



# PUZZLE

## WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

*Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.*



God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you \_\_\_\_\_.” Matthew 28:20

And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... will guard  
your hearts and your minds in  
\_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in \_\_\_\_\_ lives in God,  
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

\_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect

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### NEWS & EVENTS



#### Charles D. Arinello Memorial Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Council 17335 has established a scholarship fund to honor *Charles D. Arinello*.

To help raise money to endow this fund we are accepting donations and selling raffle tickets for a 50/50 drawing in Charlie's name. Tickets will be sold at the end of Masses throughout the month of February. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. The drawing for the raffle winner will be on Saturday, March 2nd.

The scholarship will be awarded to one of our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 25th. See one of the Knights in the commons as you leave Mass to make a donation or to buy your raffle tickets.

**High School Seniors**, please see one of the Knights in the commons to pick up your scholarship application. All applications must be submitted **no later than April 30, 2025**.

#### FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER!

Friday, February 28, 2025  
5:00 PM-7:00 PM



The Knights of Columbus Council 17335 will host a free spaghetti dinner in the commons for all parishioners to enjoy. The menu will be spaghetti and meat sauce or marinara, salad, bread, desert and tea. Any donations will be accepted to help support the *Walking with Moms in Need* program. Sign up in the commons if you plan to attend for a meal headcount.



#### 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: A Message from Our Bishop

Whenever I visit our parishes, I see how our faith and hope is manifested through Mass attendance, reception of the sacraments, Eucharistic devotion, and a commitment to grow closer to Christ. I also see our faith and hope expressed through works of charity such as the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Your gifts to the Appeal support the education of seminarians and priests who are dedicating their lives to serving Christ and his Church, college students to grow in faith, and ensure that vital resources are made available for those families who are homeless and hungry.

I ask you to consider contributing to this year's Appeal so we can spread love and hope for all the world.

**Food Pantry Needs for the Week of February 9**  
**CANNED FISH OR MEAT**  
Help us help others!



### FAITH FORMATION



#### OCIA: CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES

On Sunday, February 9th, in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), we celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates, **Andrea Duffee, Gloria Carmona, Isabella Stanley, and Danielle Hewitt** for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church: Sacrament of Confirmation. The Lord has called them and brought them to this moment; may the Lord grant them light and strength to follow Christ with a resolute heart and to profess the faith of the Church. Please keep these Candidates in your prayers as they make their journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

#### SILENT AUCTION WINNERS!

Congratulations to **Rebecca Quick, Betsy Knapp, and Melissa Jackson**, the winners of our Youth Icon Silent Auction! Please see Scott Watterson to collect your prize and reward the youth teams for their hard work! Thank you to the entire parish family for being supportive of our burgeoning talents.



#### Easter Children's Easter Play Practice Begins!

**Practice for the Children's Easter Play will begin February 9, 2025** after Religious Education. **It will run from 11:15 AM-12:15 PM.** There will be a snack after practice. All are welcome to participate.

We will have as many parts as there are kids and everyone who wants a speaking part will have one. Younger children ages 2-4 can be part of our Little Choir and sing a special Easter song after the play. The Littles will practice immediately after Mass each Sunday. **The play will be on May 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM** with a reception to follow. All parishioners are invited to attend!



#### Scout Sunday

**February 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM Mass**  
Scouts should wear their uniforms and be recognized.

**The parish office is CLOSED on Monday, February 17, 2025 for the Diocesan holiday.**





# The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon

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## Staff

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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, [gk17335@vakofc.org](mailto:gk17335@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.

February 9, 2025

Written by  
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DISCIPLE

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 | 1 Cor 15:1-11 | Lk 5:1-11

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

“Woe is me, I am doomed!” “I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle.” “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Do you notice a theme today? Each of these lines – taken from our readings – reveals the humbling reality that when humans stand in the glorious presence of God, we must confront the Truth, look at ourselves honestly, and recognize our sin. We are reminded of the Garden, when original sin disfigured human nature and Adam and Eve, realizing their nakedness, hid themselves from God. The story would be tragic if that had been the end. But in today's readings and in our own lives, the crippling effects of our sin are *not* the end. By becoming aware of our sin – agonizing though this may be – we invite the Lord in. It's the crack in the door that he will enter, bringing mercy and freedom found only in him.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each of today's readings shows how God's presence leads us to acknowledge our lack; however, that's only “step one.” Notice what happens next in each instance. “Your wickedness is removed, your sin purged.” “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective.” “Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid.’” See how, in each example, hearts are transformed from shame and guilt to courage and confidence. The readings explain how as each person is freed, they are compelled to act boldly. So, what changed? The same thing that can happen in our own lives: as we acknowledge our sin, we open ourselves to the flow of grace. We allow the Lord to heal and free us, making us radiant and setting our hearts on fire with love.

