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Worship Schedule

St. Stephen Church, Elkin

Sundays 9:00am

Tuesday 12:15pm

Communion Service

Holy Days 7:00pm

St. John Church, North Wilkesboro

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 11:15am

1:00pm en español

Holy Days: Consult St. John Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

or by appointment

Welcome to St. Stephen! ¡Bienvenidos a St. Stephen! Chào mừng đến với St. Stephen!

We are a Stewardship Community who share our time, talent,
and treasure in life-giving ways.

We invite ***new parishioners*** to register with us
by using our website registration form:

www.StStephenNC.org

Sacrament Preparation and Order of Christian Initiation of Adults O.C.I.A.

If you wish to prepare for any Sacrament, or you are interested in exploring
the Catholic Faith, or renewing your understanding
of the Catholic Faith, contact S. Janis

Sacrament of Anointing

If you, or someone you know is desirous of being anointed, call the office or Fr. Engelbert.



Come and join us for the
St. Stephen Ladies Guild

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, October 3
5:30pm to 7:30pm
Family Life Center



MENU

Spaghetti and Meatballs
Green Salad
Italian Bread
Dessert
Coffee (Decaf) or Juice
Bring your own wine



TICKETS

\$12.00 for adults

\$3.00 for children (3 to 10 years)

Tickets should be bought in advance
available after Masses

September 6, 13, 20 and 27





Celebrating
70 Acts of Kindness in gratitude for
St. Stephen Faith Community 70 Years

This is a blessed time in the history of our faith community.

Our parish is known for its generous service, hospitality,
and life-giving ministry among our dear neighbors.

You are invited to continue that same loving spirit
by doing 70 Acts of Kindness between now and the

Feast of St. Stephen
on December 26.

Keep a record of your loving acts

They will offer at Mass on the

Feast of the Holy Family,
Sunday, December 27.

**Being Right or
in Right Relationship**

Morning, Church!

A friend of mind related an experience she had last week. As she tried to have a conversation with another person, it became increasingly difficult. Everything she said the other person corrected or denied. The other person had the idea that everything he said was right and everything she said was wrong.

When this happens to you, you know you're dealing with a self-righteous person. He proclaims everything he says is right, not because it's factual, or because others believe him, but just because he says he's right.

A self-righteous person would say,
"God's ways are unfair!"
Self-righteousness is the ultimate
sin of pridefulness.

Jesus gives an example of self-righteousness in the parable. The first son, on being asked to work in the vineyard says, "I'm on my way" yet doesn't go. The second son is asked to work, too, yet, whines and says, "I don't wanna!" Then he regrets his selfishness, changes his mind, and goes to work.

When you change your mind, your heart follows. Ongoing conversion is all about changing your mind, then changing your heart. "Put on the mind of Christ." (1Cor. 2:16)

Remember:
it's not only what you say, it's what you do.

In the One, we are one...in CommUNITY,

spanis

**Say what you mean.
Mean what you say.
Do what you mean.**



**Tener la razón o
Mantener Una Relación Correcta**

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

Una amiga me contó una experiencia que tuvo la semana pasada. Mientras intentaba conversar con otra persona, la situación se volvió cada vez más difícil. La otra persona corregía o negaba todo lo que ella decía. Esa persona estaba convencida de que todo lo que él decía era correcto y todo lo que ella decía era erróneo.

Cuando esto te sucede, sabes que estás tratando con una persona que se cree justa a sus propios ojos. Proclama que todo lo que dice es correcto, no porque se ajuste a los hechos o porque los demás le crean, sino simplemente porque afirma tener la razón.

Una persona que se cree justa diría: «¡Los caminos de Dios son injustos!».
Esta actitud de creerse justo es la máxima expresión del pecado de soberbia.

Jesús ofrece un ejemplo de esta actitud en la parábola de hoy. Al primer hijo, cuando se le pide que trabaje en la viña, responde: «Ya voy», pero no va. Al segundo hijo también se le pide que trabaje; él se queja y dice: «¡No quiero!». Luego se arrepiente de su egoísmo, cambia de parecer y va a trabajar.

Cuando cambias de mentalidad, el corazón te sigue. La conversión continua consiste precisamente en cambiar la mentalidad y, posteriormente, el corazón. «Tengan la mente de Cristo» (1 Corintios 2:16).

Recuerda:
no importa lo que dices, sino lo que haces.

