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St. John

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Ann Stone	RCIA
Joel Everett	Music

St. Stephen

S. Janis McQuade, S.S.J.	Faith Formation
Phillip Parrish	RCIA
Theresa Martin	Music

Mass Schedule

St. John

Saturday	4:00p
Sunday	11:15a English 1:00p en español
Wednesday	11:00a

St. Stephen

Sunday	9:00a
Communion Service	
Tuesday, 12:15p	
Holy Days	7:00p

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	3:00 - 3:45p	By appointment
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Welcome, New Parishioners: We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasures in life-giving ways.
 To register and get more information: go to our website ~ www.StStephenNC.org

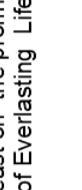
Sacrament Preparation (Baptism, 1st Communion, Reconciliation (Penance), or Matrimony
 Call S. Janis (336) 835-4542

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
 Offered for adults who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, rites, and practices.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care
If you or someone you know is desirous of God's healing and would like to receive the sacred anointing, contact S. Janis.

Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025

Fasting and Feasting - Celebrating the 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

Ash Wednesday Fast from negativity. Feast on a positive heart.	Saturday Fast from abusing others. Feast on appreciating others.	Wednesday Fast from fear. Feast on risks for faith.	Friday Fast from confrontation. Pray Stations of the Cross.	Passion Sunday Fast from sadness. Feast on honoring your grief.
Be intentional when you pray, fast, and give alms.	2nd Sunday of Lent Fast from rigidity. Feast on flexibility.	Thursday Fast from a blind heart. Feast on seeing with love.	Saturday Fast from willfulness. Feast on 20 minutes in prayer with God.	Monday of Holy Week Fast from craving approval. Feast on who you are in God.
Thursday Fast from selfishness. Feast on generosity.	Monday Fast from wasting time. Feast on good planning.	Friday Fast from being divisive. Pray Stations of the Cross.	5th Sunday of Lent Fast from insecurity. Feast on confidence in God.	Tuesday of Holy Week Fast from betrayals. Feast on loyalty.
Friday Fast from compulsions. Attend Stations of the Cross.	Tuesday Fast from judging. Feast on affirming.	Saturday Fast from hypocrisy. Feast on integrity.	Wednesday of Holy Week Fast from anger. Feast on forgiveness.	Wednesday of Holy Week Fast from anger. Feast on forgiveness.
Saturday Fast from hard-headedness. Feast on cooperation.	Wednesday Fast from compunctions. Feast on praying.	4th Sunday of Lent Fast from belittling. Feast on praising.	Monday Fast from useless stress. Feast on being intentional.	The Triduum
1st Sunday of Lent Fast from control. Feast on collaboration.	Thursday Fast from shaming. Feast on honoring.	Tuesday Fast from arrogance. Feast on humility.	Wednesday Fast from rebelling. Feast on supporting.	Holy Thursday Fast from laziness. Feast on generous service.
Monday Fast from self-indulgence. Feast on abstinence.	Friday Fast from wasting time. Pray Stations of the Cross.	Wednesday Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent	Thursday Fast from caustic glares. Feast on loving glances.	Good Friday Fast from fear. Feast on sacrificing with joy.
Tuesday Fast from resentment. Feast on letting go.	Saturday Fast from sarcasm. Feast on graciousness.	Friday Fast from judging. Pray Stations of the Cross.	Saturday Fast from being disorderly. Feast on good planning.	Holy Saturday Fast from anxiety and fear. Attend <i>Women of Jerusalem</i> .
Wednesday Fast from resentment. Feast on gratitude.	3rd Sunday of Lent Fast from stressing differences. Feast on appreciating them.	Thursday Fast from contempt. Feast on admiration.	Saturday Fast from being disorderly. Feast on good planning.	Easter Sunday
Thursday Fast from stubbornness. Feast on flexibility.	Monday Fast from arrogant pride. Feast on humility.	Praying		Praying
Friday Fast from resentment. Pray Stations of the Cross.	Friday Fast from road rage. Feast on road compassion.	Fasting		Fasting
		Almsgiving		Almsgiving

