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Worship Schedule

St. Stephen Church, Elkin

Sundays 9:00am

Tuesday 12:15pm

Communion Service

Holy Days 7:00pm

St. John Church, North Wilkesboro

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 11:15am

1:00pm en español

Holy Days: Consult St. John Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

or by appointment

Welcome to St. Stephen! ¡Bienvenidos a St. Stephen! Chào mừng đến với St. Stephen!

We are a Stewardship Community who share our time, talent,
and treasure in life-giving ways.

We invite ***new parishioners*** to register with us
by using our website registration form:

www.StStephenNC.org

Sacrament Preparation and Order of Christian Initiation of Adults O.C.I.A.

If you wish to prepare for any Sacrament, or you are interested in exploring
the Catholic Faith, or renewing your understanding
of the Catholic Faith, contact S. Janis

Sacrament of Anointing

If you, or someone you know is desirous of being anointed, call the office or Fr. Engelbert.



Celebrating
70 Acts of Kindness in gratitude for
St. Stephen Faith Community 70 Years

This is a blessed time in the history of our faith community.

Our parish is known for its generous service, hospitality,
and life-giving ministry among our dear neighbors.

You are invited to continue that same loving spirit
by doing 70 Acts of Kindness between now and the

Feast of St. Stephen
on December 26.

Keep a record of your loving acts

They will offer at Mass on the

Feast of the Holy Family,
Sunday, December 27.

Estad quietos y conoced

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

La imagen del viento es un hilo espiritual que recorre las Escrituras. Como hemos visto con las tormentas e incendios forestales recientes, el viento puede ser muy destructivo. Por otro lado, el viento puede ser una fuente de energía limpia.

En las Escrituras, el viento representa la Presencia. El Génesis 1:2 describe la tierra como un vacío informe y oscuro, mientras un poderoso **ruah** —aliento o Espíritu de Dios— se cernía sobre las aguas. El viento que rodeó y sacudió el Cenáculo en Pentecostés —esa Presencia— envió a los primeros seguidores a las calles para proclamar a Cristo crucificado y resucitado.

Cuando hoy nos encontramos con Elías, él está huyendo de la malvada reina Jezabel. Atreviéndose a un momento muy difícil de su vida; está agotado física y mentalmente. Siente tal desesperación que le pide a Dios que le quite la vida.

Admítelo. Sabes cómo se siente Elías. Tú también has pasado por eso. La situación del mundo y del país te provoca una gran inquietud a diario; o bien, las pérdidas, el sufrimiento, el deterioro de la salud física o mental, la soledad, las relaciones difíciles, las decepciones, las adicciones y una especie de estancamiento espiritual generalizado pueden afligir tu espíritu.

El desánimo es una tentación contra la fe. Es la tentación de creer que Dios está muy lejos de ti y de tus preocupaciones.

El desánimo es una invitación a la Presencia: a situar tu corazón en el corazón de Dios y a aquietarte. Aquietarte. Aquietarte tanto que puedas discernir la Presencia en el «suave susurro» de **Ruah**, el Espíritu de Dios y el aliento de tu alma.

El padre Bausch cuenta la historia de una madre que rompe a llorar antes de alimentar a su hijo. El niño ve a su madre sollozando, se quita el chupete de la boca y se lo ofrece a ella. La madre estalla en risas al responder al amor incondicional de su hijo (que refleja el amor de Dios).

Dios sigue recreando tu espíritu, consolándote y sanándote de maneras sorprendentes. Primero, aquietate. Escucha. Prepárate para acoger al Espíritu de Dios en los susurros suaves y silenciosos que resuenan en tu interior.

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,



Be Still and Know That I Am God.

Morning, Church!

The image of Wind is a spiritual thread that weaves through the Scriptures. As we see from the recent storms and forest fire, wind can be very destructive. On the other hand, wind can be a source of clean energy.

Wind in the Scriptures is *Presence*. Genesis 1:2 describes earth as “a formless, empty, and dark wasteland while a mighty “*ruah*” breath/ Spirit of God hovered over the waters. The wind the circled and shook the Upper Room on Pentecost, the Presence, missioned the First Followers into the streets to proclaim Christ Crucified and Risen.

When we meet Elijah today, he is fleeing from wicked Queen Jezebel. He’s in a very bad part of his life; he’s mentally and physically exhausted. He’s in such despair, he asks God to take his life.

Admit it. You know how Elijah’s feeling. You’ve been there, too. The State of the Union and world cause you to feel great uneasiness every day or sometimes, losses, suffering, waning physical or mental health, loneliness, struggling relationships, disappointments, addictions, and overall spiritual flatlining plague can your spirit.

Discouragement is a test of faith. It’s a temptation to believe God is at a great distance from you and your concerns.

Discouragement is an invitation to Presence, to place your heart in the heart of God and be still. Be Still. Be so still that you can discern Presence in the “tiny whispering sound” of *Ruah*, The Spirit of God and the Breath of your soul.

Fr. Bausch tells a story of a mother breaking down in tears before she feeds her child. The child sees her mother sobbing, takes her pacifier out of her mouth and offers it to her mother. Her mother breaks into laughter responding to her child’s (God’s) unconditional love.

God continues to recreate your spirit, to comfort and heal you in the surprising ways. First, be still. Listen. Ready yourself to welcome the Spirit of God in the still, soft, whispers within you.

