



Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Office of Communications/Social Media

4000 St. Joseph's Place NW | Albuquerque, NM 87120-1714

Leslie M. Radigan, Director

Voice: 505.831.8180

lradigan@archdiosf.org | archdiosf.org

NEWS RELEASE

74th Annual Brother Mathias St. Patrick's Day Celebration of Faith and Service

NEW VENUE

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

9502 4th St NW

Albuquerque, NM 87114

March 17, 2025

4 – 8 p.m.

ALBUQUERQUE – Wednesday, February 26, 2025—IMMEDIATE RELEASE—The Good Shepherd Center, Albuquerque's longest-operating shelter for the unhoused, is pleased to announce its 74th anniversary of service to the most vulnerable members of society in the Albuquerque metro area. The center will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and honor the legacy of the faith and service of Brother Mathias Barrett, who founded the Good Shepherd Center in 1951. The traditional Brother Mathias Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is St. Patrick's Day, March 17, from 4-8 p.m. at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church at 9502 4th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114. The proceeds generated from this celebration and fundraising event will directly benefit the work of the Good Shepherd Center in service to the less fortunate.

It is a family event with food, entertainment, a 50/50 raffle, and games for the children. Tickets available at the door: \$17/adults, \$7/children under 12. The adult dinner is corned beef and cabbage, a drink, and ice cream. The children's meal is a hot dog, chips, a drink, and ice cream. Adult and child dishes will also be available for take-out. Irish-inspired live music and dance and New Mexican dance will entertain St. Paddy's Day revelers.

In 2024, the Good Shepherd Center provided approximately 120,276 meals for unhoused and low-income men, women, and children; 29,640 bed nights for 1,027 unduplicated guests, including 394 bed nights for 34 unduplicated medical respite guests; and 26,135 items (e.g., clothes, toiletry kits, sleeping bags, blankets, suitcases) were distributed to 3,383 people, many of whom had multiple visits, all at no cost. In addition, 100 men affected by addiction participated in Fresh Start, the Good Shepherd Center Substance Abuse Recovery Program, and 54 individuals were housed through newest center endeavors, the Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing programs.

Good Shepherd Center needs sponsors to support the event. For information on sponsorship opportunities or to learn more about the Good Shepherd Center, visit gscnm.org, or contact Heather Mattax 505.243.2527x303 or donations@gscnm.org.

###