

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE HARVEST IS **ABUNDANT.**

— LUKE 10:2 —



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SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

July 7th - 7p – Knights of Columbus Meeting – Anyone interested in becoming a KOC, or existing members please attend the monthly meeting to discuss upcoming plans.

July 12th and 13th – Welcome Father Estrada and Father Modesto – After all the masses we will have small receptions for everyone to say hello to our new Pastors! Anyone who would like to donate baked goods or fruits can do so and drop off during the week or before Mass.

July 15th - 7p – Grief Support Meeting - Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.

July 19th - 11a-2p- Crafts and Fellowship – We invite all the crafty individuals to join us for our monthly meeting and craft time. We meet in the social hall and welcome everyone to attend.

July 19th & 20th - Red Wagon Weekend – At all the Masses the St. Vincent De Paul Red Wagon will be in the Narthax to accept donations to stock the pantry.

DATE	MASS TIME	MASS+ INTENTIONS
Tues. 7/8	12:00PM	†Souls of Harvey Parker and Erma Parker Berlinger ~Linda Blanchard
Weds. 7/9	12:00PM	Birthday Blessings for Carmen Cruz-Lanner & Lara Taylor ~Carmen Cruz-Lanner
Thurs. 7/10	12:00PM	†Souls of Lucien & Lourdine Dorgilles & Kettie Ferrin ~Watson Dorgilles
Sat. 7/12	5:00PM	†Souls of the Hoffman Family ~Edward & Betty Hoffman
Sun. 7/13	8:00AM	†Souls of the Pitzen Family and Friends ~Mark Pitzen
	10:00AM	Pro Populo ~For the People
	12:00PM	†Souls of the Ganaway Family ~Al & Berta Ganaway



7/7- Oraidaliz Borrero, Remedios Pascua

7/8- Emily Gonzalez, Misty Hollar

7/9- Carmen Cruz-Lanner, Isidore Okyne, Lara Taylor

7/10- Christina Cabica

7/11- Carly Caughey, Henry Davis, Melvin Hooper, Jaeda McMorris, Christine Williams



Ana Garcia, Leslie Shaw, Stacy Fletcher, Sandra Powell, Joice Elliott, Laurie Elliott, Doug Walker, Hettie Johnson, Dillion Bovinge, Summer Jones, Robert JoVan, Lounell Scott, David Weeks, Walter Helmick, Andre McCall, Kathy Keune, Nellie Orta, Baby William Henry Rittenberry, Angela Wheeler, Sara Wheeler, Merle Stroud, Renee Millner, Larry Harris, Dottie Cozier, Fred Hand, Iris Potett, Mary Huffman, Joan Rambach, Chambers Family, Jane Chatman, Gudrun Poertner, Cindy Gray, Ethin Nettle, Bonny Pecenek, Amy Smith.

(Names remain on the list for 30 days unless notified)

July 6, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14c | Gal 6:14-18 | Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Our calling as disciples of Christ is to evangelize. To be honest, it's something many of us aren't entirely comfortable with. Anyone who has ever felt ill-equipped to share the faith with family or friends should be reassured by today's Gospel. Jesus' early followers probably felt unprepared to share the news that the kingdom of God was at hand – and they received their marching orders from Jesus himself! When Jesus sent the seventy-two out to proclaim his coming, he knew they would feel insecure. He sent them without money, sandals, or even a sack for travel, and told them they would be lambs among wolves. How nervous they must have been given that ominous warning! Still, they believed they would have what they needed. Sure enough, their work was successful. They rejoiced because they could cast out demons in his name – something they never imagined was possible. They turned hearts to Christ because they trusted and obeyed him.

