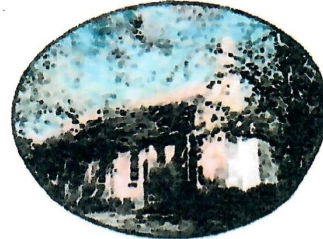




St. John Baptist de LaSalle Catholic Church

275 C.C. Wright School Road
North Wilkesboro NC 28659-9103
(336)838-5562
Email: Info@StJohnNC.org
Website: www.StJohnNC.org



St. Stephen Catholic Church

101 Hawthorne Road
Elkin NC 28521-3016
(336) 835-3007
Email: Connect@StStephenNC.org
Website: www.StStephenNC.org

Fr. John D. Hanic, V.F. (704) 763-2475
Rev. Mr. Harold Markle (336) 466-4173
S. Janis McQuade, S.S.J. (336) 835-4542
Fr. Jose Rebuque (203) 954-7134
Mr. Cuauhtemoc (Temoc) Herrejon (828) 773-2353

St. John
Temoc Herrejon Faith Formation
Ann Stone RCIA
Joel Everett Music

St. Stephen
S. Janis McQuade, S.S.J. Faith Formation
Phillip Parrish RCIA
Theresa Martin Music

Mass Schedule

St. John
Saturday 4:00p
Sunday 11:15a English
1:00p en español
Wednesday 11:00a

St. Stephen
Sunday 9:00a
Communion Service
Tuesday, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45p
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners!

*We are a Stewardship community, who share our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.
We invite you to register with us by going to our website and completing the form on the Home page.*

Sacrament Preparation
Call S. Janis, (336) 835-4542

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
A way of exploring and seeking Christ through the Catholic faith.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick
If you, or someone you know is desirous of God's healing, contact S. Janis

May 3, 2026



A Prayer for the Easter Season: April 2 ~ May 24, 2026

*As we celebrate the Divine Truth of Resurrection,
let us pray for the courage of our Risen Savior and
the First Followers to live our faith with conviction...*

Prayer for Conscience and Courage

*Loving God,
lead us beyond ourselves
to care and protect,
to nourish and shape,
to challenge and energize
both the life and the world
You have given us.
God of light and God of darkness,
God of conscience and God of courage
lead us through this time
of spiritual confusion
and public uncertainty.
Lead us beyond fear,
apathy and defensiveness to new hope
in You and to hearts full of faith.
Give us the conscience it takes
to comprehend what we're facing,
to see what we're looking at
and to say what we see
so that others, hearing us,
may also brave the pressure that comes
with being out of public step.
Give us the courage we need
to confront those things
that compromise our consciences
or threaten our integrity.
Give us, most of all,
the courage to follow those before us
who challenged wrong and changed it,
whatever the cost to themselves.
In Jesus' Name, we pray.*



***The Newest Members
of Our Community***

*Belva Mary Billings
Gregory Joseph Billings
Israel James Moses Lynch
Brittany Kursten Teresa Reece
Francis Ritz*

We are blessed in your presence among us!



FISH FRY FUNDRAISER...Matt Brown,
who initiated the parish event; cooked the fish,
hush puppies, & fries; and prepared
the cocktail & tartar sauce;
Andrea Faw & Stephen Faust,
who stepped up to help Matt;
donated all the food, take-out boxes, beverages
& utensils; **Ofelia Nava & Margarite Lara,**
donated and cooked the rice;
and our support crew: **Margarita Serafin Lara,
Israel Lynch, & Brittany Reece...**
...the parishioners who supported this fundraiser
via take-out or in-person dining!
🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷
...Kathy Jenkins, our newest cantor;
Braulio Mata & Melia Orta,
our Youth Proclaimers...
...our generous parish women
who faithfully clean the church and
care for the **Altar linens** and *do so much*
behind the scenes to promote life at St. S...

Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>		
JAN Canned tomatoes Spaghetti sauce	MAR Laundry detergent	MAY Toilet paper
FEB Corn meal	APR Canned fruit	JUN Tooth paste

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...
 & the violence in Mexico...

