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St. John

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St. Stephen

<i>S. Janis McQuade, S.S.J.</i>	<i>Faith Formation</i>
<i>Phillip Parrish</i>	<i>RCIA</i>
<i>Theresa Martin</i>	<i>Music</i>

Mass Schedule

St. John

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>4:00p</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11:15a English</i> <i>1:00p en español</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11:00a</i>

St. Stephen

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:00a</i>
<i>Communion Service</i>	
<i>Tuesday</i> , <i>12:15p</i>	
<i>Holy Days</i>	<i>7:00p</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>3:00 - 3:45p</i>	<i>By appointment</i>
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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

Sacrament Preparation (Baptism, 1st 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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024

Prayer Before An Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, our state, and our country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as sisters and brothers, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, neglect, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears to hear the cries of the least, the lost, and the lonely, women and men oppressed because of race, creed, religion, age, or gender.

We ask for Christ's mind and heart to be open to hearing the voice of those leaders who will lead us to living the gospel fully.

We pray for discernment to choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep your ways of truth as they follow Christ's Way of justice, compassion, and peace.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who is our Savior, now and forever.

Amen.+

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops' Conference

- Consider not only candidates' positions on these issues, their character and integrity as well.

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**RECYCLE USED INK CARTRIDGES
at CHURCH!!**

**RECYCLE IN THE LOBBY.
Thank you!**



Tri-C Christian Crisis Ministries

OCT	Dish soap
NOV	Bar soap
DEC	Dry beans

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity

**Tues., Nov. 11, 5:00p
St. Stephen
Family Life Center**

**Pre-planning
Your Funeral Service**

Sister Janis

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

En el evangelio de la semana pasada, Jesús llamó al sufrimiento “la copa”. Aquellos que lo siguen de todo corazón saben que el sufrimiento es una parte esperada de su viaje de fe. Aquellos entre nosotros que sufren en mente, cuerpo y/o espíritu pueden recibir el Sacramento de la Unción. En St. S ofrecemos una celebración comunitaria de este Sacramento de la Unción anualmente el domingo más cercano a la Fiesta de San Lucas. (18 de octubre). Muchos de ustedes vinieron a celebrar este maravilloso sacramento, como nuestro Grupo de Jóvenes.



Después de la Misa, nuestras familias de Formación de Fe discutieron el poder de Cristo para sanarnos en el Sacramento de la Unción. Nuestros jóvenes quedaron muy conmovidos por su experiencia en la Misa. Nuestro intercambio de fe creó una transición perfecta hacia el tema del día: ¿Qué es la fe? La fe es el denominador común en nuestras vidas...creer en lo que no podemos ver...esperar en las promesas de Dios...

Bartimeo clamó a Jesús por encima del clamor de la multitud. Quería algo que sólo Jesús podía darle. "¡Jesús, Hijo de David, ten piedad de mí!" No le importaba que otros lo llamaran una molestia pública. Se arriesgó voluntariamente a ser criticado y aplastado por la multitud.

"Jesús, Hijo de David,
¡ten piedad de mí!"

Escucha a Jesús llamarlo y decirle:
"¿Qué quieras que haga por ti?"

¡Ese es el momento que esperó, oró y deseó toda su vida! Jesús tuvo misericordia de Bartimeo, comprendió y respondió a su situación.

Lo que una vez simplemente percibió o sintió le será revelado en toda su abundancia, diversidad y texturas. ¡Sanado por Jesús, ahora puede saborear la vida con los ojos de su alma!

Bartimeo es un ejemplo espiritual de oración tenaz, de clamar a Dios por lo que necesitamos, a pesar del ruido de la multitud o de la cultura. Este ciego, a quien la sociedad rechazó por su “debilidad”, está ahora bañado en gracia sanadora. ¡¡Imagínate estar ciego toda tu vida, abres los ojos y ves a Jesús parado frente a ti!! ¡Imagínese eso!

Sed tenaces en vuestra oración. Pídele a Jesús que sane tu ceguera espiritual. Que tu mantra de oración sea: “¡Jesús, Hijo de David, ten piedad de mí!” Pase un momento de tranquilidad para entrar en el drama Divino de este evangelio sanador.

