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**Worship Times**

**Saturday** Vigil Mass, 4:00p  
**Sunday** Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p  
**Daily Mass, Holy Days** Consult Bulletin  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

**Sunday** Mass, 9:00a  
**Holy Days** 7:00p  
**Communion Service** Consult bulletin  
**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)**

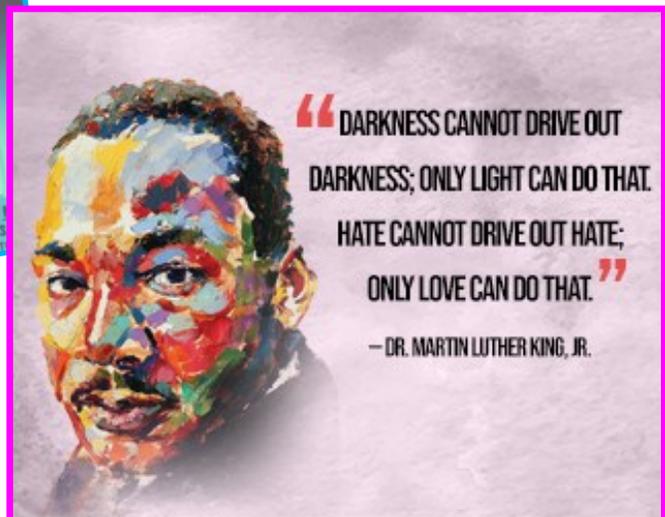
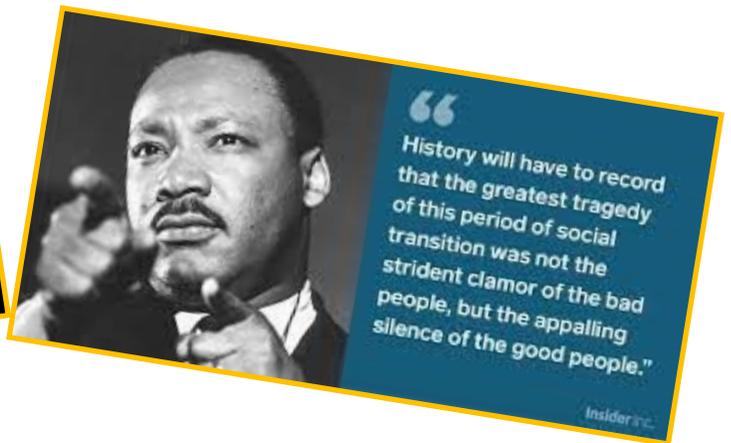
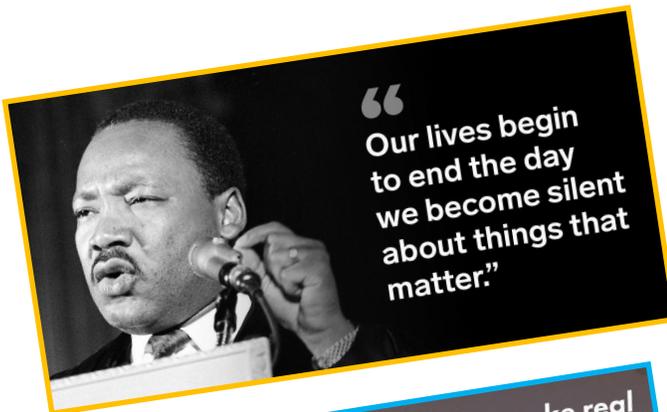
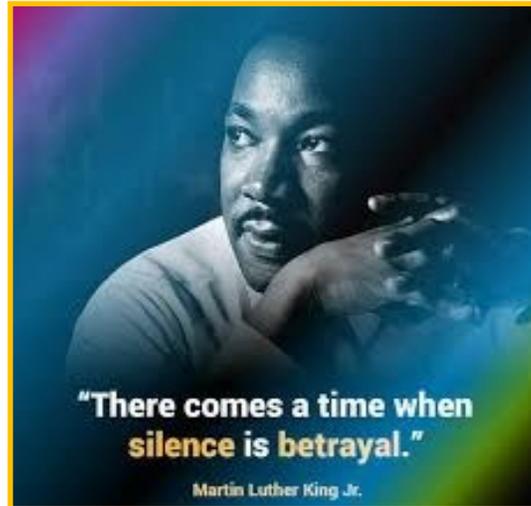
*For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.*

**Anointing of the Sick**

*For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis*

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 16, 2022**

*St. Stephen Wise Ones are the 55+ members of our parish community who began getting together over a decade ago, gathering on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month for a meal, dessert, and games. The Wise Ones often join together in community service, like Meal for the Elderly, volunteering as a tutor at Elkjin Elementary School; or at Hugh Chatham Hospital, Grace Clinic, and Tri-County ministries.*



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## St. Stephen Church Protocol

Out of concern for one another, **we wear masks in church.**

We use **hand sanitizer** before coming forth to receive Communion to insure the highest, safest level of protection for everyone.