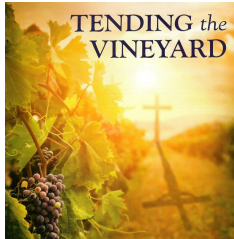


**PRAY FOR AN END
 TO VIOLENCE,
 ESPECIALLY GUN VIOLENCE**



**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING
 YOUR INK HERE.
 IT'S GOOD for the EARTH
 and IT'S HELPS THE CHURCH.**

WAYS to GIVE



**DIOCESAN
 SUPPORT
 APPEAL 2026**

Pledge: Give over time until December 31, 2026

One-time Gift: use the DSA envelopes and make a one-time gift.

Online Gift: charlottediocese.org/dsa

Stock Donation: charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give

IRA Contribution: charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give

You are invited to our Open Table

4:30-6:30pm

Third Thursdays ~ NO COST

FBC Elkin 110 Gwyn Avenue

(336) 835-1998 / www.elkinfbc.com



Apr. 16	Jul.16	Oct. 15
May 21	Aug. 20	Nov. 19
Jun. 18	Sept. 17	Dec. 17

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

La amplitud de espíritu es una gracia visible hoy en los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Los primeros seguidores fueron llamados a responder a las necesidades de su comunidad en crecimiento; Esteban, «lleno de fe y del Espíritu Santo», es uno de los siete diáconos elegidos para atender las necesidades de las familias de los conversos griegos.

La gracia de la amplitud de espíritu les otorgó la capacidad de mantenerse abiertos y flexibles ante cada nueva invitación del Espíritu.

Esta graciosa amplitud de espíritu es otra forma de hospitalidad, la cual es mucho más que una simple puerta abierta: es una mente abierta y un corazón abierto.

Jesús es el Divino Creador de Espacio. Con compasión, expandió su corazón para hacer lugar a los demás en su ministerio. Él te ha brindado esa misma amplitud en tu propio camino de fe.

Siguiendo el ejemplo de Cristo, los primeros cristianos ensancharon sus mentes y corazones para incluir a todos: paganos, extranjeros, marginados y personas quebrantadas de diversas maneras.

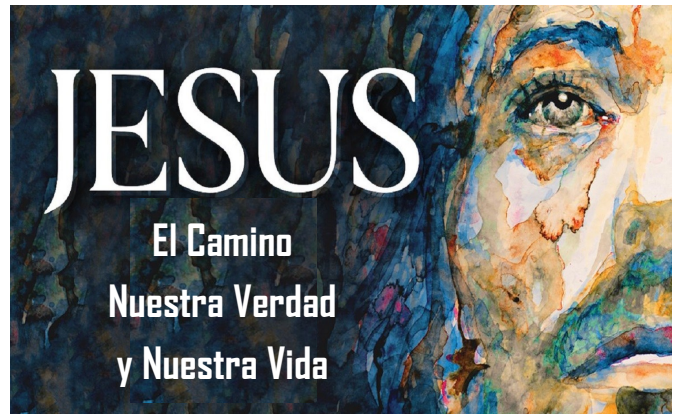
Estamos llamados a vivir con esa misma apertura de mente y corazón, y a crear espacio para todos en el Vecindario de Dios.

Estamos llamados a crear una amplitud llena de gracia en un tiempo en que la guerra y las palabras nos dividen. Si somos sinceros en lo que decimos y oramos, este es nuestro Camino, nuestra Verdad y nuestra Vida.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

spanis



GNT ~ Uplifting Scriptures

¡Que la gracia y la paz
llenen sus corazones!

Como ya saben por el anuncio
de la semana pasada,
el Padre John se jubila como párroco
de San Juan y San Esteban.
Él me pidió que les recordara
que está dispuesto a ayudarles
a bendecir sus matrimonios
en la iglesia antes de marcharse.
Si desean hacerlo, deben comunicarlo
ahora, antes de que sea demasiado tarde.
Necesitamos su colaboración para
que esto sea posible.
No se demoren más. Él se marchará
dentro de unas pocas semanas.
Permítannos ayudarles a dar este
paso tan importante y
significativo en su camino de fe.
¡Gracias!

