



May 11, 2025
4th Sunday in Easter
***"The Lamb....
will shepherd
them."***



Have you ever heard of a lamb that was also a shepherd? Today's second reading tells us that Jesus, the Lamb of God, will shepherd the saints who stand before the heavenly throne. Although this Lamb still bears the wounds of his sacrifice, he will protect the saints, lead them to life-giving water, and wipe away their tears (Revelation 5:6; 7:17). How odd!

Actually, it's *not* so odd. Jesus, the Lamb of God, is a perfect shepherd for us. Here's why:

- This Lamb is a shepherd who lived his life completely obedient to the will of his Father. Every moment, he united himself with God's will. He alone perfectly walked in the path of righteousness, so of course he knows how to lead us on the same path!
- This Lamb is a shepherd who defeated the powers of darkness through his humble self-offering. He freely handed himself over to death on the cross. When he rose from the dead, he defeated sin and death! He is

uniquely able to protect us in the face of what ever trouble or foe comes our way.

- This is a shepherd who poured out his own blood on the cross to cleanse us from all impurity. The water that flowed from his pierced side is the living water of Baptism and new life. It is to this life-giving water that he leads us.
- This Lamb is a shepherd who has suffered in every way we have. He embraced our weakness and frailty. His experience of sorrow makes him all the more attentive to our own, and he tenderly wipes away our tears.

As you celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, spend some time considering Jesus, the Lamb who is your shepherd. Rejoice that he has not left you to make your way on this journey alone. He has gone before you, and he will lead you home.

~ The Word Among Us

St. Clare Catholic Church

236 S. Beach Boulevard ~ Waveland, MS 39576

Mass and Confession times:

Monday & Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Confession: Saturday at 3:00–3:45 p.m.

or by appointment.

The rosary will be prayed 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass.

Pastor: Fr. Charles Arthur

Deacon:

Director of Religious Education: Suzan Cox

Secretary: Michelle Fleming

Office Hours: Monday–Friday 10 am–3 pm

Parish Office: 228-467-9275

Spiritual Emergency: 228-234-8220

Parish Email: stclarecatholic@yahoo.com

Parish Website: <https://stclarewaveland.com>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/st-clare-catholic-church

Our Mission:

To live a Gospel way of life

***Simply *With Humility *Out of Love of God and Neighbor**

Let us pray.

