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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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2023



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!



We pray
for our sisters
and brothers
in Morocco
and Libya



Our Lady of Protection
Ukrainian Madonna

FEBRUARY 24, 2022
25 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 June 24, 2023
U.S. Mass Shootings: 484
Gun-related deaths: 25,198
Of those who died,
879 were teens &
170 were children.



**WHEN IS
ENOUGH,
ENOUGH?**



Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

SEPT

Sm. bottles of shampoo

Morning Church!

A wise Sister once said, “Be careful about over-tending your wounds. Some people go through life pressing a bruise so that neither they nor (they hope) the world will ever forget it.” No doubt when you see a bruise you can remember exactly how the purplish mark got there. Some remember and hold tight to their injuries, to “wrath and anger...hateful things...the sinner holds them tight.” (Sirach) What is it in all of us that makes us hold tight to the wrath we feel against others instead of seeking to mend the broken relationship?

Does it have to do with the degree we know our own need for forgiveness, actively receive it, and can pass forgiveness on to others? Or maybe you never felt a need of forgiveness. If that’s true, then perhaps you never felt how terrible it is to feel unforgiven, to be absolved of one’s “debts”. Accepting your need for forgiveness can free you to absolve others of the “debt” they have incurred in hurting you.

Christ relentlessly mandates merciful compassion,
forgiveness, and empathetic listening.
Relationship will end if these virtues are withheld.

The Divine’s parable is his radical stance on forgiveness and mercy and is incalculable. Knowing you’re going to hurt others and others are going to hurt you is being human and it’s not a death-dealing fail.

What is death-dealing is a refusal to forgive and to show mercy when others do hurt you. Would you rather “settle this account” or be in relationship with this person?” Are you willing to forgive as God forgives you?

The whole point of the parable:
Jesus’ prerequisite for receiving his forgiveness
is forgiving those who sin against you.

You received mercy, so why do you withhold it
from your sisters and brothers? “...to forgive is *divine*.”

So stop pressing your bruises. Instead, marvel at your body’s remarkable powers of regeneration and healing.

Before you call in any debts, take account of what you have been given, beginning with life itself, then all the unmerited advantages of our time and place in history. God’s Creation is lavish. You can be, too.

“...forgives us our trespasses as we forgive...”

God’s blessings,

Janis



The Hard Blessing

~ Jan Richardson

If we cannot
lay aside the wound,
then let us say
it will not always
bind us.

Let us say
the damage
will not eternally
determine our path.

Let us say
the line of our life
will not always travel
along the places
we are torn.

Let us say
that forgiveness
can take some practice,
can take some patience,
can take a long
and struggling time.




Let us say
that to offer
the hardest blessing,
we will need
the deepest grace;
that to forgive
the sharpest pain,
we will need
the fiercest love;
that to release
the ancient ache,
we will need
new strength
for every day.

Let us say
the wound
will not be
our final home—
that through it
runs a road,
a way we would not
have chosen
but on which
we will finally see
forgiveness,
so long practiced,
coming toward us,
shining with the joy
so well deserved.

 HEARTwork ~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word

How does the gospel address our current culture of personal attacks, negative payback, detestable tolerance?
How do you address our current culture of personal attacks, negative payback, detestable tolerance?

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

S E P T E M B E R	
15	Hispanic Heritage Month
 17	24th Sun OT
18	Give Blood, Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p
 19	Communion Service, 12:15p
 20	RCIA, 6:45p
22	Give Blood, Hugh Chatham MC, 1:30-6:00p
23	 YV PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 
 24	25th Sun OT Family FAITH Formation Gathering & Brunch after Mass
 26	Communion Service, 12:15p
27	RCIA, 6:45p

🕯️ Mass Intentions	
17	+Rhoda Scott (r/b John Bentley)
24	Faith Formation Families & Catechists
01	Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Birthdays & Anniversaries

19 Andrea Faw
25 Theresa Martin



27 Sergio Hernandez
28 Britney Crispin
29 Minnie Espino

19 Ericka & Ruben Ramirez
29 Julia & Diego Carreon

23 Marie & Jose Ledesma



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"The Chosen"

TUESDAYS

10:00a-12Noon or 6:45p-8:45p

Finally, media produced something life-giving for all of us! *The Chosen* is a Christian historical multi-season drama TV series about Christ's life and ministry.

Primarily set in Judea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series centers on Jesus and the different people who met and followed or otherwise interacted with him. No doubt, this is a series worth reflecting on individually and together as a community.

Whether you've seen it or not, this is an opportunity to come together and journey with Jesus with those who knew him first, witness his healing and see between the lines of the Scripture you know so well. You'll gain new insights through your faithsharings on this life-giving experience.

COME AND SEE!