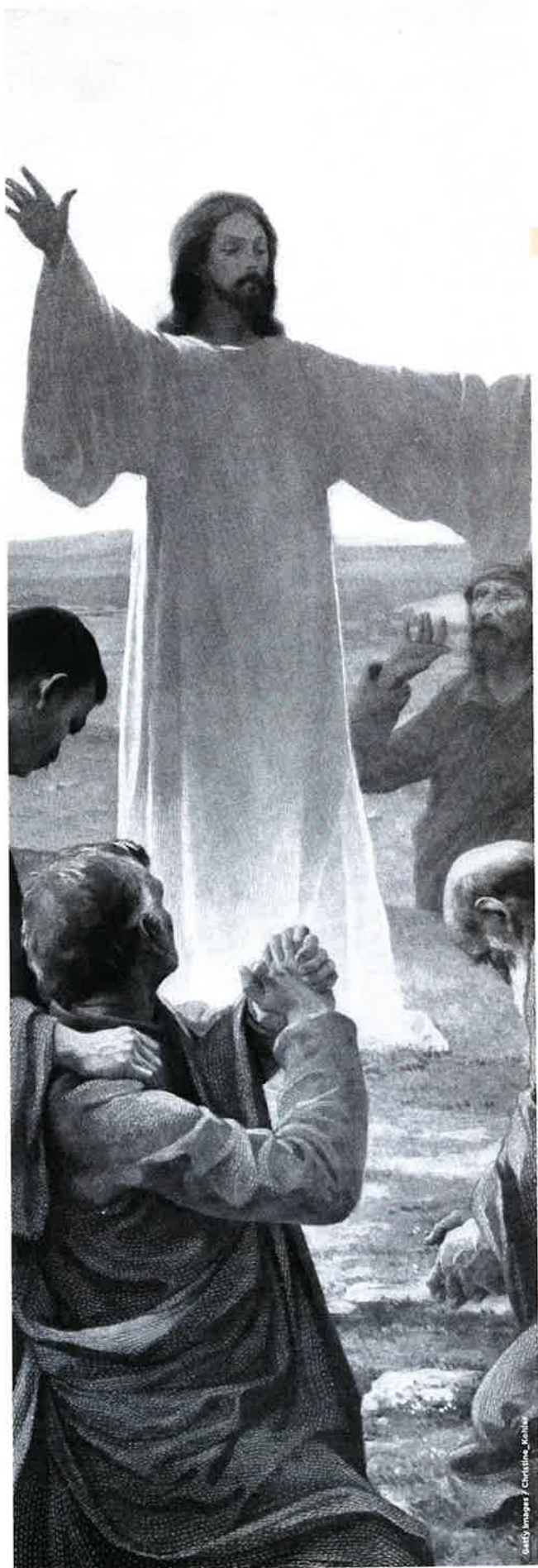
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When it comes to sharing our faith with the people God puts in our lives, we're asked to do the same as the seventy-two: Obey Jesus' command to go out and proclaim his kingdom and trust we will have what we need. It isn't necessary to rehearse our testimony. We don't need to memorize the Scriptures or cite chapter and verse. An advanced degree in theology isn't required. What is needed? Ears for listening and the patience to act. Listen closely for the person who says they're afraid or alone, confused or hurting. Listen with compassion to the person who feels abandoned by God. Listen with an open heart to the person who shares doubts or disappointments. Wait for an opening in the conversation to remind him or her that God loves them through every struggle. And share your faith through the power of prayer.

PRAY

This week, find that someone in your life who may be hurting for whatever reason. Tell them you will pray *for* them and offer to pray *with* them. Prayer and compassion are our marching orders, and we can follow them by trusting Jesus is right there with us when we need him.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading:

From now on, let no one make troubles for me;
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)

Gospel:

Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits
are subject to you,
but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

As he sends his disciples into the world
to proclaim his name, Jesus tells them to
be bold. He tells them to be flexible. To be
forgiving. To be faithful. As we enter this
week, let's remember these instructions. It's
good advice, in any century.

Observances for the week of July 6, 2025

- Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs
Friday: St. Benedict, Abbot
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday:

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/
Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday:

Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and
15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36,
37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: LAMBS AMONG WOLVES

"...behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way." (Lk 10:3-4)

WORD OF LIFE

To be lambs among wolves is one of the great challenges of Christianity. That was Jesus' command to His disciples, and so, after having observed Jesus, they practiced it. However, on another occasion, the Master invited us to be as shrewd as serpents and as simple as doves.

