

Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

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 R P J Z O W B E Q R T O A X C Z T X J

DO NOT _____

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



Box of Joy Ministry Project

Once again, the Knights of Columbus Council 17335 has partnered with Cross Catholic Outreach to bring its *Box of Joy* Ministry Project to our Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd Parish. Parishioners are invited to take home a box and fill it with items for boys and girls ranging from ages 2 to 15. **A \$9.00 donation per box is required** to cover international shipping costs to the child.

Boxes can be returned to the parish before November 5th and left in the designated area. Packing a Box of Joy is always a wonderful work of mercy for families. For more information, please contact Joe Campo at 757-357-2287 or the parish office at 757-365-0579. Thank you for your generosity!



The Annual Wine Tasting hosted by the Men's Club will be held on

Friday, November 10, 2023 from 7-9:00 PM in the Commons.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person. You must be 21 years old to attend. Ticket sales begin October 21st. All proceeds go to the parish.

DO YOU NEED APPLES?



Boy Scout Troop 7 will be taking orders for fresh picked Virginia apples before and after Mass on October 14/15 and October 21/22. Apples will be ready for pick-up on October 28. Please contact Brendan Wesdock at bwesdock@gmail.com if you have any questions.

National Estate Planning Awareness Week (NEPAW) Is October 16-22!

Therefore we are offered an opportunity to reflect on the legacy we wish to create for those who follow in the footsteps of our faith. FreeWill is an online tool that can help you create your estate plan for free. If you're inspired to include our parish in your planning, know that each expression of generosity profoundly nurtures our mission and community.

You can visit FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation to learn more and get started.



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of October 15 CANNED FRUIT

"I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." (Psalm 23)

FAITH FORMATION

Jesus and the Eucharist Study



This study was specifically designed for this Year of Parish Revival. This is a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith. It is a seven-part Eucharist Study that will take place once a month on Saturdays from 9-11:00 AM. The first session is on October 28th. Register in the commons, and register early so we can gather all materials needed. Hospitality will be provided, and we hope to see you there!



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Next Saturday, October 21, 2023 in OCIA, we will celebrate the Combined Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for Coleen Kee and Rite of Welcoming to Full Communion for Cynthia Weelehan.

Through the *Rite of Acceptance*, Coleen will come into a specific relationship with the Church, and be known to us as a catechumen, those preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The *Rite of Welcoming* honors the dignity of baptism already received, recalls the signing with the cross done at baptism, and marks the beginning of this stage of Cynthia's faith journey as a candidate for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The Lord has called Coleen and Cynthia, and brought them to this moment; may He grant them light and strength to follow Christ with resolute hearts and to profess the faith of the Church.

We, in turn, accept their commitment and pledge our support throughout their journey of faith. Please keep Coleen and Cynthia in your prayers as we celebrate together their journey towards the Sacraments of Initiation.



Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC)

February 9-11, 2024

The Diocesan Youth Conference is an annual event that gathers 8th-12th grade youth from Diocese of Richmond parishes in one central location. From sacraments to free time, DYC is an opportunity for teens to experience the joy that comes from living the Catholic faith and to take courage in all things because the Lord is with them!

Registration is now open! Contact Scott Watterson for more information and how you can register.



Peninsula Catholic High School Open House

November 1, 2023 from 5-7:00 PM

Call (757)596-7247 or visit www.peninsulacatholic.org to register.



The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10AM-3PM

Mass Times: Saturday—5PM & Sunday—9AM

Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon

Adoration is on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month.

