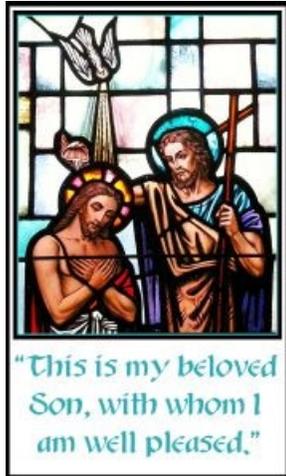


Before Jesus began preaching, teaching, and healing throughout Galilee and Judea, he came to John to be baptized.

The Spirit of God descended upon him and God's voice called out, ***"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."***

As Christians, baptized with the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to carry on Jesus' mission. Let us consider how God calls us to put our faith into action. May God be well pleased.



Readings for this Week (Jan. 13-18)

- Monday:** 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
- Friday:** (Memorial) Ephesians 6:10-13, 18; Matthew 19:16-26
- Saturday:** 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17

**Scripture for next Sunday
(2nd Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

From my mother's womb, I am God's servant.

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Greetings to you, a holy people in Christ.

John 1:29-34

Behold, the Lamb of God!

Isaiah, Paul, and John the Baptist were each called by God for a special purpose. Isaiah tells us of being called to reach out first to the exiled people of Israel and then to all nations. Paul tells the Corinthians that he was called to be an apostle. John the Baptist was called to make Jesus known by baptizing with water. Now it is our turn to listen for God's call.

Respect Life Committee Members are reminded of our meeting this **Monday, January 13, at 4 p.m.**, in the parish office conference room. New members are always welcome to join us!



In addition to the memorials and honorariums listed in our previous bulletins, the following memorial donation was also received;

In Memory of **Kevin Corbett**
Given by Cathy Dorula

from the Pastor's Desk

In recent years we have seen a rise in anti-Semitism in our country and around the world. We should all be disturbed about this. I actually do not believe there has been a great rise in this hatred. I believe it has been around a long time, but now people are feeling more emboldened to make their feelings known and carry out acts of violence because of their hatred.

There are a number of reasons we should find this disturbing. I think some people are not concerned because this can seem like something that does not affect us. It is not happening in our community and we are not threatened by this. This could happen in our community. It could affect all of us. The origins of our faith are found in Judaism. The Old Testament and the Jewish Scriptures are the same. Many parts of our liturgy are based on Jewish tradition.

We should be upset any time we see violence against innocent people in the world, even when it does not seem to affect us. We should be disturbed when we see hatred spreading. There is nothing good that will ever come from hatred. Pope Saint John Paul II once wrote that we are all created in the image and likeness of Christ and what we do to another person we do to the image of Christ.

This is one of those subjects I will probably be writing more about in the future because there is so much to say about it. There is much that each of us can and should do to stop the spread of hatred in our world. It has to stop somewhere and we can choose for it to start here.

Call to Confirmation

Congratulations to our teens who celebrated the Call to Confirmation at the 11:30 a.m. Mass this weekend. Please remember them in your prayers as they continue their spiritual formation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in late February.

- Cole Gayewski** **Spencer Hopkins**
- Joseph Kreutzer** **Danica Mai**
- Madison Mitchell** **Madeline Simcox**
- Cyril Tester** **Carmen Webb**

"Un-Decorating"

St. Anne's needs your help to undecorate the church and put all the Christmas decorations away. Anyone who would like to help, please come to the church this Monday, January 13, at 6 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

PARISH DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!!

If you had your photo taken for our parish directory, please plan to stop in the commons after Mass this weekend to pick up your directory.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- ◆ **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet today, **Sunday, January 12**, in the **School Library, 9:45am-11:15am**.
- ◆ **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room after opening prayer in the **School Library at 9:45am**.
- ◆ **Children's RCIA** will gather in the hallway by the **Great Room at 9:45am** before going to class.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises. If there is someone you think would like to explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means, ask him or her to contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday, January 14. Fr. Chris will be out of town, leaving after morning Mass Tuesday. Please join us again next **Tuesday, January 21 for Adoration in the Chapel 9:00am-4:30pm.**

Evangelization Committee Members are reminded of our meeting on **Wednesday, January 15, at 9:30 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us!

***New Scripture Study to begin
this Wednesday, January 15
"The Book of Revelation"***

Rather than accepting this grand finale of the New Testament as an illustrated timeline to better prepare for the events of the end of the world, Revelation should be read "as a call to conversion and a message of consolation written first for the churches of Asia Minor, in their historical and cultural situation, and now reinterpreted for our historical and cultural situation." Join us on Wednesday afternoon as we begin our study of Revelation. Please sign up in the commons or email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 so that your study materials can be ordered.

"Shine Like the Stars" —

The beautiful Bicentennial Book of the Diocese of Richmond is available for purchase in the parish office. The cost is only \$35.



***January is Respect Life Month
in the Diocese of Richmond***

Please take advantage of the opportunities listed below to join other Catholics in our diocese as we work together for respect of all life:

Sunday, January 19, 6 p.m.: We will again have an **Evening Prayer Service for the Sanctity of Human Life** as we near the anniversary of Roe v. Wade on January 22. Please plan to attend this very special prayer service next Sunday evening. There will be a simple reception following the service. Thank you!

Friday, January 24, 12Noon-3:00 p.m.: While others are in Washington D.C. participating in the March for Life, those of us who couldn't attend the march will be having a special **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in the Chapel from **Noon to 3 p.m.** Please take some time from your busy schedule to join us on Friday the 24th as we pray for an end to abortion and respect for all life from the womb to natural death. Stop by the Chapel any time, no need to sign up. Benediction will be at 3 p.m. Thank you!

