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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*

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 11, 2023**

## Shadow Side

### Morning Church!

There's a Sufi story, called the Holy Shadow, that goes like this. Assigned to give a reward to anyone of their choice, the Angel Council selected a candidate and submitted her name to the Divine Source. Their choice received approval for its choice in a memo that read, "Approved, but ask her first". They went to the woman and said, "You have been found worthy. We are pleased to give you the gift of healing touch. Whomever you lay your hands on will be healed."

The woman said that she is sure the gift of healing touch is really needed, however, she declined the honor. "Perhaps there is someone else who will accept it." After some more caucusing, the angels said, "You have been found worthy. We are pleased to give you the gift of conversion of hearts. Whenever you speak, people will be moved to change their lives for the better."

"I am sure that the gift of conversion of hearts is very much needed in the world in which I live, but someone else must accept that gift. I decline the honor." Only after the woman's third refusal did the angels remember what the divine memo said, "Ask her first." "So, if you don't want healing touch, the gift of conversion of hearts, or great virtue, what do you want?"

The woman answered quickly, for she always knew what she wanted.

***"I want the gift of doing good, but not knowing it."***

Her request caused the angels to caucus again. They were energized and challenged by her request. They needed to find a way that the "gift of doing good but not knowing it" could be bestowed. They made the woman's shadow a source of goodness. She would go about her life doing what had to be done, but whatever or whomever her shadow fell upon would be graced.

As she walked by a withered brook and her shadow fell across it, it would suddenly gurgle again with sweet, clear, running water. If her shadow fell on a sullen child, the child would suddenly smile contentedly. If she passed by resentful people, they would reawaken to vital purpose and passion. So, the woman would live, going about doing good, and not knowing it.

The people around her respected the woman's humility. They never told her about her shadow's healing effects, though many tried to walk behind her. Since her good deeds were never explicitly attributed to her, her name has been forgotten. She is remembered only as the *Holy Shadow*.

In Paul's words today, you can see a variation on this Sufi story. We are not the claimers or doers of good deeds. We are merely their agents of grace. What is necessary here is to recognize the Divine Source in all our human gifts and striving. This sets our ego aside so we aren't tempted to claim the high places or honors. We, ourselves, cannot possess goodness. We can only reflect the goodness of God.

"Let your light/goodness shine forth...so God will be glorified."

This story gives a whole new meaning to our "shadow side" and the legacy we leave behind us. Mindful of the Source of All Goodness we pray for humility as we pray, *Holy Shadow, pray for us.*

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 **HEARTwork** ~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word ~

What gift/grace do you need for this time of your faithjourney?

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

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FEBRUARY	
11	6th Sun OT Baptism: Mason Treannie We Believe in Marriage Sunday ❤️
12	Ladies Guild, 5p
13	The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p
14	Ash Wednesday Service of Ashes, 12:15p & 7p
15	Wise Ones, Cowboy's Restaurant, 1:00p Hosts: Doris & Greg 336-366-2418, doriswatson1203@yahoo.com. SSJA ZOOM, 6:30-8:15p
16	Stations of the Cross, 6p
17	Men's Breakfast Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
18	1st Sun Lent RCIA Rite of Election Faith Formation, 10:30-12N
19	Give Blood Rescue Squad, 1:30-6p
20	Ministerial Assoc., 12N; Communion Service, 12:15p
21	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p
23	Stations of the Cross, 6p
24	2nd Sun Lent Faith Formation, 10:30-12N
27	Communion Service, 12:15p
28	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p

☪ Mass Intentions	
04	+Ezekiel Peña; Noreen O'Neill (Birthday)
11	St. Stephen Parishioners
18	Stephen Faust, Ethan VanHorn & John Orta Jacob Wagoner & Phillip Parrish
25	+Thomas Patrick Rosser +Penny Davis; +Denis Cahill

