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Worship Times

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

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9, 2023



You Are Invited!
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
2:00 p.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.

Catholic Charities is pleased to open
 a new office in N. Wilkesboro in July 2023.

Wee Care Ministry

assistance as its foundational ministry, and
 will assist participants in Alleghany, Ashe,
 Surry, Watauga, and Wilkes Counties.

The address of the office is 201 Tenth Street,
 North Wilkesboro (corner of Tenth and Main
 Streets). The office is on the first floor of a
 two story brick building that has Tenth and
 Main in large black letters on its front.

On July 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Cath-
 olic Charities will host an Open House and
 Blessing of its new North Wilkesboro office.

After a brief welcome and some introductions
 there will be a blessing of the office followed
 by a dessert reception. Brief tours of the of-
 fice space will also take place after the bless-
 ing.

You are most welcome to attend this
 event. Weather permitting, we will host much
 of this event just outside of the office in the
 small park across the street from the of-
 fice. There will be access to restrooms in the
 building.

Please note that while parking on the streets
 of North Wilkesboro is free for up to two
 hours, you may need to circle the block to find
 parking on a nearby street. If the weather is
 rainy, event activities will be moved indoors.

RSVP by email:

scaeducation@ccdoc.org

if you plan to attend.



Pope Francis ~ Walking the Word

Dear sisters and brothers,
 for us too there are moments
 of weariness and disillusion.

Thus let us remember
 these words of the Lord,
 which give us
 so much consolation
 and allow us

to understand whether
 we are placing our energy
 at the service of the good.

Indeed, at times our weariness
 is caused by placing trust
 in things that are not essential,
 because we have distanced

Ourselves from
 what really matters in life.

The Lord teaches us
 not to be afraid
 to follow Him,
 because the hope
 that we place in Him
 will never disappoint.



Tri-C Christian Ministries
July Almsgiving
 Jello or Jello pudding



IT'S A GREAT TIME!! "SPRING CLEAN"!!
SET ASIDE ITEMS YOU WISH TO DONATE
ST. S YARD SALE ~ JULY 29, 2023

Donations do not include:

Clothing	Books without covers
Unframed glass	Large or CRT televisions
Opened paint cans	Building supplies
Large appliances	Broken items
Cribs or baby equipment	Dirty items

**Please do your part:
donate items, come to the Yard Sale
and buy something!**

*Yard sales proceeds will be directed towards
a parish need or charity.
Last year the proceeds went towards our new church roof.*

**U.S.
Mass Shootings**



**WHEN IS ENOUGH,
ENOUGH?**

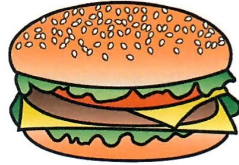
Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

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**Our Lady,
Queen of Peace,
pray for us!**

You are invited to a CommUNITY Cookout



**Saturday, July 22, 2023
12:00 – 2:00PM**

**Elkin Presbyterian Church
151 Hillcrest Drive, Elkin NC**

**If you have a home church
please contact them to RSVP. If not,
please call Elkin Presbyterian Church
(336) 835-4545**

**Sponsored by Connections,
a group of local clergy who seek to
Dismantle Racism
*One Relationship at a Time***

**Please join us for a free
Fellowship Meal and Table Talk**



Certificate of Baptism



OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH
 PENNSWOOD ROAD & LANCASTER AVE.
 BRYN MAWR, PA. 19010

This is to Certify

That CELESTE MARY MC QUADE
 child of Charles J. McQuade
 and Carol Mary Burnham
 born at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
(CITY) (STATE)
 on the 20th day of February 1960

Baptized

on the 6th day of March 1960

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church
 by the Rev. Michael J. McGinnis, O.S.A.

The Sponsors being { Matthew G. Guokas
Janis McQuade

Morning Church!

One day, Sister Patrick Maureen, R.S.M., taught our class about Baptism, and the privilege and responsibilities of being a Godparent. Without missing a beat, I got it. I wanted to be a Godparent more than anything.

My three older siblings are Godparents to my three younger ones. In my naivete, all my mom needed to do is go to the hospital and pick out another baby for me. Arriving home, I began to relentlessly lobby for a new baby. My mom and I had "the talk". I decided to go another route and prayed daily for my parents to change their minds. Two years later, my mom announces at the dinner table, "I'm pregnant". With no surprise in my voice, I said, "I know. I've been praying for this for two years."

On Feb. 20, 1960, God entrusted Celeste to our family and to me as my Godchild. *Love at first sight* is an understatement. As soon as I came home from school, I'd gather Celeste in my arms and set her on my knees for the predictable *Peek-a-Boo* and *Here's the Church* reveal games. No matter how many times we'd play, Celeste bursted into a full belly laugh and motion "again". In her face I saw God's grace of presence, joy, goodness, and compassion. Through her, I experienced God's spontaneity and extravagant love. I still do.

