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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.



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.

Tienes todo lo que necesitas para tu viaje. Tienes a Jesús.

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

Charities (CC) en Las Vegas. He aquí un resumen de su programa de alimentación:

855.000 personas reciben el servicio de *Meals on Wheels* (comidas a domicilio).

Desde hace 60 años, 146.000 personas

reciben un almuerzo diario;

~ nunca han faltado un solo día.

Su almuerzo diario atiende a entre 400 y 600 personas.

Las personas que acuden a las comidas de CC reciben mucho más que alimento: son acogidas como hijos de Dios en la Mesa de la Compasión.

Compartir una comida con los demás es una de las actividades humanas más habituales. Compartir la mesa tiene que ver más con conversaciones enriquecedoras y una presencia consciente que con la comida en sí.

Cuando uno "no tiene nada", Jesús interviene y provee el alimento sagrado que sustenta la vida. Él multiplica lo que tienes y todos se benefician.

Ahora estamos llamados a ser colaboradores en el servicio a Cristo. Estamos llamados a repartir «los panes y los peces» de nuestra fe y nuestros recursos para que todos se beneficien.

Es tu turno de dar un paso al frente y reinvertir en tu comunidad parroquial. ¿De qué maneras puedes ayudar a compartir lo que tienes para nutrir a tu familia parroquial y a nuestra comunidad?

En este tiempo de transición, necesitamos ver posibilidades nuevas y mayores, y soñar en grande por ti, por tu parroquia y por toda la Creación.

No tienes que preocuparte por si tienes «suficiente» para todos. Jesús, el Multiplicador, tomará lo que tienes y creará abundancia para todos.

Haz un inventario de tus dones y recursos personales. Confía en que, de cualquier manera que entregues de ti mismo o de tus recursos, Jesús, el Multiplicador, potenciará tu don.

Tus vecinos, cercanos y lejanos, tienen mucha hambre de quién eres tú en Cristo y de cómo puedes nutrirlos y sanarlos, de cómo puedes acogerlos y aceptarlos tal como lo hace Cristo. Lo único que tienes que hacer es responder a la invitación.

*Jennifer Wadsworth es hija del P. John.

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,



You have everything you need for your journey. You have Jesus.

Morning, Church!

Jennifer Wadsworth* is the Director of Catholic Charities (CC) in Las Vegas. Here's a summary of just CC's meal ministry:

855,000 receive Meals on Wheels
For the past 60 years, 146,000 receive lunch daily,
~ they've never missed a day
Their daily lunch serves 400-600 people

The folks who show up for the CC meals are being fed *more than* food. They are being welcomed as Children of God to the Table of Compassion.

Our most common human activity is to share a meal with others. Sharing meals is always more about the nourishing conversations and intentional presence, than it is about the food.

When you "have nothing", Jesus intervenes and provides the sacred, sustaining nourishment. He multiplies what you have and everyone benefits.

We are called now as partners in Christ's service. We are called to pass out "the loaves and fish" of our faith and our resources so that all will benefit.

It's your turn to step up and re-invest in your parish community. What are some ways you can help to share what you do have to nourish your parish family and our community.

In this time of transition, we need to see new and greater possibilities, to dream bigger dreams for yourself, your parish, and all of Creation.

You need not worry if you have "enough" to go around. Jesus the Multiplier will take what you have and create a bounty for all.

Take stock in your personal gifts and resources. Trust that however you give of yourself or your resources, Jesus the Multiplier will enhance your gift.

Your neighbors, near and far, are so hungry for who you are in Christ and how you can nourish and heal them, how you can welcome and accept them as Christ does. All you need to do is R.S.V.P.

*Jennifer Wadsworth is Fr. John's daughter.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. John", written in a cursive, flowing style.

JUNE ~ JULY	
26	17th Sunday OT
28	Communion Service, 12:15p
 29	Choir, 7p
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 OCIA Inquiry, 6:30p
 19	OCIA Mystagoga, 7p  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 Mystagoga, 7p
 26	Choir, 7p
30	22nd Sunday OT



Today is Msgr. Tom Ivory's birthday. Tom is my cousin and a huge inspiration in my faith journey. You may not know him personally, yet you know his ministry.

