

ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Collection Total for April 19, 2026

Envelopes: \$805.00 (26)

Loose: \$27.00

Total: \$832.00

Building Fund: \$405.00 (7)

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

April Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law

April Missalettes: Olney Knights of Columbus Council #1352

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, April 26 – First Communion Practice at Holy Cross-Wendelin Following 10am Mass. High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

Monday, April 27 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Tuesday, April 28 – **ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.

Bibles and Brews, TBD.

Thursday April 30 – Brother’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Friday, May 1 – No First Friday Mass at St. Joseph-Olney.

Saturday, May 2 – First Saturday at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 – **First Communion Weekend at ALL Parishes!**

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

“I am the gate for the sheep. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.” Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the one who laid down his life - freely- for each one of us. We *are* the sheep in the world, that Jesus continues to seek -to care for-to lead -to bring home. We will either be sheep that obey and follow- or we will become lost and lose

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Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Be a sheep and follow the Good Shepherd. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

ST. RAPHAEL’S MINISTRY OF CARE:



The **Grief Care Group DATE** will change to May 11th at 5:00pm for the next meeting at St. Joseph-Olney. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate with any

questions.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:



Congratulations at Adaline Judith Ginder, daughter of Ross and Carli (Henry) Ginder. Adaline was baptized by Fr. Levi last Sunday, April 19th at St. Joseph-Stringtown. Godparents are Jacob Henry & Paige Ginder.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to all family and friends of Thomas “Tom” C. Zuber. Tom died on April 14, 2026. “Eternal rest unto Tom, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

SISTER’S IN CHRIST:

We will resume with our new book, “Seven Holy Women .” A deeply personal and enriching experience, that speaks directly to the reader, drawing you into the lives of seven saints as it invites you to look more closely and lovingly at

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St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00am

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Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

If interested contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.

TRI-PARISH VBS:

Tri-Parish Vacation Bible School (VBS), "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God," is now open on the parish website. The program will take place at Holy Cross-Wendelin from May 26–29, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for Pre-K to 5th graders. There is a \$20.00 family fee to help offset the cost of t-shirts, snacks, crafts, and other materials. Please visit the website to register your family. We look forward to seeing you there!



2026 MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET:

The 2026 Mother Daughter Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the Stringtown Parish

Center, starting at 6 pm and lasting until ?, with the theme, “Don’t Worry, Bee Happy.” The committee would like to invite members and their guests to **respond by April 26** by texting/calling Mona at 618-843-6662. Menu is chicken strips, potatoes, salads and desserts. We are asking members with the last name starting with A-M to bring a salad, while members with the last name starting with N-Z to bring a dessert. We have invited Jeff Fleming, a humorist and local attorney, to be our guest speaker on “Laughing is the Best Medicine.” We will be having a meeting. Also, Delaney will lead the installation of 2026-2027 officers. A Photo Booth will be available to take pictures at. Games and door prizes will be available.

KUHL CARD SHOWER AND OPEN HOUSE:

Thank you to our family and friends that attended our open house celebration or sent cards.

FLOWERS FOR BLESSED MOTHER MARY:

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2026 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2026 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 19th.

Donations - Cash donations for the purchase of beef, ham, porkburgers, expense for the entertainment, prizes, and raffles are welcomed and can be given to any Picnic Chair. **Raffles** - Thank you to all the volunteers that signed up to contact businesses and collect donations. There

are still several places available to contact if you are interested in helping. Donations can be turned in at the Parish Center after Mass on May 3rd. **All raffle donations should be turned in by this date.** If you are interested in helping contact businesses or need to setup a different time for drop off of the raffle prizes, please contact Jenny Hancock (618-843-6625) **Noodle Day** - Noodle Day is scheduled for May 30th at the Stringtown Parish Center. **Wine Pull** – The Wine Pull Stand is seeking donations of unopened bottles of wine to make this year's Wine Pull a successful stand. If you are interested in donating to this stand, you may put your unopened bottles of wine in the special box in the back of church or contact Janice Zwilling (618-562-1990) to make arrangements for drop off. Thank you! **Quilt & Craft Raffle** – Items are needed for the quilt and craft raffle. **Picnic Chairs** are Lisa Boehl (Financial & Kitchen), Janice Zwilling (Beer Garden, Entertainment, 50/50, Bingo), Francis Ochs (Food Stand), Mona Kocher (Basket Stand), Chad & Jenny Hancock (Raffle Stand); Ethan Steber & Delaney Steber (Cake Stand, Country Store, & Games), Shelly Seaman (Kids Games), and Scott Seiler (Grounds & Maintenance)

