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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.

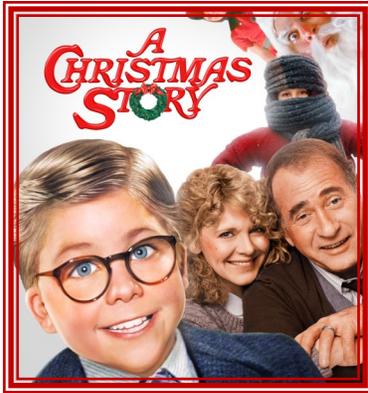
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023



A Christmas Story: The Musical

December 10th, 2023 @ 3pm
Yadkin Arts Council Arts Center
Yadkinville

Cost is \$24 Adults + children
Show Only No Meal Serve

Tickets must be purchased by:
September 24 Sign up at church
or contact

Julie Colglazier (336) 353-822

The venue is small, so first come, first serve

Ticket prices include **all taxes & fees**

Tickets are **non-refundable**

Seating is **general admission**

Available upon request **ADA accessible seats**

Sunday, September 17
5:00 PM

**You are invited to a FREE
CommUNITY Cookout**

Held at Elkin Presbyterian Church
151 Hillcrest Drive
Elkin NC

Hosted by Connections, a group of local
clergy who seek to dismantle racism
one relationship at a time

Please RSVP to your home church
or to Elkin Presbyterian at
336-835-4545
no later than September 13



Our Lady of Protection
Ukrainian Madonna

FEBRUARY 24, 2022
18 months

Ukrainian Catholics dedicate their country to *Our Lady of Protection*, interceding to Mary to wrap their country with her mantle of loving protection.

With the fast pace of communications these days, it's easy to become overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage of news.
As Catholic Christians, you realized you are intimately tethered to every Dear Neighbor locally and globally.
When you're feeling overwhelmed and weary, think of and pray for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers who are overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage
~ not of news ~
but by daily bombings, death, family separation, and the other forms of collateral damage of war since February 24, 2022.

Our Lady of Protection, pray for us!

As of June 24, 2023
U.S. Mass Shootings
323
Gun-related deaths
20,561



**WHEN IS ENOUGH,
ENOUGH?**



Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

AUG

Sm. bag flour

SEPT

Sm. bottles of shampoo

Who do YOU say

I AM

M A T T H E W 16:15

Morning Church!

What comes to mind when you hear the word *Church*? That question conjures up a myriad of experiences, images, and words...*parish, Sacramental celebrations, a building, teachings of Jesus, People of God, Christian ministry and service, a charitable organization, a spiritual home where we experience welcome, acceptance, forgiveness, and peace, and so on...* Asking that question evokes a variety of responses just like the fable about a group of blind people asked to describe an elephant; all of them were partially right, none of them had the whole picture. *Church* is so much more than any definition of her.

More meaningful questions lead to more demanding questions. How well do you know your Church's mission and do you understand what it means to *be Church*? Do you know the historical and biblical roots of Mass and the Sacraments? Do you believe your celebration of the *Sacraments* is a *personal encounter* with Christ?

The "key" gospel question for Peter and you is the most significant and daring of all.

How do you answer Jesus is central to your relationship with him and Church..

"Who do you say I am?"

Like his First Followers, you know a great deal *about Jesus*, yet how well do you really *know him*?

Can you echo Peter's faith-filled, prophetic response and stake your life on your answer?

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Peter's response profoundly demonstrates he's come to *know* Jesus. Peter's personal relationship with Christ has deepened his faith. Jesus, the Son of the living God, gave the "keys" of the Church to Peter first. Now the "keys" are in your hands and in the hands of all believers who build their faith on Christ and his gospel.

Jesus entrusted you with the "keys" of faith and the Church at your Baptism. Jesus entrusted you with his mission, gracing you with privilege, authority, and responsibility *to bind and loose* in his Name, to proclaim your faith in new and deeper ways, and to be a *living stone* of the Church built on our Divine Cornerstone, Christ.

What do you think Jesus is?

God's blessings,

spanis

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

How do you understand and exercise the gift and responsibility of being a "living stone" of the Church?

Who is Jesus for you on your good and not-so-good days?

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

AUGUST	
27	21st Sun OT
29	Communion Service, 12:15p
SEPTEMBER	
02	Parents' Baptism Prep Session, St. J, 9a
03	22nd Sun OT
05	Communion Service, 12:15p
10	23rd Sun OT
 11	Ladies Guild, 5p
12	Communion Service, 12:15p
 14	Wise Ones, TBA, 1p
 16	Men's Breakfast, TBA, 8:30a 
17	24th Sun OT
 18	Give Blood, Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p
19	Communion Service, 12:15p
 20	RCIA, 6:45p
24	25th Sun OT
26	Communion Service, 12:15p
 27	RCIA, 6:45p



Being Catholic 101: *The Sign of the Cross*

Making the Sign of the Cross is a tradition of our prayer life. Some of the times we make the Sign of the Cross are:

- ~ when we begin and end our prayers
- ~ as we enter church you sign yourself with the holy water recalling your Baptism.
- ~ at the beginning of the Gospel, the priest or deacon says:
A Reading from the Gospel according to... ' he makes the Sign of the Cross over the cross the gospel text.

