

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

We conclude the Christmas season today with the feast of the Lord's baptism. St. Luke has already told us how the angels, the shepherds, and the magi have attested to the holiness of this child. Today we hear God call out from the heavens, "*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*" Let us each reflect today on our own baptism, when we were recognized as a child of God. May God be well pleased.

Readings for this week (Jan. 14-19)

Monday:	Hebrews 1:1-6;	Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Hebrews 2:5-12;	Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Hebrews 2:14-18;	Mark 1:29-39
Thursday:	Hebrews 3:7-14;	Mark 1:40-45
Friday:	Hebrews 4:1-5, 11;	Mark 2:1-12
Saturday:	Hebrews 4:12-16;	Mark 2:13-17

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

Isaiah 62:1-5

All shall behold your vindication.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

The Spirit distributes gifts to each person.

John 2:1-11

Jesus transforms water into wine.

Next Sunday's readings narrate a number of awesome events. Ancient Jerusalem has been restored to prominence, early Christians are healing others and speaking in tongues, Jesus changes water into wine. All of these things are attributable to God: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us not forget that we too have the Spirit within us and have the power to awe others by what we do.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for *Dorothy "Dot" Hackley*, a member of our parish family who died last weekend. Notes of sympathy may be sent to the family c/o her daughter, *Donna Felty*, at 304 York Dr., Bristol, TN 37620.

Rosary Leaders Needed

In order to continue to pray the rosary prior to the 11:30 Mass, we need more rosary leaders. If you are willing to lead the rosary prior to the 11:30 mass, please contact Sydney Farnum as soon as possible at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32. Training can be provided, if needed. Thank you!

UNDECORATING

If you would like to help us take down the Christmas decorations, please join us tomorrow: Monday, January 14, at 6 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk

Last week, I began my homily talking about my love of philosophy. A few weeks ago, I wrote about moral relativism. I would like to start with some more discussion of philosophy this week that will lead into more discussion about relativism in the coming weeks.

I have developed a great appreciation for the work of Aristotle. Aristotle was a Greek philosopher and a student of Plato, the great mind that gave us the teaching of Socrates. There are many reasons I admire Aristotle's work. He challenged the conventional wisdom of his time, even though he did not have all the answers himself. He did not believe in the traditional religion of Greek society and the multiple gods they worshiped. He knew there was something else responsible for our being, even though he did not know exactly what this cause was.

It should be noted that one reason Aristotle did not understand the truths of our faith as we know them is because he was born more than three hundred years before Christ. Much of what we know to be true had not yet been revealed to the world. Even without this revelation, Aristotle was able to discern that humanity is a created reality and ordered to the good. That means that he understood that humanity was created to seek good. It was in our nature to do good. His understanding of this came not from a divine mandate, but because it simply made sense, based on his study and observation of human nature.

Christianity would later add to Aristotle's understanding, explaining that humanity is ordered to the good, because we are created in the image and likeness of a God who is nothing but good. This understanding of human anthropology was accepted by all for centuries. Eventually, modern philosophers would attempt to rewrite this, explaining that we were not in fact ordered to the good, but rather had made ourselves good by developing civilization.

Most will ask why anyone would attempt to redefine the nature of humanity in such a way. There was one simple and clear reason for this. Believing that humanity is not created or ordered to the good is the first step on the path to believing there is no God. Those seeking to change the truth about who we are also promote the idea that anything good in our world has not happened because of God, but rather because of our own efforts alone. If that is true, it also means that we have the authority to decide for ourselves what is good and what is not. God will always be an obstacle to those who seek to define humanity as the ultimate moral authority.

NEW to OUR PARISH??? Please stop by or contact the parish office for a parish registration form. Thanks!

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

- **Sun., Jan. 13—Youth Group (BYC 6pm-8pm)**
 - More Than Meets the Eye
 - **Confirmation Class**
- **Sun., Jan. 20—Youth Group (BYC 6pm-8pm)**
 - Prayer Service / Respect Life
- **Sun., Jan. 27—Fun Night!**
 - Just Jump

Please take note: Fr. Chris will be in Richmond for the Priests' Council meeting this Tuesday, January 15th so there will not be morning Mass or Confessions Tuesday.

**NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
this Tuesday, January 15**

We will not have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday due to Fr. Chris being in Richmond. Please join us **next Tuesday, January 22, 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Join us for prayer during the day and for Benediction at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel. We WILL HAVE a special Adoration this week on **Friday, January 18, from Noon to 3 p.m.** for **Respect Life**. Please join us on Friday.

Evangelization Committee members are reminded of our meeting this **Wednesday, January 16, at 3 p.m.** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. New members are invited to join us. We always need new members to help in the area of evangelization.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

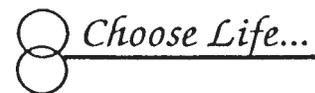
- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., January 16**, in the **Great Room**. **6:30pm-8:00pm.**
- **Inquirers** will meet in the church office conference room. Stop by the **Great Room** for opening prayer at **6:30 p.m.**
- **Children's RCIA** will gather in the Great Room before going to class at **6:30 p.m.**

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 Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Call to Confirmation

Congratulations to our teens who celebrated the Call to Confirmation at 5:30 p.m. Mass this weekend. Please remember them in your prayers as they continue their spiritual formation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring.

<i>William Burriss IV</i>	<i>Jonah Mai</i>
<i>John Bush</i>	<i>Lucas McClintic</i>
<i>Liz Chen</i>	<i>Spencer Moore</i>
<i>Amber Foley</i>	<i>Colin Thiers</i>
<i>Mary Huffard</i>	<i>Christian Webb</i>



***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:

Friday, January 18, 12Noon-3pm: 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 as we pray for an end to abortion and respect for all life from the womb to natural death. Stop by the chapel at anytime, no need to sign-up. Thank you!

Sunday, January 20, 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 the 22nd. Please plan to attend this very special prayer service on Sunday evening. There will be a reception following the service. Thank you!

9 Days of Life—January 14-22: Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, 9 Days for Life, Monday, January 14 — Tuesday, January 22. 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.

Ministry Fair this Weekend & Next Weekend for Respect Life Ministry. Please take a minute and stop by the table in the commons to pick up materials concerning Respect Life issues and be sure to sign-up if you would like to join the committee and help with our efforts of promoting the respect of all life from womb to natural death. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 12 (Vigil: Baptism of the Lord)
5:30 p.m. †John Paloian
Sunday, January 13 (Feast of the Baptism of the Lord)
8:30 a.m. †Robert Rhymer
11:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

(No weekday Mass Tuesday, January 15)

Wednesday, January 16

8:30 a.m. †Maureen Guckert

Thursday, January 17

6:00 p.m. (no intention yet scheduled)

Friday, January 18

8:30 a.m. †Elizabeth P. "Betty" Miller

Saturday, January 19 (Vigil: 2nd Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. †Frank Hanson

Sunday, January 13 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. †Patricia Fleenor

11:30 a.m. †Dibrel Eugene "Sonny" Inge

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

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs: CD of the Week!

"That they May All Be One—Evangelization in a Culture of Encounter". Matt Maher, an internationally acclaimed Christian singer, songwriter, and 8-time Grammy Award nominee, shares the amazing story of his spiritual journey. He emphasizes the importance of forming relationships with others in order to be effective witnesses of the Gospel and help bring about the unity desired by Christ. Find this CD and many more titles at the CD display in the commons. A \$3 donation per CD is appreciated and allows us to re-stock with new CDs. Thank you!

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Operating (Dec. 29/30)	\$15,077
Regular Operating (Jan. 5/6)	\$15,585
School 2nd Collection	\$ 3,340
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day	\$ 2,008
Add'l Christmas Holy Day	\$ 5,237
Add'l Catholic Charities	\$ 122
BFIA	\$ 75
Respect Life	\$ 100
Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$ 175.40

E-GIVING (Dec. 17-31, 2018)

Regular Operating	\$3,725
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 446
Social Ministry 2nd Collection	\$ 344
Debt Reduction	\$ 100
Catholic Charities	\$ 250
School 2nd collection	\$ 330

Diocesan Fuel & Hunger Fund: We have received notice that St. Anne's will receive a \$5,000 grant from the Richmond Diocese Fuel & Hunger Fund. When this check is received we will forward it to Bristol Faith and Action to help with their outreach to the needy in our local community.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The **25th Anniversary** of Saint Anne's Friendship Club will meet this **Thursday, January 17, at 11:30a** at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Exit 7. Please call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by this Tuesday, January 15 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome to join us!

