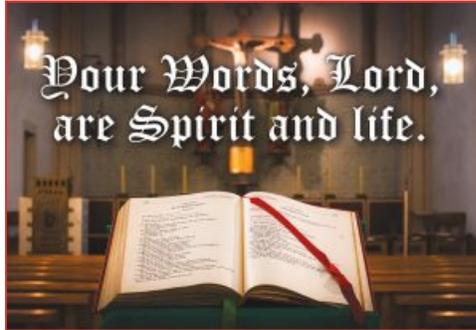


We gather today, as we do every Sunday, as the Body of Christ. We are called to be Christ in the world through our words and actions. Saint Paul teaches us that we are called to be parts of Christ's body. Individually we are many parts, but together we are one. As we begin to observe Catholic Schools Week today, let St. Paul's words provide a valuable lesson for us to learn.



**Readings for this Week (Jan. 28-Feb. 2)**

Monday:	Hebrews 9:15, 24-28;	Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Hebrews 10:1-10;	Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Hebrews 10:11-18;	Mark 4:1-20
Thursday:	Hebrews 10:19-25;	Mark 4:21-25
	(or) Philippians 4:4-9;	Matthew 18:1-5
Friday:	Hebrews 10:32-39	Mark 4:26-34
Saturday:	Mal. 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18;	Lk. 2:22-40

**Scripture for next Sunday (4th Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

**Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**

The word of the Lord comes to Jeremiah.

**1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13**

The greatest of these is love.

**Luke 4:21-30**

The people rise up to drive Jesus out of their town.

Jeremiah is called to preach God's word, but most of the first reading next Sunday describes God fortifying him against the opposition he will face. Jesus meets opposition from his hometown and needs to move on. But in between we are treated to Saint Paul's rhapsody on love. The Corinthians were alternately jealous and dismissive of others' spiritual gifts. St. Paul preaches that love is more important than any spiritual gift, for without love nothing else matters.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for **Elizabeth Voelker**, the mother of **Peter Nelson**, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Peter & Anna at 136 Grubb Ln., Bristol, TN 37620.

**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT  
every Tuesday**

Please join us this **Tuesday, January 29, 9:15am-4:30pm**. Join us for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30 p.m.** in the Chapel.



I wanted to say a special thank you to all the people who helped decorate and undecorate our church for the Christmas season. We had a very good turn out this year and it went very smooth. I could not have done it without all the wonderful help. Thanks so much for your dedication to the arts and environment of St. Anne's.

Sincerely,  
Chris Neal

**Don't Miss It! "The Odd Couple"** at the newly renovated **Cameo Theatre** in downtown Bristol: Friday/Saturday **Jan. 25 & 26 at 8p** and Sunday **Jan. 27 at 2p**. Tickets are general admission: **\$15**. Call or text 423-797-8482 or <http://tickets.glasgowtheatrecompany.org/> (Cast members include St. Anne Parishioners **Meg Carty**, **Martin Robinette** and **Fr. Chris Hess!**)

**CDA Meeting—this Monday, Jan. 28:** Members of the **Catholic Daughters** are reminded of their meeting this **Monday, Jan. 28** at the Columbian Center. Social time 5:30 and meeting begins at 6 p.m. Angie Martin of Hope House in Kingsport will be the guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you there! Any Catholic ladies interested in joining CDA please contact Carol Reynolds, 276-591-1134 or Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827. The CDA theme is **"For Him, we live and move and have our being"** Acts 17:2

**Valentine's Dinner —Friday, Feb. 8**

**Buy your tickets THIS WEEKEND and  
NEXT WEEKEND after Mass!!**

**Stop by the table in the hallway outside  
the Great Room to get your tickets to our  
Valentine Dinner.**



The Evangelization Team and the Parish Life Committee are co-sponsoring a catered Valentine dinner for **couples** — married, dating, best friends. A delicious catered dinner of Chicken Calvados with sides, salad, and dessert will be held in the Great Room. We will have music, door prizes, and lots of fun! Get your ticket now. **Cost: \$25 per couple paid with ticket purchase.** Make checks payable to St. Anne Catholic Church. Hope you will join us for a fun-filled evening.

**2018 Contribution Statements:** If you have any questions regarding your 2018 Statement, please contact the parish office during office hours.



