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St. Stephen

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<i>Phillip Parriah</i>	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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 16, 2024

Chào mừng!!

Sự hình thành đức
tin gia đình mời bạn:
Chuyến dã ngoại mùa
hè của chúng tôi

Thời gian:

Ngày 30 tháng 6 năm 2024.

Thời gian: 3:30 chiều-7:00 tối

Địa điểm: Nơi trú ẩn dã ngoại
Ann tại Công viên Fort Hamby,
Wilkesboro, NC 28629

Chi phí: 5 USD/xe

Nếu muốn, bạn có thể mang
theo món khai vị dã ngoại,
thức ăn hoặc đồ uống để chia
sẻ và một bộ đồ tắm
với một bộ quần áo bổ
sung để thay đổi.



Bienvenida!!

La Familia de Formacion
de Fe Les invita:
A Nuestro Picnic del Verano.

Cuando:

Dia 30 de junio de 2024

Hora:

3:30pm -7:00pm

Donde:

Fort Hamby Park
Ann Picnic Shelter
Wilkesboro, NC 28629
Costo: \$5 por vehiculo

Si desea puede traer
algun aperitivo,
comida o bebida.
Traer traje de bano
y una ropa para cambiar.

Welcome!

Family Faith Formation Invites You: Our Summer Picnic

When: June 30th , 2024.

Time: 3:30pm-7:00pm

Where: Ft. Hamby Park
Ann Picnic Shelter
Wilkesboro, NC 28629

Cost: \$5 per vehicle

If you want, you can bring a picnic appetizer, food or drink
to share and, a bathing suit with an additional set of clothes to change.
The park has showers.



Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia

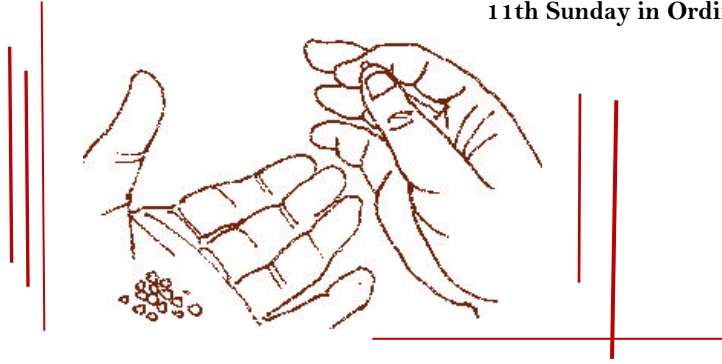


General Chapter of the Sisters of St. Joseph is held every five years and has two parts: *Chapter of Affairs* when we reflect on our communal and ministerial experience during the previous five years and to look at where God is calling us forward in the next five years. As vowed religious, we are committed to service, to be good stewards of the gifts, talents, and resources God has entrusted to us. Then, we set a direction on our ministry focus, use of our resources, how we live together, share our lives and Christ's mission of inclusive for the next five years. Secondly, during the *Chapter of Elections* we decide what gifts are needed for our community leadership going forward and then we vote for the sisters who will lead our congregation for the next five years.

As Ecclesial Women, we understand Chapter is a Church event, so we consider this a graced, holy time for the whole Church. We gather for Chapter after five years of prayer, reflection, preparation, conversation, and deliberation, open to the Spirit's lead into an unknown, graced future. Our Chapter dates are: June 21-30.

The SSJs ask you to join us in prayer and presence
during these sacred days by praying our Community Prayer
with and for us:

*O God, we are called
(as Sisters of St. Joseph)
to surrender,
to stand open
and powerless before you,
completely dependent
upon Jesus,
whose Spirit liberates us
to a radical sense of mission,
through the rhythm
of contemplation
and courageous action,
to be a healing presence
in any and all situations,
and to this we say
Amen. +*



Morning Church!

In our warp-speed pace it's easy to miss the beauty and complexity of our lives that can become a shapeless blur when we fail to steep our souls in silent, deep reflection.

The past month gave us the opposite experience. At Mass we said farewell to our exchange students, Blanca and Leoni; celebrated Confirmation with 15 of our Youth, and First Communion with our younger members; we prayed for 100 year old Grace at her homecoming. It's repeat-worthy graced litany meant to motivate us to a deeper sense of gratitude and generous service.

This week I received a letter from folks who visited us. *"My husband and I felt so welcome at Saint Stephen. We'd had a very difficult week and found grace and healing with you."*

The gospel says, *"When much is given, much is expected."* (Luke 12:48)
God expects us to be visible grace and hospitality.

In the litany above, is the fruit of God's nurturing faith in our lives.
 God has blessed us with thousands of ***mustard seeds***.
 God expects us to nurture them to fruitfulness.