Morning, Church!

Roominess is a visible grace in the Acts of the Apostles today. The First Followers were called to respond to the needs of their growing community, Stephen, “full of faith and the Holy Spirit” is one of seven deacons chosen to serve the needs Greek converts’ families.

The Grace of Roominess gave them the ability to stay open and flexible to every new invitation of the Spirit.

This Grace of Roominess is another form of hospitality, which is far more than just an open door. It is open mind and an open heart.

Jesus is the Divine Room Maker. He compassionately expanded his heart to make room for others in his ministry. He provided the same roominess for you on your faithjourney.

Following Christ’s example, the early Christians stretched their minds and hearts in include everyone: pagans, foreigners, outcasts, and people broken in a variety of ways.

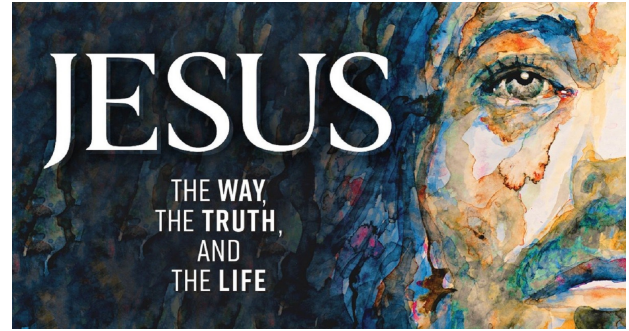
We are called to live with the same open mind and heart and to create space/room for everyone in God’s Neighborhood.

We are called to create graceful roominess in a time when war and words divide us. If we mean what we say and pray, Graceful Roominess our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

spamis












GNT ~ Uplifting Scriptures

Blessing With Many Rooms

<p>As you step inside this blessing we wish to tell you it is large enough for you to lie down in. or (though it may not look it, small as it is upon this page) you can curl up in this blessing with a cup of tea and a good book beside the window— here, just behind you— that faces east. Likewise it is true, though you might not have paused long enough to notice, that this blessing is big enough for a table— quite a sizable one can be accommodated—</p>	<p>where your guests will want to linger far into the night. there are rooms in plenty where they can lay their heads and stretch out with abandon in their dreaming sleep. One room, many rooms— in this blessing it is all the same. The point is that there is space enough. Enough to make a life, a home; enough to make a world. Enough to make your way toward the One who has made this way for you.</p>
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

~ Jan Richardson

M A Y	
03 	<i>5th Sun Easter</i> Faith Formation parents & children, after Mass SSJ ZOOM, 7-8:30p
05	Communion Service, 12:15p
06 	Nurses' Day OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 
07	Habitat for Humanity Awards Luncheon
10 	<i>6th Sun Easter</i> <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
11	Ladies Guild, 5p
12 	Communion Service, 12:15p 
13	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p
17	<i>Feast: Ascension</i> 
18	Give Blood ~ Elkin Rescue Sq, 1:30-6:00p
19 	Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association, 12N 
20	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p
21	Wise Ones , 1p TBA 
23	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
24	<i>Pentecost Sunday ~ Wear Red Sunday</i> 
26 	Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA, 2 , 6:30P 
27 	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p
31	<i>Feast: Holy Trinity Sunday</i>

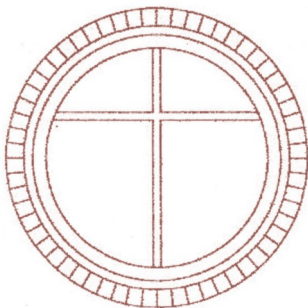
🌿 Mass Intentions	
03	+Michael A. Garwood, Sr.
10	All Mothers, living & deceased; +Helen Purcell MacKenzie & McKinley Orta
17	+Georgette & William Dyer
24	+Grace Jenkins