I have been writing about modern philosophers and the radical direction they turned leading people away from the belief that the human person is both created and ordered to the good. I would like to jump ahead a little from my last few articles and talk about Charles Darwin. Darwin was not really a philosopher, but his work has influenced ideas about human anthropology that still exist in our world today. I am writing about this now, because in the past two weeks we saw the March for Life take place in Washington, DC, and we held multiple respect life events in our own community. You may already be asking what Darwin has to do with any of that. I will attempt to explain in the small space I have here.

Have you ever wondered why so many people object to Darwin's teaching when evolution is so widely accepted in our society? Even the Church does not oppose the teaching of evolution. Some believe ideas like Darwinism and evolution are the same thing, but they are actually quite different. The idea of evolution existed before Darwin. He is not the one who first proposed this. Darwin's greatest contribution was his idea of natural selection and survival of the fittest. What he was actually suggesting was that we have an obligation to take control of evolution for the betterment of humanity. He went as far as suggesting that we identify people with inferior genetic traits and prevent them from marrying so they will not pass on their genes. My first objection to this is that it is an insult to the dignity of the human person. Second, it is possible for us to accept the teaching of evolution and still believe that humanity is created in the image and likeness of God. However, Darwin attempted to use evolution to prove that the origin of humanity can be reduced to a purely material cause which would remove God from the discussion.

I know by now you are wondering what this has to do with the respect life movement. Many people have used Darwin's ideas to promote some even greater insults to the dignity of the human person. One of them was a woman named Margaret Sanger. She expanded on Darwin's ideas of eugenics which would prevent people with inferior genetic traits from marrying. Sanger believed that birth control and abortion should be used to prevent the "feeble minded" from having children.

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She even wrote arguments advocating the forced sterilization of the feeble minded. I write feeble minded because that is the term she used in her book, *The Pivot of Civilization*. It was actually a veiled reference to racial minorities. Some people get upset when I say things like this about Margaret Sanger. I want to be clear that I am not basing any of this on the rhetoric that is on the internet. She wrote books explaining her beliefs very clearly and I am making these statements based on her own writing.

I know some are already familiar with Margaret Sanger and her ideas. For those who are not, she is the founder of Planned Parenthood. I realize that adding that piece makes this article even more controversial than it already is. It is not very popular to point out that Planned Parenthood was founded as a Eugenics organization, but it is nonetheless true, and something that should be a part of this discussion. There is much more I can write about this and I would be happier to discuss it further with anyone interested.



#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., January 30**, 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.**

For more information about RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at [sydneyfarnum@stannd-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannd-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

#### *Acts of the Apostles Study will begin February 6*

The Wednesday Scripture Study group will begin a new study on Wednesday, February 6 — Acts of the Apostles. No cost— materials provided. Please sign-up at the table in the commons to join this study. The group meets **1:00pm-2:30pm** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center** followed by an optional hour of prayer.

**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](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or 276-669-8200 ext. 32. Training can be provided, if needed.

**MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK**

**Saturday, January 26 (Vigil: 3rd Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

5:30 p.m. †Jeff Walling

**Sunday, January 27 (3rd Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

11:30 a.m. †Jeanette Crum

2:00 p.m. †Emilia Cruz (Spanish Mass)

**Tuesday, January 29**

8:30 a.m. †Elizabeth Voelker

**Wednesday, January 30**

8:30 a.m. †Glenn Mooney and †Donna Moffitt-Jen

**Thursday, January 31**

6:00 p.m. no intention yet scheduled

**Friday, February 1**

8:30 a.m. Special Intention (for Greg Lendziosek)

**Saturday, February 2**

5:30 p.m. †John Paloian

**Sunday, February 3**

8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell

11:30 a.m. Spec. Int. (for President Trump & his family)

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



**Egiving Report (January 1-16)**

Regular/Operating	\$6,035
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 50
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day	\$ 105
School 2nd Collection	\$ 505
Catholic Charities 2nd collection	\$ 75
Social Ministry 2nd collection	\$ 100
*Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$ 320

**Collection Report (January 19/20)**

Regular/Operating	\$7,037.00
Respect Life 2nd Collection	\$1,806.50
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 5.00
Add'l Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00

Now that our Building Debt has been paid, the "gray envelope" will be deleted from the envelope packet (beginning with March envelopes). Donations received in the gray envelopes after the debt was paid have been placed into our \*Maintenance Reserve Fund. Egiving Fund 4 is now for the Maintenance Reserve Fund.