Imagínate ser Bartimeo antes,
durante y después de su encuentro con Cristo.

Cada día,
Jesús se para ante ti y te dice:
“¿Qué quieras que haga por ti?”
¿Qué es lo que realmente quieres?

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È Reflexionando sobre la Palabra

Imagínense ser Bartimeo antes, durante y después de su encuentro con Cristo.

Cada día, Jesús se presenta ante ti y te dice:
“¿Qué quieras que haga por ti?”
“En verdad, ¿qué quieras que sane en ti?”

Morning, Church!

In last week's gospel, Jesus called suffering "the cup". Those who follow him wholeheartedly know suffering is an expected part of their faith journey. Those among us who suffer in mind, body and/or spirit can receive the Sacrament of Anointing. At St. S we offer a communal celebration of this Sacrament of Anointing yearly on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Luke. (October 18). Many of you came forth to celebrate this wondrous sacrament, like our Youth Group.

Following Mass, our Faith Formation families discussed Christ's power to heal us in the Sacrament of Anointing. Our Youth were very touched by their experience at Mass. Our faithsharing created a perfect segue in to the topic of the day: *What Is Faith?* Faith is the common denominator in our lives...believing in what we can't see...hoping in God's promises...

Bartimaeus cried out to Jesus above the crowd's clamor. He wanted something only Jesus could give him. "*Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!*" He didn't care if others called him a public nuisance. He willingly risked the crowd's crush and criticism.

*"Jesus, Son of David,
have mercy on me!"*

He hears Jesus call for him, saying:
"What do you want me to do for you?"

That's it, the moment he hoped for, prayed for, and desired all his life! Jesus **had mercy** on Bartimaeus, he understood and responded to his plight.

What he once merely perceived or sensed will be revealed to him in all its abundance, diversity and textures. Healed by Jesus, he's now able to taste life with the eyes of his soul!



Bartimaeus is a spiritual example of tenacious prayer, of calling out to God for what we need, despite the din of the crowd or culture. This blind man, whom society cast aside because of his "weakness", is bathed now in healing grace. Imagine being blind all your life, you open your eyes, and you see Jesus standing in front of you!! Imagine that!

Be tenacious in your prayer. Ask Jesus to heal your spiritual blindness. Let your prayer mantra be, "*Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!*" Spend some quiet time entering into the Divine drama of this healing gospel.

*Imagine being Bartimaeus before,
during and after his encounter with Christ.*

Every day,
Jesus stands before you and says,
"What do you want me to do for you?"
What do you *really* want?

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❧ Reflecting on the Word

*Imagine being Bartimaeus before, during
and after his encounter with Christ.*

Every day, Jesus stands before you and says,
"What do you want me to do for you?"

"Truly, what do you want me to heal in you?"

OCTOBER	
27	30th Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
29	SSJ CGG, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p
30	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
NOVEMBER	
01	All Saints Day Mass, 7p
03	31st Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
05	Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA I, 6:30p
06	RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
10	32nd Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
11	Adult Faith Formation <i>Pre-planning Your Mass of Christian Burial, 5p</i> ~ FLC
12	The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA I, 6:30p
14	Alaska Fish Dinner, 6:00-8:00p, FLC
15	Remembering the El Salvador Martyrs
16	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
17	33rd Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
18	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p
19	The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA I, 6:30p
20	RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
21	Wise Ones, TBA
24	Feast of Christ, King of the Universe Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
26	The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA II, 6:30p
27	RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
28	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>

OCT MASS INTENTIONS		
27	+Phil Altemueller r/b Gayle	+Carter Chu r/b Debbie & Phillip
OCT MASS INTENTIONS		
03	Deceased family members, parishioners, and Sisters of St. Joseph	

Birthdays & Anniversary



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| 02 Jackie Wagoner | 05 Shayla Ange |
| 03 Eric Barrientos | 09 Debbie Parrish |
| | Barbara Rhinehart |
| 04 Bill Bresse | 10 Richard Bernabe |
| | 14 Veronica Trinidad |
| | 18 Ania Trejo |
| | 04 Roseamelia & Matthew Kelly |
| | 07 Rosa & Gerardo Parral |



