All are welcome!
Bienvenidos!
Chào mừng!

Sunday Mass, 9:00a

Holy Days, 7:00p

Communion Service
Tuesdays, 12:15p

Sacrament of Baptism
Preparation
1st Saturdays
Call Temoc (828) 773-2353

O.C.I.A.
Adults desiring to explore the Catholic faith, contact Sister Janis
(336) 835-4542

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment
Fr. Engelbert
(704) 578-2478
Fr. John
(704) 763-2475 or after Mass

Sacrament of Matrimony
One year to six months prior to the wedding, contact S. Janis
(336) 835-4542

Anointing of the Sick
Fr. Engelbert
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St. Stephen Catholic Church

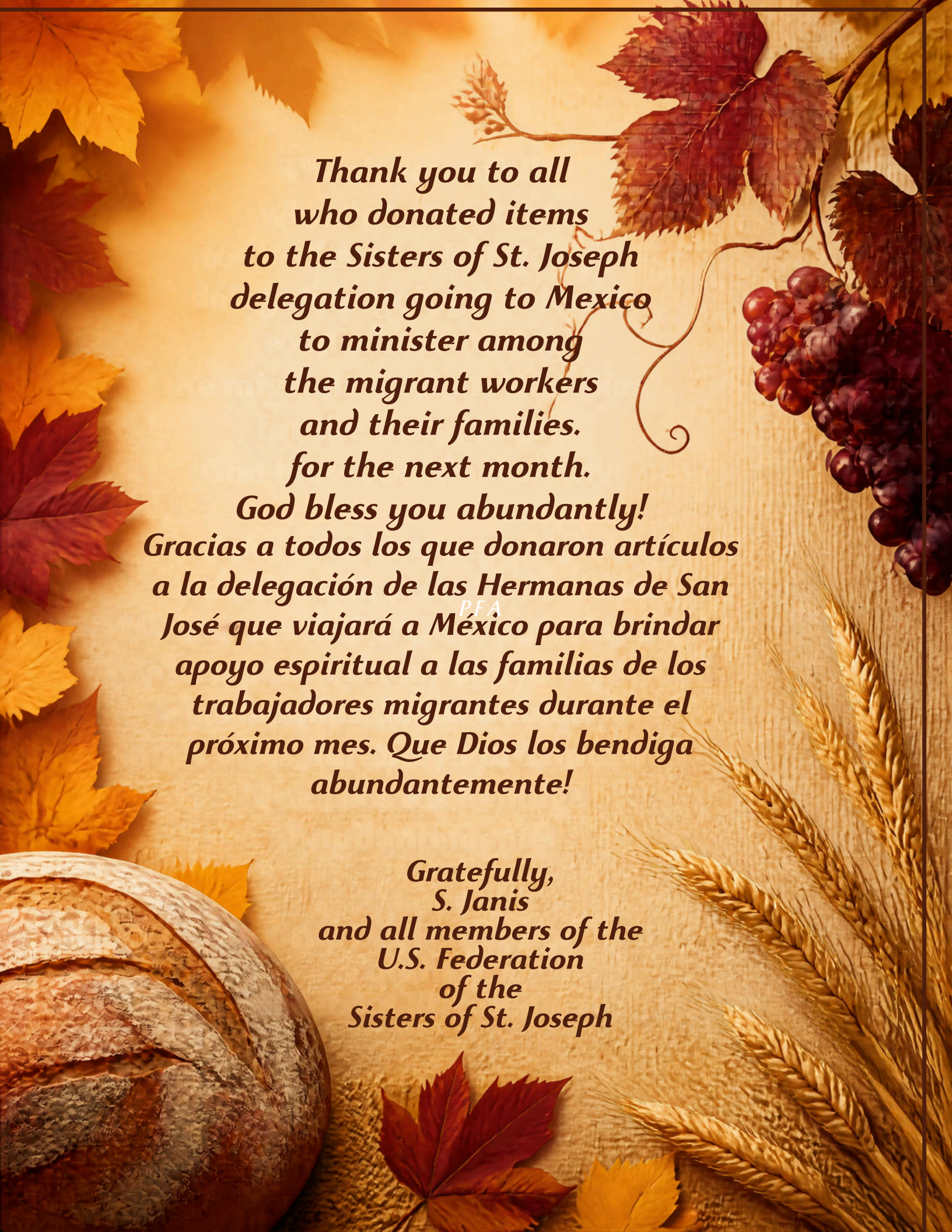
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October 11, 2026 **11 octubre 2026**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXVIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario




Thank you to all
who donated items
to the Sisters of St. Joseph
delegation going to Mexico
to minister among
the migrant workers
and their families.
for the next month.
God bless you abundantly!
Gracias a todos los que donaron artículos
a la delegación de las Hermanas de San
José que viajará a México para brindar
apoyo espiritual a las familias de los
trabajadores migrantes durante el
próximo mes. Que Dios los bendiga
abundantemente!
P F A
Gratefully,
S. Janis
and all members of the
U.S. Federation
of the
Sisters of St. Joseph







Congratulations,
Dianne and Andy Crawford
who completed a three day, 70 mile bike trip across NC!



