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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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023

Pivoting: Spiritual Metanoia

Morning Church!



Wake Forest alum and collegiate athlete, David Morris ('80) crossed my faithjourney's path in 1986 when he began his RCIA Journey. At that time, he served as head basketball coach at Reynolds H.S. in Winston Salem. David played point guard for Wake's basketball team. Being a point guard specifically requires you to master the skill of pivoting. Pivoting gave him options, alternate lanes up and down the court, and helped him finesse and redirect a set play.

A spiritual term for pivoting is *metanoia* (Gk). *Metanoia* means a conversional turn around, a change of heart that moves a person toward God. Having "court awareness" is mostly the responsibility of the point guard, who needs to see the big picture, assess options, and pivot if necessary.

The ability to change direction on our faithjourney requires an attentiveness and presence to Presence.

This is the responsibility of anyone desiring to serve Christ and minister in his Vineyard.

Two sons. Two attitudes. Two choices. One important pivot. At any given moment of our faithjourney we could be either one of the sons. Keeping our word is one way of Keeping the Word. Honoring our agreements, meaning and doing what we mean and say, is a grace.

The son who changed his mind and heart pivoted because of compunction's grace-filled nudge. His spiritual pivoting is a response to the Ever-present Presence. God's invitation to all of us is that we be more intentional about our spiritual lives and more mindful of our sacred tetherings to God and our Dear Neighbor.

A daily prayer ought to be one that God frees our hearts of duplicity and graces us to live with integrity and compassionate justice. We need to pray for a resilient faith and the instinct to know when and where to pivot, to repent, and to turn toward The One who tends The Vineyard.

Our faithjourney is full of spiritual pivots and of redirects bathed overwhelmingly in God's mercy. Every time we pivot in Jesus' Name we affirm our discipleship as Way Walkers.

Seems like the invitation of today's Word is to pray for the Grace of Compunction, to bask in God's merciful love, and to do what needs to be done in the Divine Vineyard.

God's blessings,

Hephaestus

We labor equally
When we fall as when we rise.
Always remember that
What happened to us
Happened through us.

We wonder how close
Can we come to light
Before we shut our eyes.

How long can we stand the dark
Before we become
more than our shadows.

Pay attention.
Concern is the debt.
We always owed each other.

(excerpt from *Call Us What We Are*
by Amanda Gorman)














HEARTwork

~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word ~

How do you see yourself in the two sons?

What grace do you need at this time
of your faithjourney to experience
God's overwhelming, merciful grace?

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

OCTOBER	
Hispanic Heritage Month Sept 15 ~ Oct 15	
 01	26th Sun OT Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a
03	Communion Service, 12:15p
 04	RCIA, 6:45p
05	Wolfhus Theater
05-09	SSJ Assembly, Chestnut Hill, PA Ladies Guild 
 08	27th Sun OT Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a
10	Communion Service, 12:15p
 11	RCIA, 6:45p
 15	27th Sun OT SSJ Associate Rite of Welcome Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a 
17	Ministerial Association, 12N HCH Communion Service, 12:15p
 18	RCIA, 6:45p; Choir, 7p 
19	Wise Ones, Benny's Restaurant, Jonesville, 1p
21	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
 22	28th Sun OT Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a PROCLAIMERS' Formation & Information 10:30a (or Nov 4)
 24	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen, FLC Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen, FLC
 25	RCIA, 6:45p

🌱 Mass Intentions	
01	+Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph St. Stephen Parishioners
08	+Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory S. Geri Rogers, SSJ
15	Cheri Lawrence r/b Dianne Crawford
22	Missionaries

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

01 Ellen Bernabe Liam Hernandez Dany Trejo	12 Natalie Lopez 14 Raquel Martinez 18 Athena Spicer 19 James St. Cyr 20 John Darcey 22 Ty Keller Ruben Ramirez 23 Lellany Garcia 25 Beth Altemueller
03 Nancy Hubbard Gerardo Parral, Sr.	
06 Marisol Ledesma 08 Sergio Loyola Maria Mata-Reyes 10 Angel Ledesma 11 Beth Orta	
01 Ofelia & Alberto Nava 22 Liza Go & Jeff Harris	10 Andrea Faw & Stephen Faust 25 Samantha & Andrew Ange



ADULT FAITH FORMATION: "The Chosen"
TUESDAYS, beginning Oct 24 10:00a-12Noon or
6:45p-8:45p

COME AND SEE!

Sign up in the lobby by October 18



S. Rita Dolores Woehlchke, S.S.J.
Born September 17, 1946
Born to eternal life September 23, 2023
in the 59th year of her religious life

S. Mary O. Small, S.S.J.
Born March 17, 1945
Born to eternal life September 27, 2023
In the 61st year of her religious life



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE
OUR FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
BRUNCH ANOTHER WONDERFUL
COMMUNITY GATHERING,
especially,
all who prepared food,
the setter-uppers &
the cleaner-uppers, and
Ellen B, Lana H, Cathy K,
Paggy R, and Judy S.
God bless you all!!



