



St. Stephen Catholic Church

101 Hawthorne Road Elkin NC 28621-3016

336.835.3007

Connect@StStephenNC.org

www.StStephenNC.org

Fr. Englebert Ofon

Administrator

336.838.5562

efon@rcdoc.org

S. Janis McQuade, S.S.J.

Pastoral Associate

336.835.3007

Connect@StStephenNC.org

Mrs. Theresa Martin

Music Ministry

336.816.0214

Connect@StStephenNC.org

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

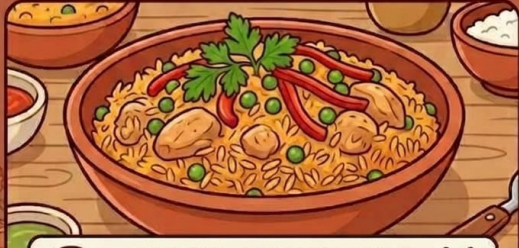
If you, or someone you know is desirous of being anointed, call the office or Fr. Engelbert.

SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

†

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!

ACP FUNDRAISER SALE



FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST
6:00 PM

MENU & PRICING

FULL MEAL DEAL
Includes: Arroz con Pollo, Dessert & Drink

ACP ONLY
Includes: Classic Arroz con Pollo

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SAN ESTEBAN

†

¡APOYA A NUESTRA COMUNIDAD!

CENA DE RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS



VIERNES, 21 DE AGOSTO
6:00 PM

MENÚ Y PRECIOS

PAQUETE DE COMIDA COMPLETA \$13
Incluye: Arroz con Pollo, Postre y Bebida

SOLO ACP \$10
Incluye: Arroz con Pollo Clásico

TODOS LOS INGRESOS APOYAN LOS PROGRAMAS DE LA IGLESIA
¡ÚNETE A NOSOTROS PARA LA COMIDA, EL COMPAÑERISMO Y LA DIVERSIÓN!

THANK YOU!!

...a nuestras familias de Formación
en la Fe y a nuestra Asociación de
Mujeres por su maravillosa colaboración
en la recaudación de fondos del viernes.

Esto es unidad visible.

...to our Faith Formation Families
& our Ladies Guild
for their wonderful collaboration
in Friday's Fundraiser.

This is visible oneness.



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.

Who do YOU say I am?

Morning, Church!

"Finding Your Roots", hosted by Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Celebrities, guided by Gates, explore the ancestral lines back generations aided by DNA evidence, and genealogical experts. During the show, the celebrity uncovers startling information of their family tree and family history.

This Sunday and next, Diego and Janey, and Lucas will be welcomed into the Catholic Christian community and St. Stephen, too. They are all too young to know who they are or their family history.

The one thing they do know is their parents love them. Their parents and extended family hope and desire that, as their children mature, they will grow in faith and love.

As we continue to explore who we are and God's dream for us, we are invited every day to answer the question Jesus asks in today's gospel,

"Who do you say I am?"

You're not being asked to share what the biblical commentaries say or the theology books. You are being asked to answer in the most authentic way you can.

"Who do you say I am?"

right now where you are on your faith journey,
with all your gifts, talents, brokenness, desires,
sinfulness, sorrows and joys.

Like Peter, you are called to have "rock" solid faith in Christ and to give witness to your faith, grace others by your example ~ especially Diego, Janey, and Lucas. For one day, very soon, Jesus will ask them,

"Who do you say I am?"

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



¿Quién dices TÚ que soy yo?

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

"Finding Your Roots" (Descubriendo tus raíces), presentado por el Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Bajo la guía de Gates, diversas celebridades exploran sus linajes ancestrales remontándose varias generaciones atrás, con la ayuda de pruebas de ADN y expertos en genealogía. Durante el programa, la celebridad descubre información sorprendente sobre su árbol genealógico y su historia familiar.

Este domingo y el próximo, Diego, Janey y Lucas serán acogidos en la comunidad cristiana católica, al igual que San Esteban. Todos ellos son demasiado pequeños para saber quiénes son o conocer su historia familiar.

Lo único que saben es que sus padres los aman. Sus padres y su familia extendida esperan y desean que, a medida que sus hijos crezcan, también crezcan en fe y en amor.