Birthdays & Anniversaries



01 Emilio Lopez	20 Lizette Hernandez
Phillip Parrish	21 Luz Hernandez
02 Cecelia Martinez	23 Aymes Davis
04 Samantha Ange	Morgan Orta
Memo Lara	Jonny Ramirez
Christian Ouellette	25 Ana Karen Carmona
08 Matt Norman	27 Lila Keller
09 Francis Ritz	28 Diego Carreon
15 Ron Berryman	30 Alex Lara
Luis Lopez	Brian Lopez
19 Miguel Nava	31 Hilda Lopez
04 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie	
28 Theresa & Phil Martin	

If you're graduating from High School, college or graduate school,
please call S. Janis



IMPORTANT INVITATION to ALL ADULT & CONFIRMED YOUTH
St. Stephen needs your help in the service of Liturgical Ministries:

Greeter/Ushers
Eucharistic Ministers
Proclaimers/Readers
Altar Linens

There is a Formation and Information for each of these ministries.
Please consider helping your parish community.

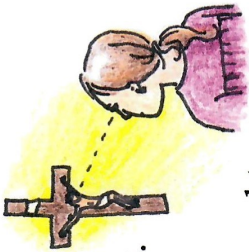
Jesus is the Way to Heaven

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples that He is the way to the Father in Heaven.

Jesus is the way for us to go to Heaven. But how can a person be a way to get somewhere? Jesus is always with the Father in Heaven, so the closer we are to Jesus the closer we are to Heaven!

How can we be close to Jesus? Here are some ways:

Pray to Jesus. Prayer is talking with God. When we want to be friends with someone we talk with them a lot.



Try to be like Jesus. Always do the right thing. When you need to decide what to do, think: "What would Jesus do in this situation?" Stay close to Mary, His mother. She will keep you close to Jesus.



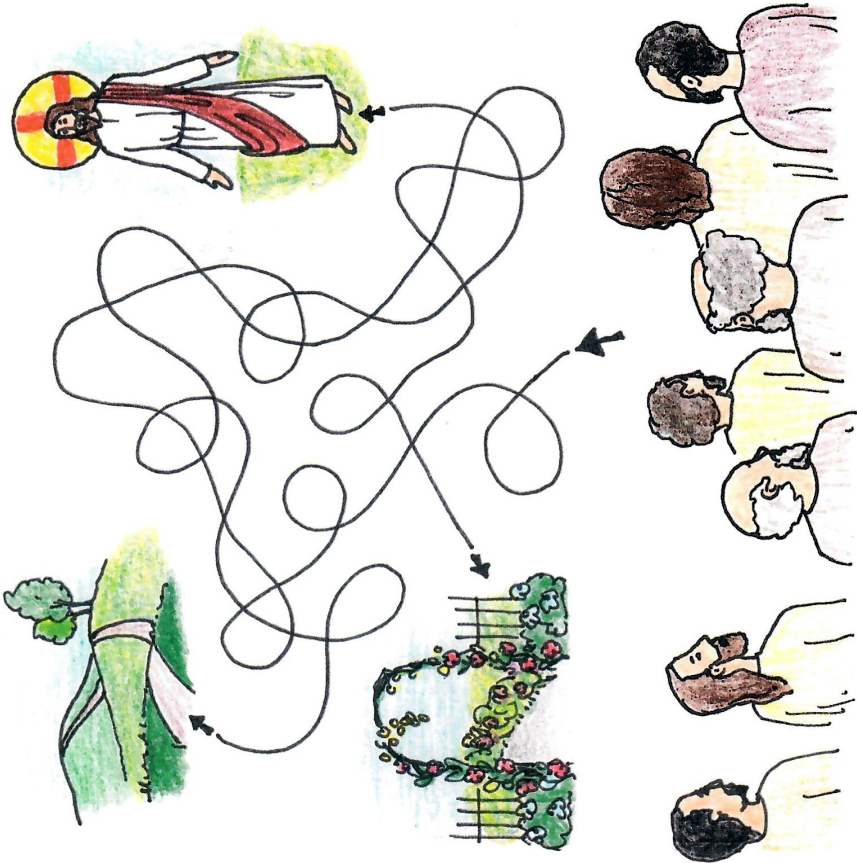
Receive Jesus in Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an amazing gift. It is Jesus coming to us so that we can receive Him into our bodies and souls. Communion is the closest we can be to Jesus until we get to Heaven.