Easter Monday Feast on Christ's light.	Tuesday Feast on being created by God.	5th Sunday of Easter Feast on compassion.	Feast of the Ascension Feast on Christ's prayer for us: "That all may be one."																	Pentecost Sunday
Easter Tuesday Feast on Christ's recompense.	Wednesday Feast on being chosen by God.	Monday Feast on a childlike wonder.	Tuesday Feast on God's glory.	Wednesday Feast on your faith journey.	Monday Feast on Christ's words: "Ask and you shall receive."	Tuesday Feast on Christ's prayer for us: "I entrust them to You."	Wednesday Feast on Christ's prayer for us: "I guarded them with your name."	Thursday Feast on God's fabulous deeds.	Tuesday Feast on Christ's prayer for us:	Monday Feast on the gift of the Spirit sent by Jesus, the love of God always with you.										
Easter Wednesday Feast on Christ's presence.	Thursday Feast on being anointed by God.	Friday Feast on being sent by God.	Saturday Feast on being God's prophet.	Sunday Feast on God's respect of you.	Tuesday Feast on Christ's prayer for all of us: "I have revealed your Name to them, and I will continue to reveal it so that your love for me may live in them."	Wednesday Feast on Christ's victory over death.	Thursday Feast on Christ's prayer for all of us: "I have revealed your Name to them, and I will continue to reveal it so that your love for me may live in them."	Friday Feast on blessings.	Wednesday Feast on God's faith in you.	Monday Feast on being Church.	Tuesday Feast on achievements.	Wednesday Feast on being Church.	Thursday Feast on inclusiveness.	Friday Feast on Christ's words to you: "Do you love me?" "Feed my lambs...." "Follow me."	Saturday Feast on Wonder and Awe in God's Presence.					
Easter Thursday Feast on Christ's courage.	Friday Feast on Christ's resolve.	Saturday Feast on Christ's mercy.	Sunday Feast on God's peace.	Monday Feast on God's respect of you.	Wednesday Feast on the gift given in Confirmation: Fortitude.	Thursday Feast on the gift given in Confirmation: Wisdom.	Friday Feast on the gift given in Confirmation: Knowledge.	Saturday Feast on God's respect of you.	Wednesday Feast on the gift given in Confirmation: Fortitude.	Monday Feast on the gift given in Confirmation: Wisdom.	Tuesday Feast on the gift given in Confirmation: Knowledge.	Wednesday Feast on the gift given in Confirmation: Fortitude.	Thursday Feast on the gift given in Confirmation: Wisdom.	Friday Feast on the gift given in Confirmation: Knowledge.	Saturday Feast on Piety / Spirituality.					
Easter Friday Feast on Christ's resolve.	Sunday Feast on God's prophet.	Monday Feast on God's lead.	Tuesday Feast on God's thirst.	Wednesday Feast on God's creation.	Thursday Feast on God's goodness.	Friday Feast on God's baptism.	Saturday Feast on God's waiting.	Sunday Feast on God's joy.	Wednesday Feast on God's faith in you.	Monday Feast on God's goodness.	Tuesday Feast on God's baptism.	Wednesday Feast on God's baptism.	Thursday Feast on God's baptism.	Friday Feast on God's baptism.	Saturday Feast on God's baptism.					
Easter Saturday Feast on Christ's resolve.	Monday Feast on God's prophet.	Tuesday Feast on God's lead.	Wednesday Feast on God's thirst.	Thursday Feast on God's creation.	Friday Feast on God's goodness.	Saturday Feast on God's baptism.	Sunday Feast on God's waiting.	Monday Feast on God's joy.	Tuesday Feast on God's baptism.	Wednesday Feast on God's baptism.	Thursday Feast on God's baptism.	Friday Feast on God's baptism.	Saturday Feast on God's baptism.	Sunday Feast on God's baptism.						
2nd Sunday of Easter Feast on healed wounds.	Monday Feast on gratitude.	Tuesday Feast on thoughtfulness.	Wednesday Feast on creation.	Thursday Feast on praising God.	Friday Feast on joy.	Saturday Feast on patience.	Sunday Feast on our Baptism.	Monday Feast on baptism.	Tuesday Feast on God's baptism.	Wednesday Feast on God's baptism.	Thursday Feast on God's baptism.	Friday Feast on God's baptism.	Saturday Feast on God's baptism.	Sunday Feast on God's baptism.						
3rd Sunday of Easter Feast on waiting.	Monday Feast on being loved by God.																			



