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**St. John**

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**St. Stephen**

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**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, sharing our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.

**To register and get more information:** go to our website: [www.StStephenNC.org](http://www.StStephenNC.org)

**Sacrament Preparation** (Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Reconciliation (Penance), or Matrimony)  
Call S. Janis (336) 835-4542

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Offered for adults who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, rites, and practices.

**Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care**

*If you or someone you know is desirous of God's healing and would like to receive the sacred anointing, contact S. Janis.*

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 4, 2024**

## When in a Desert, Save Room for Dessert

*Morning, Church!*

Eating is something we all love. Last week I went to lunch with a retired priest I've known since 1971. The years have changed this 82 year old. The twinkle in his eyes is gone, his walker is his necessary companion, and his disheveled, white beard betrays his indifference to his personal appearance. One thing has not changed. As we made our way to the restaurant, he joyfully declared, "I love to eat!"

God's Word focuses on food again this week. It's a daily essential and accessible to most of us. In addition to the "three squares", we can snack throughout the day. Not so for everyone in God's Neighborhood. Countless cities are punctuated by "food deserts". Many of our Dear Neighbors here and around the world, go to bed hungry, wondering if or when they will eat again.

The text from Exodus exposes the grumbling, ungrateful Israelites. They are us. They pine for the Egypt of their former life even though they suffered in slavery and were deprived of their religious practices. Freed from Pharaoh's oppression, they complain against God and Moses as their hunger grew in the barren wilderness.

Complaining is detrimental to any relationship, including our relationship with God. The Israelites grumbled against God as if their situation is God's doing! We humans have mastered the "art" of grumbling and blaming God for our bitterness and untenable messes. God didn't create their Desert of Hunger or ours today. We grumblers are responsible for our lives and choices.

How very blessed are we that God understands us. God interprets our grumbling and complaining as cries for help, and our need to be nourished and to live our faith in fullness.

As in Exodus, God hears our grumbling today. God sees our misplaced loyalties, and *still* gives us the best food for us: life-giving manna, The Bread of Life.

Our "manna" can be an experience of forgiveness; the healing of a broken relationship; a renewed prayer life; reconnecting with one's spouse on a deeper level; the restorative presence of someone who honors and attentively listens to us; or the steady grace to thwart a relapse back into addiction.

*The food we need most is soul food.* We need food that sustains. We need food that graces us as we struggle to navigate our deserts, self-imposed slavery, and our own relentless complaining. Perhaps it's time to redesign our spiritual diets so they reflect our *deepest hungers*. We need new, spiritual diets that curb our appetite against grumbings and ingratitude, and diets that energize us for generous service.

God desires to feed us with much more than mere manna. God desires to feed us with The Bread of Eternal Life. Save room for dessert.

In CommUNITY,



### Reflecting on the Word

"It is not the complaint itself but its content that is disturbing. The people prefer their former situation of oppression in Egypt with food rather than their present freedom without food."

~Diane Bergant

AUGUST	
04	18th Sun OT SSJ Zoom, 6:30-8:30p
06	Communion Service, 12:15p
11	19th Sun OT Fr. John Birthday ~ Coffee & cake after Mass, FLC <b>Faith Formation REGISTRATION in CHURCH, 10:15a</b> Parish BBQ Bash Hamby Park (see p. 4)
12	Ladies Guild, 5p
13	Communion Service, 12:15p
14	Choir, 7p
15	Wise Ones, 1p Cowboy's Restaurant Hosts: Barb & Bob DJohn Feast: Assumption, Mass, 7p
17	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
18	20th Sun OT <b>Faith Formation REGISTRATION Family Life Center, 10:15a</b>
19	Give Blood Elkin 1st Baptist Church ~ 1:30-6:00p
20	Communion Service, 12:15p
21	Choir, 7p
25	21st Sun OT <b>Faith Formation REGISTRATION Family Life Center, 10:15a</b>
27	Communion Service, 12:15p
28	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p

MASS INTENTIONS	
04	+Elizabeth Karaffa; +Larry Watson
11	Gary McQuade (79 <sup>th</sup> bday); Claire Kelly
18	+Damien Michael Whisonant
25	+Phil Altemueller Students & Teachers, Coaches & Mentors

### Birthdays & Anniversary



02	Maria Ledesma	15	Jane Worley
05	Natalie Lopez	17	Sergio Hernandez
06	Isidro Rodriguez Rudy Ardizzola	23	Judy Berryman
07	Mary Blackburn	24	Gayle Altemueller Evangeline Cancel Leo Ouellette
09	Ashley Davis Joel Lopez	25	Hannah Treannie Louisa Rodriguez
10	Anayeli Bustos John Hanic	26	Pat Kophamer
13	Nelda Spicer	30	Nancy Espino
05	Janis McQuade	12	Lila & Ty Keller
11	Olivia & Isidro Rodriguez	16	Judy & Ron Berryman

One cannot be truly religious in complaining:  
complaining poisons,  
it leads you to anger,  
to resentment and  
to sadness,  
that of the heart,  
which closes the door to God.

~ Pope Francis



Tric Christian Crisis Ministries	
AUG	Flour
SEPT	Shampoo



**Faith Formation Registration Forms will be posted on our website as of August 4. All parents who want their children to be part of our program must register each child online by August 18.**

**No exceptions.**

**Los formularios de inscripción para la formación de fe se publicarán en nuestro sitio web a partir del 4 de agosto. Todos los padres que quieran que sus hijos formen parte de nuestro programa. Debe registrar a cada niño en línea antes del 18 de agosto.**

**Sin excepciones.**

Iglesia católica de San Esteban  
Formación de fe familiar

De vuelta a la escuela

FIESTA DE BARBACOA



11 de agosto  
3-8PM.