This Child of God and Grace looked at life and said, "I'm all in" and she continues to live life fully. We were inseparable for the next five years. This all changed September, 1965. I entered the SSJs and Celeste started kindergarten. In retrospect, I see that God sent Celeste to enhance my spiritual, peripheral vision and remind me God is seen in the childlike, gentle, patient, and kind people.

Celeste renews my heart and eases the yoked weight of my burdens. When she begins a sentence, "*Listen to me*", I listen, because God speaks through her.

Doesn't God put people in your life to mentor and affirm you? Aren't these childlike ones, ~ sometimes your pets ~ the very presence of God revealed to you in mysterious ways? I believe so.

Consider *your image of God*. Is your image of God the exuberant, unbridled joy and curiosity of a child? Or is your image of God one of a distant, harsh, perfectionist judge? Psalm 145 best describes God as gracious, merciful, slow to anger, of great kindness, compassionate, faithful, holy, lifting up the lowly, and raising up those who are bowed down.

God invites you to come and find rest; desires to ease your burdens and giggle out loud with you. This is your God, One who dwells in you, for you, as you. If you believe this, it will change you forever.

Celeste means *heavenly, one who shines like the stars*. She is perfectly named.
 When we played Peek-a-Boo, I saw God in her face. She is an Answer to Prayer.
 My Godchild has changed me forever.

God's blessings,

HEARTwork ~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word
 Consider your image of God. When God plays
 Peek-A-Boo with you, who does God see?
 When you play with your Neighbor,
 what do you see?

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

J U L Y	
09	14th Sun OT
11	Communion Service, 12:15p WEE CARE Dedication & Reception (See p. 2)
15	Men's Group <i>Breakfast Time</i> , 8:30a 
16	15th Sun OT
17	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6p 
18	Communion Service, 12:15p
19	RCIA, 6:45p
20	Wise Ones Luncheon, 1p <i>Cedarbrook C.C.</i> Host: Karen Gochnauer 
22	<p align="center">CommUNITY Cookout Elkin Presbyterian Church, 12N-2p ALL ARE WELCOME!! Sponsored by Ministerial Association (See p. 4)</p>
23	16th Sun OT <i>National Grandparents' Day</i>
25	Communion Service, 12:15p 
29	PARISH YARD SALE
30	17th Sun OT
31	Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

PARISH DIRECTORY
HOUSEHOLD PHOTOS
FINAL DATES
 to have your household's photo
 included in the directory.
July 9, 16, 23

Pope Francis ~ Walking the Word

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 by having placed trust
 in things that are not essential,
 because we have moved
 away from what really counts in life.*

☪ Mass Intentions	
09	+ Joe Krakovsky +Judy Tymko
16	St. Stephen Parishioners
23	Grandparents & Wise Ones

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 11 Julia Mantero | 22 Joseph Martinez |
| 12 Ofelia Nava | 24 Kevin Robinson |
| 13 Lesly Crispin | 26 Lorriaine Benfanti |
| 18 Eileen Ouellette | Frank Simon |
| 29 Joyce Kelly | 29 Julian Espino |
| 22 Barb DeJohn | 31 Orlando Trinidad |



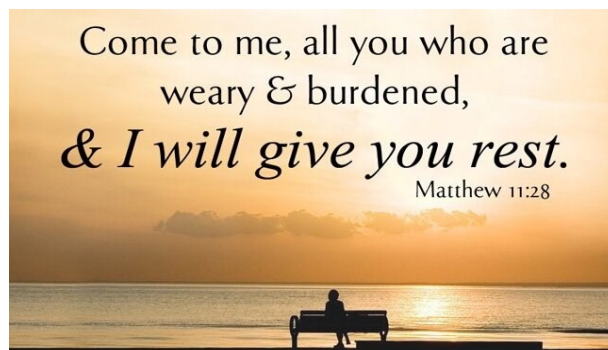
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| 14 Dianne & Andy Crawford |
| 16 Pauline & Fred Sener |
| 22 Jacque & John Darcey |
| Ashley & Aymes Davis |
| 31 Cindy Whitley & Ozzie Martinez |



A cookout, an opportunity to gather
 as a commUNITY and celebrate
 the blessing of living
 in the Elkin area of God's Neighborhood

R.S.V.P.

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"I Will Give You Rest"

Today Jesus tells us, "Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest." God understands that we get tired and worn out. He wants us to come to Him when we need to rest. He refreshes our souls and gives us the energy and strength to carry on.



JESUS, I'M SO
TIRED! PLEASE
HELP ME!

Do you ever feel like quitting when a job gets hard? Maybe you get tired of school or helping your Mom or Dad. When you feel like giving up it's time to start praying! Your work might seem easier when you pray, but even if it still seems hard you will be happier knowing that you are doing it for God.

