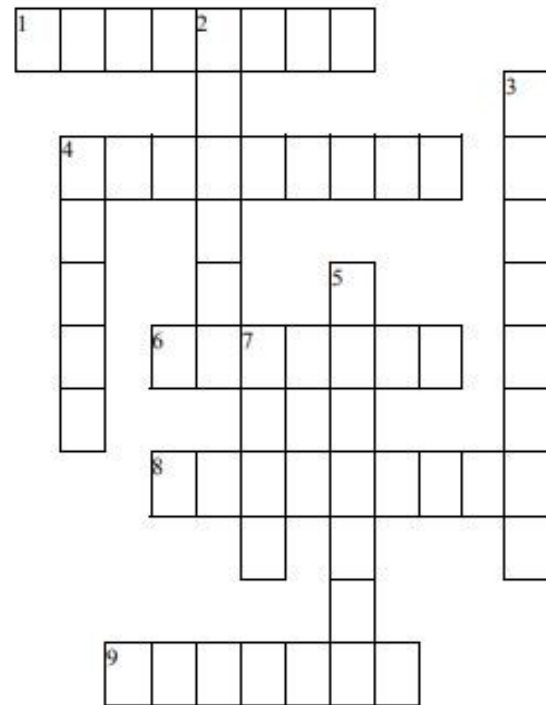


*This puzzle is from Mark 9:30-37



Whoever receives one child receives me.



Across

- 1 . They were afraid to _____ him.
- 4 . Town in Galilee.
- 6 . first
- 8 . He was teaching his _____
- 9 . Unscramble the word: eyjornu

Down

- 2 . Jesus called the _____
- 3 . They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the _____
- 4 . Whoever receives a _____ receives Jesus.
- 5 . They left from there and began a journey through _____
- 7 . three days after his death he will _____

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NEWS & EVENTS



**Good Shepherd
Annual Fall Picnic
Sunday, October 13, 2024
At 12:00 PM (Noon)**

Please sign-up in the Commons if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!



**Knights of Columbus to
Bring Box of Joy Program
to Our Parish!**



Knights of Columbus Council 17335 is once again partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach to bring its *Box of Joy* ministry project to our Church of the Good Shepherd Parish.

Members of the Knights will be distributing shoebox size cartons to parishioners following all Masses. 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 donation per *Box of Joy* is required to cover international shipping costs to the child.

Boxes should be returned to the parish on or before November 10th and left in the Commons area.

Packing a *Box of Joy* is always a wonderful work of mercy for families and blessing a child with this gift is a special experience for everyone involved!

For more information, please contact Joe Campo at 757-357-2287 or the parish office at 757-365-0579. Thank you for your generosity!



**EMMAUS JOURNEY
For Grieving Parents
October 19, 2024**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Newport News**

This retreat is a faith-based, day-long retreat given by a team of grieving parents, spiritual directors, and clergy. It offers a safe place where grieving parents can seek peace, comfort, and hope.

Visit the website olmc.org to learn more and to register for this retreat.

"Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted."
(Matthew 5:4)



*Join us for Donuts
and fellowship
after Mass
in the Commons
next Sunday, October 6*

FAITH FORMATION



Christmas Play Practice is Here!

Practice for the play will begin October 6 after Religious Education from 11:15AM-12:15PM. Open to all interested—many parts available including non-speaking roles. For the younger ones, 18 months up, please join us immediately after Mass on Sundays for about five minutes to learn a Christmas song to sing at the play. The play will be December 20 at 6:30PM. Contact Kathy Day or Lara Detrich for more information.

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.**



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.

Souper Saturday

**Saturday, October 12, 2024
11:00 AM—2:00 PM**



Trinity Methodist Church
201 Cedar Street, Smithfield

Cost: \$8 per lunch (Large portion of homemade soup, 2 ham biscuits, dessert and a drink)

For more information or to donate/volunteer, contact: Cathy Regan (757) 297-8117 / (757) 356-9267 or email: cathyregan56@gmail.com

Sponsored by IOW Christian Outreach Program



**Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of September 29
CANNED MEAT OR FISH**



The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

300 Smithfield Boulevard, Smithfield, Virginia 23430

Website: www.cgsparish.org E-mail: admin@cgsparish.org

Father Tony's Email: pastor@cgsparish.org

Office: (757) 365-0579 Fax: (757) 365-0994 Rectory: (757) 542-3879

Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10:00AM-3:00PM

Mass Times: Saturday—5:00PM & Sunday—9:00AM

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

Admin Assistant - Vicki Dobbins, admin@cgsparish.org

Religious Education - Lara Detrich, formation@cgsparish.org

Youth Ministry – Scott Watterson, youthministry@cgsparish.org

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

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

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 29, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29 | Jas 5:1-6 | Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