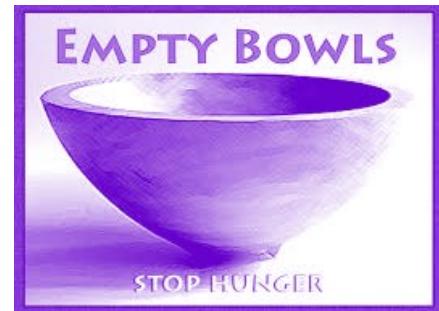
Tri-C Almsgiving Thank you so much !!	
MAR	Small laundry soap
APR	Canned fruit
MAY	Toilet tissue
JUN	Toothpaste



**CARE for CREATION
RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES
LOBBY CONTAINERS.**
Thank you!

EMPTY BOWLS YADKIN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

WHERE: YADKINVILLE MOOSE LODGE
1432 Country Club Road, Yadkinville
WHEN: **APRIL 1, 2025**
TIME LUNCH: 11:30a - 1:30p
 DINNER: 4:30p - 6:30p



TAKE OUT ONLY ~ Drive through pickup

Tickets: \$25.00



2025 Jubilee Year of Hope
Reflection Question

Pilgrim,
what is your **deepest hope**
for yourself, your family,
St. Stephen, your Church, Creation?

The parable of the Fig Tree
is a call to transformation.
Name ways you have made choices
in the first two weeks that
will lead to your transformation in grace.



Peregrino,
¿cuál es tu **esperanza más profunda**?
para ti, tu familia,
San Esteban, ¿tu Iglesia, Creación?

La parábola de la higuera
es un llamado a la transformación.
Menciona las decisiones que has tomado
en las primeras dos semanas que te llevarán
a una transformación en la gracia.

2025 Ministerial Association
Holy Week Services & Luncheon
12N ~ 1:00p
Host Church: First Baptist Church, Elkin

4/14	Preacher	Pastor Ernest Martin, Union Grove Baptist Ch, Ronda
	Hospitality	First Baptist Church, Elkin
4/15	Preacher	Rev. Arlo Tysinger, Elkin Presbyterian Ch, Elkin
	Hospitality	Galloway Episcopal Church, New Beginnings United Methodist Church St. Stephen Catholic Church
4/16	Preacher	Pastor Howard Fleming, First United Methodist Ch, Elkin
	Hospitality	Elkin Presbyterian Church, Elkin
4/17	Preacher	Sister Janis McQuade, S.S.J., St. Stephen Catholic Ch, Elkin
	Hospitality	First United Methodist Church, Elkin
4/18	Preacher	Rev. Wallice Hairston, Purpose of Love Ministries, Winston Salem

St. Stephen Holy Week Celebrations	
4/13	<i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>of the Lord's Passion ~ 9a</i>
4/17	<i>Holy Thursday</i> <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7p</i>
4/18	<i>Good Friday</i> <i>Women of Jerusalem ~ 5:30p</i> <i>The Passion of the Lord ~ 7p</i>
4/19	<i>Holy Saturday</i> <i>Easter Vigil ~ 8:30p</i>
4/20	<i>Easter Sunday ~ 9:00a</i>

¡Iglesia de la mañana!

Nuestros caminos de fe siempre están marcados por desvíos: barriles de construcción naranjas y blancos, baches y señales de un solo sentido que nos impiden seguir el camino que queremos. La ocurrencia más frecuente en nuestro camino de fe es la bifurcación espiritual, la exigencia de una decisión: ¿cómo elegirás?

Como Cristo, el Espíritu nos condujo al desierto, donde nos enfrentamos a pecados de omisión y de comisión. Abiertos a la gracia, nos volvemos sensibles a la guía del Espíritu y a los sacrificios que debemos hacer para permanecer fieles.