Abby Theriot, Adam Murray, Alice Richardson, Allison & Ricky Manieri, Andrea & Nick Owen, Ann Mendro & family, Anna & George Bentz, Annette Haas, Arden & Addie Quigley, Arlene Johnson, Ava Hirstius, Baby Z Hattier +, Beverly Betz Jones, Beverly Emerick, Bill Boyd, BJ Savoie +, Bob & Donna Martin, Bob & Rhoda Swanson, Bobby Payne, Brandon Paige, Brenda Scianna, Brian Minton, Brian Roe, Brice Barron, Bruce Necaise, Cameron Dozier, Carmencita Baker, Carole Allen, Caspian Smith, Cathy Smith, Cecile Ladner, Chandler Ladner, Chandler Piazza family, Chari & Nevaeh, Charlee Ladner, Charles Biesecker +, Charlotte & John Johnson, Chaz Piazza family, Chelsea Murray, Christian Hannah, Christiane Joseph, Chuck Ferry, Cindy Russell, Cora Schrist, Corey Rogers, Courtland Piazza family, Danny & Daren Reinhart, Deb & Don Shinskie, Deb Cranmer; Deb, Jim & Jimmy Bourgeois, Debbie Lee, Deidrich family, Diane Perkins, Dianne Sterling, Donna & Keny Kennedy, Donna Kay Scianna, Donnie Mac, Donnie Thomas, Earline Thomas, Ed Madona, Elaine Favre, Ellen & Claire Palmer, Elyssa Favre, Emily & Charles Piazza, Emily Scianna; Erin, Amanda & Preston Cloyd, Faye Monti, Gail France, Garrett Deal, Gavin Mings, Gayle & Rex Probus, Gene Ferry, George McCann, George Roig, Gilbert & Sharon Tosso, Gladys Bastian, Gretchen Fleming, Gwen & Rusty Price, Herm & Mary Corznits +, Hope Rios, James Holmes, Jr., James Ross, Janeal McKee, Janet & Erica Palmer, Jason Estopinal, Sr. & family, Jeanne Baxter, Kimmy Ferry, Jimmy Locky, John Murray, Jon Shinskie, Joseph Eldridge, Joseph Rutledge, Joyce Barnes, Jude & Michael Ferry, Judy Christo, Judy Gomila, Judy Strohecker, Judy Therrell, Judy Yarborough, Julia Piazza, Kate Maxwell, Kathy Pense, Kay Wingate, Ken & Martha Conrad, Kevin Nicosia & family, Kim Shaw, Kyra Smith, Laura F White, Laura Knapp, Laurie Lusk, Lawrence, Peterson, Layla Harrison, Linda & Charles Walden, Linda & Mike Hannan; Linda, Paul & Dominic Pitts, Lindsey Piazza family, Lisa Menne, Lou Samuels, Louis Bourgeois, Mackenzie Piazza family, Maconnelly Piazza, Margaret F & family, Margaret Stewart, Margie & Brian Schmitt, Marilyn Grillo, Marilyn Smith, Martha Chambers, Marty Wright, Mary Ann & John Pucheu, Mary Ann Ferry, Mary Ann Gambino, Mary Gillen, Mary Ockman, Maryann Pagano, Matthew Murphy, Melissa McDyer, Michelle & Ed Harrison, Mike Hogue, Nicholas Melancon, Nikie & Ken Martin, Nikkie Smith, Nona Mumme, Norman J Sonnier, Oren Bundley Bounds, Pat Shinskie +, Patty Steele, Paul Brown, Paul Dibenedetto, Peggy Parker, Peter Smith +, Phillip Haas family, Pope Leo XIV, Ralph Nix, Randall & Juls Shanks, Roger Estopinal, Jr. & family, Rosetta Bonadona, Roxanne Colson, Russel & Donna Bodin, Ruth Anne Ragusa, Sadie Slocum, Samantha Philips, Sammy Burch, Sara S Ford, Schman Ladner, Scott Fayard, Shannon Kelly, Shirley Piazza, Solé Smith, Susie Q & Mike Duvieilh, Suzan & Jerry Cox, Tara Stewart & family, Terrey & Bob Scheuermann, Terry & John Calhoun, Terry & Wayne McQueen, Theresa Noll, Thomas Kapp, Timmy, Tina Roundtree, Tom Worrel, Veronica Roig, Wally Thurman, Jr. +, Wayne Shinskie, Zoey Rios.



Monday, May 12	8:30 am	Louis Jacobi +
Tuesday, May 13	8:30 am	Boyd family +
Wednesday, May 14	6:00 pm	Carolyn Williams +
Thursday, May 15	8:30 am	Pam Brown +
Friday May 16	8:30 am	John Lynott +
Saturday, May 17	4:00 pm	Louis Smolensky +
Sunday, May 18	8:30 am	Jeff Barthel +
	11:00 am	Wally Thurman +
	5:30 pm	St. Clare Parishioners (SP)



May 11	Father Tommy Conway
May 12	Father Ruben Covos
May 13	Father Joe Dilettuso (Retired)
May 14	Monsignor Dominick Fullam
May 15	Fathers Martin Gillespie & Tomaz Golab
May 16	Father Robert Higginbotham (Retired)
May 17	Fathers Rofinus Jas S.V.D. & Ignacio Jimenez-Morales

**For the week of
May 12, 2025—May 18, 2025**

Monday 5/12/2025

Tuesday 5/13/2025

- Senior Health Fair 10 am to 1 pm

Wednesday 5/14/2025

- Eucharistic Adoration from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Church

Thursday 5/15/2025

- Cleaning day following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us to an hour or two in keeping our Church home clean and beautiful

Friday 5/16/2025

Saturday 5/17/2025

- Confession available from 3:00—3:45 pm before the 4:00 Vigil Mass.