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

spanis

**Di lo que piensas.
Siente lo que dices.
Haz lo que piensas.**

S E P T E M B E R	
01	Communion Service, 12:15p
 02	Choir, 7p
06	23rd Sunday OT
 07	OCIA, 6:30p
08	Communion Service, 12:15p
 09	Choir, 7p
13	24th Sunday OT
 14	Ladies Guild, 5p OCIA, 6:30p 
15	Communion Service, 12:15p
 16	Choir, 7p
17	Wise Ones, 1p Country Club EFBC Free dinner, 4:30 - 6:30p 
19	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
 20	25th Sunday OT Family Faith Formation Meeting, 10:15-11:45a
 21	Give Blood EV Baptist Ch 1:30-6:00p OCIA, 6:30p 
22	Communion Service, 12:15p
 23	Choir, 7p
24	Theology on Tap, <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> , Downtown Beer Garden, 5:30-7:00p
 27	26st Sunday OT Family Faith Formation 10:15-11:45a
 28	OCIA, 6:30p
29	Communion Service, 12:15p
  30	Choir, 7p; OCIA Mystagoga, 7p



Jóvenes de Primera Comunión 2026

¿Estarías dispuesto a servir en el altar como acólito?

Sesiones de preparación

26 de septiembre 10:30 am – 12:00pm

2026 First Communion Youth

Would you be willing to serve at the Altar as an Acolyte?

Preparation sessions

Sept. 26 10:30am -12pn

☪ Mass Intentions	
06	+Elizabeth & Michael Karaffa; +Dr. Bob Gochner +Ellyn M. Garwood +Kathleen Hyer
13	+Fr. Jim Buchholtz r/b Jane & Rob Worley +Vietnamese mother, Anna Marie r/b her son
20	+Thomas Dursee r/b Becky Dursee
27	+JoAnn Skinner r/b Patti Taddio +Bob Horneck r/b Lana Horneck Celeste & Larry Liss (Anniv) r/b S Janis

Birthdays & Anniversaries



01 Oscar Hernandez	16 Yareli Nava
03 Hanna Brown	17 Sergio Hernandez
Salomon Mata	Ann Nickerson
05 Rianna Hernandez	18 Eric Garcia
06 Carlos Trejo	19 Andrea Faw
07 Liam Lopez	22 Aracely Hernandez
10 Sonia DeJesus	25 Theresa Martin
13 Erika Ramirez	27 Lucas Brown
15 Peggy Reikowsky	29 Minnie Espino
Josh Talbott	
12 S. Janis McQuade	23 Maria & Jose Ledesma
25 Vanessa & Dakota Spicer	29 Julia & Diego Carreon



Formación en la fe para la familia
Domingo: Padres y jóvenes
Reunión después de la Misa, FLC

Faith Formation for the Family
Sunday: Parents and Youth
Meeting after Mass, FLC



...John for his ministry as LM Scheduler; our Altar Linen Ministers; Sacristans: Joseph, Francis, Israel, and Jessica; our volunteers at Tri-C: Kathy, Jane & Rob; Church cleaners; our Ladies Guild who are preparing our Spaghetti Dinner for next Saturday.

Thank you so much!





Tri-C Almsgiving

Thank you so much !!

JUL Peas	SEPT Shampoo	NOV Bar Soap
AUG Flour	OCT Dish Liquid	DEC Dry Beans



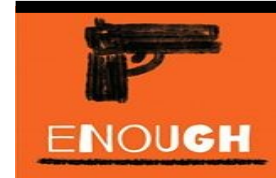
PRAY the ROSARY DAILY

...for peace and leaders of nations;
... for the end to all bombings,
a peaceful and just end
to these wars, and all wars & violence
that plagues our planet...

...also continue to pray...

The Russo-Ukrainian War began
in **February 2014** with *Russia's annexation
of Crimea* and the start of fighting
in eastern Ukraine.

The conflict entered a major new phase
February 24, 2022, when Russia launched
a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.
...four years, seven months...and counting...