As a priest for 56 years, Tom, along with Fr. Tom Kleisser, founded RENEW, and then *Why Catholic?*, a Faith Formation that guided us through the Catechism (2006-08).

Tom attended Louvain Seminary (Belgium) during Vatican II and returned there to become their youngest Rector and Spiritual Director.

Tom welcomed the teachings of Vatican Council II and taught them around the world. His prophetic voice of renewal has influenced people on every continent. Happy Birthday, Tom!

☪ Mass Intentions	
26	+Michael J. Hicks r/b Anthony Caracciolo +Thom McGee
02	+Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory St. S Parishioners
09	Gary V. McQuade +Larry Watson (16 th A)
16	+Carmen Priore r/b Barbara & Paul Piquet S. Donna Loeper, SSJ (3 rd A)
23	+Thomas Dursee +Damien Whisonant
30	+JoAnn Skinner r/b Patti Taddio Lucas Brown

Birthdays & Anniversaries



26 Frank Simon	29 Julian Espino
27 Abigail Mariano	31 Lauren Peruzzo
27 Jacquie & John Darcey	29 Christine & Bryan Whitler
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. Leonissa O'Brian, S.S.J.

Given by God June 1, 1932
Given to God July 28, 2026
in her 76th year as a SSJ

S. Leonissa is one of my high school teachers. She always exuded the joy you see here. She influenced many young women by her example and faith. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**Gabby LaCashio received the
Army Achievement Medal
rewarded for being
a student First Sergeant and guiding 250 students
during their first part of nursing school
while in San Antonio, TX.**

Gabby's current address:

**PFC LaCashio Gabrielle
3391 Winfield Scott Road
C Cp 264th JBSA
Ft. Sam Houston TX 78234**





St. Stephen Bulletin Board



Tri-C Almsgiving

Thank you so much !!

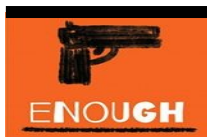
JUL Peas	SEPT Shampoo	NOV Bar Soap
AUG Flour	OCT Dish Liquid	DEC Dry Beans

PRAY 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...



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



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 RECY-
CLING YOUR INK HERE.
IT'S GOOD for the EARTH
and HELPS THE CHURCH.

July Stewardship



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

Weekly Budget	Weekly Income
July 5	\$4,399.00
July 12	\$2190.00
July 19	\$6684.00
July 26	\$2078.00
Fundraiser (Taco Sale)	\$404.00
Weekly Budget \$3000 x 4	\$12,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,791.00
Over/Under budget	\$3791.00

T H A N K Y O U !!!

A standing "O"

Yard Sale & Food Fundraiser volunteers for a job well done!

*Gayle A; Aileen C; Barbara DeJ; Jim D; Karen G; Lupe & Ray H,
Luz, Liam, Reyna & Marie; Lana H; Pat K; Jason LaC;
Margarita & Memo L; Marta L & America; Elia M & Cecilia; Barbara P;
Peggy R; Lou S; Donna S; Patti T;
Veronica T, Orlando, Natalia, & Andy; and Doris W.*



Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

with five loaves and two fish



In today's Gospel reading, the disciples see all the hungry people who had come to listen to Our Lord and to be healed. They know that they can't feed them all, so they ask Jesus to send them to the towns to buy food. But Jesus isn't limited by nature, because He is God. He blesses a bit of bread and fish and it becomes enough to feed over five thousand people!

Our Lord was showing us that He will provide for all our needs if we listen to Him, just like it says in today's reading from the prophet Isaiah. In this story He was providing for the people's bodily needs, but He also provides for our spiritual needs.