Sign up in the lobby by October 18

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,
contact S. Janis (336) 835-4542

Mark your Calendars!!
Family Faith Formation

Gathering & Brunch
Sunday, September 24

After Mass

Family Life Center

SIGN UP today, Sept. 17



CARE for CREATION

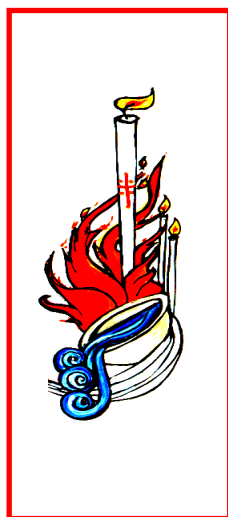
RECYCLE

INK CARTRIDGES

Recycle containers

are in the lobby.

Thank you!



If you want to be forgiven...

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.



SORRY. I RIPPED YOUR BOOK A BIT.



In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.

How do you feel when someone does something mean to you?

Do you feel love towards him/her?

Jesus say you must forgive those who hurt you, because God always forgives you. Every time you are unloving God forgives you if you are sorry and try to make more loving choices in the future. God is loving and forgiving with you. You must be loving and forgiving with others.



Answer to Word Find: Saint Helen

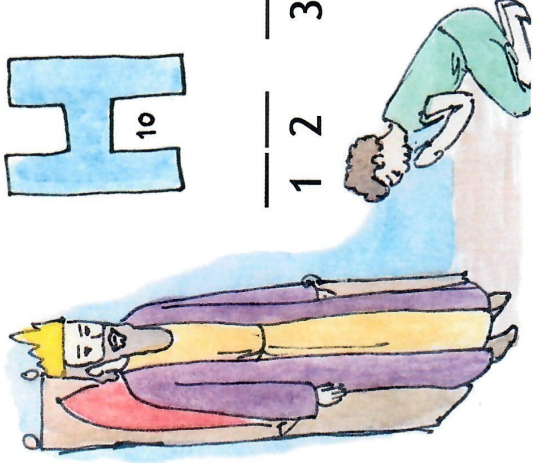
Answer to puzzle on front: He forgave him.

The Kids' Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17th, 2023

What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness? Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!

E⁹ O⁴ H¹ M¹²
V⁸ E² A⁷ I¹¹ R⁵
H¹⁰ F³ G⁶



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

10 11 12

Saint Thomas of Villanova

September 22



THOMAS WAS BORN TO A RICH BUT GENEROUS FAMILY IN SPAIN IN 1488. HE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND WENT TO UNIVERSITY WHEN HE WAS 15.



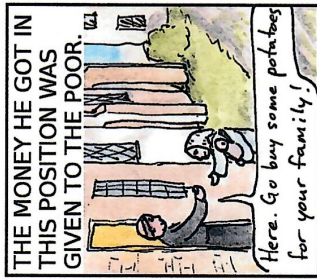
SOON HE HAD LEARNED SO MUCH THAT HE WAS MADE A PROFESSOR.
Welcome to our ranks, son!



BUT HE DECIDED TO BECOME AN AUGUSTINIAN MONK AND A PRIEST.



HE WAS MADE PRIOR AND LATER THE ARCH-BISHOP, AT HIS SUPERIORS' ORDERS.



THE MONEY HE GOT IN THIS POSITION WAS GIVEN TO THE POOR.
Here. Go buy some potatoes for your family!



ST. THOMAS STARTED HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS. HE TAUGHT THE PEOPLE WELL.



Here, come in! I have a bed for you!

ST. THOMAS LIVED SIMPLY, WEARING AN OLD HABIT HE MENDED HIMSELF. WHEN HE WAS DYING HE GAVE HIS BED TO A POOR MAN. HE DIED AT AGE 77.

PEOPLE CRITICIZED ST. THOMAS BECAUSE HE WOULD GIVE TO ANYONE WHO ASKED, AND BECAUSE HE WAS GENTLE WITH SINNERS. BUT HE KNEW THAT HE COULD WIN MORE SOULS TO GOD BY BEING GENEROUS AND KIND. WE CAN IMITATE ST. THOMAS' GENEROSITY BY SHARING OUR GOOD THINGS.

The Unforgiving Servant

sort-out-the-pictures

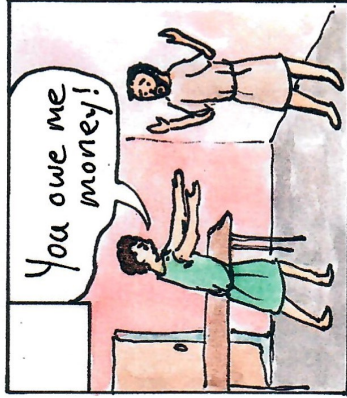
What happened in today's parable? Figure out the order of the story and put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.



Forgive me, sir!
No! You're going to prison.



Why didn't you forgive him?
Throw him in prison!



You owe me money!



You owe me too much money. I will sell you to pay your debt!



Please forgive me!
Alright. You may go.



The servant you forgave threw a debtor in prison!