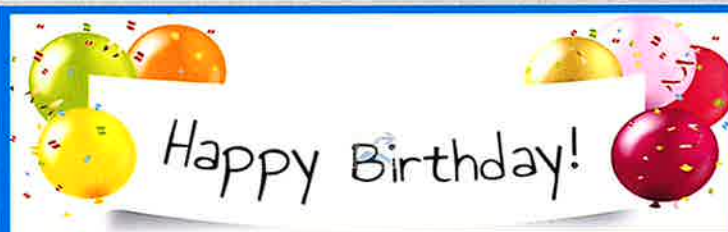
Sunday 5/18/2025

- Baccalaureate Mass at the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Honor and remember with Altar Flowers.

The Altar flowers for Mother's Day weekend are in honor and memory of all mothers!

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to honor and remember our loved ones. Envelopes are available to reserve a weekend.



**Odie Allen, Bill Boyd, Jim Barrett,
Mary Ann Gambino, Jason Garcia,
Leo Trahan, Beckett Alexander,
Kate Garcia, William Hardie,
Hattie Alexander**

Mass Attendance -	Adults	Children
Saturday, 5/3/2025 at 4:00 p.m.—	111	3
Sunday, 5/4/2025 at 8:30 a.m.—	119	21
5/4/2025 at 11:00 a.m.—	64	10
5/4/2025 at 5:30 p.m.—	32	9
Total—	306 +	34 = 340

*In the spirit of giving,
we thank you for
your generosity!*

**Last week's collection was:
Regular Offertory:**

\$4,568.00

**Upcoming second collection:
St. Clare Building Fund—May 10 & 11
Catholic Communications—May 31 & June 1**

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SOCIETY: Open to men and women; envelopes are available to pay \$5.00 membership.

BAPTISM: To schedule an appointment to setup a Baptism date, please call Terry Calhoun at (228) 467-9275. Parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism class.

CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY: Meetings are held on Fridays beginning at 10:00 a.m., but will not meet on First Fridays. : A group meeting to study the Diary of St. Faustina & incorporate with Scripture and the Catechism. Contact Suzan Cox at (601) 209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.

GRIEF MINISTRY: Meets to support, encourage and equip those grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, leave a message at the Parish Office or contact Sherry at (228) 332-0256.

HOME BOUND: Volunteers bring Communion to the Home Bound. Volunteers must be trained as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Contact Charles Walden for more information (985) 285-2997.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/LADIES AUXILIARY: Meet every 2nd Tuesday in the Parish Center—6:30 meeting. The Assembly meet on the 2nd Tuesday after the council meeting.

Ladies Auxiliary meet every 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE PREP: Please contact Leslie and Terry Asher (228) 467-9275 if you are engaged and wish to be married at St. Clare. Marriages must be scheduled 6 months in advance.

OVER 50'S GROUP: All parishioners over 50 are invited to join (no charge). Luncheons 2nd Wednesday & Bunco 3rd Tuesday. Call Janis for details (228) 324-8715.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—ST CLARE CONFERENCE: (stclaresvdp1@gmail.com. Utilities help and limited food pantry. **In-person interviews Wednesday (only) 10 am-1 pm.**

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: We invite all parishioners to join St. Clare as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Linda Walden, OFS at (228) 304-2305 or lwalden855@gmail.com.

Did you know
St. Clare is ...?

Parish News!!

What time is that
meeting?

ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Present A

FREE Senior Citizens Health Fair

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

10am—1pm

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Important Health Information for **SENIORS & THEIR CAREGIVERS**



11AM Lunch Provided

Interested in hosting a table, contact:

Ken Conrad @ 228-342-8121

Arlene Johnson @ 228-467-9292

On Sunday, May 18th we will celebrate our graduating St. Clare parishioners at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Please submit the names of your graduate to the Parish Office no later than Monday, May 12th to stclarecatholic@yahoo.com. Please indicate the student's name along with the school they are graduating from. College graduates please indicate the degree you are obtaining and the college name.