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 08 Marbel Garcia                  | 24 Andrew Ange        |
| 11 Bob Horneck                    | Laura Barrientos      |
| 14 Karen Gochnauer                | Aaron Kelly           |
| 16 Julian Cortez                  | Allan Lara            |
| 19 Ryan Treannie                  | Marcus Orta           |
| 22 Julie Colglazier               | 25 Hector Hernandez   |
| Wendy McClamrock                  | Ray Hernandez         |
| 23 Gabby LaCashio                 | 26 Catalina Hernandez |
| Margarita Serafin                 |                       |
| 12 Cindy Whitley & Ozzie Martinez |                       |
| 14 Lana & Bob Horneck             |                       |
| 17 Catalina & Sergio Hernandez    |                       |

Tri-C Almsgiving Thank you so much !!	
FEB	Corn meal
MAR	Small laundry soap
The Ark	
Adults: toiletries	
Children: sketch books & pencils	



Winter Weather Broadcasts  
WXII Ch. 11 or 1203



+S. Marie Rudegeair, SSJ	
Born	August 4, 1937
Born to Eternal Life	February 1, 2024
in the 67 <sup>th</sup> year of religious life	
S. Marie taught in my H.S. and served as my Sponsor into the Sisters of St. Joseph	

**Celebrating The 90 Days:**  
**Ash Wednesday to Pentecost**  
**Fasting & Feasting**  
[www.StStephenNC.org](http://www.StStephenNC.org)

## Opportunities for Lent

- ✝ Tuesday Communion Service, 12:15p
- ✝ *Celebrating the 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost*  
Daily Devotional will be posted on our website
- ✝ Stations of the Cross  
Fridays, Feb. 16 & 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22
- ✝ Women of Jerusalem March 29
- ✝ Ministerial Association Holy Week Service  
March 25. 26. 27. 28, 29 , 12N - 1:00p  
Church host: TBD



## Empty Bowls

Yadkin Christian Ministries

TAKE OUT or DRIVE THROUGH PICKUP

Site: Yadkinville Moose Lodge  
1432 Country Club Road, Yadkinville

**March 19, 2024**

**Lunch: 11:30a-1:30p**

**Dinner: 4:30p-6:30p**

**Tickets: \$25.00**

### **Meal includes:**

Cracker Barrel vegetable beef soup,  
Taste of Italy salad, crackers, Krispy Kreme donuts,  
bottled water, and a handcrafted bowl

**Feed the Elderly: An Opportunity  
for Compassionate, Generous Service**

Jan	17, 18, 19	<p><b>Feed the Elderly (FTE)</b> is a local service for isolated residents here. of our community.</p> <p>Along with other church volunteers, St. S parishioners have served these residents on specific days.</p> <p>If you are willing to help, in this meaningful service, contact our FTE Coordinator: <b>Gayle Altemueller, (336) 468-0676</b></p>
Mar	6, 7, 8	
Apr	24, 25, 26	
Jun	24, 25, 26	
Jul	31	
Aug	1, 2	
Sept	18, 19, 20	
Nov	6, 7, 8	
Dec	25, 26, 27	

**Opportunities  
to Calendar and Gather**



<i>Ladies Guild</i>			
2nd Monday of the Month 5:00p, Family Life Center			
Jan 8	Apr 8	Jul 8	Oct 14
Feb 12	May 13	Aug 12	Nov 11
Mar 11	Jun 10	Sept 9	Dec 9



**St. Stephen Ladies Guild  
Souper Soup Competition**



**February 10, 2024**

**5:30p ~ Family Life Center**

Everyone is invited to enter until all the slots are filled.

Bring a crockpot of your favorite soup, and, if you like, crackers, bread, or chips

If you're willing, bring copies of your recipe to share with everyone.

Sample as many soups and you like, then vote for your favorites.

Winners announces at 7p.

<b>Entry Fee</b>	
Soup Chef	Free
Adults & children over 6	\$5.00
Children 3-6	\$3.00
Children under 3	Free

**Registration deadliine: February 5**

For more info or to register and give the name of your soup: Call to leave a message or text Aileen, (336) 466-1484



<i>Men's Breakfast Group</i>			
3rd Saturday of the Month 8:30a, Cracker Barrel *			
<b>*Any change of venue will be in the bulletin</b>			
Jan 20	Apr 20	Jul 20	Oct 19
Feb 17	May 18	Aug 17	Nov 16
Mar 16	Jun 15	Sept 21	Dec 21



<i>Wise Ones Luncheon</i>			
3rd Thursday of the Month Host and venue vary and will be in the bulletin			
Jan 18	Apr 18	Jul 18	Oct 17
Feb 15	May 16	Aug 15*	Nov 21
Mar 21	Jun 20	Sept 19	Dec 19

# Keeping a Secret

In today's Gospel reading, a poor man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him. Our Lord was sorry for the leper and healed him. But then He told him not to tell anyone. Do you know what the man did?