Those gathered in the Assembly respond by making The Sign of the Cross over their forehead, their lips, and their heart as they say, "Glory to you, O Lord."

The prayer that accompanies this ritual action is: *May the Word of God be on my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.*

Name some other times you make the Sign of the Cross?

**Have a suggestion for being Catholic 101?
Send to: Connect@StStephenNC.org**

☪ Mass Intentions	
27	Kathy & John Fosselman 46th Anniv.
03	+Elyn M. Garwood +Linda M. Gentili +Kathleen A. Hyer
10	+Sister Flossie MacAvoy, SSJ +Sister Eileen Zabawa, SSJ

Birthdays & Anniversaries

27 Johnl Rodriguez		31 Judy & Ron Berryman
28 Pat Kophamer Peter Volk		
30 Nancy Espino		
04 Saloman Mata	S E P T	15 Ozzie Martinez, Jr.
04 Rosa Islas Clare St. Cyr		18 Erci Garcia
05 Byran Wagoner		19 Andrea Faw
10 Sonia DeJesus		25 Theresa Martin
13 Ericka Ramirez		27 Sergio Hernandez
15 Peggy Reikowsky		28 Britney Crispin
		29 Minnie Espino

07 Hahn & Than Nguyen
Barb & Bob DeJohn
16 Claire & James St. Cyr
19 Ericka & Ruben Ramirez
23 Marie & Jose Ledesma
29 Julia & Diego Carreon
31 Judy & Ron Berryman



S. Frances Ann Hall, S.S.J.

Born December 20, 1944

Born to Eternal Life August 19, 2023
in the 61st year of her religious life

MASS SCHEDULE
LS = Live stream

Saturdays

4p
(English St. J ~ LS)

Sundays

9a (English St. S~LS)
11:15p (English St J~LS)
1:00p en Espanol (LS St. J)

*St. Clare,
patron of media,
pray for us!*



*If St S 9:00a live streaming doesn't run
into technical difficulties, Mass will be posted
on our website by 12N...if our system is working.*

 **CAREERS** BY GOODWILL



Senior Connections

2nd Wednesday of each month | 10 - 11 a.m.
Goodwill Career Center | 1457 North Bridge Street, Elkin

Join us to hear from community leaders and experts on topics relevant to seniors, including:

Insurance • Nutrition • Budgeting • Job Search • Community Resources

Meet with other peers and enjoy light refreshments.
For more information, call **336-526-2144**.

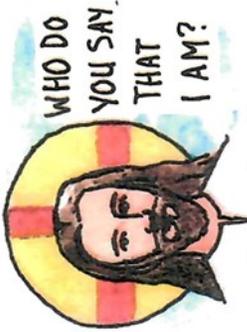
Goodwill Industries of Northwest NC
Career Connections Center
1457 North Bridge Street, Elkin, NC | 336-526-2144
www.goodwillnwc.org



"You Are Peter."

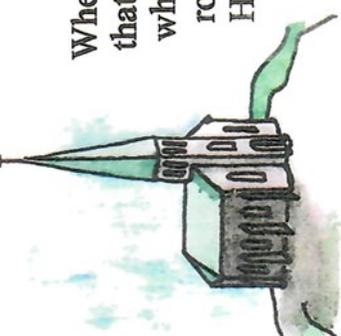
Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was.

When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who they thought He was, Simon said that He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.



WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

When Simon had said this, Jesus said that his name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church. He made Simon Peter the first pope.



Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, teach anything about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all the centuries until now.

Isn't that pretty amazing?



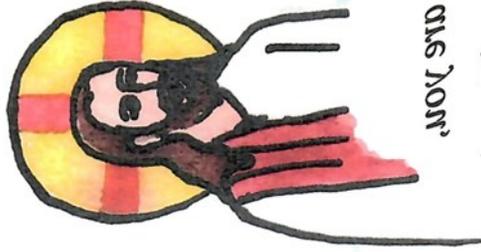
Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 5.Netherworld 7.on 9.be 10.give 11.rock 13.head 14.in 17.flesh 19.Jesus 21.set (or put) 22.name 23.have 24.son DOWN: 1.Peter 2.Church 3. are 4.petravill 6.do 8.not 10.God 12.Keys 15.never 16.we 17.Father 18.Heaven 19.Jonah 20.Simon 23.he

The Kids' Bulletin

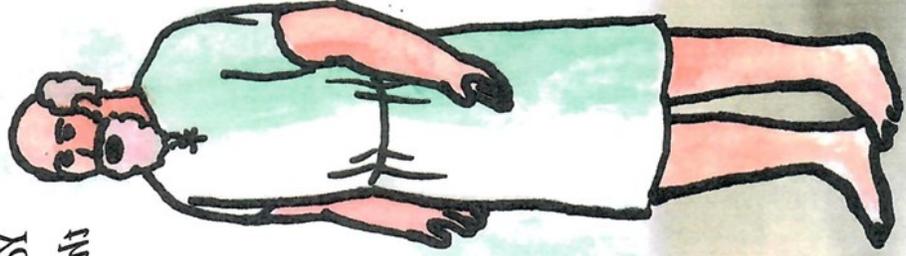
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

Who I thought you were, oh Jesus?



