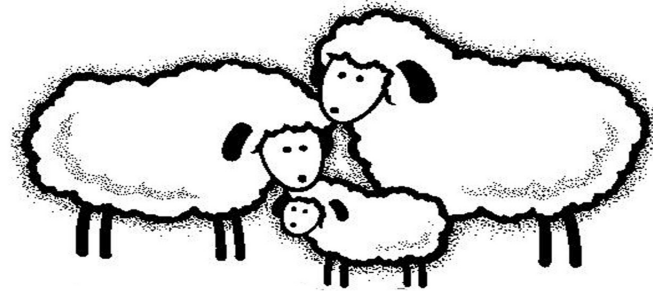
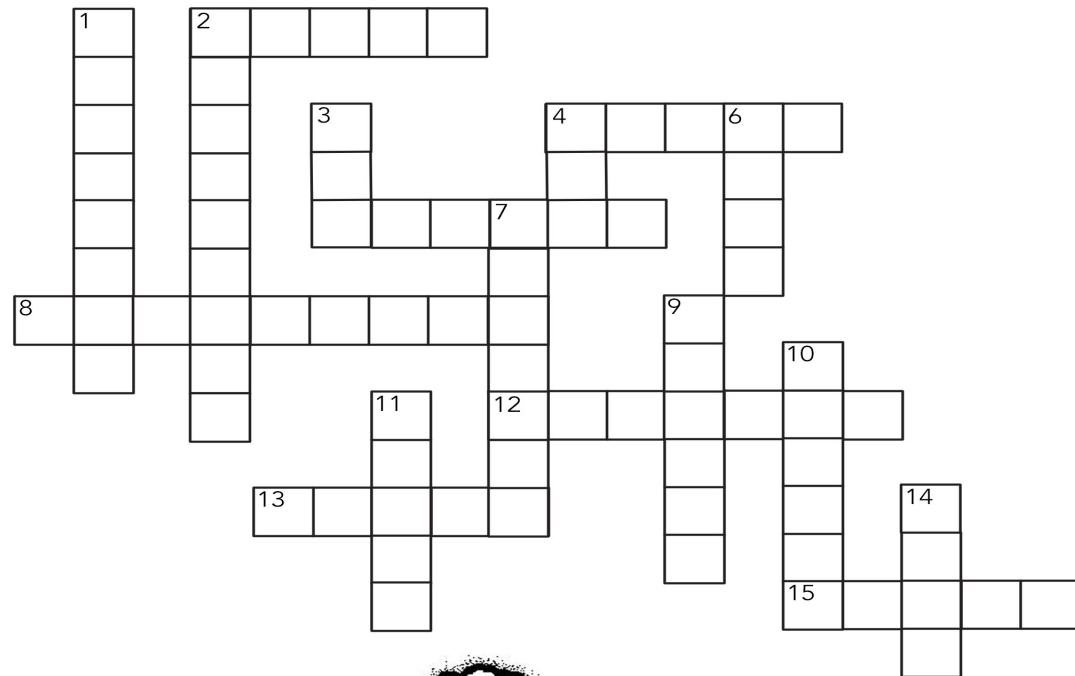


Puzzle!



ACROSS

- 2. cause of Job's trouble
- 4. twinkling, heavenly lights
- 6. the Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
- 8. creature of the deep (41:1)
- 12. the Temanite, a friend (2:11)
- 13. sores
- 15. Job had 7,000

DOWN

- 1. the One who ever lives (19:25)
- 2. affliction
- 3. had seven sons
- 4. ocean
- 5. precipitation
- 7. Job had 500
- 9. the Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
- 10. Job had 3,000
- 11. Job's fourth friend (32:2)
- 12. Job had 500 yoke

Answers: Across 2. Satan, 4. stars, 6. Bildad, 8. Levathah, 12. Eliphaz, 13. boils, 15. sheep; Down 1. Redeemer, 2. suffering, 3. Job, 4. sea, 5. rain, 7. donkeys, 9. Zophar, 10. camels, 11. Elihu, 12. oxen

NEWS & EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

The Men's Club invites you to our Annual Pancake Dinner
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
5:00-7:00 PM

Ticket Prices:

- Family—\$20.00
- Adult—\$6.00
- Child ages 3 to 11—\$3.00
- Under 3—Free



Tickets can be purchased after Mass or at the door. Join us for food and fellowship as we venture toward the season of Lent.