Come and join us for the
St. Stephen Ladies Guild

SEVENTH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, October 28
6 pm to 7:30pm
Family Life Center



MENU

Spaghetti and Meatballs
Green Salad
Italian Bread
Dessert
Coffee (Decaf) or Juice
Bring your own wine



TICKETS

\$8.00 for adults
\$3.00 for children (3 to 10 years)
Tickets must be bought in advance
available after Masses
October 15 and 22





A Christmas Story: The Musical

December 10th, 2023 @ 3pm
Yadkin Arts Council Arts Center
Yadkinville

Cost is \$24 Adults + children
Show Only No Meal Serve

Tickets must be purchased by:
September 24 Sign up at church
or contact

Julie Colglazier (336) 353-822

The venue is small, so first come, first serve

Ticket prices include **all taxes & fees**

Tickets are **non-refundable**

Seating is **general admission**

Available upon request **ADA accessible seats**



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
15 septiembre ~ 15 octubre, 2023

¡Eres parte
de nuestra familia
y una bendición!



CARE for CREATION
RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES
Recycle containers are in the lobby.
Thank you!

Adult Sacraments

First Communion
Confirmation

Sacrament of Matrimony

For couples who would like to marry
or who are married civilly and would
like to have your marriage
blessed in the Church.

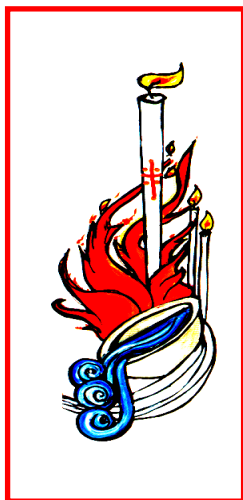
Anointing of the Sick

Offered to the hospitalized
or homebound

R.C.I.A.

For Adults desiring to explore
the Catholic Faith.

For more information,
call S. Janis (336) 835-4542



We pray
for our sisters
and brothers
in Maui,
Morocco
and Libya



Our Lady of Protection
Ukrainian Madonna

FEBRUARY 24, 2022
19 months

Ukrainian Catholics dedicate their country to *Our Lady of Protection*, interceding to Mary to wrap their country with her mantle of loving protection.

With the fast pace of communications these days, it's easy to become overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage of news.
As Catholic Christians, you realized you are intimately tethered to every Dear Neighbor locally and globally.
When you're feeling overwhelmed and weary, think of and pray for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers who are overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage
~ not of news ~
but by daily bombings, death, family separation, and the other forms of collateral damage of war since February 24, 2022.

Our Lady of Protection, pray for us!

As of Sept. 17, 2023
U.S. Mass Shootings: 500
Gun-related deaths: 25,200
Of those who died,
879 were teens &
170 were children.



**WHEN IS
ENOUGH,
ENOUGH?**



Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

OCT

Sm. dish soap

NOV

Bar soap

DEC

Dry beans

Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.

In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.

I WILL OBEY AND
DO MY HOMEWORK...
I'LL DO IT NOW.



I ALWAYS LISTEN.
THIS TIME I'M JUST GOING TO PLAY.

Sometimes we decide not to obey God. If we are sorry afterwards, and do what is right, God forgives the unloving choice we made. Each day pray to make loving choices and always remember to say "I'm sorry" when you make an unloving choice.

Change your heart and become more like Jesus.

Answer to puzzle on front page: The one who said he would not.
Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 2.fair 4.does 6.the 7.committed 8.is 9.just 11.virtue
14.say 15.sins 17.unfair 19.I live 20.Lord
Down: 1.because 3.iniquity 4.die 5.says
8.it 10.turns 12.must 13.shall 14.since 16.if 18.all

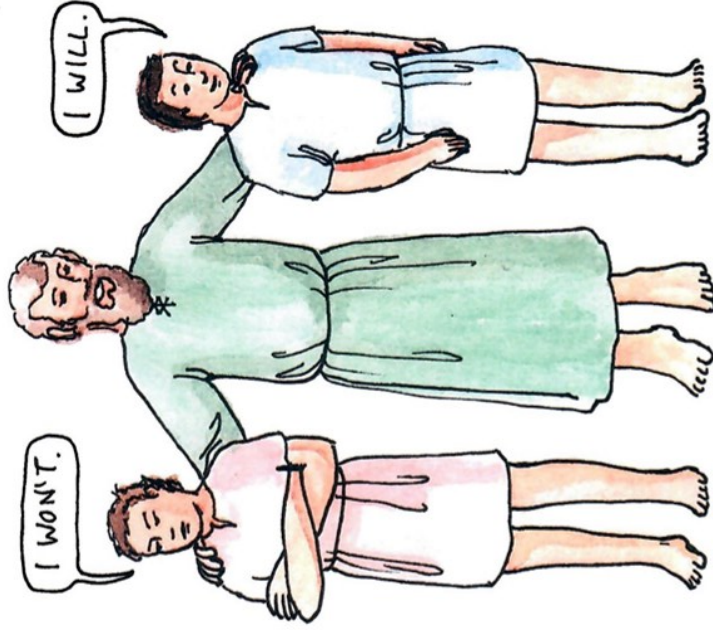
The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1st, 2023

In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.

Which one did what his father asked?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



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

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