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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p Holy Days 7:00p Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment

RCIA

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

4thSunday of Easter April 30, 2023





St. Stephen là gia đình của bạn! Chúng tôi rất may mắn bạn đang ở đây! Cha Long sẽ ở St. Stephen Ngày 7 tháng 5 năm 2023 để cử hành thánh lễ với bạn bằng tiếng Việt. Lên kế hoạch tham dự và mời gia đình gia đình và bạn bè của bạn đến tham dự! Nếu bạn có câu hỏi nào, nói chuyện với Hạnh.

From SSJ Chapter Statement: "...to treasure and care for the Earth."



Saint Joseph Villa is our home. Some poets through our halls must roam. Some poems bring smiles, others bring tears. Some are shared with our peers. All poems reflect some part of our lives which include both lows and highs. What each poet desires is that those who read it will enjoy what has been read.....

National Poetry Month

maybe see yourself in what has been said. So poets here and there....

thank you for the gift you share!

Joan Huggard SSJ



IT'S A GREAT TIME!! "SPRING CLEAN"!! SET ASIDE ITEMS YOU WISH TO DONATE to our YARD SALE THIS SUMMER on JULY 29, 2023 FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Donations do not include clothing, and other items to be listed in upcoming bulletins. S. Joan is a retired friend in residence at our St. Joseph Villa. Recently she's taken up writing poetry as a hobby she shares with us.



Arroz con pollo Youth Group / Confirmation & TRI-C CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Tri-C Almsgiving				
Thank you so much !!				
APR	Instant potatoes			
MAY	Dry pasta			
JUN	Jelly			









Morning Church!



Like me, you probably never spend any time thinking of sheep. There are noted phrases, like The Lost Sheep, The Black Sheep of the Family, or The Sheepish One. Sheep seem to be identified the way none of us would like to be. You may never consider a Sheep as a desirable title. Jesus would surely disagree.

Sheep can teach you a great deal about the spiritual life. They have a strong sense of living community. Their flock is always together for protection, comfort and nurture.

When you hear the word "sheep" do you envision a whole flock grazing in a field, not a single sheep standing alone? Sheep stand, graze, and move together as one. They favor interdependence over independence, connection over separation. Baptism makes you part of the Blessed Flock, the Body of Christ. All of us are tethered together in faith in the Christian Community.

Sheep are keen listeners. They have to be in order to distinguish the dangerous sounds from the safe ones, the voice of their shepherd from the imposter, the robber or the thief. In our raucous world you are bombarded by a cacophony of auditory and visual stimuli. Most days it is difficult to discern what continues to contribute to your spiritual indifference and deafness, from what will foster your growth in faith.

Listening requires the ability to distinguish and respond to what is authentic and life-giving for your faithjourney. A good start on learning to listen is committing to daily prayer. Prayer is the soul's teacher, the soul's mentor, the soul's ear. Prayer graces you to hear to The Divine Shepherd's voice. Listening to the Shepherd is not enough. Listening and following his voice is crucial. Not listening and following the Shepherd puts you at risk of being devoured by the feral wolves of consumerism, self-absorption, and entitlement.

It is impossible to find The Sheepgate of everlasting life on your own. It's a journey that will require you to follow the voice of the Good Shepherd and to stay committed to your Christian Community at St. Stephen. Rugged individualism puts you at a great disadvantage. It's a risk that leads to ruin.

Jesus alone is the Sheepgate and the Good Shepherd. Jesus alone is The Way home. Jesus alone is the Voice that leads you to live your faith generously, authentically, and peacefully. Jesus alone is the Sheepgate. This Gate is The Way to green pastures and the restful waters of a Baptism well-lived.

God's blessings

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Reflecting and Acting on The Word
In your life, which sheepgate leads to Jesus?
Readings https://bible.usccb.org/

	MAY					
01	Feast of St. Joseph the Worker					
02	Communion Service, 12:15p					
06	Baptism prep for parents, St. J, 9a					
07	5th Sun Easter Happy Mother's Day					
80 🙀	Ladies Guild, 5p					
09	Communion Service, 12:15p					
14	6th Sun Easter; FFF after Mass					
15	Give blood Elkin Rescue Squad 1:30-6p 🛛 👩					
16	Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association, 12N					
17	RCIA, 6:45p					
18	Wise Ones TBA Wedding: Army Captain Michael Dimeo & Sophia Fioretino					
20	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 🛛 🛓					
21	Feast: Ascension					
23	Communion Service, 12:15p					
28	Feast: Pentecost					
30	Communion Service, 12:15p					