Well, he didn't keep the secret.

He started to tell everyone what had happened. Soon Jesus couldn't walk into towns because there were such big crowds. He had to stay out in the deserted places so that there wouldn't be mobs in the towns.

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Do you find it hard to keep secrets? Once in a while somebody might tell you something that you will need to tell your parents, but usually you shouldn't tell anyone somebody else's secret. Before you tell something to your friends, always

ask yourself if it's okay to share it with them. Will it make things hard for somebody else? Might you hurt someone's feelings? Think about how you would feel if someone told one of your secrets to their friends. And finally, always remember that the way you treat others is how you treat Jesus.

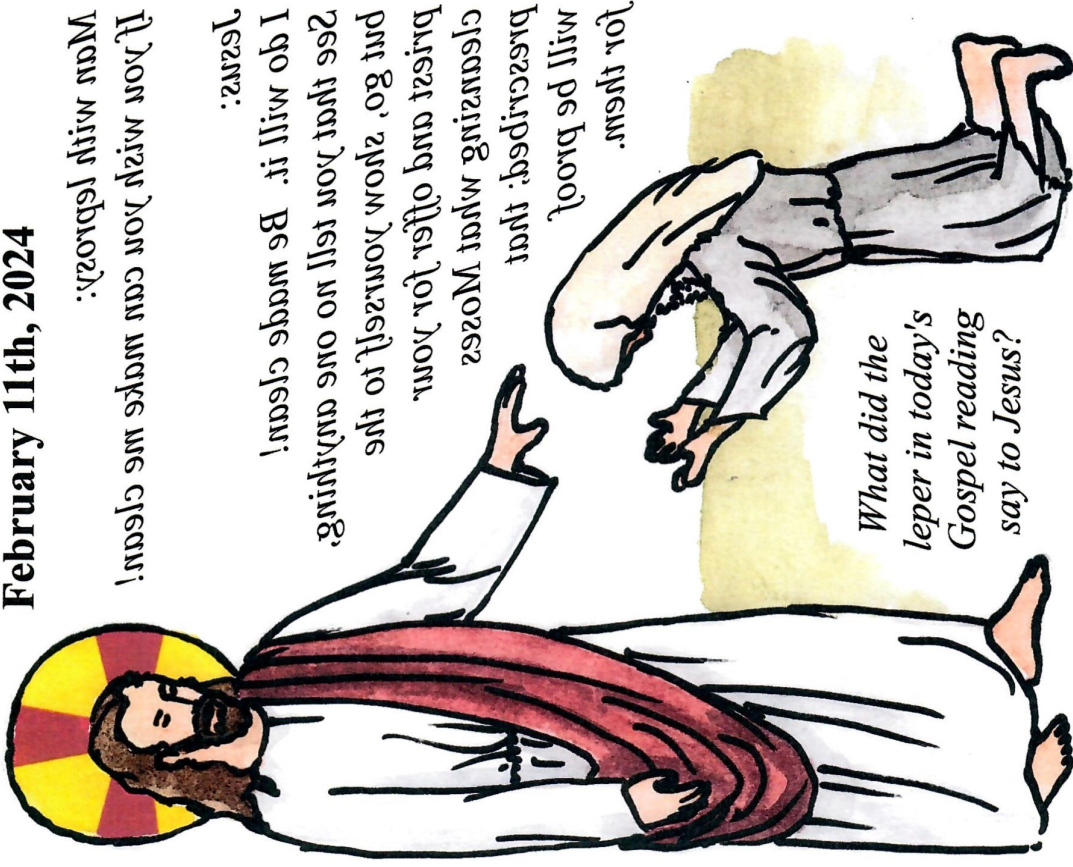


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Answers to Cross-Word: across: 3.kept 6.leper 7.people 9.sternly 10.to 13.hand 15.made 16.go 17.whole 18.in 19.began down: 1.Jesus 2.begged 3.kneeling 4.tell 5.if 8.touched 11.be 12.proof 13.he 14.down 15.man

# The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 11th, 2024



What did the leper in today's Gospel reading say to Jesus?