St. Clare—St. Vincent de Paul Society

We appreciate your generosity in making our SVDP Society a success. Many community agencies refer needy neighbors to us, and because of you we are able to assist them.

Recently we organized our food pantry area and discovered we have an abundance of canned vegetables and soups, which we will definitely put to good use!

We do have a wish list of some other items if you are able to help. Those items are **Pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter and jelly, rice & beans, canned lunch meat & saltine type crackers and individual packages of grits.**

Over 50's Monthly Activities

Second Wednesday—(May 14)

- Luncheon at Yun Long Buffett in Waveland at 11:30 am Join us for friendship and fellowship. Dutch treat!

Third Tuesday—(May 20)

- BUNCO at St. Clare Parish Center at 1:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share.

Fourth Sunday—(May 25)

- The Sunset at the Beach monthly event is canceled for the month of May. Instead join us at for the final day of the St. Clare Seafood Festival!!!

Volunteering is a great way to earn community service hours and meet great people!!

Volunteer sheets are located in the hallway. Please consider signing up to help during the festival May 23, 24, or 25.



Thanks to those who have either completed the Census electronically or on paper! Due by May 31, 2025!

Due by May 31, 2025

SCAN TO FILL OUT THE CENSUS

tinyurl.com/DOB2025Census



Diocese of Biloxi

2025 Parish Census



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BLOOD DRIVE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

HOURS: 8:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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Men's Cursillo
May 15 – 16, 2025

Women's Cursillo
June 26 – 29, 2025

For more information, contact:

Laura Mattina (228) 669-3607
Mara Russo (228) 697-8553

JUNE 21 - STARTS @7AM ST. ROSE OF LIMA Eucharistic Procession

A JUBILEE PILGRIM EVENT



ST CLARE ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

SILVER SLIPPER



MAY 23 THRU MAY 25, 2025

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FRIDAY-Cajun Night

Hours- 5 til 10pm

Tribute to Military -5 PM
Wreath Presentations
Swampland Revival
7 til 10 pm

Cajun Specialties- Pastalaya,
Boudin Eggrolls and More

SATURDAY

Hours- 11am til 10 pm

Classic Car Show 8-2 pm
Nick Perkins "Elvis Tribute
Artist" 11 til 1

The Kings of Neon 7 til 10 pm

SUNDAY

Hours Noon til 10pm

EPIC Band – 2 til 4:30 pm
Dragos Grilled Oysters 4 til
Foret Tradition 7 til 10

Fireworks!

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Seafood Festival News, Announcements and other Information!



We are now accepting items to be entered into the Silent Auction portion of the Seafood Festival! Please consider donating a gift card, product, service or other new (gently used) items to St. Clare no later than Monday, May 19th. We greatly appreciate your generosity and commitment to St. Clare!

Important Schedule/Mass Changes for Memorial Day and Weekend.

There will not be a 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, May 25th. All other weekend Mass times remain the same: Saturday, May 24th 4:00 pm and Sunday, May 25th 8:30 & 11:00 am.

The Parish Office and Church will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Daily Masses will resume Tuesday, May 27th at 8:30 am.

Festival T-Shirts are now available for purchase and order. See Allison Manieri!



Regular T's up to size XL are \$25.00. XXL and larger are

Vacation Lane Traffic change during the Seafood Festival!

Please be informed of the ONE WAY TRAFFIC FLOW that will be in effect during the St. Clare Seafood Festival Friday, May 23 thru Sunday, May 25th. More information will be provided next week on the direction.



We recognize everyone is not able to volunteer their time for the festival, but wish to help in some way. Donations are accepted to help defray the cost of the catfish and other food items. We also accept 10# bags of sugar to help with the cotton candy booth! All forms of help are greatly appreciated.

