



St. John Baptiste de LaSalle Catholic Church

275 C.C. Wright

North

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE
Your 2024 Envelopes are on the lobby table.
If you wish to use envelopes and don't have
an assigned box, contact S. Janis



St. Stephen Catholic Church

101 Hawthorne Road

Elkin NC 28621-3016

336-835-3007

Email: connect@ststephennc.org

Website: www.ststephennc.org

Fr. John D. Hanic 704-763-2475

Rev. Mr. Harold Markle 336-466-4173

Sister Janis McQuade, S.S.J. 336-835-4542

Fr. Jose Rebaque 203-954-7134

Mr. Cuauhdemoc (Temoc) Herrejon 828-773-2353

St. John

Mary Buran, Karen Huffman Music Ministry
Sabrina Caudill Parish Accountant
336-957-1295
Laura Yanas Bookkeeper, Census
Ann Stone RCIA

St. Stephen

Theresa Martin Music Ministry
Natalie Lopez Youth Faith Formation
Peggy Reikowsky Youth Faith Formation
Phillip Parriah RCIA

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2023



Field Hospital



Morning Church!

Pope Francis hoped to energize the Church, especially the clergy, with this radical call:

“The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle.”

When I think of ‘field hospital’, “Gone with the Wind” comes to mind. Remember the scene when we’re given a gradual, panoramic view of thousands of wounded and dying lying on the ground?

God’s Neighborhood today is still a field hospital! Some are lying helplessly on the ground; some have been blinded; some are limping around without crutches; some are sickened by addiction; others are deeply scarred with invisible wounds inflicted by the neglect or abuse of The Damagers.

All are in need of a miraculous healing. Many waiting for our presence and help. Doctors Without Borders (DWB) gives the possibility for this hope and healing. These docs leave behind their safe offices and go to remote parts of the world to care for the least, lost, and lonely who lack access to medical care. This part of our family lives with a *recurring nightmare* of no healthcare, and personal and food insecurity.

DWB offers some relief, healing and hope to their patients. DWB cares for the “outsiders” unseen by most. Their very presence is service. They are contemporary “lambs of God”, testifying with their lives what it means to minister among the broken and the grieving, the sick, the vulnerable, and the homeless.

DWB understand Hospitality as a much more expansive virtue than a welcoming word or gesture. It is not only important to be hospitable with those who arrive at our door or at church home. Hospitality is also for those who have no homes, for our Neighbors who live in a *recurring nightmare* outside our experience ~

Like war-orphaned children, Ukrainians, Palestinians, Israelies, Syrians, the homeless, people of color in the U.S., refugees at our borders, refugees throughout God’s Neighborhood...

You want to know where Jesus lives? *Come and See*. Pay attention to those who live as he lived, to those who love and serve beyond any designated borders as well as the ones drawn in our hearts. Like Jesus and Pope Francis, DWB confront our utter selflessness. Like Jesus and Pope Francis, DWB understand that we are all living in this field hospital together as our battles continue.

Our Baptismal certificate is our spiritual medical license. It mandates we serve as Christ’s healing presence wherever our feet are. Pope Francis’ message really isn’t radical at all. It’s the gospel.

**The Ministerial Associate calls The Churches of Elkin
to gather today in the solidarity of our shared faith for our
Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Prayer Service, 3:00p
at Union Grove Baptist Church, 6768 Old Hwy 60, Roaring River.**

Consider this as Christ’s invitation to *Come and See* and to give witness to our faith in him.
This invitation really isn’t radical at all. It’s the gospel.














In CommUNITY,

HEARTwork


~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word ~

Identify ways Christ calls you to “Come and see” on your faithjourney?

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

	14	2nd Sun OT Family Faith Formation, 10:30-12N
	14	Dr. Martin Luther King Day Ministerial Assoc. Prayer, 3:00p (details below)
	15	SSJA Gathering Charlotte, 10a Ladies Guild Gathering, 5p
	16	Communion Service, 12:15p The Chosen, 10a & 6p
	17	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	18	Wise Ones, 1p Host: Lou Stackhouse Cedarbrook C.C.
	20	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
	21	3rd Sun OT Family Faith Formation, 10:30-12N
	23	Communion Service, 12:15p The Chosen, 10a & 6p
	24	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	28	4th Sun OT Faith Formation, 10:30-12N
	30	Communion Service, 12:15p The Chosen, 10a & 6p
	31	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 

Christian Unity Week

 Mass Intentions	
07	Familias de Cortez y Parral
14	End to racism & gun violence

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 16 Jenny Ardizzola | 21 Ines Trejo |
| 16 Barry Blackburn | 22 Sonia Rodgiguez |
| 16 Epi Cortez | 23 Lou Stackhouse |
| 20 Isabella Estrada | 25 Braulio Mata |
| 20 Ceceila Jones | 20 Marta Lopez |
| | 31 Dolores Spicer |



+S. Maria Raphaela Patrone, SSJ	
<i>Born</i>	November 27, 1937
<i>Born to Eternal Life</i>	January 11, 2024
in the 69 th year of religious life	

Pope Francis Walking the Word:

The thing the Church needs most today
is the ability to heal wounds
and to warm the hearts of the faithful;
it needs nearness, proximity.
I see the Church as a field hospital after battle.

Since WE are the Church,
WE are called to be healers and caregivers
for the wounded among us.

Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>	
JAN	Canned tomatoes, Spaghetti sauce

Everyone is invited and welcome!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Community Worship Service
Sunday, January 14, 2024 – 3:00 PM
Union Grove Baptist Church
6768 Old 60
Roaring River, North Carolina



“Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness
like an ever-flowing stream” ~ Amos 5:24

This worship service is sponsored and led by **CommUNITY Connections**,
a group of Elkin and Jonesville clergy who are seeking
to dismantle racism one relationship at a time



Winter Weather Broadcasts
WXII Ch. 11 or 1203
Fox 8 Ch. 10 or 1206

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

January	17, 18, 19
March	6, 7, 8
April	24, 25, 26
June	24, 25, 26
July	31
August	1, 2
September	18, 19, 20
November	6, 7, 8
December	25, 26, 27

Feed the Elderly is a community Service for residents who are isolated from the community.
For years, along with other church volunteers, St. S parishioners have served these residents on their assigned days.

If you are willing to take a turn or two, in this meaningful service, please contact our Feed the Elderly Coordinator: Gayle Altemueller, (336) 486-0676

St. Stephen Ladies Guild
Souper Soup Competition



February 10, 2024
Starts at 5:30 PM
Family Life Center



Everyone is invited to enter until all slots are filled.

Bring a crockpot of your favorite soup and whatever goes with it (like crackers, chips, etc.) and if you are willing to share, several copies of your recipe. **Entry is free if you bring a soup,**

February 10, 2024

Entry Fee is \$5.00 for adults and children over 6
3.00 for children between 3 and 6
free for children under 3

Sample as many soups as you wish.
Vote for your three favorites.

Winners announced at 7 PM.

Call and leave a message or text Aileen at 336-466-1484 by Sunday, February 5.
Please give your name and the name of your soup.

John the Baptist:

Was He the Messiah?



Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



God called John the Baptist to teach the people how to change their lives and be baptized. John the Baptist listened to God.

Giving good example is the best way to teach others about God.

If you do your best to live like Jesus by being kind, helpful, and forgiving, you will lead others to Jesus.

Name ways you can lead others to Jesus this week.

Answer to puzzle on front: I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God.
 Answer to Psalm 40 Word-Find: O Lord I come to do Your will.

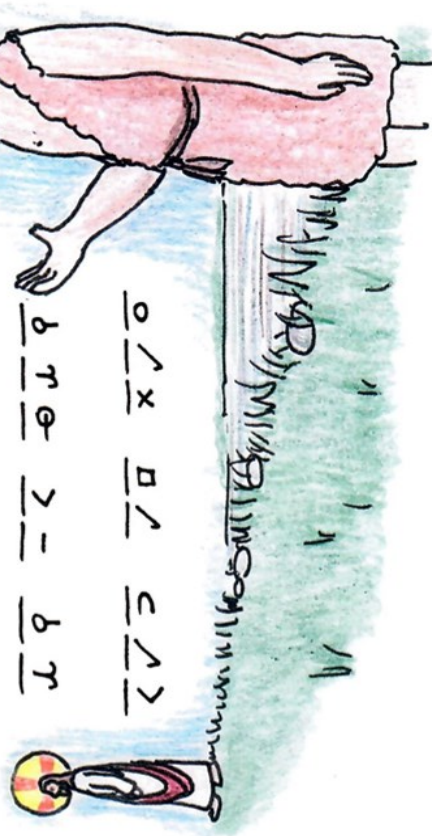
The Kids' Bulletin

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

— J 7 0 9 < 9 9 > 7 > 0
 — 9 9 < 0 — 9 0 — 9 J 7 0

J 9 — < — 0 J 9
 < 7 > 7 0 x 7 0



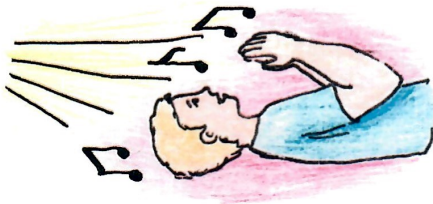
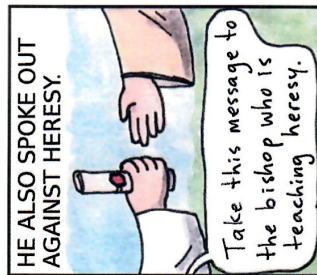
What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus?

Use the code to figure it out!

7 0 9 0 x j - 0 ✓ < 0 e
 A D E F G H I N O S T V

POPE SAINT FABIAN

JANUARY 20



PSALM 40 Word-Find

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

See if you can find *all* the words that are in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

I have WAITED, waited for the LORD, and He stooped TOWARD me and HEARD my cry. And He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

SACRIFICE or OFFERING You wished not, but EARS OPEN to OBEDIENCE You gave me. HOLOCAUST or sin-offerings You sought not; then I said, "Behold I COME."

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me, to do Your will, O my God, is my DELIGHT, and Your law is WITHIN my HEART!"

I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.

WE CAN LEARN FROM THE STORY OF SAINT FABIAN THAT GOD CAN DO GREAT WORK WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE. SAINT FABIAN DID NOT EXPECT TO BECOME POPE, BUT WHEN HE DID HE WORKED HARD FOR THE CHURCH. IF YOU EVER GET CHOSEN TO DO A BIG JOB REMEMBER THAT GOD WILL HELP YOU DO IT.

We pray
for our sisters and brothers
in Maui, Morocco,
Middle East, (Oct. 7, 2023)
and Libya... and the 32 places
where war is being waged now.



Our Lady of Protection
Ukrainian Madonna

FEBRUARY 24, 2022
22 months

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

**Our Lady of Protection,
pray for us!**

Tri-C Almsgiving

Thank you so much !!

JAN	Canned tomatoes, Spaghetti sauce
FEB	Corn meal
MAR	Small laundry soap

CARE for CREATION
RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES
LOBBY CONTAINERS

Thank you!



Do you know the number of
U.S. Mass shootings and
gun-related deaths
so far in 2023?



**WHEN IS
ENOUGH,
ENOUGH?**