

Dear Friends,

On this 4th Sunday of Easter, traditionally known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” in the Catholic Church, the Scripture readings provide us with a powerful meditation on Jesus as a Good Shepherd. At the same time, there is an emphasis on “vocation” and a call to pray for all who are aspiring to service and for all who are serving in the Church.

The good shepherd cares for the sheep, has great courage to defend the sheep in times of trouble. He is tender to the sheep and tough on the wolves. While the good shepherd cares for the sheep beyond duty and job-description, the hired man, on the other hand, is interested only in what he stands to gain. For the hired man, taking care of the sheep is just another job and not a vocation.

As a matter of fact, every Christian is called to develop as their vocation the attitude of the good shepherd. Shepherding is not just the responsibility of the bishops or priest, but that of every parent, teacher, leader and follower. We are invited to see this responsibility not as a burden that is grudgingly carried out, but rather as a loving response to God. Always bear in mind that when we serve with genuine love, no sacrifice is too big.

On this “Good Shepherd Sunday”, the Church asks us to pray for the servant leaders we need, especially for vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrate life. May I suggest that we go a step further? Let each of us personally invite some person we know to consider a vocation of servant leadership in the Church. At the same time let us offer prayers of gratitude for the persons who have answered the call and are serving us here in different ministries.

This weekend is very special for our children who will be nourished at the table of the Lord, as they make their First Holy Communion. We are so proud of them and thank God for their parents, relations, friends, teachers, and parishioners who have watched and help these children grow in their friendship with God. I know you are praying for them and will continue to pray for them, that the beginning of this spiritual encounter with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist will fill them with the love, joy and peace of God.

I would like to invite all the parishioners and friends of St. Stephen to the 6th Annual Fr. Charles Davis Golf Tournament, taking place on Friday May 12th at Mill Creek Golf Club. Come support us as the proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit our youth, to build for them a recreational playground facilities.

Have a blessed weekend.

Fr. Jude Uche, MSP

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

En este domingo, nuestro Señor Resucitado es reconocido como el Buen Pastor que nos protege y nos cuida. Al ser quienes reciben el cuidado de Dios, necesitamos darnos cuenta de las palabras de Pedro a la gente de Jerusalén, las cuales están dirigidas a nosotros también – nosotros también debemos reformar y adoptar una nueva manera de vivir si deseamos ser parte del redil de Cristo. Esa nueva manera de vivir es llevar el cuidado y la misericordia de Dios a los pobres, los vulnerables, los olvidados y abandonados a través de nuestras relaciones con ellos.

Fourth Easter Sunday

On this Sunday, our Risen Lord is recognized as the good shepherd who protects us and cares for us. Being the recipients of God's care, we need to realize that Peter's words to the people of Jerusalem are addressed to us as well – we too must reform and embrace a new way of living if we wish to be a part of Christ's fold. That new way of life is to bring God's care and mercy to the poor, the vulnerable, the forgotten and abandoned through our relationships with them.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 6	5:30 pm	Pedro & Tomas Luna +
Sunday	May 7	9:00 am 11:00 am	Nicholas Pritchett Maria Elvia Olivares +
Monday	May 8		NO MASS
Tuesday	May 9	6:00 pm	Elda Gilbert +
Wednesday	May 10	8:30 am	Gilbert Vera Jr. +
Thursday	May 11	8:30 am	Mary Nguyen +
Friday	May 12	12:00pm	Megan Romero (Health)
Saturday	May 13	5:30 pm	Roseanna Michalewicz +
Sunday	May 14	9:00 am 11:00 am	Dave Krause + Beatriz Morales Porro +

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 7

9 am First Communion (English)
11 am First Communion (Spanish)

MONDAY MAY 8

6:30 pm Grupo de Oracion Bible Study
(Spanish) *Marian Room*

TUESDAY MAY 9

8 am Men's Group— *OLOG Room*
6:30 pm *TNMC— Parish Hall*

WEDNESDAY MAY 10

9 am SSWS Bible Study— *OLOG Room*
6:15-6:45 *Family Picnic Dinner*
5:30 Faith Formation

THURSDAY MAY 11

7 pm Finance Council Meeting

FRIDAY MAY 12

OFFICE CLOSED
7 pm Grupo de Oracion

SATURDAY MAY 13

10 am Luis A. Valle Baptism

SUNDAY MAY 14

Ministry Schedule for May 13-14, 2017

Mass	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers / Greeters	Ministers of Eucharist
5:30 PM	T Schatte R Schatte	J Young J McGregor	J Morin J Morin L Nix	Deacon Ernie W Faulkner T Alcozar B Yanez-Smith L Simonette
9:00 AM	T Grace L Rohaly	C Brown M Cross	T Buckley T Petter S Starnes	Deacon Ernie D Roberts K Cross J Rodriguez G Pritchett
11:00 AM	Y Lopez B Martinez	I Ramirez A Ortiz L Peralta M Baltazar N Baltazar	M Esteves R Arias R Martinez	N Martinez R Urquiza M Esteves E de la Hoya L Loma

First Holy Communion Celebration



This Sunday we celebrate First Communion at both at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass. Please share in this important occasion in the life of our parish by praying for our First Communicants: *Camila Alvarez, Kaylee Bragg, Regina Briones, Valeria Garcia, Max Gist, Luciana Grijalva, Jairo Hernandez, Daniel Hernandez, Stephaney Jaimes, Audrey Kotalik, Amy Lugo, Juan Martinez, Dylan Miles, Billi Montes, Jazmine Navarro, Pedro Navarro, Christian Palma, Isidro "Ruben" Palma, Jimena Palma, Jorge Jr Pena, Santiago Perez, Santiago Reyes, Madelyn Rodriguez, Luke Rose, Mialy Suarez, Cora Thomas, Mariel Trejo, Fernanda Trejo, Shelly Valle, Eduardo Vargas, Irving Vences, Ryker Wilson and Diego Zepeda.*

Monetary Stewardship

Collection Last Week:
Regular: \$ 4,160.00
Online: \$435.86
Total \$4,595.86

remembering the words of the Lord who said, It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

Women's Society News

*St. Stephen Women's Society will have their End of Year Luncheon Monday **May 8th, 2017 at 12 Noon at Inn at Salado.** \$15.00 per person. RSVP to Dorothy Dentry at ddentry13@gmail.com; Janice Morin jimjanmorin@sbcglobal.net; or Barbara Hoelscher.*



GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Stephen's Parish will be hosting the Fr. Charlie Davis Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament on May 12th at Mill Creek Country Club. Teams can arrive at 12 noon for meals and warmup, with a 1:00 pm shotgun start schedule. The proceeds of the fundraiser will go towards supporting our church youth ministry. Parishioners and members of the community can support this event in the following ways:

- The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per team (\$500 for team plus hole sponsorship)
 - \$100 for family or business hole sponsorship (includes sign with logo or family name)
 - \$500 for premier sponsorship (Large sign at clubhouse and announcement to participants)
 - Donate funds to support the raffle and prize items
 - Donate items to be raffled
- For more information please contact
Jason Torczynski jtorczynski@yahoo.com
Josh Bratton info@johnnystakeandbbq.com
Michael Carlson mcarlson6450@gmail.com

Office Closed

Office will be closed **Friday, May 12th** for the Annual Golf Tournament of Fr. Charles Davis



Faith Formation

Wednesday, May 10 Faith Formation Classes will meet as scheduled for the last time this year with a Family Picnic Dinner for all the children and their families.
Last day of Class (Pk-4th grade) 5:30-6:15, Family Picnic 6:15-6:45, Last day of Class (5-8th grade) 6:45- 7:45