THE EASTER EGGS ARE COMING!!!!

The Ladies' Guild will begin taking orders for their 1/2 lb., handmade chocolate covered Easter eggs on Saturday, February 17th. The last day to place an order is Sunday, March 17, 2024. Cost per egg is \$8.00.



This year's flavors are: Peanut Butter, Buttercream, Chocolate Cream, Cherry Nut, Chocolate Marshmallow, and Coconut Toasted Almond. Our special edition flavor this year is MOCHA. All proceeds go back to parish ministries, the Isle of Wight County community and other area ministries.

We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or a wedding anniversary in the month of **FEBRUARY** a day filled with goodness, and may you be reminded of God's love and mercy today and all the days of your life.

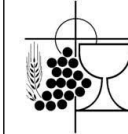
May you be blessed with good health and happiness in the coming year.

Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!



FAITH FORMATION

Eucharist Bible Study



Join us for a new two session *Eucharist Bible Study* on **Tuesday, February 6 & 13 or March 12 & 19 at 7:00PM** with Michael Matthews. Learn what and where Scripture teaches us about the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Revival News

The third session of "*Jesus and the Eucharist*" is on Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 9-11am.



Join us for **HOLY HOUR**
Tuesday, February 6, 2024
8:00 PM



Online Lenten Workshop

Discover the meaning of Lent by visiting <https://www.catholicculture.org> and clicking on the 'Resources' tab.

The page lists instructions, prayers and activities to help in our attempt to be united to our suffering

Called To Be Holy

We all love fish fry and Easter egg time, but Lent is first and foremost the time to renew our commitment to holiness! Pick up your copy of *Called to Be Holy* in the Commons. A donation of \$1.00 or more is requested to offset the cost. Please help yourself to the resources in the 'FREE' basket.



TAX STATEMENT INFORMATION



The 2023 tax statements for family contributions have been dispersed via mail or in person. If you do not receive a statement by February 15 and you should have received one, please contact the office. Thank you for your continued support of the Church of the Good Shepherd!

Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of February 4
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Mass Times: Saturday—5PM & Sunday—9AM

Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon

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

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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 or at the entrance to the church. 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 prior to the baptism. 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.



February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mk 1:29-39

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Why me? It could be a flat tire, a lost job or a serious illness. When inconvenient, unpleasant or even downright horrible things happen, it is understandable to wonder why God allows it. I know that is what goes through my head in extreme adversity. God can do all things, so why wouldn't he change "this thing" for me? In the Gospel, we see Jesus curing Simon Peter's mother-in-law of her illness, but many of us don't have our prayers answered like that. Instead, we may relate more to Job in today's first reading when he says life is a "drudgery" and he "shall not see happiness again." The reality is that God's ways are not our ways, so we can't know why some people endure hardship while others receive miracles. But we can change how we respond to those hardships when they arrive. Just as this passage from Job is understood better within the context of the whole book, discrete events in our lives are part of something larger than ourselves. Praying with Scripture, including reading more of Job, can help us understand how God is molding, refining, and yes - always loving us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When we are tempted to feel like Job is a good time to embrace the age-old practice of "offering it [suffering] up." As a child, my parents explained that offering it up meant I was telling God I would happily suffer in exchange for it helping someone else. What does this really mean? Everything stems from our being united to Christ in our baptism and being participants in his priestly, prophetic and royal office. We offer ourselves, our whole being, including our worship, praise, joy, gratitude, bodies and even sufferings to God as sacrifice. So, to "offer it [suffering] up" is a powerful way of taking a bad situation and allowing it to be used for something good; to give our inconvenience, pain and grief to the Lord and ask him to unite it to Christ's suffering for the good of others. It is a redemptive act, a form of love-in-action. St. Paul is a great example of someone who suffered gladly, and in today's second reading he shares that "to the weak [he] became weak, to win over the weak."

PRAY Offering up our sufferings and difficulties is a way to participate in the redemptive work of Christ. It is a simple way to pray and can keep our focus on God throughout the day. There isn't any one specific prayer for doing this. Instead, when something unpleasant or painful happens, take a moment to acknowledge it and give it to the Lord. It can be as simple as saying, "Lord, I am happy to endure this for the benefit of others." You may want to insert a specific intention or offer it for the souls in purgatory. It's not always easy - especially when your suffering is great - but give it a try this week.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Jesus came not just for those he encountered in person but for the salvation of the whole world. As his earthly ministry touched the lives of many people, so does his Word spread to all the earth. He brings healing to those in despair by offering the hope of the kingdom of God.