National Hispanic Heritage Month

Todos son bienvenidos!

Come to the Feast, now and for ever!

Mornin', Church!

In another Divine Reversal, today's parable reveals God's ongoing call to conversion. It reveals how God, when time ends, has prepared a sumptuous feast for you, as expressed in Isaiah's text.

This wedding feast is for the prince, the beloved, royal son. The wedding symbolizes the unbreakable bond, the Covenant, Christ made with the Church.

The king meticulously prepares his home and the feast. The excited guests dress in their best attire and show up for the wedding. As is the custom, the hosts provide white wedding robes for all their guests. As Paul says,

"My God will supply whatever you need..."

Why did someone enter the banquet without a white robe? This obstinate guest symbolizes those who have rejected God's graced invitation to conversion and a seat at the Eternal Banquet.

The white robe is a symbol for conversion, so are, the white robe of Baptism; the alb the priest wears under his chasuble; First Communion and wedding dresses; and the robe Acolytes wear when serving at Mass.

God offers all of us the possibility to change our heart and mind, a radical change described in every parable this past month.
You have an open invitation to Sunday Mass and the Eternal Banquet.
You have an open invitation to Be Church wherever your feet are.
"Wear your robe" of faith every day. Embrace the grace of ongoing conversion.



All you need to do is R.S.V.P.

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

¡Ven al Banquete, ahora y para siempre!

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

En otro giro divino, la parábola de hoy revela el llamado constante de Dios a la conversión. Nos muestra cómo Dios, al final de los tiempos, ha preparado un banquete espléndido para ti, tal como se expresa en el texto de Isaías.

Este banquete de bodas es para el príncipe, el amado Hijo real. La boda simboliza el vínculo indestructible —la Alianza— que Cristo estableció con la Iglesia.

El rey prepara meticulosamente su casa y el banquete. Los invitados, entusiasmados, se visten con sus mejores galas y acuden a la boda. Como es costumbre, los anfitriones proveen túnicas blancas de boda para todos los invitados. Como dice Pablo:

«Mi Dios proveerá todo lo que necesiten...»

¿Por qué alguien entró al banquete sin la túnica blanca? Este invitado obstinado simboliza a aquellos que han rechazado la invitación llena de gracia de Dios a la conversión y a ocupar un lugar en el Banquete Eterno.

La túnica blanca es un símbolo de conversión; lo son también la túnica blanca del Bautismo, el alba que el sacerdote viste bajo la casulla, los vestidos de Primera Comunión y de novia, y la túnica que llevan los acólitos al servir en la Misa.

Dios nos ofrece a todos la posibilidad de cambiar nuestro corazón y nuestra mente, un cambio radical descrito en cada parábola de este último mes.

Tienes una invitación abierta a la Misa dominical y al Banquete Eterno.
Tienes una invitación abierta a ser Iglesia dondequiera que te encuentres.
«Viste tu túnica» de fe cada día. Abraza la gracia de la conversión continua.
Lo único que debes hacer es responder a la invitación.

En el Único, somos uno... en COMUNIDAD.

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
Sundays
10:15-11:45a

Lupe Hernandez
Israel Lynch
Jessica Nieland
Beth Orta
Peggy Reikowsky

LADIES GUILD
Aileen Cahill
2nd Mondays, 5p
Family LIfe Center

MEN'S GROUP
Men's Breakfast
Joseph Spears
3rd Saturday, 8:30a
Cracker Barrel
Jonesville

OCTOBER

03 Parish Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30-7:30p, FLC

04 27th Sun OT ~ Mass, 9a
Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a

05 OCIA Inquiry, 6:30p

06 Communion Service, 12:15p

07 Choir, 7p

11 28th Sun OT
Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a

12 OCIA Inquiry, 6:30p

13 Communion Service, 12:15p

14 Choir, 7p

15 SSJ Founder's Day 1650 - 2026
Wise Ones, Cowboy's Restaurant, 1p
Host: Patrick Colglazier

17 Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a

18 29th Sun OT ~ Anointing Mass
Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a

19 OCIA Inquiry, 6:30p
Give blood EV Baptist Ch. 1:30-6:00p

20 Communion Service, 12:15p

21 OCIA Mystagogia, 7p; Choir, 7p

25 30th Sun OT
Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a

26 OCIA Inquiry, 6:30p

27 Communion Service, 12:15p

28 Choir, 7p



Anointing Mass
October 18, 9:00a

All Souls Day Mass
November 2, 7:00p

You Are Invited to a Free

COMMUNITY MEAL

St. Stephen mark your calendar & plan to attend!!!

CHICKEN STEW
CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER, 28, 2026
6:00 - 7:30 PM

JOIN US AS WE DISCOVER

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS & SACRED PLACES OF ELKIN

First Baptist Church
110 Gwyn Ave.
Elkin, NC



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.

