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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.

Take up your cross and follow me...

Toma tu cruz y sígueme...

Morning, Church!,

The Cross, the undeniable Way, Truth, and Life of a Christian. This week, I experienced new meaning in the Cross.

Pat Darcey, mother of parishioner, John, moved in with John and Jacquie awhile ago. She came to Elkin to spend her faithjourney's end with her family. Pat's a "Jersey Girl" all the way. Her deep faith, spunk, constant expressions of gratitude, put her at the top of the list for how to go home to God with grace.

I gave Pat a cross the pray with as it hung on her bedpost. The five inch Cross is multi-colored in pastel tiles of creamy blues, purples, whites, and rose. I called it her Rainbow Cross. Then Pat showed me the Crucifix that hands on the wall across from her bed.

Pat called the image, "The Giving Cross", as seen here. The Giving Cross is Pat's answer to the question, "What does sacrifice look like?" or "What does love look like?" The Jersey Girl's profound theological response says it perfectly.

Even in the most excruciating painful moment of his life, Jesus gave Love from The Cross. The Giving Jesus is Pat's answer to any and every question. Is it for you, too?

Pat sees The Giving Jesus every day. She welcomes his outstretched hand that is leading her home where she will be reunited with her beloved husband, Tom, and other loved ones.

To take Jesus' hand and allow him to lead you home, you must follow his example and Pat's. Denying yourself (your ego) means fully embracing your Cross. It means making a profound act of faith in the One whose hand holds yours.

This is the only Way, the only Truth,
and the only Life.

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

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**Here's how to send Pat Darcey a card:
Así es como puedes enviarle
una tarjeta a Pat Darcey:**

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

La Cruz: el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida innegables para el cristiano. Esta semana, descubrí un nuevo significado en la Cruz.

Pat Darcey, madre de nuestro feligrés John, se mudó hace un tiempo a vivir con él y con Jacquie. Llegó a Elkin para transcurrir la etapa final de su camino de fe junto a su familia. Pat es una mujer de Nueva Jersey de pura cepa. Su profunda fe, su vitalidad y sus constantes muestras de gratitud la convierten en un ejemplo perfecto de cómo regresar a Dios con gracia.

Le regalé a Pat una cruz para que rezara con ella; la colgamos en el poste de su cama. Es una cruz de unas cinco pulgadas, decorada con teselas multicolores en tonos pastel: azules cremosos, violetas, blancos y rosas. La llamé su «Cruz del Arcoíris». Luego, Pat me mostró el crucifijo que cuelga en la pared frente a su cama.

Pat llamó a la imagen «La Cruz que da» (The Giving Cross), tal como se muestra aquí. Esta imagen es la respuesta de Pat a la pregunta: «¿Qué aspecto tiene el sacrificio?» o «¿Qué aspecto tiene el amor?». La profunda respuesta teológica de esta mujer de Nueva Jersey lo expresa a la perfección.

Incluso en el momento de dolor más atroz de su vida, Jesús entregó Amor desde la Cruz. El Jesús que da es la respuesta de Pat a cualquier pregunta. ¿Lo es también para ti?

Pat contempla a diario al Jesús que da. Ella acoge su mano extendida, que la guía hacia el hogar donde se reencontrará con su amado esposo, Tom, y con otros seres queridos.

Para tomar la mano de Jesús y permitir que Él te guíe a casa, debes seguir su ejemplo y el de Pat. Negarse a uno mismo (al propio ego) significa abrazar la propia Cruz. Significa realizar un profundo acto de fe en Aquel cuya mano sostiene la tuya.

Este es el único Camino, la única Verdad
y la única Vida.

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

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**Pat Darcey
227 Hawthorne Road
Elkin NC 28621**

A U G U S T	
30	22nd Sunday OT
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 TBA 
19	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
20	25th Sunday OT
✝ 21	Give Blood EV Baptist Ch 1:30-6:00p OCIA, 6:30p 
22	Communion Service, 12:15p
✝ 23	Choir, 7p; OCIA Mystagogia, 7p 
27	26st Sunday OT
✝ 28	OCIA, 6:30p
29	Communion Service, 12:15p
30	Choir, 7p 

🕊 Mass Intentions	
30	+JoAnn Skinner r/b Patti Taddio St. Stephen Parishioners
06	+Elizabeth & Michael Karaffa; +Dr. Bob Gochnauer +Ellyn M. Garwood +Kathleen Hyer
13	+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	13 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	
31 Judy & Ron Berryman	
12 S. Janis McQuade	
23 Maria & Jose Ledesma	25 Vanessa & Dakota Spicer



Inscripción p
ara la formación
en la fe Antes
del 13 de sept



Faith Formation
Registration
By
Sept 13

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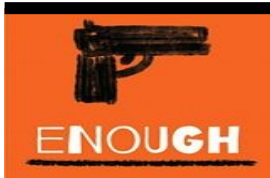
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Thank you so much !!