Carnival Ride (advance pay-one-price per day) armband tickets go on sale this weekend!! You may purchase the tickets before or after any of the weekend Masses. They will also be available for purchase during the week, Monday—Friday, 10 am to 3 pm in the Church office, cash or check only. *The very last day to purchase the 'advance sale' armbands is Wednesday, May 21st before 3:00 pm.*

Delta Ride Prices

Armbands prices and times
Friday 5pm-10pm \$25
Saturday 11am-5pm \$25
Saturday 5pm-10pm \$30
Sunday 12pm-5pm \$25
Sunday 5pm-10pm \$30

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Saturday or Sunday only



**MOST REVEREND
LOUIS F. KIHNEMAN, III
BISHOP OF BILOXI**



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**Statement from Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III on the Election of Pope Leo XIV
Biloxi, MS — May 8, 2025**

With deep gratitude to God and great joy in my heart, I join the faithful of the Diocese of Biloxi and the entire Catholic Church in welcoming the election of our new Holy Father, Robert Cardinal Prevost, who has chosen the name Pope Leo XIV, the first American pope. The Holy Spirit continues to guide and sustain the Church through the gift of the papacy, and we give thanks for this new successor of St. Peter, who now steps forward to shepherd the People of God in truth, unity, and love.

Throughout my life and priesthood, I have been profoundly shaped by the witness and leadership of the popes who have gone before. From Pope Pius XII in my early childhood, to the pastoral care of Pope St. John XXIII and the theological depth of Pope Paul VI, the Church has walked a journey of renewal and faithfulness. I was ordained a priest during the dynamic and transformative papacy of Pope St. John Paul II, who inspired generations with his courage, intellect, and deep love for Christ and His Church. Pope Benedict XVI offered the Church a brilliant mind and humble heart, and Pope Francis, who called me to be bishop, has called us all to a renewed encounter with mercy, simplicity, and missionary discipleship.

As we now welcome our new Holy Father, I invite all the faithful of our diocese to pray fervently for him. May he be blessed with strength, wisdom, and a heart molded after the Good Shepherd. Let us walk with him in faith and unity, trusting always in the Lord who never ceases to provide for His Church.

**+Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman III
Bishop of Biloxi**

Holy Trinity Catholic School Summer Camp

301 S. Second St., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Summer with the Saints



Registration Forms
Available on the HTCS
website! Please return
to the HTCS Office!

Camp Director: Grace Cuevas

2025 Camp Dates and Weekly Themes

June 16-19	"Performance with the Prayerful: A Week of the Arts and Music!"
June 23-26	"Creation and Creatures: A Week of Learning about God's Creations, Land & Sea!"
July 7-10	"Catholic Cookin': A Week of faith-based cooking and nutrition!"
July 21-24	"Worship throughout all the World: A week of traveling God's creation, land and stars!"

During this camp, campers will get to learn more about patron saints and bible stories that are relevant to fun areas throughout our daily lives!

Summer Camp Cost (Ages 4 - 9)

No Registration Fee

	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	\$250	\$425	\$575

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Annual Liquor Basket Raffle has begun!

Each weekend until the Sunday of the Seafood Festival (May 25th) you may purchase raffle tickets before and after all Masses for \$5.00 for one ticket or \$20.00 for five tickets.

Thank you for helping our Auxiliary. These fundraisers help to improve our Church home. Most recently, the blinds that were installed in the Parish Center were purchased from our 2024 Liquor Basket Raffle proceeds!



Diocese of Biloxi 2025 Catholic Sharing Appeal Update as of May 8th

Thank you to all who have answered the call of the CSA campaign!!! We are nearing the 50% mark to our financial goal, but still have a ways to go for the participation goal. No amount is too small to count towards our goal of 100% participation.

\$32,594.00

GOAL

Participation
Goal is
390 families.
As of May 8th
46 families
have
participated.

\$15,680.00



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April 17, 2025

Rev. Charles Arthur
St. Clare Catholic Church
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Dear Fr. Arthur:

On behalf of the Little Sisters and the Residents here at Sacred Heart Home, we would like to express our gratitude for your kind support of our mission-loving service to the elderly poor regardless of religion, race or nationality. We are truly grateful for the help that you and your parish community provide and we thank you for your monetary support in the amount of \$823.00 from a recent collection.

The Little Sisters of the Poor have been here in Mobile since 1901. Since our start, generous benefactors like yourself have helped us care for thousands of these beautiful people.