**OUR POLICY, FOR EVERYONE'S PROTECTION:  
COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE HAND ONLY.**

Kindly bring your own mask from home so the masks we have can be offered to visitors who don't know our parish policy will have one when they come to Mass.

*Thank you!*



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## *Hymnals, Missals & Kneelers*

If you wish you can make a donation towards our new 3-year Missals, our hymnals, or kneelers.

Donations payable to: **St. Stephen Church.**

**No donation is too small.**

## *2022 Calendar MASS INTENTIONS*

To SCHEDULE A MASS at St. S,  
please use the white envelopes found in the lobby.  
PRINT the name or intention for the Mass on the front of the envelope.  
A stipend for a Mass is ten (\$10) dollars in cash or a check payable to:  
Fr. John Hanic. Give the envelope to S. Janis.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you wish to **DONATE FLOWERS** marking an 2022 anniversary, birthday, special intention, in gratitude to God, or in memory of a deceased loved, or just because, please

***SIGN UP or CALENDAR***

and contact *Donna*, (336) 835-5245.



+S. Sheila Ann Falls, S.S.J.

*Born*

*August 21, 1939*

*Born to Eternal Life*

*January 21, 2022*

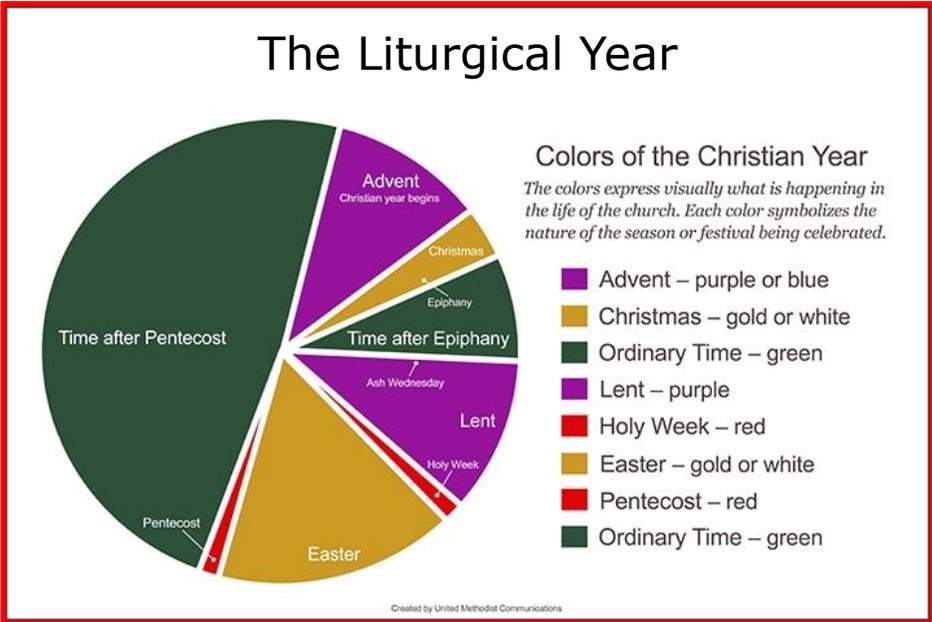
*in the 65<sup>th</sup> year of her religious life.*

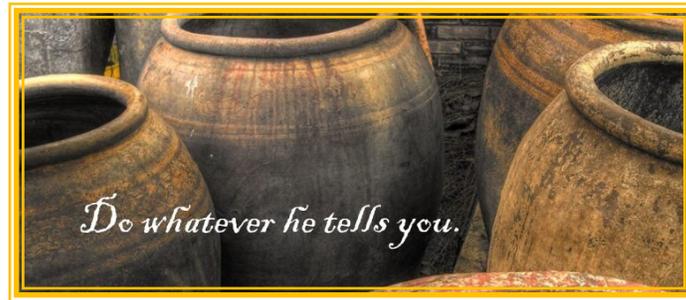


“The best thing  
for being sad  
(or anxious or bored or angry)  
is to learn something.  
That’s the only thing  
That never fails.”  
~ Merlin from The Once and Future King.

*Thank  
You*

...to Peggy R, Natalie L, Samantha A, and Aymes D who have agreed to serve in Faith Formation this year in various capacities and to the faithful parents who come with their children each week to participate and to support their child’s faithjourney...  
...to Ronnie K who noticed our our outdoor Nativity had missed being brought into our church and got Patrick C and John O to help her bring in the figurines on Saturday before the pending snowfall this weekend...  
...to St. S Ladies Guild who prepared snack bags for the staff at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital this weekend...  
*God bless you real good!*





### *Morning, Church!*

Sometimes you experience a discrepancy between promises made and promises kept. This alleged discrepancy can result in disillusionment, disappointment and even desolation. This is the perception of the Hebrews after The Exile in Babylon and their return to Jerusalem. In Isaiah's Book of Consolation text we have the prophet's poetic verse fortelling God's present and future embrace. Isaiah used the power of positive thinking to rally the Israelites and raise their morale. Remembering in hope they reclaimed their blessedness.