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

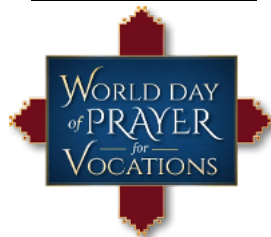
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REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Rick Rennie, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire, Linda McWhirter

Sunday, April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
 “Joseph Schneider†”
Monday, April 27, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Lawrence & Magdalene Zwilling†”
Tuesday, April 28, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, April 29, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, April 30, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, May 1, NO MASS
Saturday, May 2, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, May 3, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
 “For Our First Communicants” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

04/26/2026	05/03/2026
Servers:	Servers:
Kaitlyn Ginder	Amity Zuber
Haley Ginder	Hallie Ochs
Kerigan Kocher	Nathaniel Zwilling
Lector:	Lector:
Wayne Kocher	Joselyn Kocher
EMHC:	EMHC:
Gary Zwilling	Scott Seiler
Owen Kocher	Jenny Hancock
Janette Kocher	Josie Kocher
Gifts:	Gifts:
David Muhs	First
Family	Communicants
Ushers:	Ushers:
Ian Kocher	Byron Zwilling
Austin Kuenstler	Isaac Zwilling
Greeters:	Greeters:
Seaman Family	Bill Zuber
Children’s Liturgy:	Children’s Liturgy:
Joselyn & Mallory	No Children’s Liturgy!

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† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. Apr. 27 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Apr. 28 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Apr. 29 8:05 am For the Parish
Thu. Apr. 30 6:30 PM at Wendelin
Fri. May 1 No mass
Sat. May 2 First Saturday
9:00 am at Wendelin
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM For First Communion
Joe O'Fallon
Clara Rose Wilson
Rod & Sarah Kelley
Sun. May 3
8:00 am Mary Ann Kuenstler
Alma Hahn
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR APRIL SPONSORS

Bulletins: Garai Doll
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR APRIL 19th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$8,853 (96) Easter: \$300 (4)
Loose: \$240 Guatemala: \$45 (2)
CSMA (Pledged): \$795

Let Us Pray For: Sandy Fehrenbacher, Sue Dickerson, Brett Stirnaman, Allen Kocher, Charlotte Hough, Blaine Sholders, Kevin Bookhout, Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Dolores Hemrich, Valerie Weidner, Julie Oesch, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Jerry L. Harper, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, Marlene Harris, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, April 25th

- Mass for **Maren Zuber, Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn, and Norman & Jean Zwilling.**
- 6:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

Sunday, April 26th

- Mass for **Deacon Jack Shuster, Donald Kocher, and Dale Tibbs.**
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 10:00 am, first communion practice for Holy Cross after 10 am mass.
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at Holy Cross.

Tuesday, April 28th

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.
- Bibles and Brews, see flyer for details.

Wednesday, April 29th

- 9:00 am, Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Friday, May 1st

- Eighth graders will be showcasing science fair projects on May 1st in the MPR from 830-1030. Anyone is welcome to come check them out. They will not be set up over the weekend like usual due to First Communion.

Saturday, May 2nd

- 5:00 PM, First Communion at St. Joseph, Olney.
- May Crowning of Mary at mass. Parishioners are welcome to bring flowers to give to Mary. Please place flowers by Mary as you arrive to church.

For the month of May, we will be praying the rosary before each of the weekend Masses beginning on Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 31. We will begin a half hour before Mass with the exception of the last Sunday which will be led by the Knights of Columbus starting at 7:40 am. **We need volunteers to lead** so, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the vestibule. Thank you.