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, January 13:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class/SMARE: Peter-Part 1** 9:45-11am in the School Library.

Monday, January 14:

- **Adult Faith Formation class is on a short break.** Watch the bulletin for announcement of next study session.

Tuesday, January 15:

- **Book Club:** 1030-1130 at the St. Vincent de Paul Ctr. *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study resumes next Tuesday, January 22, 6:30-8:00pm, Pivotal Players-St. Augustine-the Teacher.** Sign up in the commons to join the study group.

Wednesday, January 16:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1:00-2:30pm** St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Gospel According to Luke*
- **RCIA: 6:30pm** in the **Great Room**.

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

Prayer Group meeting this week: Wed., January 16, 2:45-3:45pm, St. Vincent de Paul Center—upstairs conference room. All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

HOLY WATER

Holy water bottles are available in the church office. Stop by if you'd like a holy water bottle so you can have holy water in your home.

Please remember: You should NOT *DRINK* the holy water that is from the church font!

ATTENTION PARENTS!! Once again, we are asking that if your young children need to leave Mass to go to the restroom or the drinking fountain that you PLEASE accompany them. **This is for their safety.** Remember, the outside door near the restrooms is open/unlocked. We are seeing too many very young children leaving Mass alone.

The Baptism of the Lord

ATTENTION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- Just a reminder!! The Meeting for the KofC is next **Sunday, Jan. 20 at 4 p.m.** at the Msgr. Hickie Center. Rosary will be prayed at 3:45 p.m.
- St. Anne's School invites all the Knights & their guest to join the school to celebrate Catholic Schools Week on Tuesday, Jan. 29. (4 lunch periods: 10:45-11:15—Pre3 & Pre-K'garten; 11:15-11:45—K'garten/1st/2nd; 11:55-12:20—Middle School; 12:20-1p—3rd/4th/5th Please RSVP to schooloffice@stanneschoolbristol.org with your name, how many, and which lunch period.
(If snow...make-up lunch date is Jan. 31)

Tuesday Evening Scripture Study will begin a short series of study on **Bishop Robert Barron's Pivotal Players—Saint Augustine & Saint Benedict**. We begin next Tues., Jan. 22 with St. Augustine. St. Augustine's narrative of personal transformation provides a template for life in Christ that still captivates today. In an age when people insist upon sharp demarcations between spirituality and religion, or between Christ and the Church, St. Augustine provides a unifying way forward. Join us Tuesday evenings, **6:30-8pm** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. Please sign-up in the commons to join the group.

PARISH PICTORAL DIRECTORY

Anyone interested in being on the team for the 2019 Parish Directory should please contact Linda Williams at 276-494-6103 or email her at LMEWMS@aol.com with your name and phone number and subject Parish Directory Team.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED!!

Please plan to come ***Give the Gift of Life*** on **Wed., January 30**, from **2p-6:30p** at the Msgr. Hickie Center. Signup in the commons Jan. 19/20 or Jan. 26/27, or contact Rosie M. in the parish office at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

THE ODD COUPLE!!!

Father Chris will be making his "*stage theatre debut*" as Murray the cop in the Odd Couple (presented by Glasgow Theatre Group). St. Anne parishioners **Martin Robinette** and **Meg Carty** are also in the cast. The performances at the newly renovated **Cameo Theatre** in downtown Bristol will be January 18, 19 at 8 p.m.; January 25, 26 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, January 27 at 2 p.m. General admission seating. To reserve your tickets, call or text 423-797-8482 or order online at <http://tickets.glasgowtheatrecompany.org/> **Tickets are only \$15.** (*This Neil Simon play is not recommended for younger children—it is okay for teens.*)