God would make changes to broaden their path to vindication by changing the condemning names given them by their captures and culture. God would shift their lamenting into glorious light. God changed their name of "Forsaken" to "My Delight" and their land, from "Desolate" to "My Espoused." God initiated the betrothal to the land left behind during The Exile, God initiates the rekindling of the Covenant relationship with the people of Israel, a nation seen as the disgraced and abandoned "bride." God changes their name and even more importantly, God mercifully changed their lives.

These poetic verses exhibit how deeply God is in love with Israel ~ and all of us. Clearly, our God is the "marrying kind" who stays committed to the Chosen decimated by the contamination of their Holy Temple and the desecration of their sacred Traditions by the non-believers. These disfiguring experiences left them feeling so unlovable and unwanted, like the image of a town's Old Maid.

Through Isaiah's voice and heart, God rekindles their bond bruised by their banishment to Babylon. God says, "I am in love with you and want to be with you ~ forever...marry me again..." God's love is life-changing. God's love is redemptive. God's love is transformative for their battered spirits. Their lives are change and they will never be the same. God doesn't fall in love with us, God raises us up in love.

Another facet of God's love is found in the epistle to Corinth, a community abundantly blessed by the Spirit with a variety of skills and proficiencies, unlike many of the existing communities of the day. Like the Corinthians, you are blessed with many gifts and talents that can change and transform others' lives. Sharing your gifts lets others know of God's love and saving presence.

The wedding reception at Cana is the setting for God's life-changing, transformative, redemptive love. In love and compassion, Jesus models what happens when you share your gifts with others in loving generosity. You give witness to your relationship every time you "do whatever Jesus tells you", every time you act on Jesus' inspirations or nudges.

When you notice a sadness in a friend's voice and offer comfort; notice and respond to someone's struggle; take the initiative to speak up and for those who have no voice, no traction in society's grinding gears; or offer unselfish service without being asked, you've learned to live the meaning of "They have no wine" in your faithjourney. Then you will "Do whatever he tells you" and the water of others' lives is transformed into wine. That's a promise kept.

God's blessings,

*spanis*

*What is the deepest desire of your heart?*

Coming prepared: 3 <sup>rd</sup> SOT	
www.usccb.org	
Neh 8: 2-6, 8-10	1Cor 12: 12-30
Ps 19:8-10. 15	Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21



PROCLAIMERS of the WORD		
Date	Reading I	Reading II
1/16	Karen G	Mary H
1/23	Kathy J	Ronnie K
1/30	Theresa M	Elia M

☪ Reflecting and Acting on the Word \_\_\_\_\_

Recall a time of desolation in your life, to whom did you turn for consolation, encouragement, and strength?

How are you consolation, encouragement, and strength for others?

Tri-C Christian Ministries

CURRENT NEEDS:

**ANY canned vegetables, esp. peas & any kind of beans; sm. Toiletries or laundry soap.**

☪ JANUARY	
16	2nd Sun OT Combination Mission Collection 1st Communion FFF, 10:30a, FLC
17	RCIA Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
18	Communion Service, 12:15p
20	Wise Ones <b>POSTPONED</b> till Feb 17 Details TBA
23	3rd Sun OT Confirmation FFF, 10:30a, FLC
24	RCIA
25	Communion Service, 12:15p
30	4th Sun OT 1st Communion FFF, 10:30a, FLC
31	RCIA



☪ JANUARY	
16	+John Cahill r/b Peggy R
23	Mary Askew; +Linda Cirone
30	Kate Garwood (Birthday) Lorraine Benfanti r/b Ladies Guild
FEBRUARY	
06	+Byrdie Gerkle; Noreen O'Neill (Birthday)

*Birthdays*

16 Jenny Ardizzola  
Barry Blackburn  
Epi Parral Cortez  
20 Isabella Estrada  
Cecelia jones



21 Ines Chaves Trejo  
23 Lou Stackhouse  
25 Braulio Mata Reyes  
30 Marta Segura Lopez  
31 Dolores Spicer



**INCLEMENT WEATHER INFO**

Check these media outlets for information:  
**NBC/ WXII or FOX/WGHP**

**AVISOS DE MAL TIEMPO  
VER NBC ~ WXII  
O  
ZORRO WGHP**



*Pope Francis: Walking the Word*

*“Do whatever he tells you”  
is Mary’s legacy to us  
~ and a mandate  
of gospel living.*