

January 21, 2024

*"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"*



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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**OUR VISION**

To expand and strengthen  
the Christian Community in  
which the Gospel of Jesus  
Christ is demonstrated and  
fulfilled.

**OUR MISSION**

In the spirit of our patron  
saints and missionaries,  
we commit ourselves to a  
pilgrimage of faith through  
Evangelization, Sanctification  
and Social Service ministries.



**ST. JOSEPH'S**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKENDS**

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

**WEEKDAYS**

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

**HOLY DAYS**

Vigil 7pm: SPP

Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

**CONFESSION**

Saturday 4pm: SPP

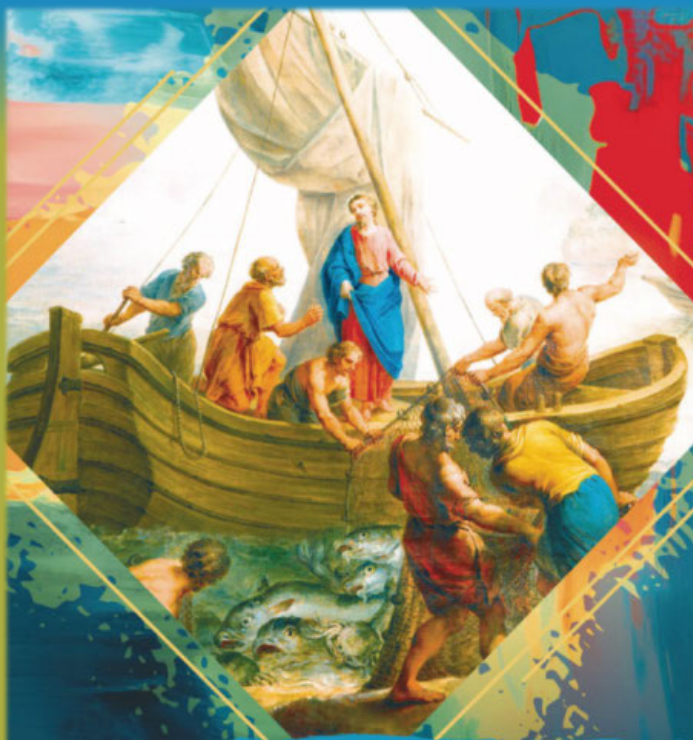
Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's  
(or by appointment)

**HOSPITAL VISITS:**

Call Parish Office  
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office  
to schedule Communion



**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mk 1:17**

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**EVANGELIZE**

**SANCTIFY**

**SERVE**

# WELCOME



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[karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org)



Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20  
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18  
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41  
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
Tuesday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin  
Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle  
Friday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops  
Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin  
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

## JANUARY 2024

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

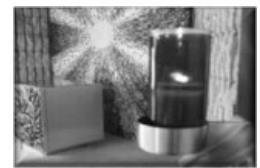
#### BREAD & WINE



#### ALTAR FLOWERS



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE



Or have a Mass said for a loved one. Contact the office for availability.



**ALERT:** As weather conditions turn adverse, tune in to the local ABC, CBS, NBC stations for CLOSING announcements.



# ENCOUNTER

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 21, 2024

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



3RD SUNDAY IN OT

January 21st, 2024

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations at:

804-359-5661

Or email

[vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)



We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir



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# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 20 - 28, 2024

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday	1/20	5pm	Olga Soden	D	Jim & Maggie Cullinan
Sunday	1/21	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	1/21	11am	Tom & Eleanor Holodak	D	Royal & Janis Duffy
Wednesday	1/24	9am			
Thursday	1/25	9am			
Friday	1/26	9am	Bob McCann	D	Don & Eileen Tyler
Saturday	1/27	5pm	Veronica Shelton	D	Bob & Muriel Toepfert
Sunday	1/28	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	1/28	11am	Al Schwarzenboeck	D	Maureen Schwarzenbeck

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Katie Marron, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlrow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Russ Marron, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



REMEMBER in your prayers

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Maria Boice, Patricia Brammer, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Ingilleri, Sue Ingilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlrow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Art Menard, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Margaret Reilly, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Leslie Trapp, Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters and June Wimer.

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** for homebound or hospital visits.