Mientras seguimos explorando quiénes somos y el sueño que Dios tiene para nosotros, se nos invita cada día a responder a la pregunta que Jesús plantea en el Evangelio de hoy:

"¿Quién dicen ustedes que soy yo?"

No se te pide que compartas lo que dicen los comentarios bíblicos o los libros de teología. Se te pide que respondas de la manera más auténtica posible.

"¿Quién dicen ustedes que soy yo?"

...justo ahora, en el punto en que te encuentras
en tu camino de fe, con todos tus dones, talentos,
fragilidades, deseos, pecados, penas y alegrías.

Al igual que Pedro, estás llamado a tener una fe sólida como una roca en Cristo y a dar testimonio de tu fe, bendiciendo a los demás con tu ejemplo; especialmente a Diego, Janey y Lucas. Porque un día, muy pronto, Jesús les preguntará a ellos:

"¿Quién dicen ustedes que soy yo?"

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
21	ACP Fundraiser 6p FLLC
 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. Joseta Ernest, S.S.J.

Given by God September 29, 1946
 Given to God August 20, 2026
 in her 62nd year as a SSJ



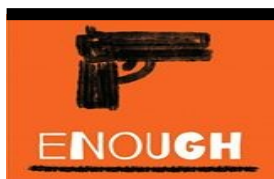
Tri-C Almsgiving

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



**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?

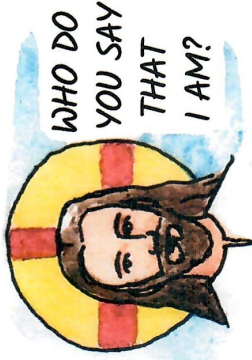
Preparation sessions
Sept. 5 & 12
10:30-12Noon



"You Are Peter."

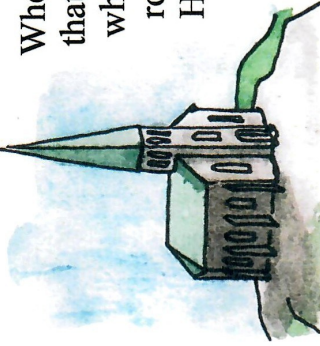
Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was.

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.

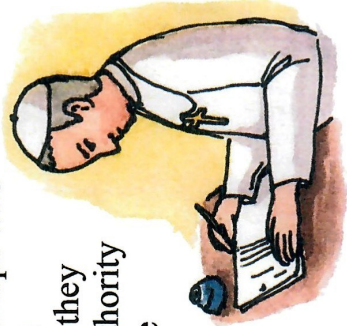


WHO DO
YOU SAY
THAT
I AM?

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. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.



Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, proclaim something 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 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. prevail 6. do 8. not 10. God 12. keys 15. never 16. we 17. Father 18. Heaven 19. Jonah 20. Simon 23. he

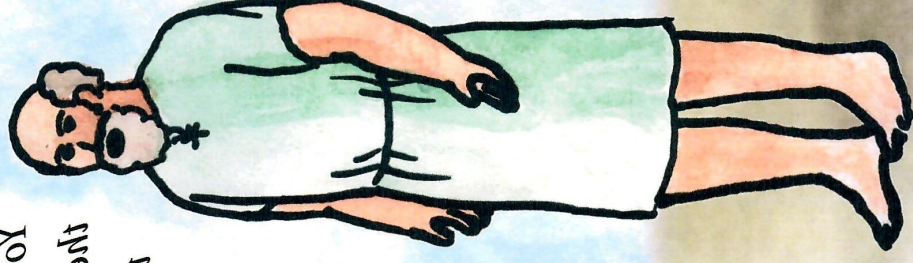
The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23rd, 2026

Sim I tndt vpr vox ob onW



are vox
the Christ
to vox sht
the living
God.



Blessed are you,
because you are
bold and have
believed in
me and you will
be saved.

What were Peter and
Jesus saying in today's
Gospel reading?
Look in the mirror
to find out!

Saint Louis of France

August 25

KING LOUIS IX OF FRANCE WAS BORN IN 1214. HIS WISE MOTHER REIGNED FOR HIM AFTER HIS FATHER DIED UNTIL HE WAS OLD ENOUGH TO RULE ALONE.



Louis, I would rather see you dead than have you commit one mortal sin.