Both things can be combined through love. Sometimes, loving will make us "lambs," that is, it will make us not assume the dirty game that others use, even if that presupposes momentary damages. On other occasions, love will lead us to be cunning and courageous, in order to defend, always by legal and peaceful means, the rights of the poor, of the innocent, and of the Church. The cleverness that we Christians must employ is not at odds with innocence. Our intelligence is not an ally of evil. There are limits that a Christian must not cross, but until those limits are reached, there is a lot of ground that can be covered and many legitimate means that can be used.

Unfortunately, what happens to us is that laziness or fear seizes us, and we excuse ourselves by saying that the children of darkness are smarter than the children of light, as if by not being able to use illicit means we were condemned to be more stupid. That is not true. It is our incompetence that makes us foolish and not the rejection of illicit means. For us, the end does not justify the means, but if we used the means that we are allowed to use, we would go farther in the defense of justice and truth. For example, many Catholics vote for political parties that attack the Church or consume products from companies or watch television networks that are hostile to the faith. That's not being good or bad, it's being foolish.

Purpose: Reject everything that goes against God's law, but use the rest in the service of good and in evangelization.



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DOMINGO XIV DEL TO*: "CORDEROS EN MEDIO DE LOBOS"

"Mirad que os mando como corderos en medio de lobos. No llevéis talega, ni alforja, ni sandalias; y no os detengáis a saludar a nadie por el camino" (Lc 10, 3-4).

PALABRA DE VIDA

Ser corderos en medio de lobos. Ese es uno de los grandes retos del cristianismo. Así lo mandó Jesús a sus discípulos y así lo practicaron ellos tras habérselo visto hacer a Él. Sin embargo, en otra ocasión, el Maestro nos invitó a ser astutos como serpientes a la par que sencillos como palomas.

Ambas cosas se pueden compaginar mediante el amor. A veces, amar nos hará ser "corderos", es decir, nos hará no asumir el juego sucio que otros utilizan, aunque eso nos suponga perjuicios momentáneos. Pero en otras ocasiones, el amor nos llevará a ser astutos y valientes, con el fin de defender, siempre por medios legales y pacíficos, los derechos de los pobres, de los inocentes, de la Iglesia. La astucia que debemos emplear los cristianos no está reñida con la inocencia. Nuestra inteligencia no es aliada de la maldad. Hay límites que un cristiano no debe franquear, pero hasta llegar a esos límites hay mucho campo por jugar y muchos medios legítimos que utilizar.

Por desgracia, lo que nos sucede es que la pereza o el miedo nos atenazan y nos excusamos diciendo que los hijos de las tinieblas son más listos que los hijos de la luz, como si por el hecho de no poder usar medios malos estuviéramos condenados a ser más tontos. No es verdad, es nuestra incompetencia lo que nos hace tontos y no el rechazo a los medios ilícitos. El fin, para nosotros, no justifica los medios, pero si usáramos los medios que podemos usar llegaríamos más lejos en la defensa de la justicia y la verdad. Por ejemplo, muchos católicos votan partidos que atacan a la Iglesia, consumen productos de empresas o ven cadenas de televisión hostiles a la fe. Eso no es ser malos ni buenos, es ser tontos.

Propósito: Rechazar todos los medios que vayan contra la ley de Dios, pero utilizar los otros para ponerlos al servicio del bien y de la evangelización.



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July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Christ sent his disciples ahead of him to announce, with a message of peace, that the reign of God was at hand. We can feel a sense of their joy and wonder that their mission was a success as people flocked to listen and welcome the word of God. The church's task of sending out missionaries is an urgent one and goes on in every age. 'God wishes all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth! (1 Tim 2:4) Since Christ's own life and mission were confined to a small area of Palestine around Jerusalem, he was looking out on the world and thinking of people of all times and places when he spoke the words:

'The harvest is great but the laborers are few. He realized that the harvest of souls was countless, the opportunities for saving them plentiful, but that too few people would volunteer for the work of spreading his gospel message. The world would be far more ready to receive the gospel than his followers would be to announce it.