## January Wedding Anniversaries



**If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in January and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on February 3rd or 4th, please notify the office by Friday, January 26th, 2024.**

## FUN DAY

**WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Where:** St. Francis Hall

**Date:** Jan.21, 2024

**Time:** 12:30 - 4:00

**Activities:** Right, Left, Center Game  
Mind The Gap-A Trivia game for the generations

Ping Pong Table

Floor Puzzles for kids

Bring a game to share

**Refreshments:** Bring your favorite snack to share

**Prices:** \$5.00 per person

\$15.00 for families

\$5.00 for 3 chips to play Right, Left, Center  
50/50 Raffle - 3 for \$5.00 or 8 for \$10.00

# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

<b>Pew Count</b> Sat. - 76   Sun. -	<b>JAN 6/7</b>
First Offering	<b>\$ 4,996</b>
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>\$ 2,202</b>
Total	<b>\$ 7,198</b>
<b>Thank you!!</b>	<b>Bake Sale \$ 502</b>
<b>December MTD Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 2,266</b>

The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is**

**FEBRUARY 3 & 4**

*Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.*

Our next monthly Bake Sale is *February 3rd/4th* after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

The new year is filled with hope and promise as we seek to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2024, we are reaching out to our parishioners.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift by visiting [faith.direct/VA249](http://faith.direct/VA249) or calling at 866.507.8757. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you!



Fried or  
Baked Fish

French Fries

Hushpuppies

Coleslaw

Drink

Dessert

Gluten Free  
option  
available

**STARTING FEBRUARY 16TH**

**\$13 - Take Out** starts at 4:30pm  
(No drink or dessert)

**\$15 - Dine In** starts at 5:30pm  
**ALL Service ends at 7:00pm**



Please donate desserts  
if you can.

Contact Doug Mullinex at  
**434.981.6950**

## PARISH LENTEN LUNCH

Our holiest of seasons begins

**Wednesday February 14th.**

This means, starting February 16th

**Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 12noon,**  
followed by a light lunch.

I need your very valuable help.

Please sign up to supply either the soup or sandwiches,  
we appreciate all who do.

*Please help!*

**CALLING ALL SOUP and  
SANDWICH MAKERS**

**THE SIGN UP SHEET IS POSTED ON  
THE KITCHEN DOOR (in the Commons)**

Lent Lunch

For more information contact:

**Pat Amato**

**434.589.7811**

**Volunteer Coordinator**





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

includes RCIA,  
offering  
instruction to  
unbaptized and  
non-Catholic  
persons with  
interest in  
being members of  
the Catholic faith.

Classes meet  
every Sunday @  
9:30am.



## Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm  
St. Elizabeth  
room  
Parish Hall

## ROOM SCHEDULE

<b>Sat</b>	<b>20-Jan</b>	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21-Jan</b>	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		<b>140th Celebration Activity</b>	10:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		<b>FUN DAY</b>	12:30p	Church
<b>Mon</b>	<b>22-Jan</b>	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
<b>Tues</b>	<b>23-Jan</b>	Yoga	11:00a	F
<b>Wed</b>	<b>24-Jan</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:00p	F
		Worship Committee	7:00p	123
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>25-Jan</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
<b>Fri</b>	<b>26-Jan</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
<b>Sat</b>	<b>27-Jan</b>	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28-Jan</b>	Catholic Schools Week		
		Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
<b>Room Ledger:</b>		<b>F</b> - St. Francis (Hall)	<b>R</b> - St. Raphael (Church)	
		<b>E</b> - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	<b>M</b> - St. Michael (Church)	
		<b>C</b> - Commons (Church)		

STS. PETER & PAUL

*Religious Store*

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### Great Gift Ideas:

- Rosaries
- Prayer Cards
- Jewelry
- Greeting Cards
- Crucifixes
- Books
- Home Goods
- and More

### Hours:

Saturday  
3:00-4:30  
6:00-6:45

Sunday  
9:30-10:30  
12:00-1:00

or  
By Appointment

## SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

*in the Adoration Chapel*

**M - Th, 6am - 8pm**

Pope Francis reiterates the importance of spending time in Adoration, "for only through silent Adoration will the Word of God live in our words; only in His presence will we be purified, transformed, and renewed by the fire of his Spirit. Brothers and sisters, let us adore the Lord Jesus!"

Contact: Denise Minor - [dminor92@gmail.com](mailto:dminor92@gmail.com)





**M**arried Couples! Is winter starting to get you down and you find yourself getting a little edgy with your spouse? Perhaps you deserve to get away to renew your relationship. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend and get rid of the blahs.

For information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location.

Feel free to contact Mark and Cath Stangler at 703.378.4150 or [mstang1987@aol.com](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- **March 1-3, 2024 - College Park, MD**
- **April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA**

### **PARISH NURSE NEWS**

#### ***SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL***

***Wednesday, January 31st, 2024***

***10:00AM in the Commons***

**We will talk about finding and/or developing our 4th Quarter "talents". See chapter 29, pg. 156, in The Fourth Quarter of Your Life book.**

**Come join us for coffee and conversation, even if you're new. 757.813.1992 or [caheffley@aol.com](mailto:caheffley@aol.com).**

### **VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

Are you a U.S. Veteran in need of help? Visit the Fluvanna Community Center, 5725 James Madison Hwy by appointment only, on the first Wednesday of each month from 9am to 11:30am. Call Pamela Zirkle or Jeannette Flint at 434-529-6431 to schedule.

