

# Puzzle!

Look up each verse in an NIV Bible and find a word that fits in that row. Then write the word from the bold vertical column in the blank below to complete Proverbs 24:3-4.

1 Corinthians 8:1		<b>N</b>					
Philippians 1:9						<b>H</b>	
2 Peter 1:5							<b>S</b>
			<b>A</b>				2 Timothy 3:7
Matthew 24:32					<b>S</b>		
John 7:15				<b>R</b>			
					<b>I</b>		Isaiah 33:6
2 Peter 3:18						<b>E</b>	
		<b>W</b>					Proverbs 24:5

By wisdom a house is built, and ...  
through \_\_\_\_\_ its rooms are filled with  
rare and beautiful treasures.

PROVERBS 24:3-4, NIV

Answer: know, insight, goodness, always, lesson, learning, foundation, grace, power, knowledge

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## NEWS & EVENTS



**VIRTUS Training Opportunity**  
Saturday, August 24, 2024  
9:00 AM—Noon

St. Mary of the Presentation Church  
202 S. Broad St. Suffolk, VA

Are you VIRTUS trained? Do you want to join one of the church ministries to share your time, talent, and treasure? You NEED VIRTUS! All parishioners who work with children or vulnerable adults are required by the Diocese of Richmond to take this training.

Register online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) or email [office@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:office@stmarysuffolk.org) for more information.



The parish office will be  
**CLOSED**  
Thursday, August 29th through  
Monday, September 2nd for the holiday.



### "Walking with Moms in Need"

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

Our parish is joining a nationwide initiative entitled "Walking with Moms in Need". As part of this initiative our parish will undertake a yearlong process to assess, expand, and equip our parishioners to better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need in our local community.

We invite all parishioners to join us as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Mary Ellen Bebermeyer at [maryellen2648@gmail.com](mailto:maryellen2648@gmail.com) or Jean Coughlin at [coughlinj112@gmail.com](mailto:coughlinj112@gmail.com).

To learn more about the nationwide initiative, visit [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com)

"Jesus has made Himself The Bread of Life to give us life. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to Adoration."

~St. Teresa of Calcutta



**Food Pantry Needs for the**  
**Week of August 18**  
**CANNED OR BOXED FRUIT**

## FAITH FORMATION



### St. Teresa of Avila Book Club

The Book Club will meet on the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday of the month from 7:15-8:30 pm beginning September 4th. Our next book will be "My Sisters, the Saints" by Colleen Carroll Campbell. It is available through most retail booksellers and on eBay.

"A poignant and powerful spiritual memoir about how lives of the saints changed the life of modern woman."

In *My Sisters, the Saints*, author Colleen Carroll Campbell blends her personal narrative of spiritual seeking, trials, stumbles, and breakthroughs with the stories of six women saints who profoundly changed her life: Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Faustina of Poland, Edith Stein of Germany, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Mary of Nazareth. Drawing upon the rich writings and examples of these extraordinary women, the author reveals Christianity's liberating power of women and the relevance of the saints to the lives of contemporary Christians.

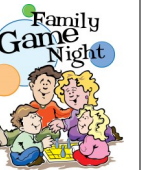
### Join us for FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Friday, August 23, 2024

We are having an end-of-summer GAME NIGHT at Good Shepherd parish!

We have a lot to offer, including:

- Potluck dinner and snacks
- Assorted board games
- A pre-catechism Family Feud (with prizes!)
- Outdoor activities (weather permitting)

The fun begins at 6:30 PM, and all ages are welcome! There will be a sign up in the commons to bring a dish, so we can accommodate all who are interested in attending.



### 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

"Sharing His Love with Others"

As of 8/12/2024

Goal \$ 17,750.00

Total Raised \$ 23,290.00

% of Goal 131% from 57 donors

**Have you made your donation to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal?** It is not too late!

**YOUR gift matters.** Visit the diocesan website at <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal> to make a secure online donation or contact the parish office to receive a hard copy pledge card. Thank you for partnering with us on this important ministry of our Catholic Church.



# The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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\*Summer Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 10AM-4:30PM;  
Tuesday & Thursday 10AM-4PM; Friday CLOSED

Mass Times: Saturday—5PM & Sunday—9AM

Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon

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

## Staff

**Pastor** - Fr. Tony Yllana, [pastor@cgsparish.org](mailto:pastor@cgsparish.org)

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**Music Coordinator**

## 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**—Doyle Agnew

**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** - Joe Campo, [jk17335@vakofc.org](mailto:jk17335@vakofc.org)

**Ladies' Guild** - Margaret Hickman

**Men's Club** - Bill Knapp, [billknapp1985@yahoo.com](mailto: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

## 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.

August 18, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prov 9:1-6 | Eph 5:15-20 | John 6:51-58

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

We tell our children, from a young age through their teen years: make wise choices. It's a sort of catch-all to cover the endless possibilities of circumstances – good, bad, or neutral – they might find themselves in. But what does it mean to be wise? To have wisdom? In today's first reading from Proverbs, we are shown a depiction of wisdom herself, spreading a table where the guests will dine when they arrive. "Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!" she says. This invitation is echoed in the Gospel, by Wisdom personified: Jesus Christ. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." Simplicity of heart and the forsaking of foolishness are the only criteria for accepting the offering of wisdom. It seems we are to come and be fed. But how do we discern, in our fast-paced, consumer-based world, what exactly is a wise choice? It's hard to advance in true wisdom; it is acquired by the humble and the simple, not the busy and the overcomplicated. Often, what the Christian deems important the world finds "foolish." It can be hard to keep our priorities rightly ordered, but advancing on the path to wisdom begins first by recognizing the centrality of God in our lives and humbly allowing him in.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he instructs the people, saying, "Watch carefully how you live." I'd like to think that's where we got our "make wise choices" instruction, but I can't be sure. Again, the dichotomy between foolishness and wisdom is addressed. Wisdom is described as being prudent, which is living with one eye in the present, but also one eye toward the future, and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Elaborating even further, Paul provides a beautiful image of "singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything." In the life of one living with wisdom, there is a turning toward true joy. Living in a spirit of gladness is in direct opposition to living in a spirit of fear or comparison. Since wisdom and understanding are both gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit, we can invite him into our midst and ask him to increase our wisdom, understanding, and our capacity for joy.