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30	+Kathy & Ray Hyer +Judy Tymko				
07	Deceased members of Langlois & Watson families +Bob Gochnauer				
14	All Mothers living and deceased				
21	+Tom Lux				
28	St. Stephen Parishioners' Intentions				

Parish Celebrations

- 01 Emilio Lopez Phillip Parish 02 Cecilia Martinez 04 Samantha Ange Guillermo Lara
- 04 Christian Ouellette 08 Matt Norman 11 Antonio Crispin Maddox LaCashio 15 Ron Berryman Luis Angel Lopez



S. Susan Hurlbrink, S.S.J. born to eternal life April 22, 2023 in the 68th year of her religious life

Pope Francis Walking the Word

Jesus is not only the gate, he is also the way, the path to follow on our journey...there are many paths that we can follow, some perhaps more advantageous than others in getting ahead, but they are misleading, they are not real: they are false. The only path is Jesus.

Jesus said : 'I am the gate', 'I am the path' who gives life to us. Simple.

It is a beautiful gate, a gate of love...a gate that does not deceive... It always leads us to the truth...with tenderness and love. Sometimes we are tempted too much to be our own bosses and not humble children and servants of the Lord.

This is the temptation to look for other gates or other windows to enter the Kingdom of God. We can only enter by the gate whose name is Jesus. We can only enter by that gate which leads to a path that is called Jesus and brings to a life whose name is Jesus. All those who do something else - who try to enter

through the window, are 'thieves and robbers'.

The Kids' Bulletin Fourth Sunday of Easter May 3rd, 2020	144= 6-2= 5+4= 6+4= 6-2= 1+4= 6+4= 9-2= 1+4=	3+3= 7-3= 2+8= 6-1=	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.
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 men 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!	Jesus, I trust you to lead me. You are my Shepherd and my protector. Keep me close to you. Help me serve my Neighbors.	Help me to follow you. Amen. + Amen. Auswer to ballow you. Amen. + Amen. Auswer to Eill-iu-the-planks: T and the state on the state of

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom. out 8 9 10 11 12 and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd - own sheep by name and leads — opens it for him, ZZZ . whoever does not enter a sheepfold But they will all his own, he walks ahead of them, and what he was trying to over through the and a robber. Fíll-ín-the-Blanks I say to the Pharisees did not gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The away from him, because they do not Although Jesus used this figure of CLIMBS the sheep follow him, because they DRIVEN recognize the voice of strangers." VOICE THIEF not follow a stranger; they _____ Th recognize his _____. them out. When he has _ 2 0 5 through the gate but AMEN lesus saíd: "Amen, _ WILL YOU HIS 3 4 3 But whoever elsewhere is a 16 3 14 GATEKEEPER tell them. 10 The sheep REALIZE calls SPEECH ENTERS ST. HONORIUS OF ARLES, A RELATIVE, WAS ARCHBISHOP. WORKING TO WAS MUCH YOUNGER, HILARY WAS PUT IN HILARY WAS YOUNGER THAN THE BISHOPS HE WAS IN CHARGE OF HE GOT HILARY TO JOIN THE MONASTERY AT LERINS. PEOPLE. HE DIED WHEN THE POPE'S YEARS OLD. You should come to SAINT HILARY OF ARLES IS AN EXAMPLE TO US THAT GOD SOME-DECISIONS TIMES WANTS YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE IMPORTANT JOBS. SAINT ST. HILARY ACCEPTED AND KEPT HELP HIS WHEN HE MADE MISTAKES HE ACCEPTED THE CONSEQUENCES. EVEN THOUGH HE CHARGE OF MANY ONLY 48 want HE WAS BUT HE WAS HUMBLE ENOUGH TO RULE THEM WELL. ALSO, the monastery. Saint Hilary of Arles BISHOPS. a ransom for him. taken captive brother has been will find Jour excellency, my What is ther but Gol? to live for HE WAS AN EXCEL LENT PREACHER May 5 AND TEACHER. (ED HE MADE SOME MISTAKES IN have done that. BISHOPS, SO POPE ST. LEO TOOK AWAY SOME OF HIS lou should not HIS DIRECTION OF THE PEOPLE CHOSE HILARY Don't let him leave town TO TAKE HIS PLACE. WHEN THE ARCH-**BISHOP DIED THE RECEIVED A** EDUCATION ARLES WAS Make Hilary NORTHERN **BORN TO A** FRANCE IN HILARY OF FAMILY IN WEALTHY 401. HE archbishop POWER. GOOD

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