Much is expected of us and rightly so. We are so blessed. Let's be razor-focused as we live into God's realistic expectations of us. Together, let's nurture the ***mustard seeds*** within us and around us. Let's lead by example for one another and our ***First Communicants and newly-confirmed Youth***. They are watching what we do with the faith God has entrusted to us. They are observing and listening for our responses, singing, and our ***"Amens"***.

Let's continue our spirit of gospel hospitality and encouragement among us
 and with every visitor who graces our home.
 Let's never take St. S for granted. Ever.

In CommUNITY,

 **HEARTwork**

Reflecting & Acting on The Word

How has your Mustard Seed of Faith grown since Baptism?

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

J U N E	
16	11 th Sun OT <i>Happy Father's Day!</i> 1 st Communion: Orlando & Natalie Trinidad
17	 Feed the Elderly Volunteer Luncheon First United Methodist Church, 1p GIVE BLOOD, Elkin Rescue Squad 1:30-6:00p
18	Communion Service, 12:15p
19	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
20	1 st Day of Summer  Wise Ones Cracker Barrel, 1p Hosts: Lana & Bob Horneck 
22	 Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
23	12 th Sun OT
25	Communion Service, 12:15p
26	Choir, 7p 
30	13 th Sun OT
J U L Y	
07	14 th Sun OT
09	Communion Service, 12:15p
10	Choir, 7p 
14	15 th Sun OT

🕊️ Mass Intentions	
16	All fathers, living and deceased SSJ Chapter
23	+Grace Jenkins
30	St. Stephen Parishioners
07	Melisa Bustos +Carol & Chick McQuade

Birthdays & Anniversaries



16 Pauline Sener	30 Daniel Reikowsky
19 Rob Worley	30 Aileen Cahill
21 Sheldon Chanes	30 Susana Martinez
25 Diego Carreon	
18 Holly & Keith Stringer	25 Jane & Matt Norman
22 Debbie & Phillip Parrish	26 Jenny & Rudy Ardizzola
	27 Ellen & Richard Bernabe



...to Phillip Parrish who cares for our church décor as well as our front door décor...to Natalie Lopez and Lupe Hernandez for coordinating our Faith Formation sponsored picnic and swim day....*Thank you!*



RECYCLE @ church!

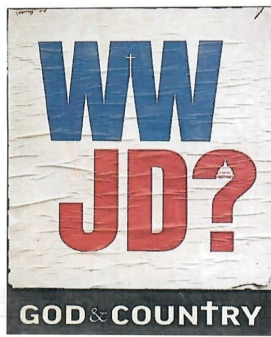
You're invited to **RECYCLE** your **ink cartirdges** at St. S.
The recycled cartridges' rewards points are used buy church office supplies. *Thank you!*

HOORAY!



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2024 Graduates		
Name	School	What's next?
Lukas McClamrock	Elkin High School	Pursuing Music Education Degree
Jovanny Lopez	Elkin High School	Surry Community ~ Nursing School
Adrian Martinez	Elkin High School	Surry Community ~ Contruction & Management Technology
Marcus Orta	Mars Hill University	Pursue Music Career



How do we as Christians, devoted to the teaching of love, faith, and compassion, as lived and preached by Jesus, come to grips with the message of Christian Nationalism, an ideology that is ever present in the news in today's turbulent political world?

It is a provocative and unsettling issue that requires discernment and prayer, as well as education, to answer the question:

WHAT, indeed, WOULD JESUS DO?

Love in Action (a committee formed after an ecumenical retreat in the spring of 2023) hopes to inspire the conversation and will be showing **GOD & COUNTRY**, a film featuring a wide variety of well-known religious leaders discussing the impact of Christian Nationalism.

We invite your thoughtful participation. It is important!

Sunday, June 23 at 4:00 pm

First Baptist Church, Elkin

free and open to the public

light refreshments will be served

Join us, please!



Get ready!

**Gather your lightly-use,
unwanted items**

for our

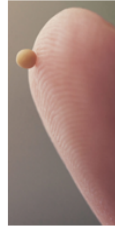
Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, July 27

GOD GROWS FAITH

MUSTARD

SEEDS...



Sometimes people think they are not important to God. They want to do things to help the church but they think what they do is not important. Some people think they are too old to help the church. Some children think they are too young to help the church.

Some people who followed Jesus thought this way, too. Jesus wanted to teach them something new. He wanted them to know that *everything* done to help others *is important*. The big things and little things are important. Sometimes we do a little thing and it ends up making a BIG difference in someone else's life!