Answers to Cross-Word- Across: 3.Father 5.is 9.time 10.because 11.on 13.will 15.and 17.whenever 18.who 20.than 22.speak Down: 1.of 2.Jesus 4.amen 6.still 7.seen 8.believe 11.own 12.know 14.you 16.doing 17.words 19.show 21.me

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3rd, 2026



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples the way to the Father in Heaven. Do you know which is the way? Follow the squiggly line to find out!

Saint Hilary of Arles

May 3

HILARY OF ARLES WAS BORN TO A WEALTHY FAMILY IN NORTHERN FRANCE IN 401. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.

ST. HONORIUS OF ARLES, A RELATIVE, WAS ARCHBISHOP. HE GOT HILARY TO JOIN THE MONASTERY AT LERINS.

WHEN THE ARCH-BISHOP DIED THE PEOPLE CHOSE HILARY TO TAKE HIS PLACE.

HE WAS AN EXCELLENT PREACHER AND TEACHER.

EVEN THOUGH HE WAS MUCH YOUNGER, HILARY WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF MANY BISHOPS.

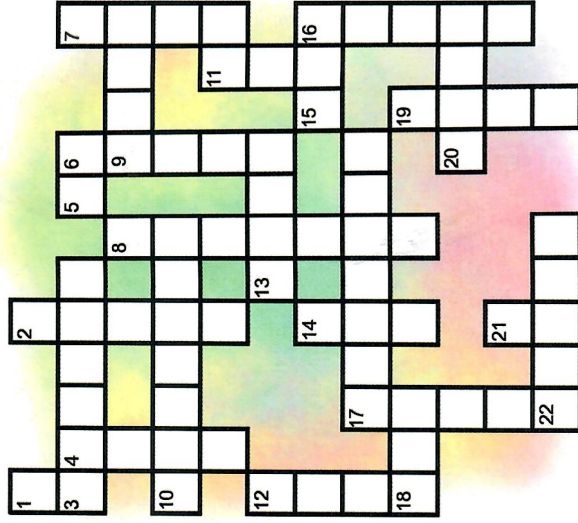
HE MADE SOME MISTAKES IN HIS DIRECTION OF THE BISHOPS, SO POPE ST. LEO TOOK AWAY SOME OF HIS POWER.

ST. HILARY ACCEPTED THE POPE'S DECISIONS AND KEPT WORKING TO HELP HIS PEOPLE. HE DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 48 YEARS OLD.

SAINT HILARY OF ARLES IS AN EXAMPLE TO US THAT GOD SOMETIMES WANTS YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE IMPORTANT JOBS. SAINT HILARY WAS YOUNGER THAN THE BISHOPS HE WAS IN CHARGE OF BUT HE WAS HUMBLE ENOUGH TO RULE THEM WELL. ALSO, WHEN HE MADE MISTAKES HE ACCEPTED THE CONSEQUENCES.

"Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.



- IS WHOEVER
- OF BECAUSE
- ON BELIEVE
- ME FATHER
- YOU WORKS
- AND DOING
- WHO SPEAK
- WILL AMEN
- OWN JESUS
- TIME THAN
- SHOW STILL
- KNOW SEEN

_____(2d) said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a _____(9a) and you _____(6d) do not _____(12d) me, Philip? _____(17a) has seen me has _____(7d) the Father. How can you say, ' _____(19d) us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in _____?(21d) The words that I _____(22a) to you I do not speak _____(11a) my _____(11d). The Father _____(18a) dwells in me is _____(16d) his works. _____(8d) me that I am in the _____(3a) and the Father _____(5a) in me, or else, believe _____(10a) _____(1d) the works themselves. _____(4d) amen, I say to _____(14d), whoever believes in me _____(13a) do the _____(17d) that I do, _____(15a) will do greater ones _____(20a) these, because I am going to the Father."