**ENGAGE** Cultivating wisdom and understanding is a lofty, but worthy, goal! This week, spend some time familiarizing yourself with the Wisdom literature of the Bible (which consists of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, and Sirach) by reading the introductions to one or more of them. Explore some of the Scriptures themselves.



## LITURGY AND MINISTRY

### Today's Readings:

Jesus preaches that those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will remain in him and he in them. It is through our participation in the Eucharist that we are united most intimately to Christ. We need to eat to sustain our bodily life. We need to consume the bread of life to sustain our spiritual life with Christ.

### Gospel Focus:

The Eucharist is essential to life in Christ.



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

**EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...**

Are continuously changing and repenting.

### FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

**Adults:** How does Jesus' promise of eternal life affect the way you live today?

**Children:** How often do you think about heaven? Does it make a difference in the choices you make?

## PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of August



#### Evangelization: For Political Leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

#### Pope Tweets:

"Let us continue to pray for peace. May the Holy Spirit enlighten the minds of leaders and instill in them wisdom and a sense of responsibility, so they may avoid any action or word that fuels conflict. May they instead work decisively for a peaceful resolution of conflicts."

### Please Remember in Prayer:

*Gordon Blackman, Barbara Bonney, Gene Chappell, Justin Evans, Ellen Gauthier, Carol Kelly, Leslie Lunger, Christopher Morris, Betty Nagy, Mary Pasko, William Rapier, Alice Reece, Debbie Steiger, Irene White, and Thomas Wunder*



### He is present among us

Jesus is living food for us, sent from the Father in heaven. Unlike ordinary food, which just sustains bodily life, this food offers a life that is eternal. From the burning bush to the gentle breeze, God has made His presence known among us since the beginning of time. Being among us as food for body and spirit is a significant way of being present. Christ's Eucharistic presence is in bread and wine, among the commonest elements of food and drink in His day. The Lord is present among us through everyday things.

Bread comes from a process that starts with seeds of wheat mixed with water. These are brought together as dough and, after several stages of development, they end up as a unity which we call bread. Wine begins as a cluster of grapes which, when they are processed, they end up as what we call wine. A group of people gather together for prayer, each of them unique. After a process which is the work of God's Spirit, they become a unity, which we call church, or the Body of Christ. In communion, the (community) Body of Christ is being nourished by the (sacramental) Body of Christ.

If someone invited you all to gather around me, as close as you can, because he was going to whisper to you, something else would take place that might surprise you. You'd notice that the closer you come to me the closer you'd be to each other. If you gathered closely around one person, you would be touching shoulders with each other. That is how community or the Body of Christ is formed. It is a question of bringing people closer to the Lord and, as a direct result of that, they end up being closer to each other.

Throughout history, God has spoken to His people in surprising ways. He spoke to Elijah through the gentle breeze, and He spoke to Moses in the burning bush. The natives of Bethlehem weren't too excited that a new baby had been born and, later on, Herod would mock Jesus as a fool, and the soldiers would jeer Him as a king. After the resurrection, Mary Magdalene thought He was a gardener, Peter thought He was a ghost, and the disciples on the road to Emmaus thought He was a stranger passing through. That He should present Himself in so simple a form as food and drink is just what we might expect from "The God of Surprises."

([associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/18-aug-2024-20th-sunday-year-b/](http://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/18-aug-2024-20th-sunday-year-b/))

### Considering a call to the priesthood

"Always give thanks for all things." Give thanks to the priests, sisters, and brothers who answered God's call with open hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



## August 18, 2024 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Readings for the Week

#### Monday, August 19

Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22

#### Tuesday, August 20—St. Bernard

Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

#### Wednesday, August 21—St. Pius X

Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

#### Thursday, August 22—Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

#### Friday, August 23

Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

#### Saturday, August 24—St. Bartholomew

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

#### Sunday, August 25—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69



### Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	August 19	No Mass	
Tues.	August 20	Noon	Available
Wed.	August 21	Noon	Available
Thurs.	August 22	Noon	+Rob Watson
Fri.	August 23	Noon	Available
Sat	August 24	5:00 pm	+Rachel & Herb Schutz
Sun.	August 25	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—Thursday 10AM to 2PM



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

Visit our parish website: [www.cgsparish.org](http://www.cgsparish.org) click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

**Upcoming Special Collections**  
September 1—*Capital Reserve*  
September 8—*Catholic Virginian*



### Parish Life This Week

#### Tuesday, August 20

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

#### Wednesday, August 21

6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM PCL Mtg.

7:00 PM Youth Group

#### Thursday, August 22

7:00 PM Choir Practice

#### Friday, August 23

Office Closed

6:30 PM Family Game Night

#### Saturday, August 24

1:00 PM Church in Use

4:30 PM Rosary

#### Sunday, August 25

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM AFF—Deeper Dive

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



### Weekly Offering for:

August 10 & 11, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

### OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 4,982.20

### ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 283.00
Haiti	\$ 60.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 5.00
Ladies Guild	\$ 387.00
Other	\$ 80.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	91
Sunday	190



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



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