Gospel Focus:

Jesus, the Word of God, came for all the world.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Have an active personal and communal prayer life.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: What can I do to be better prepared to proclaim the Good News with conviction?

Children: How can I share my faith and trust in Jesus with my friends?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of February



Evangelization: For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Pope Tweets:

"Accumulating material goods is not enough to live well, because life does not depend on what we possess (cf. Lk 12:15). Life depends on good relationships: with God, with others, and also with those who have less."

Please Remember in Prayer:



Gordon Blackman, Barbara Bonney, Gene Chappell, Justin Evans, Ellen Gauthier, Leslie Lunger, Christopher Morris, Dara Murphy, Betty Nagy, Mary Pasko, Elizabeth Perry, Alice Reece, Debbie Steiger, Marcella Stratman, Irene White, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras

"Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted." (Psalm 147)

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK?

(The following is from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

1520 *A particular gift of the Holy Spirit.* The first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age.

1521 *Union with the passion of Christ.* By the grace of this sacrament the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion: in a certain way he is *consecrated* to bear fruit by configuration to the Savior's redemptive Passion.

1522 *An ecclesial grace.* The sick who receive this sacrament, "by freely uniting themselves to the passion and death of Christ," "contribute to the good of the People of God."

1523 *A preparation for the final journey.* If the sacrament of anointing of the sick is given to all who suffer from serious illness and infirmity, even more rightly is it given to those at the point of departing this life; so, it is also called *sacramentum exeuntium* (the sacrament of those departing).



HEALING MASS
Saturday, February 10, 2024
11:00 AM

Luncheon to follow Mass

Fr. Tony will administer the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Please attend and pray for our caregivers.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14!

Mass with distribution of ashes
Noon & 7:00 PM

Reminder that this is a day of fasting and abstinence.



Ash Wednesday Extended Adoration

Start your Lent off by spending sacred one-on-one time with our Savior. Adoration begins after the Noon Mass on Ash Wednesday and ends by 6PM. Sign-ups are available in the Commons. Consider signing – up for one of the less popular times as two people are required to always be in attendance.



Considering a call to the priesthood

"Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed." If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week

- Monday, February 5**—St. Agatha
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday, February 6**—St. Paul Miki and Companions
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday, February 7**
1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday, February 8**
1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday, February 9**
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday, February 10**—St. Scholastica
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday, February 11—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	February 5	No Mass	
Tues.	February 6	Noon	Available
Wed.	February 7	Noon	Available
Thurs.	February 8	Noon	Available
Fri.	February 9	Noon	+Mary Kryniskie
Sat	February 10	5:00 pm	+James & JoAnn Smith
Sun.	February 11	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:
Tuesday—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
February 11—Barron Dempsey Fund
February 14—Ash Wednesday



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



Parish Life This Week

- Monday, February 5**
5:00 PM Good Grief!!!
6:30 PM Cub Scouts
- Tuesday, February 6**
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM AFF—Eucharist Bible Study
7:00 PM Ministry to the Sick
8:00 PM Holy Hour
- Wednesday, February 7**
12:30 PM Salt & Light
5:30 PM Shadow Stations Practice
6:30 PM OCIA
7:00 PM Youth Group
7:15 PM WOM Book Club
- Thursday, February 8**
6:00 PM Pastoral Council
7:00 PM Choir Practice
- Saturday, February 10**
11:00 AM Healing Mass
4:30 PM Rosary
6:00 PM Super Bowl Bake Sale
- Sunday, February 11**
8:30 AM Rosary
10:00 AM Super Bowl Bake Sale
10:15 AM Religious Education



Weekly Offering for:

January 27 & 28, 2024
Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00
(The following totals include E-Giving)

This collection information will appear in the February 11, 2024 bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support of the Church of the Good Shepherd!
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



If you are new to our parish, you can find the registration form on our website www.cgsparish.org or contact the parish office.

Registration Updates Needed !

Help us keep our records updated! If you have had an address, email change, phone number, birth, death, or grown children who have moved out on their own, please contact the parish office with these changes. Don't forget us when life events occur. Thank you in advance.

