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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.



Save yourself cooking

on a Friday night

and have a great

homecooked meal!

Buy your tickets this

Sunday, August 16,

to reserve

your delicious ACP meal

and

support your parish community.



¡Ahórrate cocinar el viernes por

la noche y disfruta de una

deliciosa comida casera!

Compra tus boletos este

domingo 16 de agosto para

asegurar tu exquisita comida

(ACP)

y apoyar a tu comunidad

parroquial.





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.

Tenacious Prayer

Morning, Church!

One reading of today's gospel leaves no doubts that the nameless, Canaanite Woman is a tenacious pray-er and advocate for her daughter.

The Canaanite woman refuses to give up despite the seeming disinterest and silence of the Galilean rabbi. She fearlessly crosses ethnic and social boundaries to save her child. She serves us a model of persistence in prayer.

From the Tyre and Sidon, present day Lebanon, she makes the journey to plead with Jesus for a cure for her tormented daughter. Her desperate plea challenges the human divisions present at that time. This mother embodies self-sacrificing love

In responding to her, Jesus proclaims that divine mercy and compassion, are extended to all people of all nations. Jesus, ignores the borders created by humans and becomes their Divine Bridge.

This gospel calls us to reflection on our prayer life; to examine the depth of our faith and our trust in God. Spend time this Sabbath on God's holy mountain praying for your own healing and healing for God's Neighborhood.

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



Oración tenaz

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

Una lectura del Evangelio de hoy no deja lugar a dudas: la mujer cananea, que permanece anónima, es una mujer tenaz en la oración y una firme defensora de su hija.

La mujer cananea se niega a rendirse, a pesar del aparente desinterés y del silencio del rabino galileo. Cruza sin miedo las barreras étnicas y sociales para salvar a su hija. Ella nos ofrece un modelo de perseverancia en la oración.

Desde la región de Tiro y Sidón —en el actual Líbano—, emprende el viaje para suplicar a Jesús la curación de su hija atormentada. Su súplica desesperada desafía las divisiones humanas de aquella época. Esta madre encarna el amor abnegado.

Al responderle, Jesús proclama que la misericordia y la compasión divinas se extienden a todas las personas de todas las naciones. Jesús ignora las fronteras creadas por los seres humanos y se convierte en su Puente Divino.

Este Evangelio nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestra vida de oración y a examinar la profundidad de nuestra fe y de nuestra confianza en Dios. Dedicar hoy un tiempo de este día sagrado a la oración en el monte santo de Dios, pidiendo tu propia sanación.

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,



A U G U S T	
02	18th Sunday OT
04	Communion Service, 12:15p
07	Fundraiser Plan'g, All are welcome! FLC, 7p
09	19th Sunday OT
 10	Ladies Guild, 5p
11	Communion Service, 12:15p
 12	Choir, 7p
16	20th Sunday OT
 17	Give Blood, EV Baptist Ch 1:30-6:00p
18	Communion Service, 12:15p
 19	Choir, 7p
 20	Wise Ones, Cracker Barrel J'ville, 1p Host: Lana
 22	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
23	21st Sunday OT
 25	Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA Inquiry, 6:30p
 26	OCIA Mystagogia, 7p; Choir, 7p
 30	22nd Sunday OT

☪ Mass Intentions	
02	+Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory +Elizabeth Karaffa
09	Gary V. McQuade +Larry Watson (16 th A) r/b Doris Watson
16	+Carmen Priore r/b Barbara & Paul Piquet S. Donna Loeper, SSJ (3 rd A) r/b S. Janis
23	+Thomas Dursee r/b Becky Dursee +Damien Whisonant
30	+JoAnn Skinner r/b Patti Taddio St. Stephen Parishioners

Birthdays & Anniversaries



02 Maria Ledesma	15 Jane Worley
05 Natalie Williams	16 Baker Kageorge
06 Rudy Ardizzola	17 Sergio Hernandez
Matt Brown	20 Joe Stvartak
07 Mary Blackburn	21 Yolanda Castillo
08 Maythe Garcia	23 Judy Berryman
09 Ashley Davis	24 Gayle Altemueller
Joel Lopez, Sr.	Leo Ouellette
Jim Schmitgal	25 Luisa Rodriguez
10 Anayeli Bustos	Hannah Treannie
Fr. John Hanic	26 Pat Kophamer