Experience, education, and brainpower give parents wisdom and foresight. They can see the bigger picture and determine, for example, that eating an entire box of cookies will make their child sick – no matter how appetizing the cookies appear. God, likewise, has a perspective that is infinitely broader and deeper than our own. This divine perspective is the lens through which we must understand the strong language Jesus uses in today's Gospel. God is a Father who loves us unconditionally and who, like the parent who refuses a child unlimited sweets, knows the harm that sin causes his children in this life and in eternity. "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." These words, meant to drive home a point for Jesus' disciples, remind us that God desires our good infinitely more than we do, and that this good is ultimately to be united with him for eternity. God hates sin in our lives because he loves us. If we believe this, no sacrifice will be too great for us as we strive to root out sin, grow in virtue, and follow Jesus with undivided hearts.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Moses' exclamation in the first reading, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" remind us of the mission, given to us at baptism, to permeate the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by our words and example. This is what it means for us to be "prophets." But how do we become prophets? And how do we accomplish our task effectively? We begin by engaging in the process described above: leaving sin behind at all costs and embracing lives of virtue. As this process brings us closer to God – especially through prayer, but also through works of mercy – we become increasingly capable of seeing as God sees, making judgments according to his wisdom, and ordering the world around us according to his desires. Our words likewise become more powerful in leading others to Christ because they flow from our ever-deepening friendship with him.

REFLECT What corner of your life have you hesitated to give to God? What attitudes or habits have you been reluctant to invite him to transform? Ask him for the courage and perseverance to give these things over to him and, if needed, to bring them to confession. If you allow him, he will draw you closer to himself and you will become a "prophet" for others in the true sense of the word.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

"Whatever causes you to sin, get rid of it." This phrase is really the talking point of Jesus' message in today's Gospel, and it's fairly straightforward. If something in our life is leading us into sin, and away from God, that something needs to be jettisoned like the dead weight that it is. We heed similar advice from coaches looking to improve our game, and mentors looking to improve our performance. How much more valuable are these words from the Lord, who desires to improve our life, and for us to share it with him forever.

Gospel Focus:

"Whatever causes you to sin, get rid of it."



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
Are continuously working toward putting on the mind of Christ.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: What three values motivate me daily? Why?

Children: Do I help people come to know Jesus, or do I keep people away from Jesus?

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:

"Everyone—every man and every woman—is invited by God to partake in His grace, which transforms and saves. We simply need to say "yes" to His free divine gift, welcoming it and allowing ourselves to be transformed by it."

Please Remember in Prayer:



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

~Monthly Synopsis for September 2024~

The month of September is full of magnificent feast days of saints, so let us, like them, make every attempt to be faithful to our Eucharistic devotions and to be mindful of the sick and underprivileged in our midst. It's not politicians who make the greatest contributions to culture—it's people who strive to be saints!



Spiritual Challenge

Let us challenge ourselves to reach out to those around us who are sick or suffering, especially those who are in the hospital or grieving the recent loss of a loved one. The simplest gestures of support are best, even if just a word of kindness and sympathy. Most importantly, we should try to include them in our prayers and Mass intentions so that they may receive the spiritual consolation the Church provides.

"Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior; in suffering love becomes crystallized; the greater the suffering, the purer the love."
~St. Faustina

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."
~St. Thomas More

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

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 6th 11:00 AM



Meet outside the church at the fenced area, Mary's Garden, next to the gravel lot. If it rains, meet at the church entrance. Children are welcome! The blessing begins after Sunday Religious Education classes end for the day.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament October 4, 2024 at 11:30 AM



Followed by 12:00 PM (Noon) Mass.
Come and spend some time with Jesus!

Considering a call to the priesthood

"Whoever is not against us is for us." Pray for your priest. They heard God calling them to the priesthood and chose to serve Christ. Now, they enrich our spiritual well-being everyday in the name of God. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." (Psalm 19)

September 29, 2024 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week

Monday, September 30—St. Jerome

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, October 1—St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 2—The Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday, October 3

Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 4—St. Francis of Assisi

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 5

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 6—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

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| Mon. | September 30 | No Mass | |
| Tues. | October 1 | Noon | Available |
| Wed. | October 2 | Noon | +Judith Detrich |
| Thurs. | October 3 | Noon | Available |
| Fri. | October 4 | Noon | Available |
| Sat. | October 5 | 5:00 pm | Available |
| Sun. | October 6 | 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 6—**Capital Reserve**
October 20—**World Mission Collection**
October 27—**Altar Flowers**



Parish Life This Week

Monday, September 30

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, October 1

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 2

6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

7:15 PM Book Club

Thursday, October 3

6:00 PM Pastoral Council

6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg.

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, October 4

11:30 AM Adoration

Saturday, October 5

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Parish Picnic Sign-up

Sunday, October 6

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Donuts

10:15 AM Religious Education

10:15 AM AFF—Deeper Dive

10:15 AM Parish Picnic Sign-up

11:00 AM Blessing of Animals

11:15 AM Christmas Play Practice

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



Weekly Offering for:

September 21 & 22, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 3,948.26

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

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|---------------------|-----------|
| Capital Reserve | \$ 25.00 |
| Haiti | \$ 85.00 |
| Barron Dempsey | \$ 15.00 |
| Catholic Virginian | \$ 20.00 |
| Religious Education | \$ 225.00 |
| Other | \$ 90.00 |

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 78

Sunday 183



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