The invitation to take part in the work of the Lord, to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world is extended to our generation. Our mission is to bring the peace of Christ wherever we go and to all we meet. No special training or education is needed for the work, as the word of God is waiting to come to birth in a more total way in each of us. All that is required is an effort on our part to allow the goodness of God to shine in our lives. Since the Lord relies on us as his helpers, Christ will be judged on our showing of him. In an age when many are confused and disillusioned, and are searching for meaning in drugs and shallow relationships, we can open their hearts to faith and arouse in them a thirst for God by treating them with courtesy, charity and respect. In the midst of plenty, people are hungering to be wanted, loved and recognized. God alone can satisfy the desires of the human heart and overcome the darkness from within.

Everyday is a harvest day and in every place there are things we can do for Christ which will otherwise remain undone. We are all responsible for some small part of the Lord's work and it is up to us to reap the harvest. We cannot sit back and expect the peace of Christ to appear unexpectedly from heaven without our involvement. To give to others the peace of Christ is the vocation we all share as disciples and the task committed to us. We are called not merely to be good people but to spread the gospel.



6 de julio de 2025

Decimocuarto Domingo del Año

Cristo envió a sus discípulos delante de él para anunciar, con un mensaje de paz, que el reino de Dios se acercaba. Podemos sentir su gozo y asombrarnos de que su misión haya sido un éxito a medida que la gente acudió en masa para escuchar y dar la bienvenida a la palabra de Dios. La tarea de la Iglesia de enviar misioneros es urgente y continúa en todas las épocas. ¡Dios quiere que todos los hombres se salven y lleguen al conocimiento de la verdad! (1 Timoteo 2:4.) Puesto que la vida y la misión de Cristo se limitaban a una pequeña área de Palestina alrededor de Jerusalén, él estaba mirando al mundo y pensando en la gente de todos los tiempos y lugares cuando pronunció las palabras: 'La mies es mucha, pero los obreros son pocos. Se dio cuenta de que la cosecha de almas era incontable y que las oportunidades para salvarlas eran abundantes, pero que muy pocas personas se ofrecerían como voluntarias para la obra de difundir su mensaje evangélico. El mundo estaría mucho más preparado para recibir el evangelio que sus seguidores para anunciarlo.

La invitación a participar en la obra del Señor, a ser la sal de la tierra y la luz del mundo se extiende a nuestra generación. Nuestra misión es llevar la paz de Cristo a donde quiera que vayamos y a todos los que encontremos. No se necesita ningún entrenamiento o educación especial para el trabajo, ya que la palabra de Dios está esperando nacer de una manera más total en cada uno de nosotros. Todo lo que se requiere es un esfuerzo de nuestra parte para permitir que la bondad de Dios brille en nuestras vidas.

Puesto que el Señor confía en nosotros como sus ayudantes, Cristo será juzgado por nuestra demostración de él. En una época en la que muchos están confundidos y desilusionados, y buscan un sentido a las drogas y a las relaciones superficiales, podemos abrir sus corazones a la fe y despertar en ellos la sed de Dios tratándolos con cortesía, caridad y respeto. En medio de la abundancia, la gente está hambrienta de ser querida, amada y reconocida. Solo Dios puede satisfacer los deseos del corazón humano y vencer las tinieblas desde adentro.

Todos los días son días de cosecha y en cada lugar hay cosas que podemos hacer por Cristo que de otra manera quedarían sin hacer. Todos somos responsables de una pequeña parte de la obra del Señor y depende de nosotros recoger la cosecha. No podemos sentarnos y esperar que la paz de Cristo aparezca inesperadamente desde el cielo sin nuestra participación. Dar a los demás la paz de Cristo es la vocación que todos compartimos como discípulos y la tarea que se nos ha encomendado. Estamos llamados no solo a ser buenas personas, sino a difundir el evangelio.