### PLAN

Choose one virtue you'd like to cultivate in order to root out a sinful habit. Then make a plan to practice that virtue. It can be as simple as “I will always pray to the Holy Spirit before I talk to that person at work who bothers me.” Make sure your plan is: (1) specific [“I will never sin again” doesn't count], and (2) doable [“I will pray every day for six hours to grow in patience” is not possible for most people]. Finally, offer your plan to God and ask him for whatever strength, grace, and healing you need to grow in that virtue.



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**LITURGY AND MINISTRY**

**Today's Readings:**

Both Isaiah and Simon Peter stand in awe of the power of the Lord. Isaiah declares his lips unclean and Peter calls himself a sinful man. They recognize their own lowliness in the face of the Lord's majesty. Paul reminds us that Christ died for our sins and was raised. When we confess our sinfulness, we also acknowledge God's power to forgive us.

**Gospel Focus:**

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*



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

**EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...**  
Continue to develop their knowledge and understanding through Scripture and Tradition.

**FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK**

**Adults:** When have you felt inadequate to a task or role you were given? How did you respond?

**Children:** When have you been asked to do something you felt might be too hard for you? What did you do?

**PRAYER AND VOCATIONS**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of February**



**Evangelization:** For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**Pope Tweets:**

"With God at our side, we can overcome despair and live each moment as an opportune time to start again. In our worst moments, let us not close in on ourselves. May we talk to God about our pain and help each other to bear it."

**Please Remember in Prayer:**

Barbara Bonney, Carol Kelly, Christopher Morris, Dara Murphy, Betty Nagy, Mary Pasko, Alice Reece, Peggy Shaw, Debbie Steiger, and Irene White

**THE GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER**

The Church has always encouraged the faithful to pray the Guardian Angel Prayer to strengthen our spiritual relationship with our personal angel. The traditional Guardian Angel Prayer dates back to the 11th century—nearly a thousand years ago! An English Benedictine monk named Reginald composed the prayer *Angele Dei* and added it to the writings of St. Anselm.

**GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER**

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here;  
Ever this day be at my side, to light  
and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*



Note that the prayer outlines four duties of angels on our behalf. First, they enlighten us. Angels are great teachers! We often fail in the moral or spiritual life through lack of understanding. We should often ask our guardian angel for light from God to help us know His will, particularly when we are facing a big decision.

Second, our angels guard us, which is obvious from their name. While they do protect us from physical harm and accidents at times, that is not their main mission. Every guardian angel's primary duty is to protect us from the greater spiritual dangers of demons and sin.

When we ask our guardian angels to "rule" us, we are asking them to help us form good habits in the moral and spiritual life so that we can live according to God's law. Angels are often depicted as soldiers or warriors because they help us maintain a healthy spiritual discipline.

Finally, our Guardian Angels "guide" us on our journey of life, which reminds us of the way in which the Archangel Raphael guided Tobias on his journey in the Book of Tobit. Angels know the way to Heaven, and we should ask their help every day to get there!

(www.sitstandkneel.com, *Prayers in the Pew Monthly*, February 2025)

Bring your palms to church so they can be burned for use on

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
March 5, 2025**



The collection basket is in the commons. Palms will be accepted until Sunday, February 23.

**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 Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)



**February 9, 2025  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday, February 10**—St. Scholastica  
Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday, February 11**  
Gen 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday, February 12**  
Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday, February 13**  
Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday, February 14**—Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius  
Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday, February 15**  
Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday, February 16**—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26



**Daily Mass & Intention Schedule**

Mon.	February 10	No Mass	
Tues.	February 11	Noon	Available
Wed.	February 12	Noon	Available
Thurs.	February 13	Noon	Available
Fri.	February 14	Noon	Available
Sat.	February 15	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	February 16	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**

- March 2—*Capital Reserve*
- March 5—*Ash Wednesday*
- March 16—*Catholic Virginian*



**Parish Life This Week**

- Monday, February 10**  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts
- Tuesday, February 11**  
6:00 PM OCIA  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts  
7:00 PM K of C Mtg.
- Wednesday, February 12**  
7:00 PM Youth Group
- Thursday, February 13**  
6:00 PM Liturgy Ministries  
7:00 PM Choir Practice
- Saturday, February 15**  
4:30 PM Rosary  
6:00 PM Mystery Dinner sign-up
- Sunday, February 16**  
*Scouting Sunday*  
8:30 AM Rosary  
10:00 AM Mystery Dinner sign-up  
10:15 AM Religious Education  
10:15 AM Deeper Dive  
11:15 AM Play Practice



**Weekly Offering for:  
February 1-2, 2025**

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00  
**(The following totals include E-Giving)**

**OFFERTORY:**

Regular Offering/Holy Days \$ 7,761.16

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:**

Capital Reserve \$ 1,893.00  
Haiti \$ 135.00  
Barron Dempsey \$ 210.00  
Altar Flowers \$ 120.00  
Catholic Virginian \$ 15.00  
Roof Repair \$ 5,150.00

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION:**

Respect Life \$ 10.00  
Catholic Relief \$ 10.00

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Sat 85  
Sun 193

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