Jesus tells us to take His yoke on our shoulders. A yoke is a sort of bar that is used to help carry heavy things. Jesus is saying that we should do His work. For some people that means preaching like He did, or healing the sick, or being a priest, but for most people it means just doing everything we have to do out of love for God.

Wow! THIS ALL
SEEMS
EASIER
Now!



Answer to maze on front: You will find rest.
Answer to word-find: He is compassionate.

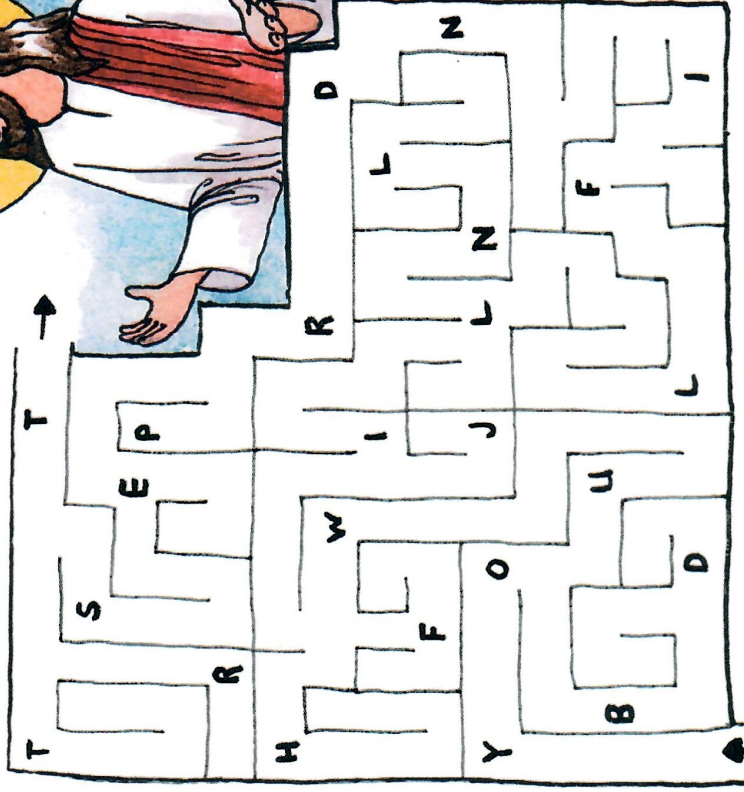
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The Kids' Bulletin

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9th, 2023



"Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened..."



What does Jesus say will happen if you go to Him when you're tired and worn out? First find your way through the maze and then use the words from that path to fill in the blanks.

Saint Henry

Holy Roman Emperor

July 15

HENRY WAS THE SON OF A DUKE AND A PRINCESS. HE WAS BORN IN 973 AND WAS TAUGHT WELL BY THE HOLY BISHOP WOLFGANG.

What does it profit you to gain the world...

HENRY MAY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING THE PRIESTHOOD, BUT WHEN HIS FATHER DIED HE WAS MADE DUKE.

Now that your father has died you must take his place.

ONE DAY HIS NOW DEAD TEACHER, SAINT WOLFGANG, APPEARED TO HIM.

AFTER SIX YEARS HE BECAME EMPEROR INSTEAD!

I might die any day now...

You have been chosen...

HENRY RULED THE EMPIRE WELL AND RESPECTED THE CHURCH.

We won't touch those lands- they belong to the Church!

HIS ARMIES ONLY FOUGHT TO DEFEND LAND FROM THEIR ENEMIES AND TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE.

Our aim in this battle is to bring peace to our subjects.

HENRY AND HIS WIFE, SAINT CUNEGUNDE, DID NOT HAVE ANY CHILDREN. WHEN SHE DIED, HENRY WANTED TO BECOME A MONK BUT A HOLY ABBOT TOLD HIM TO KEEP RULING.

God has placed you here to guide people.

SAINT HENRY DIED IN 1024. HE HAD THE HIGHEST POSITION OF POWER IN EUROPE, BUT HE DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. HE KNEW THAT GOD GAVE HIM THE POWER TO LOOK AFTER THE PEOPLE. GOD WANTS US TO RESPECT PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY AND TO CARE FOR OTHERS WHEN WE ARE IN AUTHORITY.

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Psalm 145 Word-Find

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

Find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS. Use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks:

What is one of the things this Psalm tells us about God?

I will EXTOL you, O my GOD and King, and I will bless your NAME forever and ever. Every day will I bless YOU, and I will PRAISE your name FOREVER and ever.

The Lord is GRACIOUS and MERCIFUL, SLOW to ANGER and of great KINDNESS. The Lord is GOOD to all and compassionate toward all his works.

Let all your works give you THANKS, O Lord, and let your faithful ones BLESS you. Let them discourse of the GLORY of your KINGDOM and SPEAK of your MIGHT.

The Lord is FAITHFUL in all his WORDS and holy in all his WORKS. The LORD lifts up all who are FALLING and RAISES up the bowed down.