



# Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

★WORD BANK★

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Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)

## NEWS & EVENTS



### CALLING ALL GOOD SHEPHERD LADIES 18 YEARS AND OLDER!!!

The Good Shepherd Ladies' Guild will have its first meeting of our new year on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00PM in the big classroom in the rear of the church. We invite all of you to come and join us in planning our many activities during the year 2024-2025. We look forward to meeting those of you who are new and seeing our older members as we begin our work together. Come and join us!



**HEY LADIES!** Have you ever wished you could have a decade of the Rosary at your fingertips to say a quick 10 Hail Marys without having to get your whole Rosary out of your purse? Well, the *Religious Goods Store* has a solution in the form of **ROSARY BRACELET!** We have a limited supply, made by our Guild members, available for purchase. Stop by and see our limited collection. Cost is \$20.00 each.

### The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic



Have you ever searched for a way to intensify your life in the church? You are invited to an information session about the local Lay Dominican fraternity. Learn what you have in common with these Lay Dominicans: St. Catherine of Siena, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. Martin de Porres, and St. Rose of Lima. Lay Dominicans are called to holiness by living the four pillars of Dominican Life: Prayer, Study, Community, and Apostolate (service). Through these pillars you will serve God, serve your Church, and grow in your faith. Our annual informational session will be **Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School**, 52 Harpersville Rd, Newport News, VA. We will be meeting in the school library. For more information, please contact us at [517MMC@gmail.com](mailto:517MMC@gmail.com).



### "Meal Preparation Group" Announcement

The Parish Life Committee is activating our "Meal Preparation Group". Please contact Maggie Hartley at 757-357-9409 or 757-718-3491 (cell) if a dinner would help you through a difficult time. This would be available for a family who has a sick member or has been in the hospital. We would provide a dinner 1-2 times a week for a couple of weeks or as needed. If you have any comments or questions or if you would like to join our volunteer group, please call the number provided. Just leave a message with your name and phone number. Thank you for helping your Good Shepherd parish family!

## FAITH FORMATION



It is that time of year again!  
Where has the summer gone!

### Religious Education registration has begun for grades K-8.

Classes will be held each Sunday from 10:15am until 11:15am beginning on September 22, 2024.

Please see our website or email [formation@csparish.org](mailto:formation@csparish.org) for registration forms.

Are you looking for something to do while your child is in Religious Education class?

Join us for a **DEEPER DIVE** into the Scriptures after the **9:00 AM Mass on Sunday.**

Come and expand your knowledge and appreciation of the Bible and our Catholic Faith.



### 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.



### Scouting America is recruiting!

Boys and girls from Kindergarten age through 20 years old are eligible. Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout units are all in the Smithfield area. Go to [cvboyscouts.org](http://cvboyscouts.org) or contact Brendan Wesdock ([bwesdock@gmail.com](mailto:bwesdock@gmail.com)) for more information.



**Food Pantry Needs for the Week of September 15**  
**CEREAL/OATMEAL**



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Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon

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

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**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

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**Sacristan** - Hart Smith

**Ushers** - Steve Reznick

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**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.



September 15, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a | Jas 2:14-18 | Mk 8:27-35

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

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.” Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel don’t leave much room for “secondary interpretation.” Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus. At first glance this may sound intimidating, but let’s think about it in the light of today’s readings. By denying ourselves, we are able to turn more fully toward God and toward others. Isn’t that what James is asking of us in his letter? He says this of faith: “if it does not have works, [it] is dead.” He even uses an example that might sound like something we would hear in a homily today: he asks, if you see someone who doesn’t have proper food or clothing and you simply wish them well without offering assistance, what good are you doing?

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Certainly, when we help and serve others, we are working concretely to build the kingdom of God on earth. We are, quite literally, being Christ’s hands and feet in the world and following in our Lord’s footsteps. By thinking and acting with this mindset, we are turning toward God; we are seeking to lighten the loads of others – helping them to carry their crosses. In today’s Gospel passage, although Peter’s words, “You are the Christ” were faith-filled and seemed to imply understanding, he was not able to embrace the fullness of Christ’s mission. He rebukes Jesus for “setting himself up” to suffer greatly and be killed. In response, Jesus rebukes Peter and says he is not thinking as God does. As human beings, we know we are not able to think as God does. But we are made in God’s image, and the more we love one another, the more we reflect him in what we do.