Birthdays

01 Ellen Bernabe
Daniela Trejo
03 Nancy Hubbard
Gerardo Parral
04 Ngoe Vo
06 Marisol Ledesma
08 Maria Mata
Sergio Loyola
10 Angel Ledesma
11 Beth Orta
12 Natalie Williams
14 Raquel Martinez
15 Geovani Spicer
18 Vanessa Spicer
19 Yaneli Nava
20 John Darcey
22 Ruben Ramirez
Leilany Garcia
25 Beth Altemueller
26 Ramona Doyle

Anniversaries

10 Andrea Faw & Stephen Faust
14 Cathie & Jim Schmitgal
15 Kristen & Matt Brown
17 Donna & Joe Stvartak
20 Brittany Reece & Edward Kageorge
22 Liza Go & Jeff Harris
25 Samantha & Andrew Ange

Thank you...

...Greg Billings, Dalton Brinegar, Israel Lynch, and Francis Ritz,
for transporting a donated bookcase
to the Children's Faith Formation room...
...Judy & Frank for stepping up as Sacristans last Sunday...

Y'all are ready for All Saints Day!

ST.S BULLETIN BOARD

TRI-C MINISTRIES ALMSGIVING

JUL Peas	AUG Flour	SEPT Shampoo
OCT Sm. Dish Liquid	NOV Bar Soap	DEC Dry Beans

PRAY

END TO ALL WAR AND GUN VIOLENCE

THANK YOU

...to all who supported our Spaghetti Dinner... ...Bless your community spirit!

YOU'RE INVITED

Community Meal
October 28
EFBC
4:30-6:30p

RECYCLE

TYVM for RECYCLING YOUR INK CARTRIDGES AT CHURCH.
GOOD for EARTH & HELPS the CHURCH.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

SMASH BURGERS

Watch your bulletin for more information.

70 FOR 70

70 Acts for 70 Years
Decide each day how you will show kindness or gratitude in meaningful ways.

Invitation to the Wedding Feast



Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!



Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.

This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven. Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!



Answer to front page: Everyone's invited! Answers to True or False: 1.false 2.true 3.true 4.false 5.true 6.true 7.true

The Kids' Bulletin

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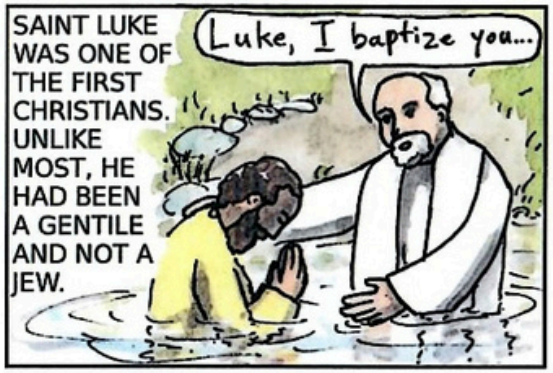


The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.
Who was invited to the feast?

Saint Luke

October 18

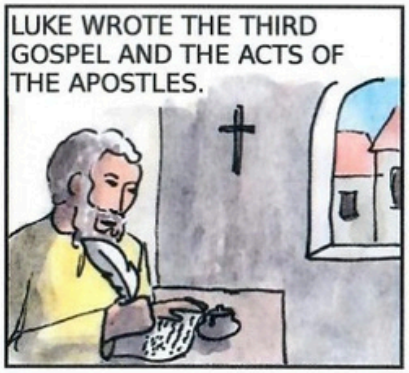


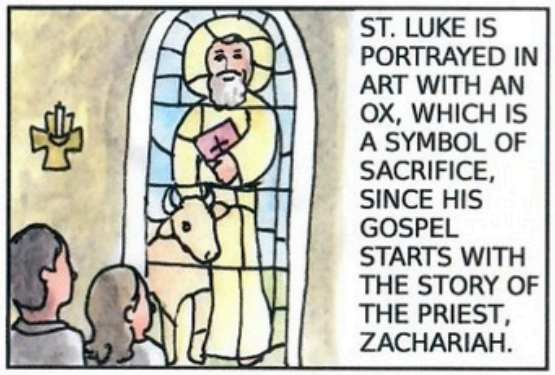












SAINT LUKE NEVER MET JESUS. HE LEARNED ABOUT HIM BY TALKING WITH HIS FRIENDS AFTER JESUS HAD ALREADY GONE INTO HEAVEN. STILL SAINT LUKE KNEW ENOUGH ABOUT HIM THAT HE COULD WRITE A GOSPEL! WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT LUKE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE FRIENDS WHO LOVE GOD!

True or False:

Who is Invited to the Wedding?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a wedding feast for his son. What happened in the story? See if you know which of these are true statements and which are false:

1. The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?

2. When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?

3. Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?

4. The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?

5. The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?

6. When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?

7. When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?