**[www.dvs.Virginia.gov](http://www.dvs.Virginia.gov)**

## **STS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH IS SEEKING A MUSIC DIRECTOR**



The part-time Director of Music (DM) is responsible for planning and facilitating music at parish liturgical celebrations. This includes, but is not limited to weekend liturgies, funerals, weddings, Feast Days and prayer services. The DM works closely with the Parish Staff, especially the Pastor, in coordinating music for these celebrations, and provides training for musicians (i.e. Cantors and Pianists) in and outside of the parish.

Interested candidates should submit their diocesan application (<https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/>), cover letter and resume to the Pastor.

**[pastor@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:pastor@saintspeterpaul.org)**



**Coming to Sts. Peter & Paul  
Saturday, February 10th, 2024**

**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Food/Refreshments/**

**Music/Dancing**

**Adult: \$ 10**

**Child: \$ 5**

**Family: \$ 25**





Occasionally we might have a parishioner who needs a temporary helping hand or can no longer drive. Can you make time to help with a ride to a doctor's appointment, church, bank or to the grocery store? This is what the "Good Shepherd" ministry is about. With your name in my call file, you might be asked to be a temporary good Samaritan (Shepherd). To learn more about Good Shepherds ministry, please contact:

**Patricia Travers at 434-953-5432**

## *What Will Your Legacy Be?*

Over 70% of all adults neglect to prepare a Will; many more do not keep it up to date. Think about getting yours done or reviewed. You will be doing your heirs a service. Consider helping Sts. Peter & Paul through a bequest in your Will.

Including the church in your Will costs you nothing now yet makes a wonderful faith witness for your family, friends and others. It is a gift anyone can make, and costs nothing during lifetime.

As Catholics we rejoice with faith in the resurrection. Yet we also know the passage from life to death can be stressful on those who survive us.



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

Do you have old sneakers you no longer wear?

**Catholic Health Initiatives  
for Uganda can use them!  
There is a box at the front door  
where they may be placed.  
***Just sneakers, please!*****

*Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda is a  
501(c) (3) non-profit entity.  
All donations are tax deductible.  
Thank you for your support!*

## *Catholic Q & A*

### **DOES GOD FORGIVE ABORTION?**

#### **Question:**

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

#### **Answer:**

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms.

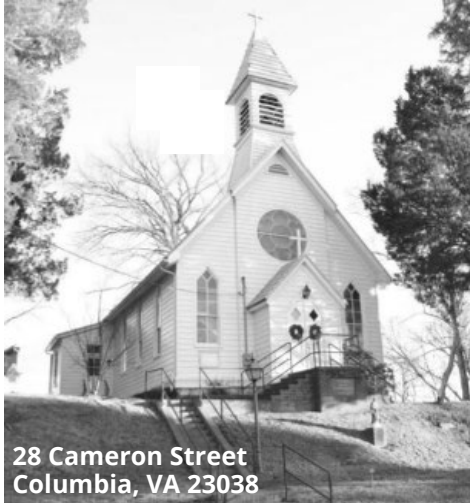
To learn more, visit  
[www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com).

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# ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

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### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP: RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS GIVE UNTIL IT HURTS

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### January Wedding Anniversaries



If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in January and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on February 3rd or 4th, please notify the office by **Friday, January 26th, 2024.**



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

MaryEllen Agolia \* Bradford Barrows \*  
 Maria Correa \* Nona Dooley \*  
 Alice Galvez-Sobral \* Mauricio Granados \*  
 Will Kulick \* Andy Mallory \*  
 India Martin \* Angelica Motta \*  
 Odila Motta \* Oscar Motta \*  
 Thelma Motta \* Denise Pillar \*  
 Christine Stewart \* John Stewart \*  
 Jordan Watkins \* Diane Wolfe \*

If you have pictures or ministry  
 information to be added to  
 St. Joseph's website, please email  
 Melissa at: [kenneymg@gmail.com](mailto:kenneymg@gmail.com)

If you would like to honor a loved one  
 by having a Mass said for them,  
 contact the office at  
 Sts. Peter and Paul  
 at 434.589.5201 to arrange  
 an available date at  
 least 6 months out.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!" The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PRAYER  
 CHANGES  
 EVERYTHING

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