Saint Angela Merici Youth Bulletin
The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 3rd, 2020

**Seeing Jesus:**
Explore the images of Jesus in Church.

**Words to Know:**
Learn some of the vocab from this week’s Gospel.

**Fill in the Blanks:**
Work through the text of this week’s Gospel Reading!

**Search Inside!:**
What are three of the images that we have, of Jesus, in Church?
What image of Jesus is given in this weekend’s Gospel?

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

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Alleluia

a word that means praise God
In this weekend’s Gospel, we are presented with the image of Jesus as the gate for the sheep, the Good Shepherd.

This is our image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd; use this to help you visualize today’s Gospel reading!

Have you ever paid attention to some of the images that we have, of Jesus, in our church?

This is our image of the Risen Jesus!

How would you have felt if you saw that risen Jesus like the first Disciples?

Mother’s Day is next Sunday!
Do you remember what this is? This is a Crozier (Crows-yur). It is shaped like the crook of a shepherd, and is used by Bishops. It is a special way of showing how Bishops are like our shepherds in the Church.
Reflection

Today we celebrate what is commonly referred to as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” In John’s account of the Gospel, Jesus compares himself to the Good Shepherd who calls his sheep by name and leads them. Consider this story: A group of tourists were visiting the Holy Land. On their tour, the guide talks about the common practice of shepherds being in front, leading their sheep, and the sheep following the one they know and trust. Suddenly, the group saw a man walking behind a group of sheep, pushing them along and hitting them with a stick. They asked the guide about this, as this did not align with his story. The guide responded, “That isn’t the shepherd, but the butcher!” A shepherd is one who can be trusted and serves in the role of both wise teacher and good ruler. In the case of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we are invited to follow him and enter through his gate to the fullness of life.

Action

As teenagers and young adults, we can learn a lot from young children. I have come to this awareness now that I have two young daughters. I now realize that the wide-eyed innocence of young children can teach me a lot about letting go of some of the control that I often feel I need to grasp tightly to within my life. Young children really do live life to its fullness. Jesus said, “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3). Spend some time with children. Play with them, read to them, and learn from them. Take some of the joy and the fullness of life that is so present in young children and allow your own life to be opened to living life abundantly in Christ.

Journaling Questions

1. How does the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd resonate with you? How can you take the message of John 10:10 and share this with others to help them fully live life?