF THE OTHER CATHOLICS.

I am loyal to the king, but to God first.

FATHER JOHN WAS PUT ON TRIAL THREE TIMES AND ACCUSED OF BEING DISLOYAL TO THE KING. HE WAS CONDEMNED AS A TRAITOR AND KILLED.

SAINTE JOHN OGILVIE SPENT MUCH OF HIS LIFE STUDYING TO LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. ONCE HE KNEW WHAT WAS RIGHT HE KNEW HE HAD TO SHARE IT WITH OTHERS, SO HE BECAME A MISSIONARY IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. CAN YOU BE DARING ENOUGH TO TELL THE TRUTH NO MATTER WHAT?

Jesus Was Tempted by the Devil: True or False?

How well do you know the story from today's Gospel reading?

1. Jesus went to the desert and didn't eat anything for 40 days. True or False?
2. Jesus was never tempted by the devil. True or False?
3. Jesus wasn't hungry, even after 40 days with no food. True or False?
4. The devil said that all the kingdoms of the world belonged to him. True or False?
5. Jesus said that He would only worship the devil if he gave Him all the power first. True or False?
6. Jesus wouldn't throw Himself off the Temple because He said it was "putting God to the test." True or False?
7. The devil kept bothering Jesus, even when he ran out of things to tempt him about. True or False?