Staff

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Ministries

Ministry to the Sick - Deacon Stanley Stefanowicz

Pastoral Council - Joe Campo

Finance Council - Dan Falbe

Money Counters - Margaret Hickman

Building - Hart Smith and Tom Quick

Grounds - Tom Quick

Liturgical Ministries Head - Mark Lieberman

Altar Servers - Lisa & Aine Lewandowski

Children's Liturgy – Kathleen Day

Eucharistic Min (Sat) - Joan Nagy

Eucharistic Min (Sun) - Mark Lieberman

Funeral Mass Coordinator—Joan Nagy

Lectors - Michelle Romanello

Sacristan - Hart Smith

Ushers - Steve Reznick

Knights of Columbus - Shawn Huffaker, gk17335@vakofc.org

Ladies' Guild - Margaret Hickman

Men's Club - Bill Knapp, billknapp1985@yahoo.com

Parish Community Life - Debbi Gatti

Justice & Peace - Mary Ellen Bebermeyer

Haiti Committee & E-Bulletin Board - Dave Maltby

Divine Mercy Cenacle - Dara Murphy

Special Needs Ministry - Sue Ellebracht

Works of Mary - Johanna Arocho

Mission Statement

We, as diverse members of the Body of Christ, come together to serve God, the Catholic Church, and our community. We celebrate God in the Eucharist and the word, as we help each other in the growth of our faith, share our gifts and welcome everyone.

Vision Statement

To know and love God and grow in the Kingdom Of God together.

Inclement Weather - Fr. Tony plans to be at church to celebrate Mass. However, you are not obligated to come if travel is unsafe for you.

Parish Registration and Changes – Registration forms are available on the Church website. You may notify the office if you wish to register with, or be removed from the parish records, or if you have a change of address, telephone number, or email.

Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

Funerals – Contact the office if you would like to schedule a Funeral Service. The date and time must be approved by the priest.

Marriage – Registered parishioners must contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the intended date.

Reconciliation – Before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment.

Visitation of the Sick – Please call the office to arrange for communion, anointing of the sick, or when someone is ill or hospitalized.



October 15, 2023

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have about 75 first cousins (yes, really!), so I grew up accustomed to large gatherings. “Feasts” in our family were almost an everyday kind of thing. So you can imagine my initial reaction to today’s parable: Why would anyone refuse such a grand invitation? Who doesn’t love a feast? As we know, however, with parables, Jesus is giving us a message that is deeper than it first appears. Today he uses the image of a wedding feast to explain God’s abundant generosity, and the indifference or outright refusal this loving generosity is often met with. Yes, we enjoy sharing food with family and friends, but are we always gracious recipients of God’s love and bounty? Are we prepared, and properly disposed, to receive it? (Think of the graces we receive in the sacraments, especially confession.) The kingdom of heaven is the banquet to which we are all invited, and too often we can become busy with our material lives and not notice this ongoing invitation. Or we push it out of our minds, or gad about in the wrong garments (of sin, and not grace). Let us open our ears and our hearts to God’s loving invitation, strive to be holy people, and share this gift with those around us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We learn from today’s readings that the kingdom of heaven can be likened to a sumptuous banquet. Isaiah, in the first reading, says it well, proclaiming, “The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.” Isaiah then moves from imagery of food to talk about how God will destroy death forever and wipe away all tears. In other words, God has saved his people, and offers us his constant presence and the gift of eternal life. But we must respond to God’s generosity in the proper manner so we are prepared to enter the kingdom when the time comes. Making our relationship with Jesus our number one priority will prepare us well to receive and respond to this invitation. From this we will see how our other priorities naturally change and how God always provides. As St. Paul says in his Letter to the Philippians: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

ACTION When you get dressed each morning this week, take a look at what you are wearing spiritually, as well as physically. What does the (spiritual) garment look like? Is it appropriate for a wedding feast? Pray the Act of Contrition (and go to confession if necessary), and then make a conscious effort to repair any faults in your spiritual garment: forgive someone or apologize to someone; pray specifically for someone you do not especially care for; spend time in Eucharistic Adoration.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

As followers of Jesus, we cannot allow the challenges of everyday life to take our attention from the sumptuous abundance of our lives in God's family. Each day we return our focus to rejoicing, provided for by God *in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

Gospel Focus:

Let us always rejoice in the abundance the Lord provides.



"Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze"

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Have lives that have changed due to their relationship with Christ.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: What will you do this week to show God that you understand the relationship between faith and works?