Jesus helped people understand this by telling them a parable about a tiny mustard seed. A seeds seem unimportant. Although seeds are small, they are the beginning of something bigger.

Jesus said a man planted a very tiny mustard seed in his garden. As time passed the seed grew into a little plant. The little plant grew more and more every day. As the years went by the plant became a big tree. Birds would come and sit on the tree's branches.

Jesus said that the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. Things might look very small at the beginning, but just wait – someday they can be very, very, very big! Just keep doing loving things and God will grow your faith through your loving words and actions.

Whether old or young, we can do small and big things for God, like:

- ☞ Bring monthly donations for Tri-C Christian Ministries
- ☞ Make a donation to our Social Ministries/Poor Box
- ☞ Volunteer to straighten the books after Mass
- ☞ Prepare the Altar Linens used at Mass
- ☞ Volunteer at The Ark or Tri-C

☞ *What will you say and do each day to help your faith in Jesus grow each day?*



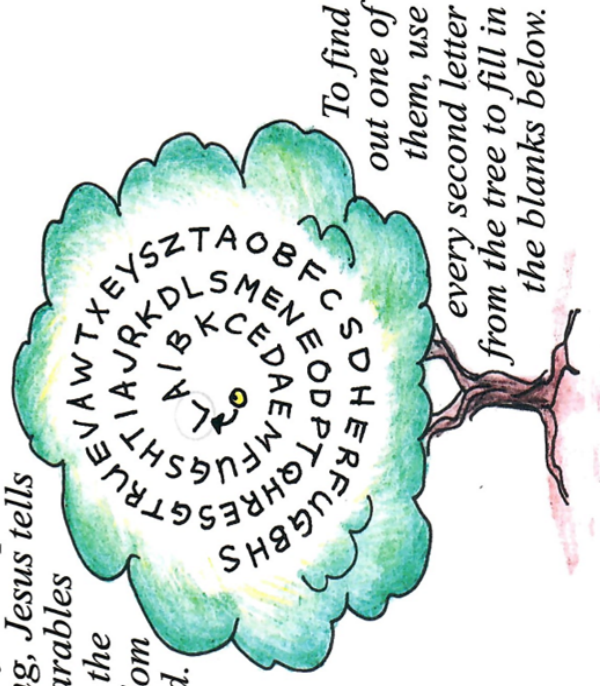
Answer to puzzle on front page: LIKE A MUSTARD SEED...THE GREATEST OF SHRUBS.
Answer to Word-find: GROW IN OUR HEARTS

The Kids' Bulletin

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells two parables about the Kingdom of God.



The Kingdom of Heaven is

When it grows up it becomes

Saint Germaine

June 15

GERMAINE WAS BORN IN FRANCE IN THE 1500'S. HER MOTHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS A BABY AND HER STEP-MOTHER WAS CRUEL TO HER.

GERMAINE WAS SICKLY SO HER STEPMOTHER MADE HER SLEEP IN THE BARN, AWAY FROM HER OWN CHILDREN.

GERMAINE LEARNED THE CATECHISM AND FORGAVE HER STEP-MOTHER.

LOOKING AFTER THE SHEEP, SHE WOULD SAY THE ROSARY AND TEACH CHILDREN.

WHEN GERMAINE WENT TO MASS SHE LEFT THE SHEEP BUT THEY WERE ALWAYS SAFE!

SHE GAVE FOOD TO BEGGARS, BUT WHEN HER STEPMOTHER BEAT HER FOR TAKING FOOD HER APRON WAS FULL OF FLOWERS!

GRADUALLY PEOPLE STARTED TO BE MORE KIND TO GERMAINE, BUT SHE CHOSE TO LIVE IN POVERTY ANYWAY. SHE DIED ON HER STRAW BED AT AGE 22.

GERMAINE DID NOT SEEM IMPORTANT. SHE WAS NOT A RELIGIOUS OR A MISSIONARY OR A QUEEN. SHE BECAME HOLY BY BELIEVING IN GOD, LOVING HIM AND FORGIVING THOSE WHO WERE CRUEL TO HER. WE CAN THINK ABOUT HER WHEN PEOPLE ARE MEAN TO US. REMEMBER THAT SAINTS, LIKE JESUS, ARE FORGIVING.



A Kingdom of God Word-Find

"The KINGDOM of GOD is as if YOU SCATTER seed upon the GROUND, and should SLEEP and RISE NIGHT and DAY, and the SEED should SPROUT and GROW, KNOWS not how. The EARTH PRODUCES of itself, first the BLADE, then the ear, then the full GRAIN in the ear. But when the grain is RIPE, at once you put in the SICKLE, BECAUSE the HARVEST has come."

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



Find the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The Church helps our love for God to