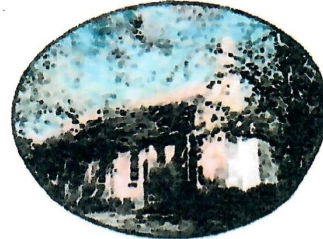




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St. John
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Ann Stone ***RCIA***
Joel Everett ***Music***

St. Stephen
S. Janis McQuade, S.S.J. ***Faith Formation***
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Theresa Martin ***Music***

Mass Schedule

St. John
Saturday 4:00p
Sunday 11:15a English
1:00p en español
Wednesday 11:00a

St. Stephen
Sunday 9:00a
Communion Service
Tuesday, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45p ***By appointment***

Welcome, New Parishioners!

*We are a Stewardship community, who share our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.
We invite you to register with us by going to our website and completing the form on the Home page.*

Sacrament Preparation
Call S. Janis, (336) 835-4542

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
A way of exploring and seeking Christ through the Catholic faith.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick
If you, or someone you know is desirous of God's healing, contact S. Janis

April 26, 2026

A Prayer for the Easter Season: April 2 ~ May 24, 2026

*As we celebrate the Divine Truth of Resurrection,
let us pray for the courage of our Risen Savior and
the First Followers to live our faith with conviction...*

Prayer for Conscience and Courage

*Loving God,
lead us beyond ourselves
to care and protect,
to nourish and shape,
to challenge and energize
both the life and the world
You have given us.
God of light and God of darkness,
God of conscience and God of courage
lead us through this time
of spiritual confusion
and public uncertainty.
Lead us beyond fear,
apathy and defensiveness to new hope
in You and to hearts full of faith.
Give us the conscience it takes
to comprehend what we're facing,
to see what we're looking at
and to say what we see
so that others, hearing us,
may also brave the pressure that comes
with being out of public step.
Give us the courage we need
to confront those things
that compromise our consciences
or threaten our integrity.
Give us, most of all,
the courage to follow those before us
who challenged wrong and changed it,
whatever the cost to themselves.
In Jesus' Name, we pray.*



***The Newest Members
of Our Community***

*Belva Mary Billings
Gregory Joseph Billings
Israel James Moses Lynch
Brittany Kursten Teresa Reece
Francis Ritz*

We are blessed in your presence among us!



FISH FRY FUNDRAISER...Matt Brown,
who initiated the parish event; cooked the fish,
hush puppies, & fries; and prepared
the cocktail & tartar sauce;
Andrea Faw & Stephen Faust,
who stepped up to help Matt;
donated all the food, take-out boxes, beverages
& utensils; **Ofelia Nava & Margarite Lara,**
donated and cooked the rice;
and our support crew: **Margarita Serafin Lara,
Israel Lynch, & Brittany Reece...**
...the parishioners who supported this fundraiser
via take-out or in-person dining!
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...Kathy Jenkins, our newest cantor;
Braulio Mata & Melia Orta,
our Youth Proclaimers...
...our generous parish women
who faithfully clean the church and
care for the **Altar linens** and *do so much*
behind the scenes to promote life at St. S...

Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>		
JAN Canned tomatoes Spaghetti sauce	MAR Laundry detergent	MAY Toilet paper
FEB Corn meal	APR Canned fruit	JUN Tooth paste

PRAY the ROSARY DAILY
 ...for peace and leaders of nations;
 ... for the end to all bombings,
 a peaceful and just end
 to these wars, and all wars...
 & the violence in Mexico...

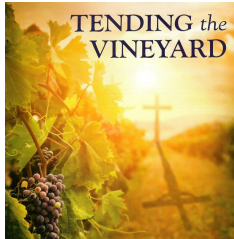


**PRAY FOR AN END
 TO VIOLENCE,
 ESPECIALLY GUN VIOLENCE**



**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING
 YOUR INK HERE.
 IT'S GOOD for the EARTH
 and IT'S HELPS THE CHURCH.**

WAYS to GIVE



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Apr. 16	Jul.16	Oct. 15
May 21	Aug. 20	Nov. 19
Jun. 18	Sept. 17	Dec. 17

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús se describe a sí mismo de dos maneras: el Pastor y la Puerta. Él es a quien seguimos, la Puerta que nos abre el paso a la vida eterna. Seguir a Jesús requiere un trío de virtudes: humildad, obediencia y confianza. No es tarea fácil vivir estas virtudes, las cuales se alcanzan frente a nuestro propio ego.