YOU ARE
the Christ,
the Son of
the living
God.



Blessed are you,
Simon son of Jonah,
because you were
called Peter and you
will be the rock
upon which I will
build my church.

What were Peter and Jesus saying in today's Gospel reading?

Look in the mirror to find out!

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

BIRTHDAY: JUNE 24

DEATH: AUGUST 29

THE BIRTH OF JOHN WAS ANNOUNCED TO HIS FATHER ZACHARY BY AN ANGEL. AT FIRST HE DIDN'T BELIEVE IT BECAUSE HE AND HIS WIFE WERE SO OLD.

Your wife will bear a son.

Impossible!

WHEN MARY, WITH JESUS INSIDE HER, WENT TO VISIT ELIZABETH, JOHN, WHO WAS STILL INSIDE HIS MOTHER, LEAPED FOR JOY!

Cousin Elizabeth!

WHEN JOHN GREW UP, HE LIVED IN THE DESERT WHERE HE ATE ONLY LOCUSTS AND HONEY.

Repent of your sins!

HE BEGAN BAPTIZING PEOPLE AT THE JORDAN, PREPARING THEM FOR JESUS.

WHEN JESUS CAME, JOHN BAPTIZED HIM. HE TOLD PEOPLE TO FOLLOW JESUS.

Behold! The Lamb of God!

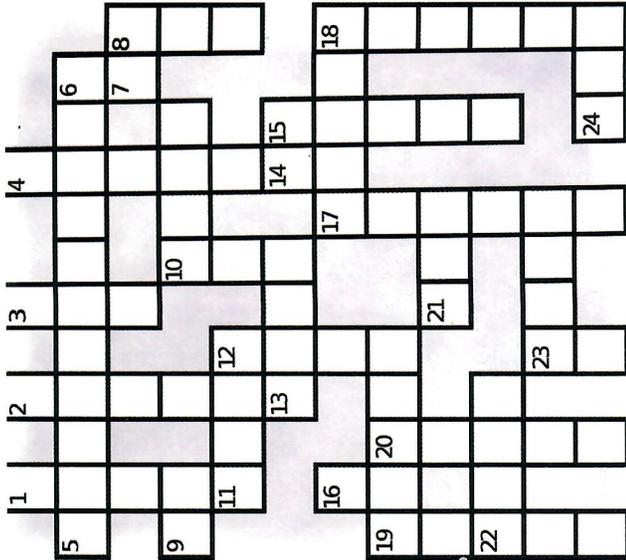
JOHN TOLD KING HEROD HE WAS WRONG TO MARRY HIS BROTHER'S WIFE, HERODIAS, SO THEY PUT HIM IN PRISON.

It is against God's law!

WHEN THE DAUGHTER OF HERODIAS DANCED FOR HEROD HE PROMISED HER WHATEVER SHE ASKED FOR. HERODIAS TOLD HER TO ASK FOR THE HEAD OF ST. JOHN.

Behold him in prison.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST IS LIKE A SIGN-POST THAT POINTS TO JESUS. EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS WEIRD, HE PREACHED THE TRUTH. HE EVEN GAVE UP HIS FREEDOM AND HIS LIFE FOR THE TRUTH. LIKE ST. JOHN, OUR LIVES SHOULD BE LIKE SIGNS THAT DIRECT PEOPLE TO GOD AND TO THE TRUTH.



"Who do you say that I am?" CROSSWORD

See how well you know what happened in today's Gospel story!



- ...the gates of the _____ will not prevail...
- ...this rock I will build my Church...
- "Whatever you bind on earth shall _____ bound in Heaven."
- "I will _____ you the keys of the kingdom..."
- "On this _____ I will build my Church."
- Jesus made Peter the _____ of the Church on earth.
- "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed _____ Heaven."
- _____ and blood have not revealed this to you..."
- _____ asked them, "Who do you say that I am?"
- God _____ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.
- Jesus changed Simon's _____ to Peter.
- "Flesh and blood _____ not revealed this to you..."
- "...You are the Christ, the _____ of the living God!"
- _____ said, "You are the Christ..."
- "On this rock I will build my _____."
- "Blessed _____ you, Simon..."
- "...the gates of the netherworld shall not _____"
- "Who _____ people say that the Son of Man is?"
- "Flesh and blood have _____ revealed this..."
- "You are the Christ, the Son of the living _____!"
- "I will give you the _____ to the kingdom of Heaven."
- When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?
- _____ belong to the Church that Jesus started.
- The Heavenly _____ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.
- "...the keys to the kingdom of _____"
- "Blessed are you, Simon, son of _____"
- Peter's name before Jesus changed it.
- Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that _____ was the Christ.