9 Days for Life—January 21-29: Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, **9 Days for Life**, Tuesday, January 21—Wednesday, January 29. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com.



WELCOME

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the following newly registered parishioners:

Thomas & Jennifer Sisk

P.O. Box 2217—Bristol, TN 37621
251-978-8926 423-341-4390

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet this **Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.** at the **Olive Garden Restaurant** at Exit 7. Please call Gina Rossetti by this Tuesday, January 14th to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are welcome!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11 (*Vigil: Baptism of the Lord*)

5:30 p.m. † Robert Hallee

Sunday, January 12 (*Baptism of the Lord*)

8:30 a.m. † Emilia Cruz

11:30 a.m. † Pat Hall

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

Tuesday, January 14

8:30 a.m. † Helen Bizzotti

Wednesday, January 15

8:30 a.m. † Joe Oberle

Thursday, January 16

6:00 p.m. † Willie "Billie" Stringer

Friday, January 17

8:30 a.m. † Barry Brady

Saturday, January 18 (*Vigil: Second Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. † Agnes Hurt

Sunday, January 19 (*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. † Patricia Fleenor

11:30 a.m. † Ron Davis

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)



PARISH SUPPORT

E-giving Report (Dec. 16-31, 2019)

Regular/Operating	\$5,115.00
Holy Day/Christmas	\$ 525.00
Holy Day/Solemnity of Mary	\$ 150.00
School 2nd Collection	\$ 295.00
F4/Maintenance Reserve	\$ 50.00
Commonwealth Catholic Charities	\$ 190.00
Add'l Social Ministry 2nd Coll.	\$ 90.00

Collection Report (Dec. 29/30)

Regular/Operating	\$7,545.64
Add'l Holy Day/Christmas	\$ 260.00
Add'l Holy Day/Immac. Conc.	\$ 5.00
Add'l Holy Day/Solemnity Mary	\$ 30.00
Add'l Catholic Charities	\$ 185.00
Add'l School 2nd collection	\$ 100.00
Add'l Social Ministry 2nd coll.	\$ 5.00

Additional received/recorded for 2019: (12/31/2019)

Regular/Operating	\$7,684.55
F4/Maintenance Reserve	\$ 115.41
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 200.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00

Collection Report (Jan. 5/6)

Regular/Operating	\$11,257.24
School 2nd Collection	\$ 3,735.00
Holy Day/Solemnity of Mary	\$ 3,272.00
Respect Life	\$ 100.00
Bristol Faith in Action	\$ 75.00
Social Ministry	\$ 1.00

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, January 12

- **NO SMARE (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) today.** Join us again next Sunday, **January 19 for Jesus Revealed—Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names- "True Vine" 9:45am-11:00am** in the **School Library**. Everyone Welcome, no need to sign up.

Monday, January 13:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: Pillar 3 of the Catechism— "Life in Christ". 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Tuesday, January 14:

- **Book Club: Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist. 10:30-11:30am** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, 6:30pm-8:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center "Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist".

Wednesday, January 15:

- **Wednesday Scripture Study this week. "The Book of Revelation". 1:00-2:30pm** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join the group!
- **Wednesday Prayer Group, 2:45-3:45pm** in the Saint Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer!

For more information about any of the above programs, email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

PRAY for VOCATIONS!!

"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Do you have a calling to follow the Son of God and become a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email him at vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

We are in need of more folks willing to serve our parish as Mass Coordinators!

What does a Mass Coordinator do?

—These are the very important "behind the scenes" folks who are here before Mass begins to set up the vessels needed for Mass, to be sure the other liturgical ministers have come as assigned, and to put out the hosts and wine needed to be consecrated for Holy Communion at Mass.

—There is a check sheet that you follow to help you with the set-up and you will be trained individually with a "partner" who has done the ministry for a number of years. If you might be interested in helping in this ministry, please contact the parish office at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

2nd Collection next weekend (Jan. 18/19) is for **Respect Life**.



**Bloodmobile here on
Wed., January 15
2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Please give the gift of life!!

Sign up in the commons this weekend or contact the parish office: 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

Council of Catholic Women Meeting

Attention: Ladies of the Parish

The CCW is having a meeting this **Monday, January 13** at **12:30 p.m.** at the Columbian Center. All women of the parish are invited to join us as we plan events for the next few months. For more information, contact Eileen Gibney at 423-652-7425 or egibneysas@yahoo.com

Theology on Tap - for Young Adults

Young Adult Catholics (age 21 to 35-ish) are invited to come learn more about their faith and to share in the Catholic community. Next gathering is this **Wed., Jan 15th** at **BRISTOL STATION** (Piedmont Ave./downtown), from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** If you **NEED the NURSERY** available here at the parish, please contact the parish office (276-669-8200 ext. 0) **NLT 3pm on Tuesday, Jan. 14.** If no one requests the nursery we won't ask our nursery workers to be here on the 15th.

ORDINARY TIME

"Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there are 33 or 34 weeks in the yearly cycle in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ himself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time" (Universal Norms, 43).

Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 13, and continues through Tuesday, February 25, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. Then it will resume again when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, June 1, the day following Pentecost.

The word "ordinary" as used here is not meant to suggest that this period is plain or unremarkable, but is instead related to the word "ordinal" and emphasizes that these weeks are counted.

Looking Ahead Just a Bit...

- ⇒ **Office Closed** Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; bulletin deadline is still 12noon.
- ⇒ **Liturgical Ministers:** turn in your dates you can't serve in February/March by 4p on Wed., Jan. 22.
- ⇒ **Finance Council**—the combined December/January meeting is Thursday, January 23 at 7 a.m.