🐾 St. Joseph School News 🐾

- Tues. April 28- Spring Picture Day
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- **Congratulations** to our newly confirmed students and parishioners. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit remain with you and work through you all the days of your life.
- **Annual Giving deadline** for printer proof letter is Monday, May 4. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our school!

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **A Celebration of Women**
Monday, May 4th at 5:30 PM
Tickets can be purchased at the parish office. This event will take place in the church followed by a catered meal in the cafeteria. Tickets will also be available after masses on **April 25-26**. Join us to celebrate all the generations of women in our parish. All are welcome!

We would love to see any **photos** you have of your families. Maybe you've attended the mother/daughter banquets in the past. Send us photos to be displayed at the event.

- **Sisters in Christ:**
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Wednesday, May 6:

Holy Cross 5:30 pm

If interested contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate.

- **There has been an interest in adding Children's Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We currently have 2 volunteers to help lead the class. One more is needed. Please contact the parish office if interested.
- **Grief Care Group:**
Our meeting on Monday, May 4, has been moved to Monday, May 11 at 5:00 p.m. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE

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Pre-K to 5th grade

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The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

"It is only through your prayers, kindness and generosity that our diocesan ministries can continue providing services to our parishes, schools and the needy among us throughout the 28 southernmost counties of Illinois. Please support the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today!"
-Bishop-elect Godfrey Mullen, OSB

Thank you to the **58** households that have already pledged **\$9,711.25** to support this mission.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

April 20: Avery Eagleson (#805)

April 21: Claire Uhl (#083)

April 22: Christy Blank (#608)

April 23: Patsy Reed (#711)

April 24: Jillian Scherer (#433)

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- **Sun. April 26:** Knight led rosary before the 8 am mass at Olney.
- **Thurs. May 14:** 3rd degree meeting at 7 pm.
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Diocesan Spring Farm Blessing:

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Jeffrey Rosenberg Trustee
Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

~ **Welcome** ~

The St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

Join us for mass:
Wednesday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:00-3:00 pm

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.
Marriage: Call 6 months in advance.
Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.

~ **St. Joseph School** ~

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Carol Potter Assistant Principal
Catherine Fritschle Office Manager
School Office 618-395-3081
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School Advisory Council: Angel Padilla (*Chairperson*), Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Tyler Ochs, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*).

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The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.



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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 10am-3pm, and Friday 10am-1pm.

Mass Schedule: Thursdays 6:30pm with Adoration at 5:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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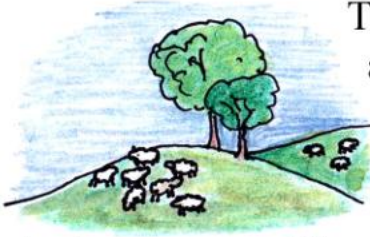
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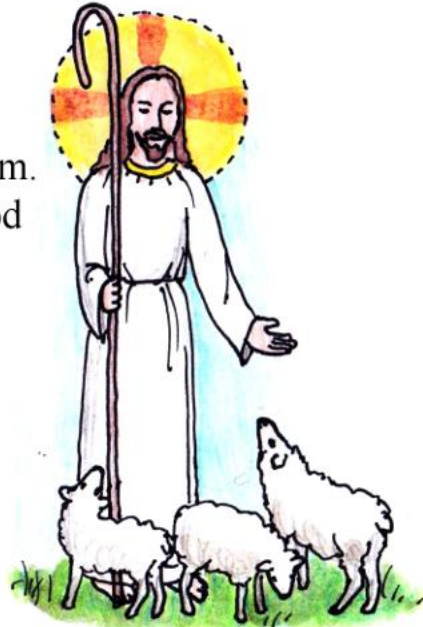
The Good Shepherd



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.

