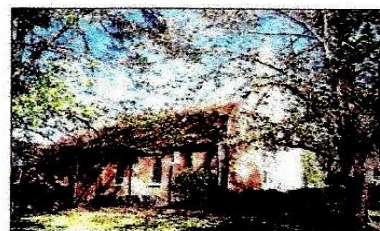




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Worship Times

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019

One of the trinities of Discipleship is found in today's gospel.
It's the *Trinity of Sacrifice** (*Sacrifice: an offering made to God).

"*Hating your family*" in the Middle East means you *prefer* other groups or persons to your family. By making this choice, you jeopardize your close-knit family and financial life lines. It is a costly choice. Today, we are called to be hospitable to the foreigner and the refugee.

"*Carrying your cross*" in Christ's culture, means taking a huge risk and cutting family ties. Family is crucial in this culture. Everything else comes second. The cross of being separated from loved ones is a heavy cross. It is a costly choice. Today, we are called to put family and parish family first, sacrificing our time, talent and treasure to enrich these relationships.

"*Giving up some or all of your possessions*" cuts deeply into one's need to have, accumulate, and to be surrounded by things that create comfort and security inside and out. This kind of sacrifice is a clear sign of a committed disciple and it is a costly choice. Today, we are called to share generously and willingly who we are and what we have with others.

These three examples of discipleship are known as Semitic idioms, simply translated: Jesus wants his disciples' unwavering commitment and to put him first. He wants us to know he carries our visible and invisible crosses *with us*.

He wants us to be free of all that hinders us from being faithful to and worthy of the life we are called to live.

In our culture, these costly, heroic choices will leave us open to ridicule and misunderstanding.

Discipleship demands passionate devotion.

Discipleship is best understood in the words of my friend Fr. Gene Walsh,

"Jesus promises you two things:

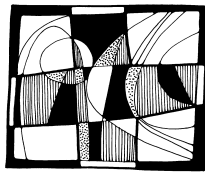
Your life has meaning and you're going to live forever.

If you get a better offer, take it."

LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH. MAKE THEM BETTER.

God's blessings.

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WHOEVER
DOES NOT
CARRY THE
CROSS AND
FOLLOW ME
CANNOT BE
MY DISCIPLE.

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☪ September Intentions

08	Fr. Ed Sheridan; St. Stephen Parishioners
15	+Peggy Bernard, aunt of Linda Ackerman
22	+Mona Schaufenbuel, r/b Jerry
29	+Gabriel Cruz, father of Roxana Hernandez

☪ Sunday Scriptures

Wis 9:13-18b.	Phm. 19, 22-24a
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14. 17.	Luke 14:25-33

☪ Reflecting & Acting on the Word _____

*Reflect on your faithjourney.
How sacrificial are your choices?*













22nd Sunday Ordinary Time ~ September 15

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

Prayer for Those in Dorian's Path

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 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.

S E P T E M B E R	
08	23rd Sun OT Family Faith Formation Gathering after Mass Registration: Families: Ange - Garcia
10	Communion Service, 12:15p
 11	Choir, 7p; RCIA, 7:15p 
12	Wise Ones El Ahorra 1019 N. Bridge St. Hosts: Becky & Kathy 
14	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
15	24th Sun OT CLOW 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
24	NO Communion Service
 25	Choir, 7p; NO RCIA 
29	26th Sun OT CLOW Make-up Registration Date: Family Faith Formation

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, 2019.**

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

Autumn is a season of surrender, accepting that all things pass. We see the beauty in that truth as we gather the fruits of summer with gratitude into our spiritual barns. During our time together, we will explore the spiritual autumn...a spiritual letting go.



Register:

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



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

08 Cheryl Daecher

13 Abril Hernandez

Erika Ramirez

15 Peggy Reikowsky

11 Cecelia & Richard Jones

16 Claire & James St. Cyr



24 Millie Mounce

25 Theresa Martin

28 Britney Crispin

29 Minnie Espino

26 Verity & Phil Pebler

30 Raquel & Pedro Barrientos



The Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 57



*Our good works have their roots
in Divine inspiration.*

I remember the Spirit's desire to help me.

I remember that God has a stake in m choices.

*How often do I de-clutter my life of material things
and share them with The Ark or Tri-C ministries?*



Welcome, Karen & Rod Hosking!

*We are blest you are part
of our St. S family!*

AUGUST Stewardship ~ Giving Out of Gratitude

Sunday	\$5852.00
Monthly Expenses (4 wks)	8080.00
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Administration	928.00
Poor Box	106.00
Endowment Fund	125.00
(In memory of Mona Schaufenbuel)	

*As faithful stewards of all that God
has entrusted to you, please make a pledge
over time, or a one-time donation to the DSA,
so we can make our commitment. TYVM.*



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 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.