Confiar en Jesús significa mantenernos firmes en nuestra dependencia de Él y de su santa presencia. Este es un acto de fe, obediencia y humildad. La humildad no consiste en menospreciarse a uno mismo; por el contrario, consiste en reconocer que somos hijos de Dios e hijos de la gracia: nada más y nada menos. La humildad es aceptarse y amarse a uno mismo tal como lo hace Jesús; es creer que aquello que somos por naturaleza puede llegar a ser mucho más gracias a la gracia de Dios.

Las ovejas son, por naturaleza, animales humildes y mansos. Su confianza en su pastor es inquebrantable. La invitación del Evangelio de hoy es a orar pidiendo humildad, fe y confianza en nuestro Buen Pastor, quien nos guía de regreso a casa a través de la Puerta de la vida eterna.

¿Quién ha sido un pastor
que ha dado vida en tu vida?

Nombra a las personas
que has guiado hacia Cristo.

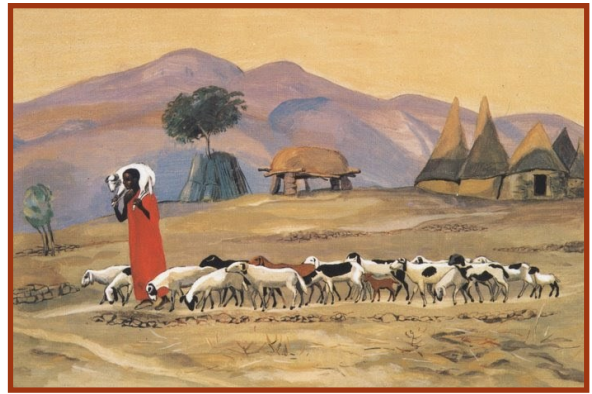
¿A quién considerarías un buen pastor en tu familia, en tu círculo de amigos o en el mundo?

¿Qué cualidades de carácter demuestran estos pastores en su vida cotidiana?

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

spanis



***R. El Señor es mi pastor,
nada me faltará.***

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta;
en verdes praderas me hace reposar
y hacia fuentes tranquilas me conduce
para reparar mis fuerzas.

***R. El Señor es mi pastor,
nada me faltará.***

Por ser un Dios fiel a sus promesas,
me guía por el sendero recto;
así, aunque camine por cañadas oscuras,
nada temo, porque tú estás conmigo,
tu vara y tu cayado me da seguridad.

***R. El Señor es mi pastor,
nada me faltará.***

Tú mismo me preparas la mesa,
a despecho de mis adversarios;
me unges la cabeza con perfume
y llenas mi copa hasta los bordes.

***R. El Señor es mi pastor,
nada me faltará.***

Tu bondad y tu misericordia me acompañarán
todos los días de mi vida;
y viviré en la casa del Señor
por años sin termino.

***R. El Señor es mi pastor,
nada me faltará. Aleluya***

Morning, Church!

In today's gospel, Jesus describes himself in two ways: The Shepherd and The Gate. He is the one we follow, The Gate that opens us to eternal life. To follow Jesus require a trio of virtues: humility, obedience, and trust. It's no sheepish task to live these virtues which stand over and against our ego and culture.

To trust in Jesus is to hold fast to our reliance on him and his holy presence. This is an act of faith, obedience, and humility. Humility is not belittling yourself. On the contrary, it's claiming that you *are* a Child of God and a Child of Grace, nothing more, nothing less. Humility is accepting and loving yourself as Jesus does. It is believing that who you are in nature can become more in God's grace.

Sheep are naturally humble, meek animals. Their trust in their shepherd is unquestioned. The invitation of today's gospel is to pray for humility, faith, and trust in our Good Shepherd, who leads us home through The Gate of eternal life.

Who has been a life-giving shepherd
in your life?

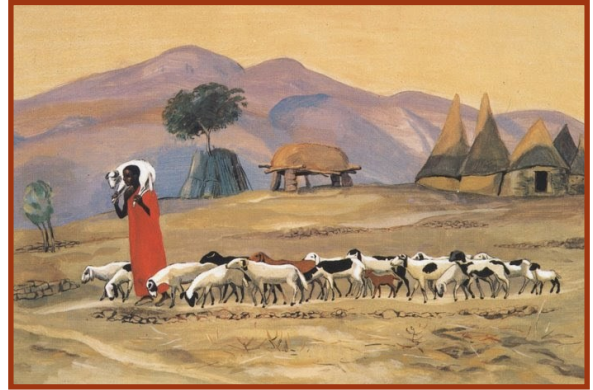
Name the people you've shepherded to Christ.

Who would you consider a good shepherd
in your family, circle of friends, and the world?
What qualities of character do these shepherds
demonstrate in their daily lives?

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the One, we are one...in CommUNITY,

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The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I lack.

In green pastures he makes me lie down;
to still waters you leads me;
you restores my soul.

You guide me along right paths
for the sake of his name.
