Please be assured that we remember you and your loved ones in our daily prayers. But, most importantly, your generosity improves the Residents' lives and the Sisters' ability to serve them.

Yours in Christ,

S. Cecilia

Sr. Cecilia, I.s.p.
Little Sisters of the Poor

P.S. Please visit our website: www.littlesistersofthepoormobile.org to share some of the activities at Sacred Heart Residence. For the convenience of our supporters, it is also possible to donate online. Thank you.

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JUNE 23-27, 8-12





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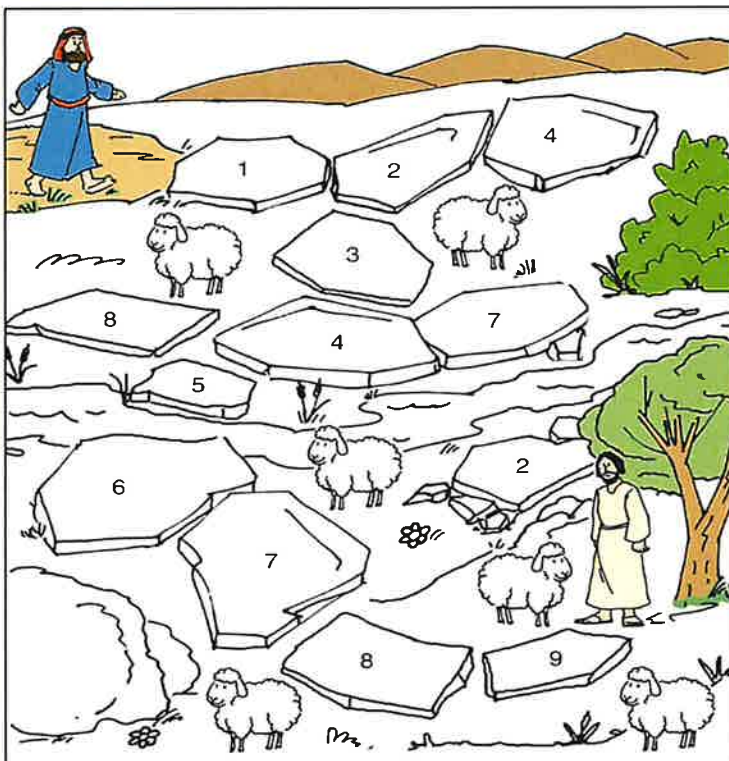


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Jesus also said, "My sheep listen to My voice ... I know them. They follow Me."

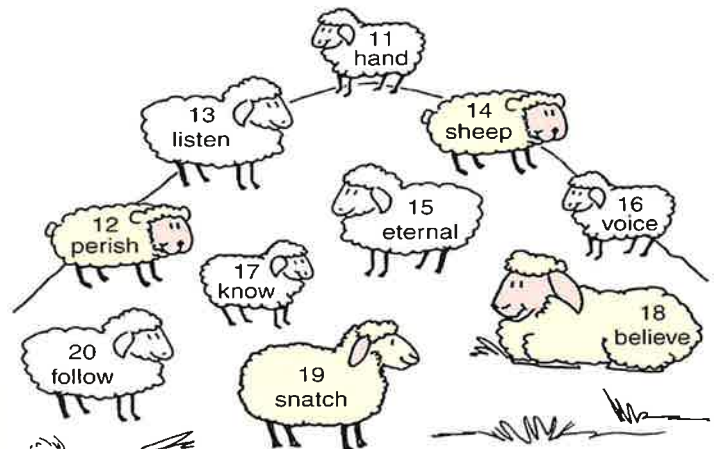
Follow the maze. Trace the correct number of sheep.

Are there 5 or 6 ?



How could the people see Jesus perform miracles and still not believe?

Solve the math problems to find the missing words.