*Welcome Our
New Priests*

***Welcome Father Estrada
and Father Modesto!***

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Thursdays 6-8:30pm
Saint Stephen Social Hall



Jueves de 6 -8:30 pm
Salón Social San Esteban

Light Fixture Upgrade



As previously announced we have found a company to upgrade the Church lights to LED, the cost savings in electricity will reduce our energy costs by 87% over time. While the Building fund had enough saved to cover the \$20,000, we want to replenish the account! One way we are hoping to do that is by having a "Sponsor a Light" fundraiser. \$500 Sponsorship will help us reach our goal quickly and give you the opportunity to Memorialize or Honor a loved one. Donations can be placed in the offertory with the slip below in a Building Fund envelope or made online at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ststephenhinesville>

Thank you to those who have made donations! We've raised \$12,985!

Donor Name: _____ Phone : _____

In Honor/In Memory of: _____

PARISH SUPPORT



DONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – June 15

Min. of \$10,000 needed weekly to operate

Offertory	\$6,014
Building Fund	\$630
Online Giving	\$1,134
Total	\$7,778
Light Fixtures	Raised:
\$20,000 Goal	\$12,985

3 great ways to support our Parish

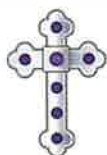
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The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal will kick off after August 1 and more information will be shared later this year. See Bishop Parkes' latest video on the diocesan or parish Facebook page more information.



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Video links:

English: <https://youtu.be/OtWljZwg8HQ>

Spanish: <https://youtu.be/-9D78ewalE4>



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Active Parishioner Status

Each year we receive many requests from parishioners to qualify for weddings, be godparents or sponsors for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Communion and Baptism. When a request is made, we must be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of St. Stephen's Parish.

An active member is one who 1) Is properly registered with the Parish office and gives regular to the offertory through envelopes or online giving. 2) Faithfully attends Mass on Sunday's and Holy days of Obligation.

Even though you attend Mass, if you are not registered with the Parish, we have no information about you and you are not eligible to be Sponsors, God-parents, etc. While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making that determination. Please be sure to register with the office and keep your information up to date! You can easily send an email to ssfmcc399@gmail.com to make changes.

Parish Membership: Whether you are a longtime resident or have recently arrived in our parish -Welcome! Please use the form below to register or update your information. You may place this form in the collection basket. (We may call you for additional information.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parish Staff

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July Hours TBD

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Mass Times

Weekday Masses- Tuesday 12pm, Wednesday 12pm, Thursday 12:00pm.

(Exposition and Holy Hour start one hour before Weekday Mass times along with a Rosary)

Saturday- Vigil 5:00 pm

Confession- Saturday 4:15-4:45pm & By Appointment.

Sunday- 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish), 2:00pm Spanish in Jesup.

Bible Study

Every Tuesday from 10-11:30am all are welcome to come to the social hall for Bible Study discerning on the liturgy for the upcoming week.

RCIA Classes

For Catholics and non-Catholics who wish to gain knowledge and information about the Catholic faith. The classes are also for those Catholic adults and high schoolers that have not completed their sacraments. The classes begin in September and will be completed by Easter. For additional information please call the office.

Religious Education

Saint Stephen the First Martyr Catholic Church provides opportunities for each person to receive the Sacraments and grow in greater communion with our Lord. Classes are available starting with 1st graders and meet Sundays Sept. through May, must attend all sessions to receive sacraments.

Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance of the proposed date. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required. Couples contemplating marriage MUST meet with the priest before setting a date.

Baptism

For a child to be baptized, you must be attending Mass regularly, attend a Baptism class and fill out a registration form. Classes are held the last Saturday of every month at 6pm and must be completed prior to scheduling baptism date. One Godparent must be an active Catholic. A copy of the Child's Birth Certificate is needed at time of registration and the child should have a Christian name in their name, if not on the Birth Certificate it will be added to the Baptismal Certificate and should be listed on the registration form. Please contact the Office for scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick

Fr. Estrada is offering Anointing of the Sick Tuesday's during the 12p Mass. If needed at another time please contact the office or Father Estrada directly.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry provides prayer support to our parishioners and to the community. There is a Prayer Intention book at the back of the church for you to write your prayer request or you can make a prayer request, simply email: ssfmccprayerministry@gmail.com

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