S. Margaret Fleming, SSJ
August 13, 1938 ~ October 20, 2024
68th Year as Sister of St. Joseph



S. Suzanne M. Bellenoit, SSJ
April 18, 1939 ~ October 21, 2024
66th Year as Sister of St. Joseph



S. Rosann Quinn, SSJ
December 11, 1941 ~ October 21, 2024
68th Year as Sister of St. Joseph

May she they in peace. Amen +



Adult Faith Formation & Faithsharing:
The Chosen
Tuesdays, Nov 12, 19 & 26
10:00a ~ 11:30a
Contact S. Janis for more information

Jesus Cures Our Blindness

The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27, 2024



JESUS /HELP ME! In today's Gospel reading, a blind man called Bartimaeus called out to Jesus to cure him.

Sometimes we can be blind too. When we don't see the truth about God, or when we can't see our own faults then we have a kind of blindness.



When we find that we can't see ourselves or God clearly, we should be like Bartimaeus and call out to Jesus to help us. If we believe in God then we will get our sight back too.

When Bartimaeus was cured of his blindness he started to follow Jesus right away. When we can see ourselves and God clearly then we will also want to follow Jesus.

Before you go to sleep at night, remember your day: all the ways you were loving and kind; and all the ways you were unloving or unkind. Thank God for helping you to be loving and ask God to forgive you for the times you were unloving.

BE
KIND
L, L, D,
W, E, A, R, E,
F, O, A, H, R, S, T, L,
E, I, E, M, I, W, E, Y
Answers to Psalm 126 Word Puzzles



*What did Jesus and the blind man say to each other in today's Gospel reading?
Look in the mirror to find out!*

Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem

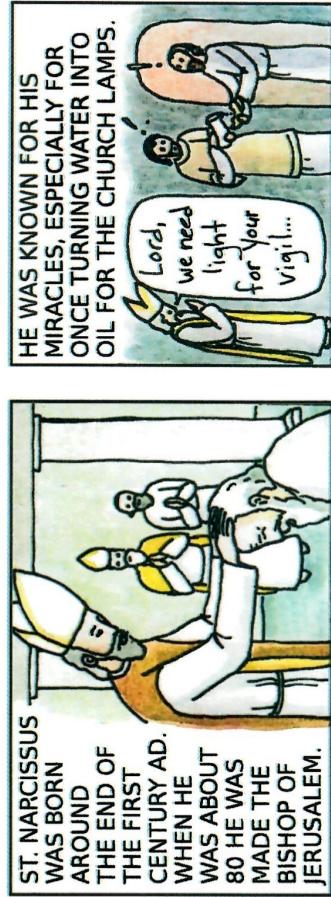
October 29

Psalm 126 Word Puzzle

Fill in the missing letters. Then use the letters to fill in the blanks at the very end. The number at the end of each line tells you where the letter goes.

When the ord brought back (8)
the captives of Zon, (7)
we were like men zreaming. (11)
Then our mouth was zilled with laughter, (6)
and our tongue with rejoicing. (17)
Then they said among the notions, (3)
"The Lord o as done (15)
goat things for them!" (4)
The Lord has done great oings for us; (14)
we are goad indeed. (9)
Restore our fortuns, O Lord, (5)
Ilke the torrents in the southern desert. (13)
Those that so o in tears (12)
shall reap reoicing. (16)
Although they go forth oeeping, (1)
carrying the soed to be sown, (2)
They shall como back rejoicing, (10)
carroing their sheaves. (18)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15
16 17 18



SAINT NARCISSUS SERVED GOD UNTIL HE WAS VERY OLD. HE DID NOT WAIT UNTIL HE WAS OLD TO START BEING HOLY, AND HE DID NOT STOP EVEN WHEN HE WAS OLD AND TIRED. THINK OF HOW MUCH GOOD WE CAN DO IF GOD GIVES US A LONG LIFE! WE CAN PRAY TO ST. NARCISSUS FOR PERSEVERANCE.