**PRAY FOR AN END
TO WAR and VIOLENCE,
ESPECIALLY GUN VIOLENCE**



**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING
YOUR INK HERE.
IT'S GOOD for EARTH
& HELPS YOUR CHURCH.**

You are invited!!
First Baptist Church
Open Table

4:30-6:30pm
Oct 28 ~ Community Meal
Sponsor: Ministerial Association
NO COST
FBC Elkin
110 Gwyn Avenue
(336) 835-1998
www.elkinfbc.com



The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27th, 2026

Which one did what his father asked?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



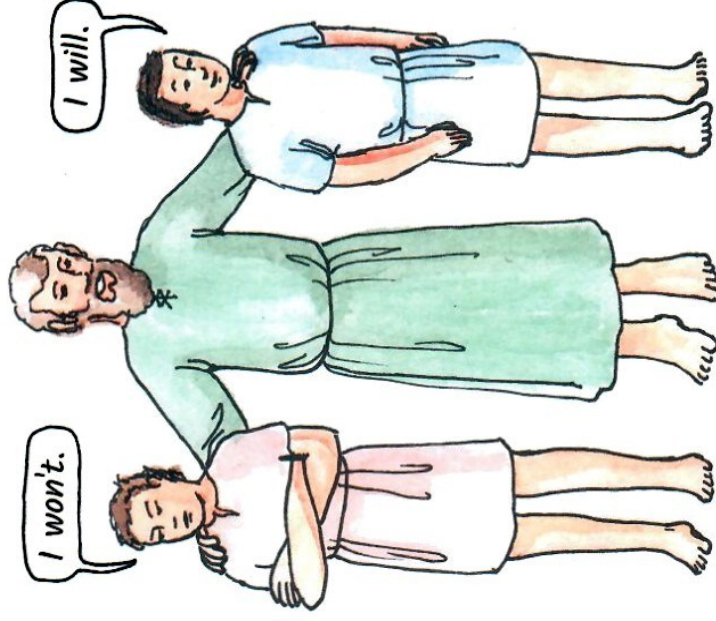
*This time
I'm just
going to
play.*

Sometimes we make unloving choices. We don't listen to God.

We need to change our mind, before our hearts will change. When your heart changes, you will act with love and apologize. This is the way Jesus hopes you will act ~ with love and responsibility. Ask God to help you make loving choices, to love God, your family, and neighbors.



Answer to puzzle on front page: The one who said he would not.
 Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 2.fair 4.does 6.he 7.committed 8.is 9.just 11.virtue
 14.say 15.sins 17.unfair 19.live 20.Lord Down: 1.because 3.inquiry 4.die 5.says
 8.it 10.turns 12.must 13.shall 14.since 16.if 18.all



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Saint Jerome

September 30

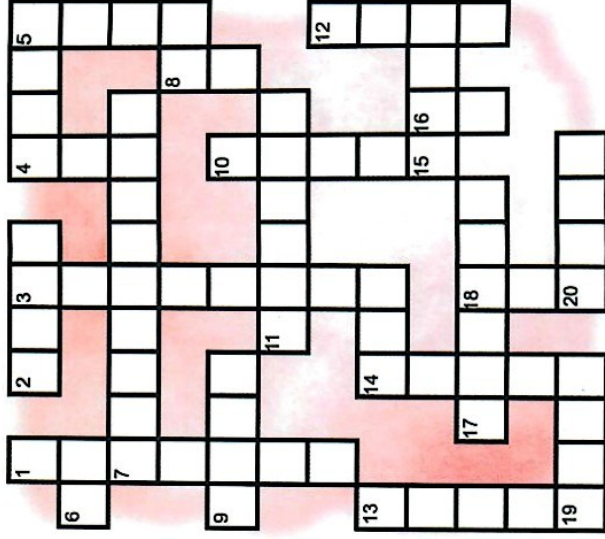


SAINT JEROME DIED AS AN OLD MAN. HE IS CONSIDERED A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH BECAUSE HE DID SO MUCH TO HELP PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. JEROME THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY.

Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the reading and the puzzle.
a=across & d=down.

COMMITTED
INIQUITY
BECAUSE
UNFAIR
VIRTUE
TURNS
SHALL
SINCE
MUST
LORD
SAYS
JUST
DOES
LIVE



Thus (5d) the : (20a) You (14a)
"The Lord's way is not !" (2a) Hear now, house of Israel: (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways ? (17a) When someone virtuous (10d) away from (11a) to commit (3d) and dies, (8d) is (1d) of the iniquity he committed that (6a) (12d) die. But (16d) he turns from the wickedness he has (7a) and (4a) what is right and (9a) he shall preserve his life; (14d) he has turned away from (18d) the (15a) that he committed, he (13d) surely (19a) he shall not (4d)