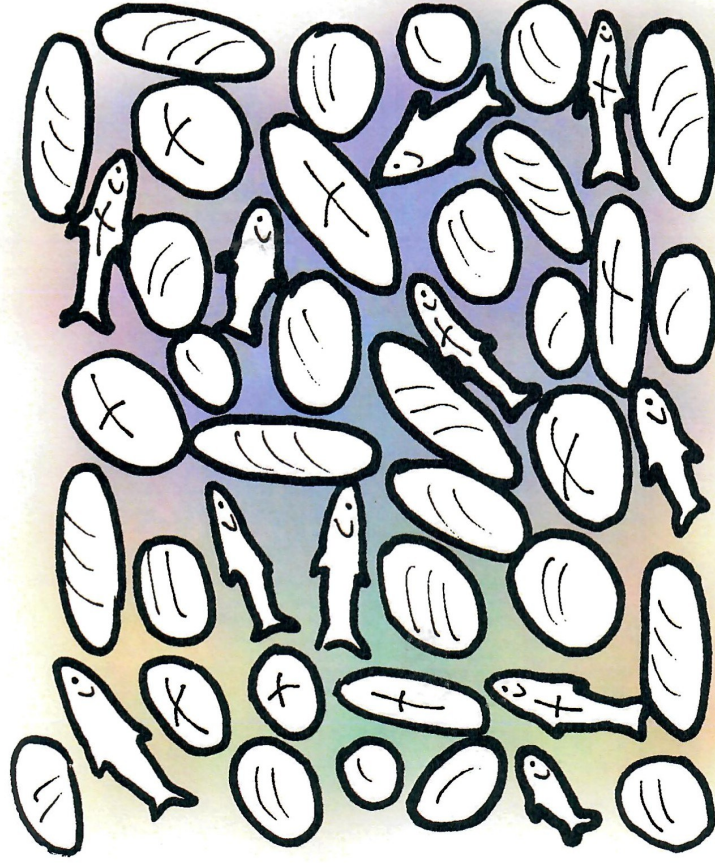
In Holy Communion, Jesus gives Himself to us for spiritual food. Just like He could do the miracle of feeding the five thousand, He works the miracle of turning bread and wine into His Body and Blood for us at every Mass. Now He feeds millions of people all over the world with Himself!



Answer to the Transfiguration puzzle:
Top: 6, 1. Middle: 2, 4. Bottom 3, 5.

The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2nd, 2026



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus turns five loaves and two fish into enough food for over 5000 people! On top of all that, they collected baskets full of leftovers.

To find out how many baskets they filled, colour in only the loaves and fish that are marked with crosses.

Saint Cajetan

August 7

ST. CAJETAN WAS BORN IN THE LATE 1400'S NEAR VENICE. HE WAS A GOOD BOY AND AFTER DOING WELL IN HIS STUDIES HE BECAME A LAWYER.



This man has a family he must provide for.

IN THOSE DAYS MANY OF THE PRIESTS AND BISHOPS DID NOT CARE ABOUT GOD OR PEOPLE'S SOULS.



Your excellency, our parish priest won't hear confessions!

THIS MADE ST. CAJETAN SAD. SO HE STUDIED AND BECAME A PRIEST.



I can't fix everything but I will do what I can. I will become a priest!

FATHER, I'D LIKE TO JOIN YOU.



HE STARTED AN ORDER OF PRIESTS THAT WOULD CARE FOR PEOPLE'S SOULS.

HE BEGAN A HOSPITAL FOR PEOPLE WITH INCURABLE DISEASES.



ALTHOUGH HE WORKED WITH DYING PEOPLE, HE WAS MORE SADDENED BY THE SOULS THAT WERE AWAY FROM GOD.



WHEN HE GREW ILL THE DOCTORS TRIED TO GET HIM TO SLEEP ON A SOFT BED BUT HE WANTED TO DIE LYING ON BOARDS LIKE OUR LORD DYING ON THE CROSS FOR SINNERS.



Let me suffer for the poor sinners too!

SAINT CAJETAN KNEW THAT PEOPLE WERE GOING TO HELL BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T CARE ABOUT GOD, SO HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO SAVING SOULS. DO YOU EVER PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO HAVE FALLEN AWAY FROM GOD AND THE FAITH? CAN YOU SAY A HAIL MARY FOR THEM TODAY?

The Transfiguration

August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain where He had a surprise for them. How well do you know the story? Sort the pictures by putting the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes.