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



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

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

4:30-6:30pm ~ Sept. 17
Third Thursdays ~ NO COST
FBC Elkin 110 Gwyn Avenue

**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2026**

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



Jóvenes de Primera Comunión 2026

¿Estarías dispuesto
a servir en el altar como acólito?

Sesiones de preparación
5 y 12 de septiembre
10:30 a. m. – 12:00 p. m.

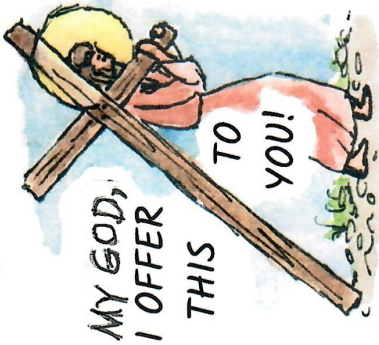
2026 First Communion Youth

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

Preparation sessions
Sept. 5 & 12
10:30-12Noon



If you want to be my disciple...



What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.



Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!

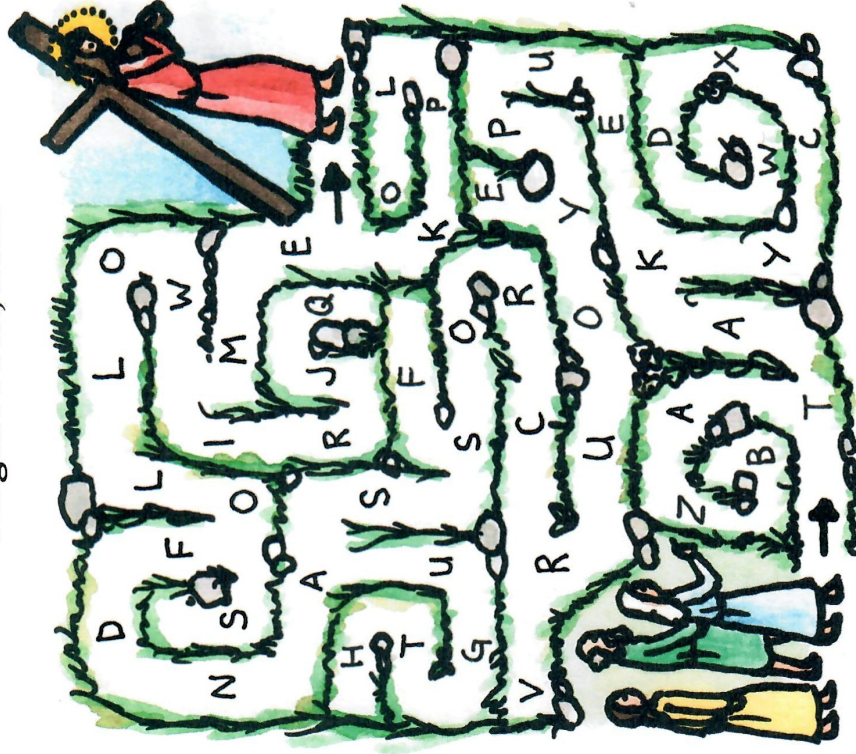


Answer to maze on Front: Take up your cross and follow me.
Answers to Match-up: 1.D 2.C 3.E 4.B 5.G 6.A 7.F

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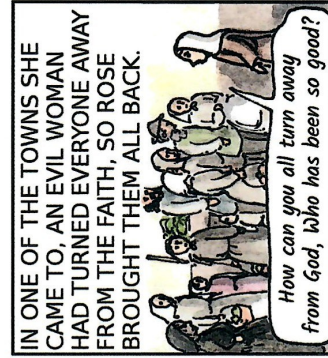
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30th, 2026



What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples?
Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.

Saint Rose of Viterbo

September 4



ROSE DIED WHEN SHE WAS ONLY 18. SHE HAD SPENT HER LIFE PRAYING, SACRIFICING AND PREACHING TO BRING SINNERS BACK TO GOD. ONCE THE SUFFERING JESUS HAD APPEARED TO HER, AND SHE RESOLVED TO TRY TO MAKE UP FOR THE SINS THAT HURT HIM. WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR JESUS TODAY?

"Take up Your Cross" Match-up

Jesus began to tell the disciples that He would have to suffer and be killed. How did the disciples react? What did Jesus say then?

Connect the phrases on the left with the ones that follow on the right.

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| 1. Peter said, +
"God forbid, Lord!" | A. will find it. |
| 2. Jesus said,
"Get behind me, +
Satan!" | B. must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." |
| 3. You are not +
thinking as God does | C. You are an obstacle to me. |
| 4. Whoever wishes +
to come after me | D. No such thing shall ever happen to You! |
| 5. Whoever wishes +
to save his life | E. but as human beings do." |
| 6. and whoever loses +
his life for my sake | F. for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? |
| 7. For what profit +
would there be | G. will lose it |