Parque Fort Hamby  
Refugio de picnic Ann

Wilkesboro, Carolina del Norte 28629

Cargo por estacionamiento de \$5 por vehículo  
¡¡¡Trae tu traje de baño!!!

Nhà thờ Công giáo St.Stephen  
Sự hình thành đức tin gia đình

Trở lại trường

BỮA BÒ



ngày 11 tháng 8  
Từ 3 - 8 giờ tối

Công viên Pháo đài Hamby  
Nơi trú ẩn dã ngoại Ann  
Wilkesboro, NC 28629

Phí đỗ xe \$5 mỗi xe  
Mang theo đồ bơi của bạn!!!

St.Stephen Catholic Church  
Family Faith Formation

Back to School

BBO BASH



August 11th  
From 3- 8p.m.

Fort Hamby Park  
Ann Picnic Shelter  
Wilkesboro, NC 28629

Park Charge \$5 per vehicle  
Bring your swim wear!!!

# We are Hungry for Jesus

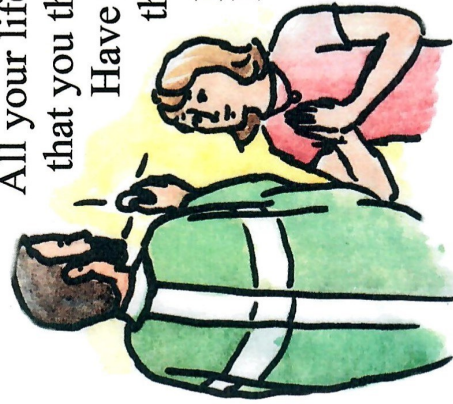
The people in today's Gospel reading followed Jesus because He had given them bread. He told them that what they really needed was not just ordinary food, but the food that God would give them. And that was Jesus Himself, the Bread of Life!



Have you ever been hungry? You know you need food and you want to eat. But did you know that your soul can be hungry too? The food for our souls is Jesus. We receive Him in Holy Communion. Just like our bodies need food to stay alive, our souls need God.

All your life there are things you want that you think will make you happy.

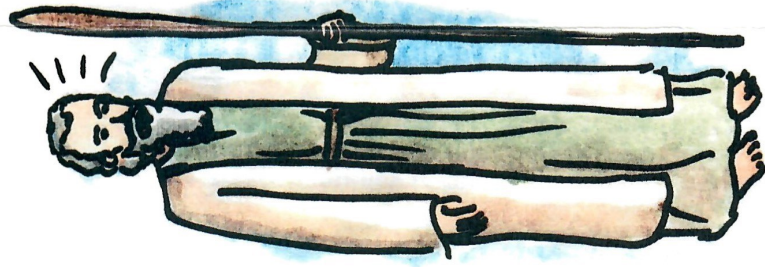
Have you ever gotten something that you really wanted? It probably made you really happy for a while. But we can only be really satisfied if we have God living in us.



Answer to the front page: Manna and quail.  
Answers to word puzzle: ate, food, life, we, God, believe, sign, Jesus, Father, world, bread, Bread of Life.

# The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 4th, 2024



A<sup>2</sup> D<sup>8</sup> I<sup>4</sup> N<sup>4</sup>

T<sup>13</sup> H<sup>12</sup> U<sup>10</sup> A<sup>6</sup>

N<sup>3</sup> A<sup>11</sup> T<sup>1</sup> M<sup>1</sup>

A<sup>5</sup> Q<sup>9</sup> I<sup>7</sup> N<sup>7</sup>

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

In today's first reading the people of Israel were starving in the desert. When Moses prayed to God

He sent them food. What was it?

Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

# Saint Jean Marie Vianney

## August 4



SAINT JEAN MARIE VIANNEY OFTEN SPENT 16 HOURS A DAY HEARING CONFESSIONS. THINK OF HOW MANY PEOPLE HE HELPED COME BACK TO GOD, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NOT VERY GOOD IN SCHOOL. IS THERE SOMETHING YOU FIND HARD TO DO? DON'T LET IT STOP YOU FROM BRINGING PEOPLE TO GOD!

# God Provides Bread

## word puzzle

John 6 24-35

Fill in the missing words.

Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

The people came looking for Jesus after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Jesus said to them, "You are only looking for me because you  <sup>4</sup> the loaves and were filled. Don't work for food that perishes but for the  <sup>7</sup> that lasts for eternal  <sup>8</sup>." The people asked, "What can  <sup>11</sup> do to do the works of  <sup>6</sup>?" Jesus said to them, "This is the work of God, that you  <sup>1</sup> in the one he sent." So they asked him, "What  <sup>9</sup> can you show us so that we can believe in you? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, like it is written in the Scriptures, "He gave them bread from Heaven to eat."

So  <sup>3</sup> said to them, "It was not Moses who gave you bread from Heaven; my  <sup>10</sup> gives you the true bread from Heaven. The bread of God comes down from Heaven and gives life to the  <sup>5</sup>." So the people said to Jesus, "Sir, give us this  <sup>2</sup> always!"

Jesus said to them, "I am the \_\_\_\_\_"

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