**LIVING OUR MISSION:** For those paying on your diocesan Living Our Mission pledges, we encourage you to complete your pledges! Monies returned to the parish will now go to our Maintenance Reserve Fund. Please note: your contributions to the diocesan Living our Mission and Annual Diocesan Appeal will NOT be on your parish contribution statement. The Diocese should be sending out statements to donors.

**2ND COLLECTION** next weekend (1st Sunday of the month) will be for *Saint Anne's School*.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

**This Week in Adult Faith Formation**

**Sunday, January 27:**

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

**Monday, January 28:**

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

**Tuesday, January 29:**

- **Book Club:** 1030-1130 at the St. Vincent de Paul Ctr. *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study,** 6:30pm-8:00pm, St. Vincent de Paul Center. *Pivotal Players—Saint Augustine-the Teacher-Part 2.* Sign up in the commons to join the study group.

**Wednesday, January 30:**

- **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 more information about any of the above programs, email [sydney\\_farnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydney_farnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**Prayer Group meeting this week: Wed., January 30, 2:45-3:45pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.** All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

**Book Club to begin new book—February 12**

***"From Slave to Priest"***

**The Inspirational Story of**

**Father Augustine Tolton (1854-1897)**

Born into a Catholic slave family, Fr. Augustine Tolton conquered almost insurmountable odds to become one of the first black priests in the United States. By his early death at 43, this pioneer priest left behind a shining legacy of holy service to God, the Church, and his people. Join us on Tuesday mornings, **10:30am-11:30am** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center for book club. Sign-up now at the table in the commons so your book can be ordered.



**WELCOME**

We would like to welcome the following newly registered family to Saint Anne's:

***Dennis & Frances Savage***

431 Island Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664-4206  
(423-612-6128)

**Finance Council** members are reminded of their meeting this **Thursday morning, January 31, at 7 a.m.** in the school conference room.



Give Blood.  
Give Life.

The Bloodmobile will be at St. Anne's (Msgr. Hickie Center parking lot) **THIS Wednesday, Jan. 30**, from **2pm-6:30pm**. Signup this weekend or next, or contact Rosie M. at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org).

***“The Mass” - by Bishop Robert Barron***

***Begins Sunday, Feb. 10, 9:45 a.m. in the Great Room***

Join us as we walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. This series will be offered in our **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education class at 9:45am-11:00am** in the Great Room and if you miss it on Sunday, you can join us in RCIA on Wednesday evenings where we will also be studying “*The Mass*”. The RCIA presentation begins at 7pm. Be sure to read the bulletin each week to see what episodes we are covering on Sunday and on Wednesday.

**Looking Ahead Just a Bit...**

***“First Tuesday” Adoration*** of the Blessed Sacrament  
Tuesday, **Feb. 5** from **9a to 9p** in the Chapel

***Important Dates to put on your calendar now!***

We have a lot of important dates coming up soon so put them on your calendar now so you won't miss out.

**—In the area of Christian Formation:**

- ***Living the Eucharist*** parish-wide program during the entire season of **Lent**
- ***Annual Parish Retreat—April 5/6***—our retreat director this year is **Fr. Eric Asamoah**
- ***From Slave to Priest*** beginning **February 12** in book club for Black History Month
- ***The Mass*** study series begins **February 10** on Sunday mornings.

**—In the area of Parish Life:**

- The **Valentine Dinner** for couples on **February 8**
- **Pancake Supper** on Shrove Tuesday, **March 5**
- **St. Patrick's Day Party** on **March 16**



**Women of the Parish — *Valentine Luncheon***

St. Anne's Council of Catholic Women invite all women of the parish to a covered dish luncheon on **Monday, Feb. 11** at **12:30 p.m.** at the Columbian Center. Sign up in the commons Feb. 3/4 and Feb. 9/10. Let us know what favorite dish you will bring to share. Contact Eileen Gibney for more information: [egibneysas@yahoo.com](mailto:egibneysas@yahoo.com).