Children: What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of October



Evangelization: For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Pope Tweets:

"At the side of every person is a protector the Lord gives to help us, to nudge us to get up when we have stumbled, to show us the way when we have chosen the wrong path. Let us listen to the voice of our Guardian Angels!"

Please Remember in Prayer:

Barbara Bonney, Gene Chappell, Justin Evans, Ellen Gauthier, Leslie Lungert, Christopher Morris, Dara Murphy, Betty Nagy, Elizabeth Perry, Alice Reece, Jean Wechsler, Irene White, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras

Prayer for the Synod on Synodality



As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

(usccb.org/prayers/prayer-synod-synodality)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



We all treasure spending time with those we love! In Adoration you can spend quality time with Jesus, keeping him company as you would a dear friend. What can you do during your time with God? Pray the Rosary or Liturgy of the Hours, read the Bible, read about the lives of Saints, talk to Him about all that is going on in your life, tell Him how much you love Him, and **enjoy just being in His Presence!** Sign up to spend a Holy Hour with God on the weekend of October 21&22 or between the Masses on November 1, All Saints Day. Sign-up sheets are located in the Commons.

The Month of the Holy Rosary



"The Rosary will focus you. It will calm your heart, mind, and spirit so you can hear the voice of God. It will open your heart so you can recognize Him at work in your life."

~Matthew Kelly, *Rediscover the Rosary*

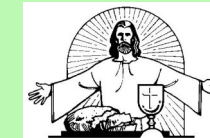
Considering a call to the priesthood

Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the word of God as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Arrangements for visits to the sick and home-bound are to be made only by family members of the person needing the visit or by that person themselves. Please make your request to Deacon Stan (276) 220-5545 or through the parish office.

**October 15, 2023
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Readings for the Week



Monday, October 16

Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch

Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 18—Feast of St. Luke

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday, October 19—Mem. of the North American Martyrs

Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

Friday, October 20

Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, October 21

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday, October 22—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	October 16	No Mass	
Tues.	October 17	Noon	Available
Wed.	October 18	Noon	Available
Thurs.	October 19	Noon	Available
Fri.	October 20	Noon	Available
Sat.	October 21	5:00 pm	+Ann Sullivan
Sun.	October 22	9:00 am	Good Shepherd Comm.

Parishioners are invited to remember their loved ones in a special way through prayers. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a loved one or a special intention, please contact the parish office. **Stipends may be turned in with the collection or mailed to the office. Checks should be made out to *Church of the Good Shepherd*. Please write "mass intention" on the memo line of your check. Thank you.**



Church open for personal prayer:
Monday—Friday 10AM to 2PM



We invite you to check out our On-Line Giving Program.

Visit our parish website: www.cgsparish.org
click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

Upcoming Special Collections

October 22—World Missions
November 1—All Saints Day
November 5—Mortgage



The AED is located in the Commons by the fire extinguisher outside the office.



Parish Life This Week

Monday, October 16

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, October 17

12:30 PM AFF

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM AFF

Wednesday, October 18

10:00 AM Divine Mercy

12:30 PM Salt & Light

6:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Ladies Guild & Men's Club Mtgs.

7:00 PM Youth Ministry

7:15 PM WOM Book Club

Thursday, October 19

6:00 PM Finance Council

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, October 20

11:30 AM Adoration

Saturday, October 21

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Wine Tasting Tickets

Sunday, October 22

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Wine Tasting Tickets

10:15 AM Religious Education

11:15 AM Play Practice

Weekly Offering for:

October 7 & 8, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00
(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory \$ 4,585.39

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage \$ 1,201.96
Haiti \$ 35.00
Barron Dempsey \$ 43.57
Altar Flowers \$ 25.00
Religious Education \$ 34.00
Roof Repair Fund \$ 100.00
Other \$ 20.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

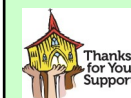
Retired Religious \$ 10.00
Learn to Lead (Loose) \$ 38.35

Mortgage Balance \$ 21,304.69

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 86

Sunday 207



Thank you for your continued support of the Church of the Good Shepherd!