05 S. Janis McQuade, SSJ 11 Olivia & Isidro Rodriguez
31 Judy & Ron Berryman



S. Margaret Andrew Sherlock, S.S.J.

Given by God October 25, 1943

Given to God August 9, 2026

in her 65th year as a SSJ

CRUMBS

....imagine what healing
we might bring forth
into the world if,
like our Canaanite woman,
we manifest a compassion
that propels us to fight
for justice on behalf of those
we are called to love,
which,
according to our gospel
is **EVERYONE.**

~ Tanya Rybarczyk



St. Stephen Bulletin Board

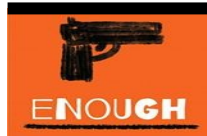


Tri-C Almsgiving

Thank you so much !!

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

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



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...



*You are invited to our First Baptist Church
Open Table*

4:30-6:30pm ~ Aug 20
Third Thursdays ~ NO COST
FBC Elkin 110 Gwyn Avenue

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING

YOUR INK HERE.

**IT'S GOOD for the EARTH and
HELPS THE CHURCH.**



St. Stephen DSA	
Assessment	\$10,959.00
Donors	21
Balance	\$3,449.00

July Stewardship

Weekly Budget	Weekly Income
July 5	\$4,399.00
July 12	\$2190.00
July 19	\$6684.00
July 26	\$2078.00
Fundraiser (Taco Sale)	\$440.00
0Weekly Budget \$3000 x 4	\$12,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,791.00
Over/Under budget	\$3791.00



JESUS LOVES EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE.

Long ago, God picked the Israelites to be God's Chosen People.

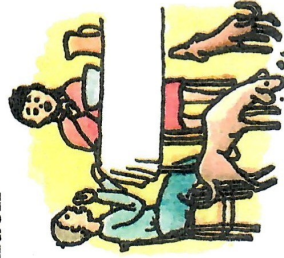
To help them, God gave them 10 laws and wise prophets as guides, and a loving bond called a Covenant.. God said,

"I will be your God and your will be my people."



When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

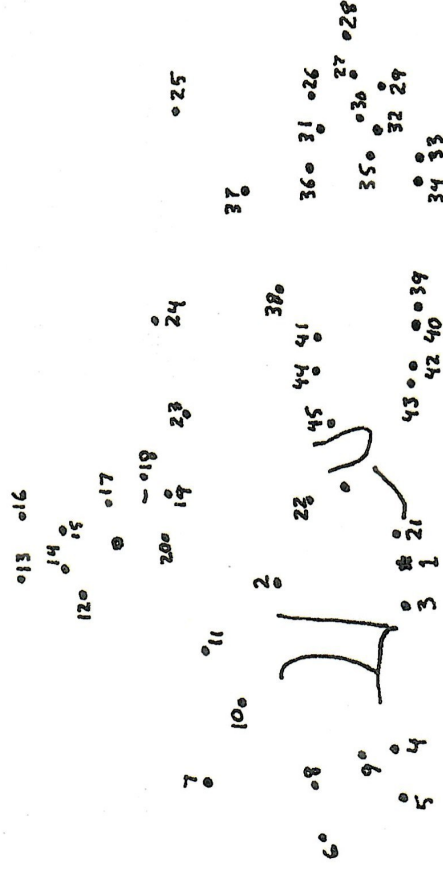
Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of the chosen people.



Dot to dot: dogs. Fill-in-the-Blanks: just, revealed, Lord, servants, keep, sabbath, mountain, prayer, altar, house. ALL PEOPLES.