"You do not _____ because you are not My
 $16 + 2 =$
 _____ . My sheep _____ to My
 $21 - 7 =$ _____ $9 + 4 =$
 _____ ; I _____ them, and they
 $8 \times 2 =$ _____ $19 - 2 =$
 _____ Me. I give them _____ life,
 $4 \times 5 =$ _____ $3 \times 5 =$
 and they shall never _____ ; no one can
 $3 \times 4 =$
 _____ them out of My _____."
 $22 - 3 =$ _____ $21 - 10 =$ _____

Saint

Of the Week

St. Isidore the Farmer

Feast Day: May 15

Patron of Madrid and Farmers



Born near Madrid around 1080, Isidore worked most of his life as a dedicated and simple farmer on an estate that was owned by Juan de Vergas. Isidore married a local peasant girl, Maria de la Cabeza, and soon after, the couple was blessed with a son. When the boy died young, Isidore and Maria believed that it was a sign from God. They believed that God meant for them to remain childless, so they agreed to remain celibate for the rest of their marriage.

Isidore was a devout man who offered his daily work to the Lord. He woke early each morning to attend Mass, and he continued his prayer as he plowed the fields. On holidays, he traveled to local shrines and frequently shared his meals with the poor, often keeping only the leftovers for himself.

Angels in the Fields

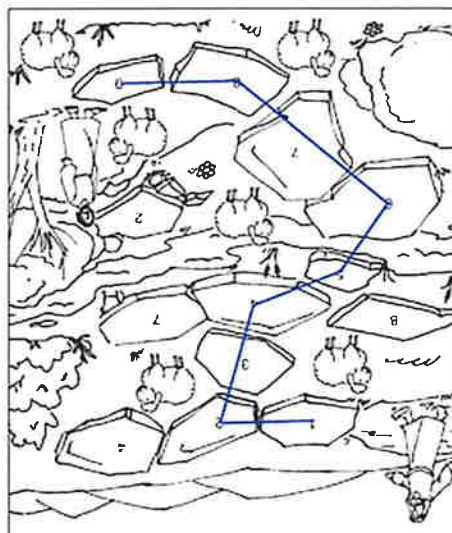
Many legends have been told about Isidore's life. In one story, a jealous worker complained to the master that whenever Isidore attended morning Mass, he was late for work. The master followed Isidore into the fields to check and was amazed to see angels plowing alongside him. In another story, Isidore passed a flock of hungry birds on his way to the mill in the middle of winter. He fed the birds corn from his sack even though his companions teased him. When he arrived at the mill, however, his bag was still full.

Isidore lived his life in relative obscurity. He was a man who served God through simple labor. After his death, though, Isidore's reputation grew; and he and his wife were canonized with some of the most honored saints of their time. Today, Isidore's body is enshrined in the church of St. Andrew in Madrid, where the saint is greatly venerated.

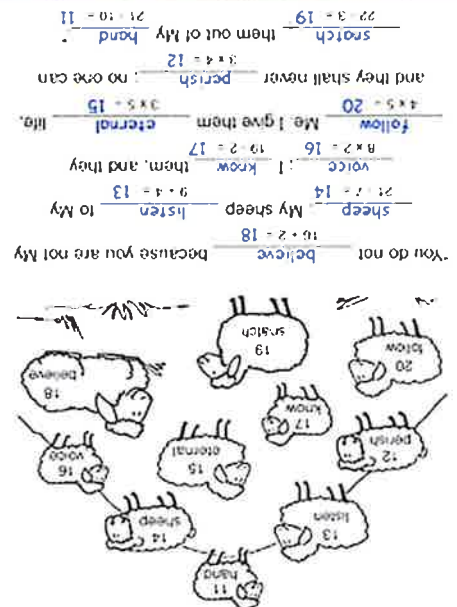
Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank You for the gift of mothers, for their love, guidance, and care. Please bless them with Your grace, strength, and wisdom as they continue to nurture and support their families. Surround them with Your love and peace, and let them know how deeply they are appreciated and cherished. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Jesus also said, "My sheep listen to My voice ... I know them. They follow Me." Are there **9** or **7** Follow the maze. Trace the correct number of sheep.



How could the people see Jesus perform miracles and still not believe? Solve the math problems to find the missing words.

You do not believe because you are not My sheep. My sheep listen to My voice. I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can snatch them out of My hand.



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