In the One, we are one...in CommUNITY,



A U G U S T	
02	18th Sunday OT
04	Communion Service, 12:15p
07	Fundraiser Plan'g, <i>All are welcome!</i> FLC, 7p
09	19th Sunday OT
 10	Ladies Guild, 5p
11	Communion Service, 12:15p
 12	Choir, 7p
16	20th Sunday OT
 17	Give Blood, EV Baptist Ch 1:30-6:00p
18	Communion Service, 12:15p
 19	OCIA Mystagogia, 7p Choir, 7p
 20	Wise Ones, Cracker Barrel J'ville, 1p Host: Lana
 22	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
23	21st Sunday OT
 25	Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA Inquiry, 6:30p
  26	OCIA Mystagogia, 7p; Choir, 7p
30	22nd Sunday OT

☪ Mass Intentions	
02	+Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory +Elizabeth Karaffa
09	Gary V. McQuade +Larry Watson (16 th A) r/b Doris Watson
16	+Carmen Priore r/b Barbara & Paul Piquet S. Donna Loeper, SSJ (3 rd A) r/b S. Janis
23	+Thomas Dursee r/b Becky Dursee +Damien Whisonant
30	+JoAnn Skinner r/b Patti Taddio St. Stephen Parishioners

Birthdays & Anniversaries



02 Maria Ledesma	15 Jane Worley
05 Natalie Williams	16 Baker Kageorge
06 Rudy Ardizzola	17 Sergio Hernandez
Matt Brown	20 Joe Stvartak
07 Mary Blackburn	21 Yolanda Castillo
08 Maythe Garcia	23 Judy Berryman
09 Ashley Davis	24 Gayle Altemueller
Joel Lopez, Sr.	Leo Ouellette
Jim Schmitgal	25 Luisa Rodriguez
10 Anayeli Bustos	Hannah Treannie
Fr. John Hanic	26 Pat Kophamer
05 S. Janis McQuade, SSJ	11 Olivia & Isidro Rodriguez
31 Judy & Ron Berryman	



S. Therese Michelle DeStefano, S.S.J.

Given by God September 23, 1942

Given to God August 7, 2026

in her 66th year as a SSJ



**If you want
to know if you can
walk on water,
get out
of your own way,
(your boat)
and walk towards Jesus.**

~ S. Janis



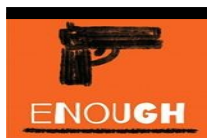
July Stewardship

Weekly Budget	Weekly Income
July 5	\$4,399.00
July 12	\$2190.00
July 19	\$6684.00
July 26	\$2078.00
Fundraiser (Taco Sale)	\$440.00
Weekly Budget \$3000 x 4	\$12,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,791.00
Over/Under budget	\$3791.00



St. Stephen DSA	
Assessment	\$10,959.00
Donors	21
Balance	\$3,449.00

**PRAY FOR AN END
TO WAR and VIOLENCE,
ESPECIALLY GUN VIOLENCE**



PRAY the ROSARY DAILY
...for peace and leaders of nations;
For the end to all bombings, a peaceful
and just end to these wars, and all wars
& violence that plagues our planet...

*You are invited to our First Baptist Church
Open Table*

4:30-6:30pm ~ Aug 20
Third Thursdays ~ NO COST
FBC Elkin 110 Gwyn Avenue

Tri-C Almsgiving	
Thank you so much !!	
AUG Flour	SEPT Shampoo



**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING
YOUR CARTRIDGES AT CHURCH.**
**IT'S GOOD for the EARTH &
HELPS THE CHURCH.**

SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!

ACP FUNDRAISER SALE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST

6:00 PM

MENU & PRICING

FULL MEAL DEAL

Includes: Arroz con Pollo, Dessert & Drink

\$13

ACP ONLY

Includes: Classic Arroz con Pollo

\$10

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT CHURCH PROGRAMS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SALE SUPPORT!

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SAN ESTEBAN

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¡APOYA A NUESTRA COMUNIDAD!

CENA DE RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS

VIERNES, 21 DE AGOSTO

6:00 PM

MENÚ Y PRECIOS

PAQUETE DE COMIDA COMPLETA

Incluye: Arroz con Pollo, Postre y Bebida

\$13

SOLO ACP

Incluye: Arroz con Pollo Clásico

\$10

TODOS LOS INGRESOS APOYAN LOS PROGRAMAS DE LA IGLESIA

¡ÚNETE A NOSOTROS PARA LA COMIDA, EL COMPAÑERISMO Y LA DIVERSIÓN!



Walking on Water!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!



Answer to puzzle on front: Jesus walking on the water. Answer to Flowers for Our Lady: Mary was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven!

The Kids' Bulletin

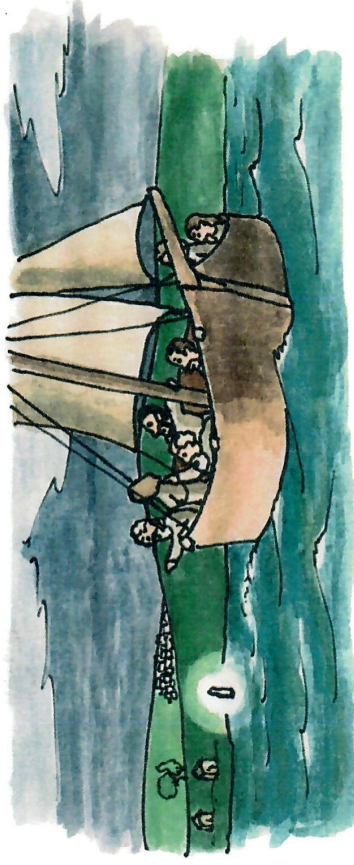
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9th, 2026

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were out at sea in a boat when they saw something that surprised them.

What was it?

Use the code to find out!

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A E H I G J K L N O R S T U W



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