Even though I walk
through the valley
of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
with your rod and your staff
you comfort me.

You set a table before me
in front of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Indeed, goodness and mercy
will pursue me
all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house
of the Lord for endless days.

A P R I L	
29	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i> No Family Faith Formation
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION <i>Holy Week Service & Luncheon</i> Elkin Presbyterian Ch, Mon ~ Fri, 12N ~ 1:00p	
31	NO Communion Service
01	OCIA Rehearsal 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
02	<i>Holy Thursday</i> , 7p
03	<i>Women of Jerusalem</i> , 5:30p <i>Good Friday: Passion of the Lord</i> , 7p
04	OCIA Preparation Rites, 10a <i>Easter Vigil</i> , 8p
05	<i>Easter Sunday</i> , Mass ~ 9a
08	Choir, 7p 
 12	<i>2nd Sun Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
14	Communion Service, 12:15p Eucharistic Minister Renewal Session, 1p
 15	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 
16	Wise Ones Mexico Viejo Grill, 1p Host: Kathy J 
18	Men's Group @ Cracker Barrel, 8:30a Eucharistic Minister Renewal Session, 1p
 19	<i>3rd Sun Easter</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
20	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p 
21	Ministerial Association, 12N HCH Communion Service, 12:15p
 22	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 
24	THANK YOU!! <i>Fish Fry Fundraiser</i> <i>FLC ~ 5:15-7:45p</i> 
 26	<i>4th Sun Easter</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
 28	Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA 2, 6:30p
 29	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 

🌿 Mass Intentions	
02	+Patrick Tyrrell r/b S. Janis
04	Belva & Greg Billings, Israel Lynch, Brittany Reece, Francis Ritz, and Josh Talbott and their sponsors
05	St. Stephen Parishioners
12	+Charles Dursee r/b Becky +Georgette & William Dyer r/b Sean Dyer +Gloria Garcia r/b Elia & Luis Martinez
19	+Joe Mandes +Judy Tymko
26	World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 04 Freddy Carmona, Jr. | 12 Jose Ledesma |
| 05 Marcelino Trinidad | 15 Andy Crawford |
| 06 Natalia Trinidad | 17 Patty Taddio |
| 08 Melisa Bustos | 23 Sally Allred |
| Alberto Nava | Kimberly Lopez |
| 08 Osvaldo Bustos | 26 Michael Hadfield |
| 10 Richard Jones | 27 Dianne Crawford |
| 11 Osvaldo Martinez | Luis Rodriguez |
| Keith Stringer | 28 Israel Lynch |
| | 30 Vanessa Lopez |
| 04 Eileen & Leo Ouellette | 21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez |
| 05 Beth Altemueller & Newell Hauser | 15 Judy & Frank Simon |
| | 29 Julie & Patrick Colglazier |



Sister Margaret Ann Mc Fadden, S.S.J.

Given by God July 14, 1938
Given to God April 21, 2026
in her 70th year in community



Sister Alma Rose Schlosser, S.S.J.

Given by God October 8, 1942
Given to God April 23, 2026
in her 65th year in community



If you're a Senior graduating
from H.S., college or grad school

please call S. Janis

Thank you!

The Good Shepherd

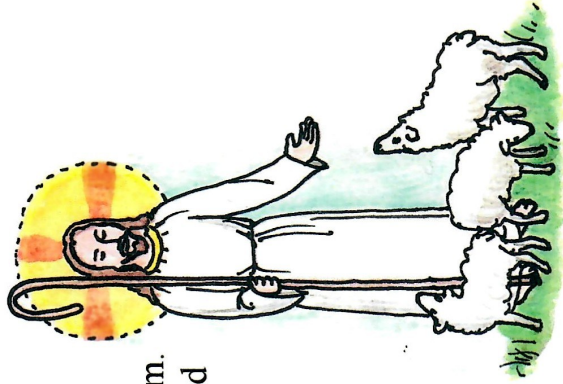


The readings in today's Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd. In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the people who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.

Answer to puzzle on front page:
I am the gate.
know his voice.



