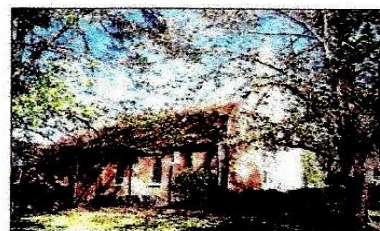




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***Worship Times***

***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-first Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***August 25, 2019***

Being narrow-minded is seen as a negative quality in one's character. We avoid tags like "lack vision", or lacking "a grasp of the big picture", "having blinders on", or showing bias. On the spectrum of character, all of us can have tinges, splats, or full color swatches of narrow-mindedness.

Since believing in God is no small thing, skepticism can close your mind to Divine Presence. Those who heard Jesus had a variety of reactions to his inclusive loving and Table Fellowship with outcasts. Relationships today challenge us to be like Jesus, in a world that is less and less neighborly. The tribalistic side-taking, so prevalent today, stands over and against Christ's gospel of active listening without judgment, to other's thoughts, feelings, and experiences.

A positive take on narrow-mindedness is laser focus on what is good, holy, and healing. It's the Narrow Gate Jesus mentions today. The Narrow Path, with its constricted incision, is not exactly Good News for the majority of us who live on Broad Street.

The Good News is: Jesus, through his life, death, and resurrection, *has redeemed us*. The process of salvation is a process. By committing your life to Christ every day and striving to live a conversional "yes", you are accepting the Path of Life through the Narrow Gate.

In the spiritual life, being narrow-minded is a grace that *fixes our eyes on Jesus*. The Narrow Gate widens with every conversional choice; it widens with every yes to gospel love, justice, and healing; to widens with every act of compassionate listening; it opens wide every time you open your heart in loving service.

The Narrow Gate is your Door into Kingdom of God and the Eternal Banquet. You already have your invitation. Stay faithful be *last* in line forever.

**LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH. MAKE THEM BETTER.**

*God's blessings.*

*spania*

### ☪ Sunday Scriptures

Is. 66:18-21	Heb. 12:1-4
Ps 40:2-4, 18	Luke 12:49-53

### ☪ Reflecting & Acting on the Word \_\_\_\_\_

*What daily choices are you making  
to allow you to be recognized  
at the Narrow Gate of the Reign of God?*

*What choices do you want to make?*



### ☪ August Intentions

25	+Fran Hefty r/b Barb
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### ☪ September Intentions

01	+John Paul DeJohn, brother of Bob
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



### 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time ~ September 1

Acolyte	Kimberly, Anahi
Proclaimer	Mary B, Patrick
Altar Linens	Luisa & Sarahi
EM	LINDA, GAYLE; Sam. A, Raquel
Greeter/ Usher	Ron, Tom

A U G U S T	
25	21st Sun OT
27	Communion Service, 12:15p SSJ Associates, 7p
28	Choir 7p
S E P T E M B E R	
01	22nd Sun OT
03	Communion Service, 12:15p
04	Choir, 7p
08	23rd Sun OT Family Faith Formation Gathering after Mass <b>Registration: Families: Ange - Garcia</b>
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 <b>Registration: Families: Golden - Wylie</b>
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
29	26th Sun OT CLOW <b>Make-up Registration Date:</b> 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. It is for those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help.



For confidential information or register for the weekend **Oct. 11, 2019** weekend.

**Call:** (800) 470-2230  
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## Birthdays & Anniversaries



25 Luisa Rodriguez  
26 Pat Kophamer  
30 Nancy Espino



31 Judy & Ron Berryman

04 Claire St. Cyr  
06 Carlos Trejo, Sr.  
08 Cheryl Daecher  
13 Abril Hernandez  
Erika Ramirez



15 Peggy Reikowsky  
24 Millie Mounce  
25 Theresa Martin  
28 Britney Crispin  
29 Minnie Espino

11 Cecelia & Richard Jones  
16 Claire & James St. Cyr



26 Verity & Phil Pebler  
30 Raquel & Pedro Barrientos

### The Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 55



*Serve others unselfishly  
with no thought of reward.*

- ☞ I turn my attention and energy to my neighbors' needs.
- ☞ I savor the freedom of loving without expecting return.
- ☞ How frequently do I practice acts of selflessness?

### Walking the Word

*If God is good and loves us, why does God close the gate at some point?...The reason is...our life is not a video game or a soap opera; our life is serious and the goal to achieve is important: eternal salvation.*

### Children's Safety at Church

I've been asked to address a safety issue. Last Sunday, one of our unaccompanied little ones ran behind a car as it exited its space. Fortunately, the driver stopped just in time and avoided hitting the child. This incident really shook the driver. Since our children oblivious of the dangers, please hold your child's hand going to and from your car. Use the walkway beside church to enter parking lot instead of walking through the parking lot.

If your child needs to use the restroom during Mass, accompany him/her to and from there. *Thank you for your cooperation!*



*"To whom much is given, much is expected." ~ Luke 12:47*

As faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to you, you are asked to make a pledge over time, or make a one-time donation to the DSA, which funds diocesan ministries to off-set our balance of \$3576.16