La Cuaresma es un llamado al arrepentimiento que conduce a la transformación iniciada por la gracia de Dios. La Cuaresma es un cambio radical de mentalidad y corazón, de aprender a ver el mundo y a nuestro prójimo como Dios los ve; de aprender a alejarnos de las drogas implacables del consumo y la avaricia, del egocentrismo, y simplemente convertirnos en buenos seres humanos; en otras palabras, en santos. La Cuaresma se trata de transformación, cuando algún día la bondad, la generosidad y el servicio se convierten en algo natural para nosotros.

Siendo realistas, la transformación es un proceso lento y silencioso, que se refuerza con pequeños actos de bondad repetitivos, no con uno grande e innecesario.

Nuestra transformación gradual es el resultado de decisiones influenciadas por la gracia y repetidas a lo largo del tiempo.
~ Constituciones SSJ

Cada día, especialmente durante la Cuaresma, nos encontraremos con una encrucijada espiritual.

Se nos ofrece otra oportunidad de convertirnos en quienes Dios
soñó que seríamos el día de nuestro Bautismo.

Elige la vida, solo eso y siempre, a cualquier riesgo. Dejar que la vida se escape, dejar que se desgaste con el paso del tiempo, negarse a darla y difundirla es no elegir nada. ~ Hermana Helen Kelley, IHM

En ComUNIDAD,

TRABAJO del CORAZÓN

Reflexionando sobre la Palabra

En este momento, ¿qué aspectos de tu vida están floreciendo espiritual, emocional o físicamente?

¿Qué aspectos de tu higuera espiritual necesitan poda, riego y abono?



...déjalo para este año...
...puede que dé fruto
en el futuro...
...si no...puedes cortarlo.

Morning Church!

Our faithjourneys are always punctuated by detours created by orange and white construction barrels, potholes, and one way signs that prevent us from going the way we want to go. The most frequent occurrence on our faithjourney is the spiritual fork-in-the-road, the decision-demanding: how will you choose?

Like Christ, the Spirit leads us into the Desert where we are confronted by sins of omission and commission. Open to grace, we become sensitive to the Spirit's lead and the sacrifices we must make to remain faithful.

Lent is a *call for repentance* that leads to the transformation initiated by God's grace. It is a call to radical change of mind and heart, of learning to see the world and our dear neighbors as God sees them; of learning how to withdraw from the relentless narcotics of consumption and greed, of me-first, and simply becoming a good human being ~ in other words, to become a saint. Lent is about transformation, when some day, the virtues of kindness, generosity, and service are second nature to us.

Realistically, transformation is a slow, quiet process, and is reinforced
by small repetitious acts of goodness, not one big, showy one.

*Our gradual transformation is the result
of choices influenced by grace and repeated over time.
~ SSJ Constitutions*

Every day, especially during Lent, we will meet the spiritual fork-in-the-road.
We are offered another chance to become who
God dreamed we'd be on the day of our Baptism.

*Choose life, only that and always, and at whatever risk.
To let life leak out, to let it wear away by the mere passage of time,
to withhold giving it and spreading it is to choose nothing.
~ Sister Helen Kelley, IHM*

In CommUNITY,

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HEARTwork ~ Reflecting on the Word

*Right now, what aspects of your life
are flourishing
spiritually, emotionally, or physically?*

*What aspects of your spiritual fig tree
need pruning, watering, manuring?*



*...leave it for this year...
...it may bear fruit in the future...
...if not...you can cut it down.*

MARCH

	23	3rd Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N LifeLine Pregnancy Center Dedication & Open House 2-4p 680 NC Hwy 268 W, Elkin
	24	SAFETY FIRST! Presentation: <i>Safety: Personal & Family</i> , 5:30p, FLC Auxiliary Staff Officer Newell Hauser
	25	Adult Faith Formation ~ The Chosen (Last gathering) RCIA I, 6:30p
	24	St. Oscar Romero, El Salvador martyr (1980) 
	26	RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
	27	Women of Jerusalem rehearsal, church, 5:30p
	28	Stations of the Cross, 6p
	30	4th Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N



You're invited!