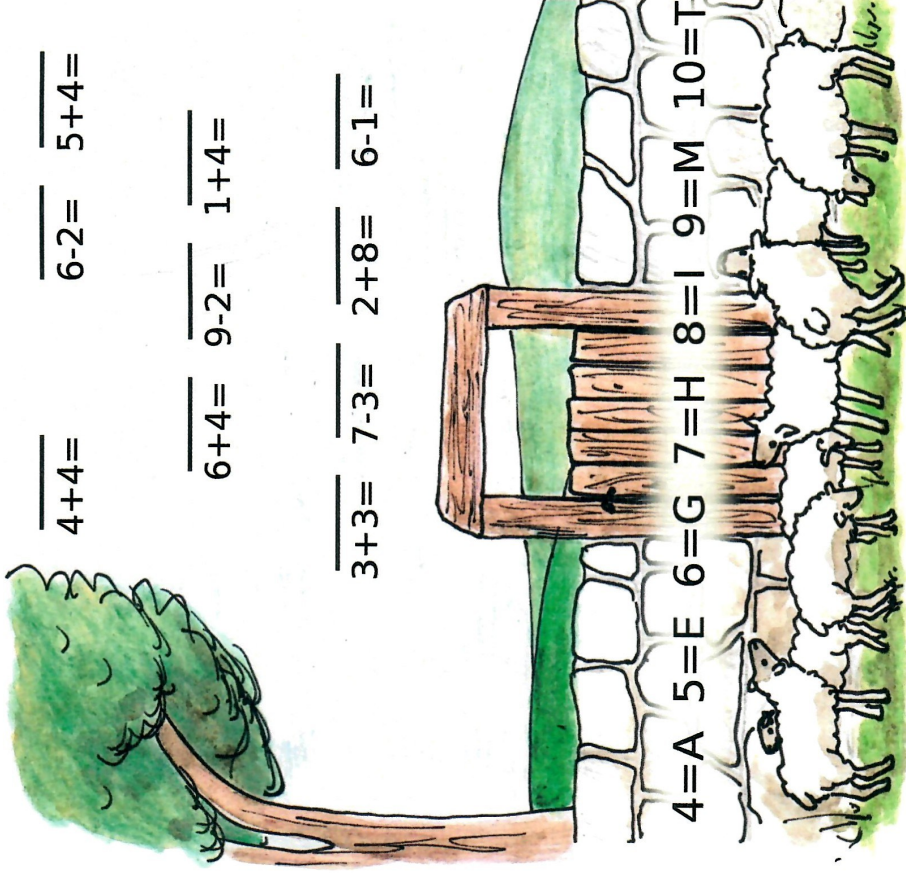
The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26th, 2026

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4=A 5=E 6=G 7=H 8=I 9=M 10=T

What did Jesus say about the sheepfold?
Figure out the math questions
and then fill in the blanks
with the letters the numbers represent.

Saint Catherine of Siena

April 29



CATHERINE WAS THE SECOND YOUNGEST OF A VERY LARGE FAMILY IN SIENA, ITALY. AT A VERY YOUNG AGE SHE HAD CONSECATED HER LIFE TO GOD.



WHEN SHE WAS 16 SHE BECAME A DOMINICAN TERTIARY, WHICH IS LIKE A KIND OF NUN WHO DOESN'T LIVE IN A CONVENT.

May I have this room to myself?



SHE RECEIVED MANY VISIONS OF JESUS AND THE SAINTS.

I want you to be my bride.



God is not pleased with this constant war.

CATHERINE BEGAN TO ADVISE PEOPLE SO THAT THERE WOULD BE PEACE IN ITALY.



SHE EVEN ADVISED THE CHURCH LEADERS.

They should be busy with God's work, not man's.



THE POPE AT THAT TIME WAS NOT LIVING IN ROME, SO CATHERINE CONVINCED HIM TO MOVE BACK.

Your Holiness, is As the pope of the bishop of Rome, I entreat you to return you to that city



Here! You shouldn't be sleeping in the cold!

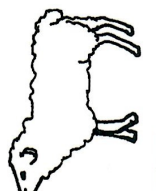
THE POPE CALLED HER TO HELP HIM IN ROME, SO SHE WENT. THERE SHE ALSO CARED FOR THE SICK AND THE POOR. SHE DIED THERE AT AGE 33.

CATHERINE ALSO HAD GREAT PHYSICAL SUFFERING. OFTEN SHE LIVED ON ALMOST NO FOOD OTHER THAN HOLY COMMUNION. SHE RECEIVED THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST AND ASKED GOD TO LET HER CARRY THE SINS OF THE WORLD. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER AND DEFEND HIM.

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Fill-in-the-Blanks

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.

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| GATEKEEPER | HIS | THIEF |
| REALIZE | WILL | DRIVEN |
| SPEECH | YOU | CLIMBS |
| ENTERS | AMEN | VOICE |
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Jesus said: "Amen, ¹² I say to ⁹ _____, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but ¹¹ _____ over elsewhere is a ⁵ _____ and a robber. But whoever ² _____ through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The ¹ _____ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls ¹⁰ _____ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has ⁸ _____ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his ³ _____. But they will not follow a stranger; they ⁴ _____ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers."

Although Jesus used this figure of ⁷ _____, the Pharisees did not ⁶ _____ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12