LOUIS MARRIED WHEN HE WAS 20. HE AND HIS WIFE HAD 11 CHILDREN.



HE WAS VERY KIND TO THE POOR AND BUILT MONASTERIES AND A HOSPITAL.



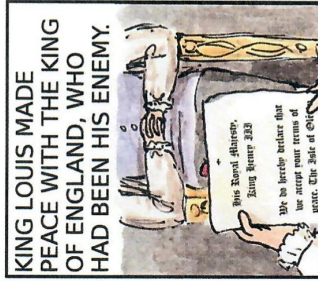
We can start building on Monday, your Highness!

HE WAS ALSO FAIR AND USED COURTS TO MAKE DECISIONS RATHER THAN WARS.



I paid for that property!

KING LOUIS MADE PEACE WITH THE KING OF ENGLAND, WHO HAD BEEN HIS ENEMY.



We found a happy way to settle our dispute. King Edward 1288
We no longer believe that we must fight wars of power. King John of France

HE LED TWO CRUSADES TO PROTECT THE HOLY LAND. HE COMMANDED HIS SOLDIERS TO TREAT THE ENEMY WELL.



There is no need to be unnecessarily cruel.

BUT SOON HE AND HIS SOLDIERS GOT SICK AND WERE CAPTURED. THE FIRST TIME HE GOT THEM FREE, BUT THE SECOND TIME HE AND HIS SON DIED.

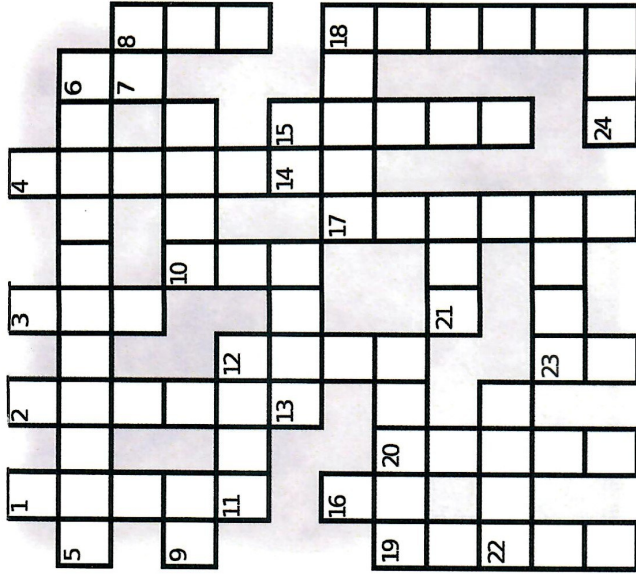


KING SAINT LOUIS SAID THAT LOVING GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE. IT WAS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN RULING WELL! BECAUSE HE PRAYED AND ATTENDED MASS SO OFTEN AND SO WELL HE WAS GIVEN THE GRACE TO RULE HIS PEOPLE JUSTLY AND KINDLY.

"Who do you say that I am?"

CROSSWORD

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



5. "...the gates of the _____ will not prevail..."
7. "...this rock I will build my Church..."
9. "Whatever you bind on earth shall _____ bound in Heaven."
10. "I will _____ you the keys of the kingdom..."
11. "On this _____ I will build my Church."
13. Jesus made Peter the _____ of the Church on earth.
14. "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed _____ Heaven."
17. "_____ and blood have not revealed this to you..."
19. "_____ asked them, 'Who do you say that I am?'"
21. God _____ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.
22. Jesus changed Simon's _____ to Peter.
23. "Flesh and blood _____ not revealed this to you..."
24. "...You are the Christ, the _____ of the living God!"
1. "_____ said, 'You are the Christ...'"
2. "On this rock I will build my _____."
3. "Blessed _____ you, Simon..."
4. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not _____..."
6. "Who _____ people say that the Son of Man is?"
8. "Flesh and blood have _____ revealed this..."
10. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living _____!"
12. "I will give you the _____ to the kingdom of Heaven."
15. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?
16. _____ belong to the Church that Jesus started.
17. The Heavenly _____ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.
18. "...the keys to the kingdom of _____..."
19. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of _____"
20. Peter's name before Jesus changed it: _____
23. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that _____ was the Christ.