What did Jesus reply to him?

Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

Don't forget this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday!

# Saint Claude de la Colombiere

## February 15

CLAUDE LA COLOMBIERE WAS BORN IN FRANCE IN 1641. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION AND BECAME A JESUIT NOVICE AT AGE 17.

Goodbye, my son!

SOON HE WAS MADE THE TUTOR OF THE SONS OF THE KING'S MINISTER OF FINANCE.

CLAUDE WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST AND BECAME KNOWN FOR HIS PREACHING.

Let's go to the early Mass to hear Fr. Claude.

Father, we are sending you to Paray-le-Monial. THEN HE WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF A FAR AWAY CONVENT.

HERE HE BECAME THE DIRECTOR OF SAINT MARGARET MARY.

I saw Jesus with His heart on fire

NEXT HE WAS SENT TO ENGLAND TO BE THE CONFESSOR OF THE FUTURE QUEEN.

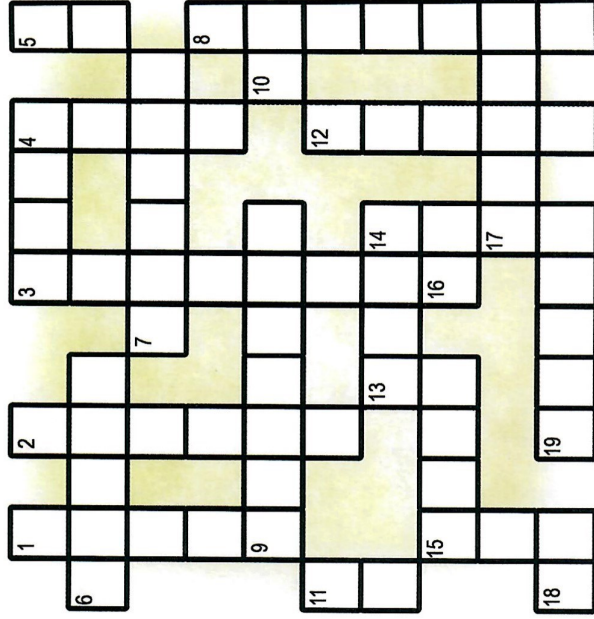
I will tell her ladyship you are here to meet her!

MANY PEOPLE TURNED BACK TO GOD, BUT THEN SAINT CLAUDE WAS ACCUSED OF INVOLVEMENT IN A PLOT TO KILL THE KING AND WAS IMPRISONED AND EXILED.

What am I being accused of?

ST. CLAUDE DIED SHORTLY AFTER RETURNING TO FRANCE DUE TO HIS POOR HEALTH. HE HAD TRIED HARD TO LOVE GOD AS PERFECTLY AS HE COULD SO GOD CHOSE HIM TO HELP SPREAD DEVOTION TO HIS SACRED HEART. LIKE SAINT CLAUDE, WE SHOULD ALL LEARN TO APPRECIATE GOD'S LOVE FOR US.

# The Leper Cross-Word



kneeling if  
touched in  
begged to  
people be  
sternly he  
Jesus go  
began tell  
whole man  
proof kept  
made leper  
down hand

A (6a) came to Jesus and (3d) (14d) (2d) him and said, " (5d) you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his (13a), (8d) him, and said to him, "I do will it. (11d) made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was (15a) clean. Then, warning him (9a), he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you (4d) no one anything, but (16a), show yourself to the priest and offer what Moses prescribed; that will be (12d) for them."

The (15d) went away and (19a) to publicize the (17a) matter. (13d) spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for (1d) to enter a town openly. He remained outside (18a) deserted places, and (7a) (3a) coming (10a) him from everywhere.