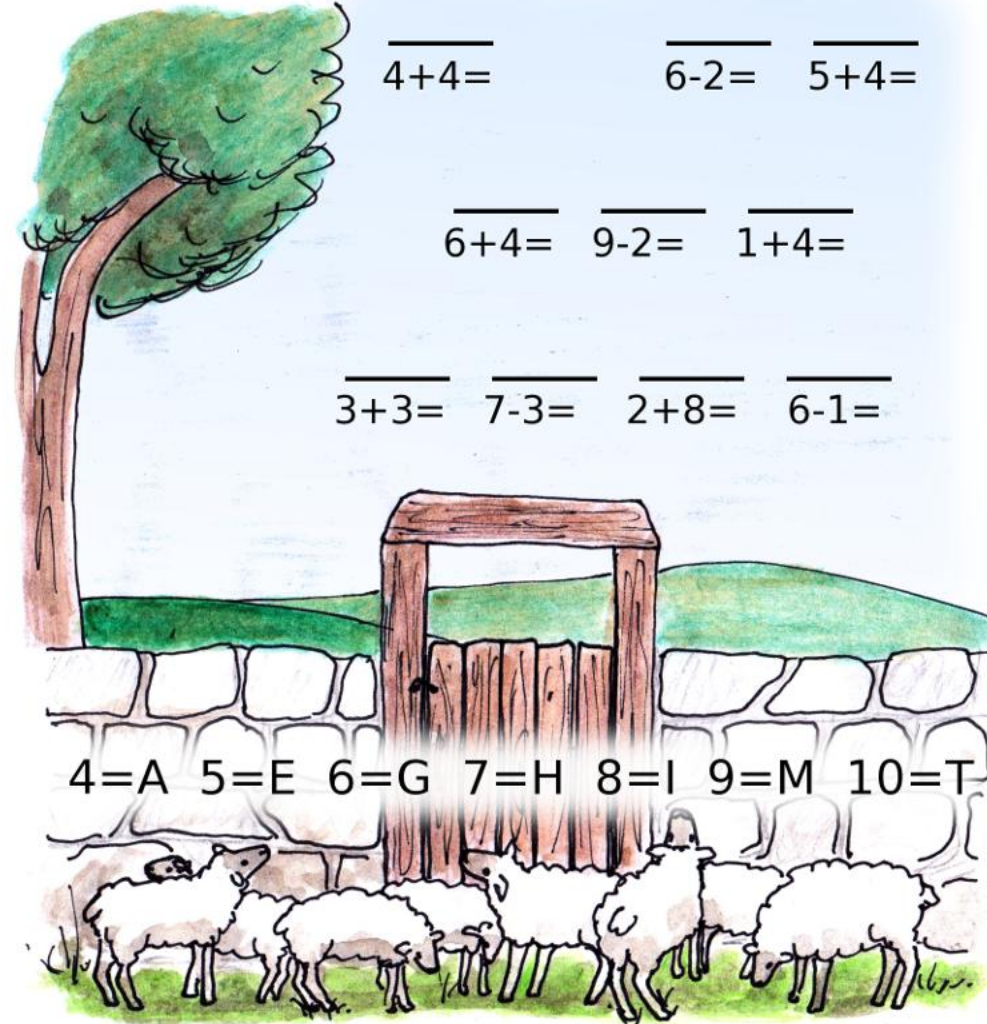


Answer to puzzle on front page:
I am the gate.
Answer to Fill-in-the-blanks:
know his voice.

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2026



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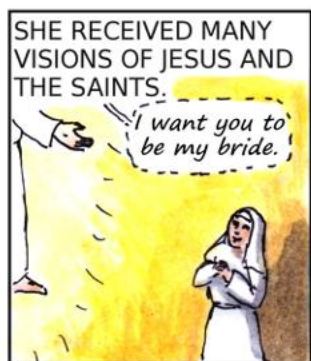
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4=A 5=E 6=G 7=H 8=I 9=M 10=T

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 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.

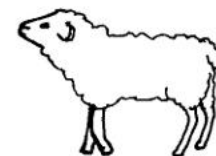
Fill-in-the-Blanks

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

GATEKEEPER
REALIZE
SPEECH
ENTERS

HIS
WILL
YOU
AMEN

THIEF
DRIVEN
CLIMBS
VOICE



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