The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16th, 2026



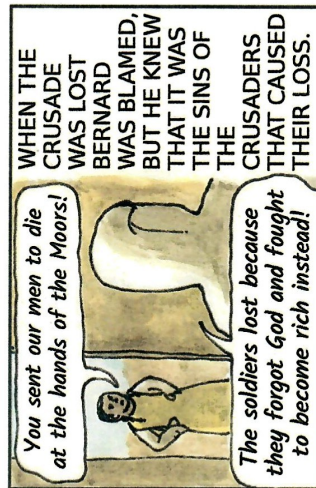
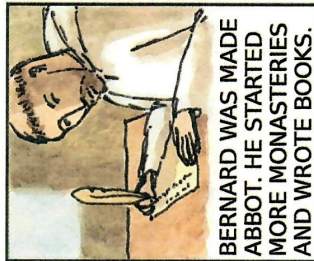
In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman was asking Jesus to cure her daughter. But Jesus said that He was sent to care for the children of Israel, not foreigners.

The woman replied to Jesus, "But even the _____ eat the scraps that fall from their master's table!"

What did she say she was like? Connect the dots to find out!

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

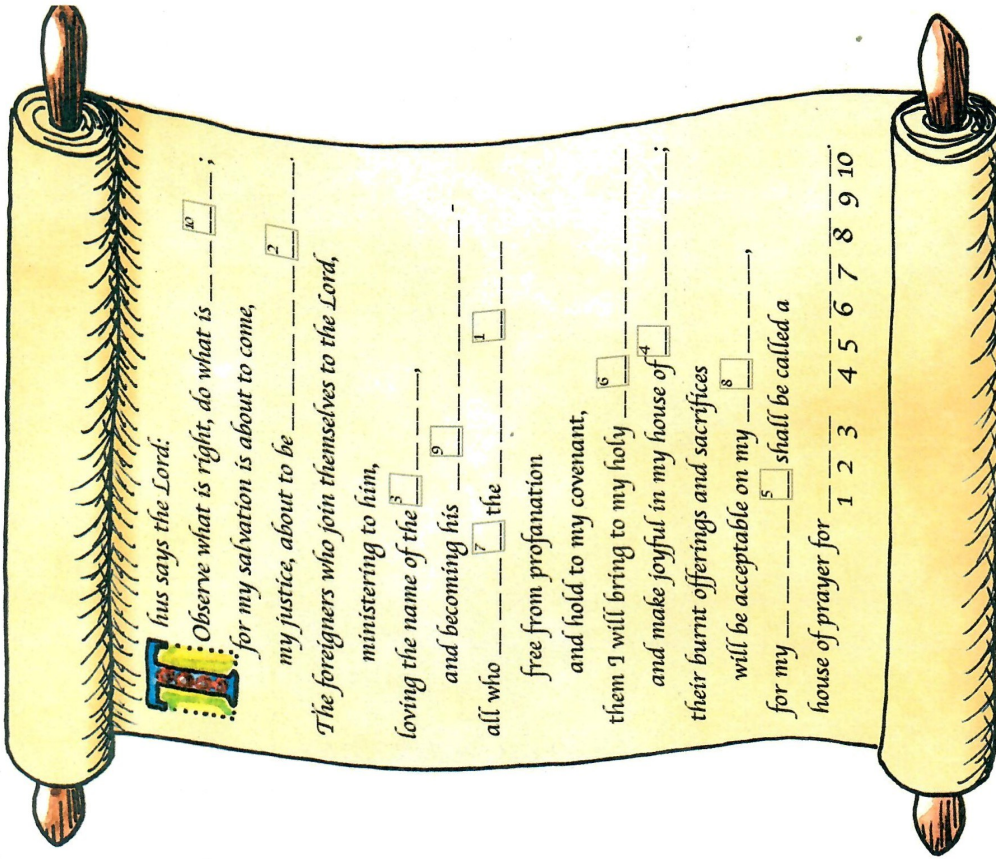
August 20



SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE OF HIS TIME, BUT HE DIDN'T THINK OF HIMSELF AS BEING BETTER THAN OTHERS. WHAT WAS IMPORTANT TO HIM WAS THAT HE LOVED AND SERVED GOD IN EVERYTHING HE DID. DO YOU TRY TO PLEASE GOD IN EVERYTHING YOU DO?

Isaiah 56 Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words below to fill in the blanks.
Then use the marked letters to fill in the appropriate spaces at the end.



ALTA
HOUSE
PRAYER

REVEALED
MOUNTAIN
SERVANTS
SABBATH

KEEP
JUST
LORD