**WITNESS** Peter’s mistake was thinking he knew better than God how to do what needed to be done. Is there anything in your life that makes you think you might be like Peter? Choose a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, and spend some time listening to God in prayer as to how he might desire you to perform it.

## LITURGY AND MINISTRY

### Today's Readings:

Today we hear that is at the center of the entire Gospel. Who is Jesus, and what does it mean to follow him? We would do well to reflect on this question from time to time. Who do we say that Jesus is, and how do our actions demonstrate this belief?

### Gospel Focus:

Our lives must demonstrate our belief in Christ.



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

**EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...**  
Are engaged in works of charity and justice.

### FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

**Adults:** Why should faith always lead to good works?

**Children:** What good work can I do to show my faith?

## PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

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



#### Evangelization: For the Cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

#### Pope Tweets:

"Our life of faith begins when we humbly welcome Jesus into the boat of our lives, make room for Him, listen to His Word and let ourselves be questioned, challenged and changed by it."

### Please Remember in Prayer:

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

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK



It is a little-known fact that the Catholic Church is largely responsible for what today we call *hospitals*. The Latin word *hospes* means "guest" or "traveler", and it was the work of the Church—from the very beginning—to provide hospitality and charity to those who were in need of it.

What was the motivation for Christians to provide healthcare to others? Simply, the words of Jesus: *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me"* (Matthew 25:35-36).

Many great saints like St. Basil, St. Jerome, and St. Cyprian established hospitals in their areas for care of the sick and suffering. The Council of Nicea (325 A.D.) even ordered that every city which had a cathedral should also have a hospital.

Over time, lay and religious orders formed in the Church that were dedicated exclusively to the care of the sick such as the Knights Hospitallers, the Alexians, some branches of the Benedictines, Franciscans, Carmelites, the Missionaries of Charity, and others.

If we are not a healthcare professional, we may not be able to care for the sick directly, but we can at times visit them as one of the corporal works of mercy, and we can all pray for those who are ill. The Church gives us a simple *Prayer for the Sick* in the following words that we may pray any time we are concerned about the health and wellbeing of another:

*Father in heaven, grant N. comfort in his/her suffering. Give him (her) courage when afraid, patience when afflicted, hope when dejected, and when alone, assure him (her) of the prayerful support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Since sickness is part of a fallen world and will always be with us, we often need to ask for peace of heart to deal with it. Many times illness is stronger than we are. In times of sickness, problems, or upheaval, we should recall St. Paul's consoling words to the Philippians: *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:6-7).

*(Prayers in the Pew Monthly, September 2024. SitStandKneel.com)*

\*Weekday Mass returns on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Noon.



**There will be a Prayer Service with Communion Tuesday-Friday at 12:00 PM (Noon) September 17-20, 2024 and September 24, 2024**

### Considering a call to the priesthood

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Are you seeking a simplistic way of life? You may be called to take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Discover that life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



*"I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living." (Psalm 116)*

## September 15, 2024 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Readings for the Week

**Monday, September 16**—Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday, September 17**

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday, September 18**

1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday, September 19**

1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday, September 20**—Memorial of The Korean Martyrs

1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday, September 21**—St. Matthew

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

**Sunday, September 22**—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37



### Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	September 16	No Mass	
Tues.	September 17	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Wed.	September 18	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Thurs.	September 19	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Fri.	September 20	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Sat.	September 21	5:00 pm	+Carl Trentham
Sun.	September 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](http://www.cgsparish.org)  
click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

### Upcoming Special Collections

**October 6—Capital Reserve**  
**October 20—World Mission Collection**  
**October 27—Altar Flowers**



### Parish Life This Week

**Monday, September 16**

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, September 17**

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, September 18**

10:00 AM Divine Mercy

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

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

7:15 PM Book Club

**Thursday, September 19**

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

7:00 PM Choir Practice

**Friday, September 20**

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

**Saturday, September 21**

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Parish Picnic Sign-up

**Sunday, September 22**

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Religious Education

10:15 AM AFF—Deeper Dive

10:15 AM Parish Picnic Sign-up

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



### Weekly Offering for:

September 7 & 8, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

### OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 5,983.16

### ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 833.00
Haiti	\$ 35.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 15.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 262.05
Religious Education—Reg.	\$ 15.00
Other	\$ 35.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 108  
Sunday 178



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