Stories:

The Sisters of St. Joseph & the SSJ Associates

A Slide Presentation & Dinner
A Sharing of S. Janis' Pilgrimage to France

Thursday, April 10, 2025
6:30p
Family Life Center

R.S.V.P. by

Friday, April 4, 2025
to help us prepare for those who will attend the catered dinner

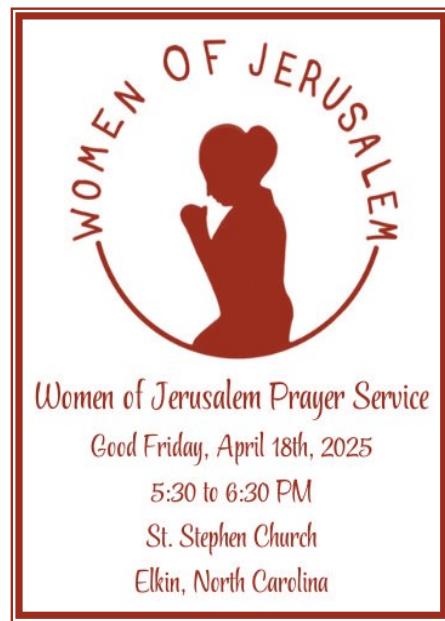
Mass Intentions

23	+Michael A. Garwood, Sr.
30	+Patrick Tyrrell Kelly McQuade Anahi Espinoza

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 23 Cindy Whitley | 27 Delia Carmona |
| 22 Margarita & Memo Lara | 24 Jane & Rob Worley |



Continue to hold
Pope Francis
in your prayers.



PRAY the ROSARY DAILY

for the people of Ukraine & Russia;
for Presidents Zelenskyy, Putin & Trump; for a peaceful and just end to this war, and all wars...
Hail Mary, full of grace...



...Braulio Mata & Melia Orta, who proclaimed God's Word last weekend...
...and Stephen Faust who served as Greeter & Prayer Leader...to our women who faithfully clean our church...
and to Andy Crawford who installed a new system for the hearing-impaired...
God bless you all!!

What Kind of Fig Tree are You?

The Kids' Bulletin

In today's Gospel reading, we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any. He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit- and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.



The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God- he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.



Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!

Third Sunday of Lent
March 23rd, 2025



What's wrong with this fig tree?
See what the two men want to do with it by reading what they say in a mirror.

Answer to Word-Find: Free land



The 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

3rd Sunday of Lent

Fast from stressing differences.
Feast on appreciating them.

Thursday
Fast from a blind heart.
Feast on seeing with love.

Monday

Fast from arrogant pride.
Feast on humility.

Friday

Fast from being divisive.
Fast on being one with others.
Feast on seeing with love.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Tuesday

Fast from road rage.
Feast on gentleness.

Saturday

Fast from pretending to be good.
Feast on doing good.

Wednesday

Fast from fear.
Feast on believing in Jesus.

See if you can find
all the words
in CAPITALS
in this story.



A F R A I D O F F R E E
B D E L I V E R O M F S
R G O D J E T H R O R U
A L O R D E A O W S E F
H A V E F S K L A E J F
A N T I L I H E Y R S A E
M D S G R O U N D A C R
F L A M E E G Y P T O I
A O A B U S H O R E B N
C O C N D B L A Z I N G
E K M I S E R A B L E S

The left over letters
tell what the
Israelites in Egypt
wanted:

A _____

MOSES was looking after the sheep of his father-in-law, JETHRO, on Mount HOREB. Suddenly he noticed a BUSH that was BLAZING like FIRE, but it wasn't burning up! He came FORWARD to look closer, but GOD spoke from the FLAME, saying "Come no nearer. TAKE your SHOES OFF, for this is HOLY GROUND. I am the God of your fathers-of ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB." Moses was AFRAID to LOOK at God, and covered his FACE. The LORD said, "I HAVE seen the MISERABLE state of my people in EGYPT and heard their cry to be FREE. I will DELIVER them from their SUFFERING and bring them to a new LAND."

REMEMBER:

- PRAY
- GIVE UP UNLOVING WAYS & WORDS
- BE GENEROUS