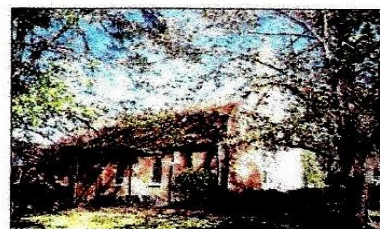




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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p

Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p

Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass, 9:00a

Holy Days 7:00p

Communion Service Consult bulletin

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019

Lost has many images. Being lost or losing can be layered with bewilderment and anxiety. You can lose a thing, or your child in the mall, your car keys or your wallet. You can be lost in grief, illness, unemployment, or feel lost by your child's defiance or disappointments. You choose to be lost, by staying away from family, church, or your community. You will get lost if you have no inner compass of conscience to guide you. All experiences of lost have levels of anxiety attached to them. If you're lost spiritually, that's a whole other kind of being lost!

Today's Word shows various ways you can be lost and how the Divine Seeker finds you. The Hebrews were lost when they wandered back into idolatry. Being faithful to God and their Covenant seemed too hard to them. They lost themselves by returning to their former ways of living. They could control graven idols who had no expectations of them. The Divine Seeker had expectations and couldn't be controlled. Despite their blasphemous choices, God gave them another chance. *That's the way God is.*

The triplet of parables reveals the relentless love of the Divine Seeker, one who understands our senseless choices. No single sheep, no single coin, no single person stays lost. The Divine Seeker gracefully navigates all the barriers of excuses that keep you lost and offers you ways to be found, to return home to a stunning celebration of welcoming mercy. *That's the way God is.*

Look long and hard enough and you will draw parallels in your own life from today's Word. Remember times when you were "stiff-necked" like the Hebrews and chose to worship strange gods. Remember when you were so lost that you were willing to sacrifice key relationships just to be right, like Paul. Remember when you were so lost in your own righteousness, that you were unappreciative and jealous of others' blessings and successes. *Remember that's not the way God is.*

The Divine Seeker knows your heart and all the ways you get lost. The Divine Seeker's grace "has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." (1Tim. 1:14) Remember that the next time you feel lost *the way God is.*

LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH. MAKE THEM BETTER.

God's blessings.

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*And when my soul
was in the lost-and-found
You came along to claim it
I didn't know just what
was wrong with me
Til your kiss
helped me name it* ~Carole King

✠ Prayer request

+S. Helen Marguerite Burke , SSJ,
born to eternal life in the 58th year of her religious life.

+S. Patricia Ruth , SSJ,
born to eternal life in the 57th year of her religious life.

✠ September Intentions

15	+Peggy Bernard, aunt of Linda Ackerman
22	+Mona Schaufenbuel, r/b Jerry
29	+Gabriel Cruz, father of Roxana Hernandez

✠ Sunday Scriptures

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14	I Tim. 1:12-17
Ps 1:3-4, 12-13. 17. 19.	Luke 15:1-32

✠ Reflecting & Acting on the Word _____

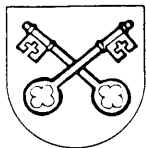
*When have you felt spiritually lost?
When have you persistently sought after a member
of your family or parish community
who's lost his/her way?*



25th Sunday Ordinary Time ~ September 22

Acolyte	Morgan
Proclaimers	Kathy J, Sarah K
Altar Linens	Luisa & Sarahi
EMs	AILEEN, JULIE; Carmen & Cheryl
Greeter/ Ushers	Bob, Maggie

S E P T E M B E R	
15	24th Sun OT CLOW Priests' Retirement Collection Registration: Families: Golden - Wylie
	16 Give Blood, Elkin Rescue Squad 1:30-6:00 Ladies' Guild, 7p 
17	Communion Service, 12:15p
	18 Choir, 7p; RCIA, 7:15p 
20	Strangers to Neighbors Dinner, FBC 6:00p
22	25th Sun OT CLOW
25	Choir, 7p; NO RCIA 
28	YV Pumpkin Festival 
29	26th Sun OT CLOW Make-up Registration Date: Family Faith Formation
<i>Looking ahead...</i> O C T O B E R	
05	 Blessing of Animals, Elkin Park, 10a Spaghetti Dinner, 6-7:30p 
06	27th Sun OT CLOW FAMILY FAITH FORMATION BEGINS
	10 Wise Ones, TBA
12	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
20	CommUNITY Picnic, Elkin Park, 1-4:00p
	21 Ladies' Guild, 7p
29	<i>Pope Francis: World Day of Migrants & Refugees</i>

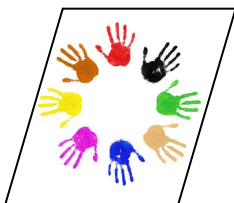


~ September 29 ~
World Day of Migrants & Refugees

It is not just about migrants.
It's about the whole person
and about all people.
Pope Francis

Prayer for Those in Harms Way Due to Natural Disasters

God of Hope and Mercy, we lift up to you all victims of natural disasters and first responders who offer comfort, assistance, and aid. Help all people of good to respond with compassionate, generous hearts. Protect all who are still in any form of danger; provide practical help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering; and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Give eternal life to all who have died. Amen.



At Baptism parents commit to the ongoing **Faith Formation** of their children, their spiritual growth of our Youth. **The presence and participation of parents is crucial and necessary to have a life-giving Youth Faith Formation K-H.S. program.**

If you are willing to assist in Faith Formation in any way, call S. Janis. (336)835-3007
Your assistance is greatly needed and appreciated. TY.

Tri-C Donations Store brands are best.

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Thank You very much for your generosity!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

15 Peggy Reikowsky

24 Millie Mounce

25 Theresa Martin



28 Britney Crispin

29 Minnie Espino



16 Claire & James St. Cyr, 26 Verity & Phil Pebler
30 Raquel & Pedro Barrientos



The Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 58

*We can put obstacles in the path of God's grace.
Be aware.*

☞ *I pray to live and act from God's inspiration*

☞ *I am aware of my compulsion and pause when they arise.*

☞ *How can I make a habit of checking my compulsions?*



Welcome, Deborah Griffith!

*We are blest you are part of our St. S family!
Deborah is Anne Atkins' mother.*

Retrouvaille (Homecoming)

is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriage.

It is for struggling couples who are not communicating well, or who are considering separation or divorce; for those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help.

For confidential info or register for the weekend of **Oct. 11.**



Seasons of the Spirit ~ Fri., Oct. 18, 10a-3p
Rev. Rebecca Husband-Maynard



Autumn is a season of surrender, accepting that all things pass. During our time together, we will explore the spiritual autumn...a spiritual letting go.

Register:

<https://vcconferences.org/programs#aut>