

First Sunday of Lent



A few days ago we were told, **“Repent, and believe in the Gospel”**, as ashes were placed on our foreheads. We hear these words again in today’s Gospel. Lent is an appropriate occasion to consider our sins, promise to turn back to God, and place our trust in the One who has power over sin and death. As we begin this first week of Lent, let us take these words to heart.

Readings for this week (Feb. 19-24)

Monday:	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18;	Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Isaiah 55:10-11;	Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jonah 3:1-10;	Luke 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 Peter 5:1-4;	Matthew 16:13-19
Friday:	Ezekiel 18:21-28;	Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday:	Deuteronomy 26:16-19;	Matthew 5:43-48

Scripture for next Sunday (2nd Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Romans 8:31b-34

God did not spare his own Son.

Mark 9:2-10

This is my beloved Son.

*In next Sunday’s first reading, the faith of Abraham is tested in a most extreme way. So too will the faith of the disciples be tested during the time leading up to Jesus’ death and resurrection. We know what awaits us at the end of Lent, but the disciples did not and their faith wavered. But St. Paul tells us that because of Christ’s death and resurrection, we can easily have faith in our salvation. After all, if God was willing to allow Jesus to die for us, **“how will he not also give us everything else along with him?”***

Parish office closed — This Monday, Feb. 19, for the President’s Day holiday. Bulletin deadline is still 12n on Monday. Please leave information on parish voicemail 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

FOOD for FAMILIES

The Knights of Columbus have begun their annual **Food for Families** program **throughout Lent**. If you have any canned goods or other non-perishables, please bring them in to the blue food collection bin (*near the wheelchair lift as you leave the commons area*). The Knights will collect these items after Sunday Mass each week during Lent and distribute to the needy in our local community through Bristol Faith in Action. Thank you for your support of this outreach project!

Operation Rice Bowl—2018

1st Week of Lent: How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? As we engage daily in the spiritual pillars of Lent: **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**, fill your rice bowl with change, dollars, or checks, and return it on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7/8, to the basket provided in the commons. For more information on Operation Rice Bowl, visit www.crsricebowl.org. Thank you!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: this **Tuesday, February 20** from **9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Please join us for an hour of prayer during the day and for **Benediction** at 4:30 p.m.

Attention: LITURGICAL MINISTERS!!

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Mass Coordinators, Altar Servers, Thurifers

PLEASE notify the office by noon this Wed., Feb. 21, of any dates you are **UNABLE** to serve in **MARCH & APRIL**. Plan to pick up your schedules next weekend (Feb. 24/25) in the Commons.

Lately we have had several Masses where a number of our assigned folks were not here to serve as scheduled. **Please try to find subs or notify us in advance** if you cannot serve as assigned. Last weekend we had to drop a cup station because we did not have enough EMHC’s to serve. **Thank you for your cooperation!**

Prayer Group mee4ting this week:

- **Wed., Jan. 21, Noon-1:00pm in the Chapel.** All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

CHOIR NEWS:

Choir rehearsal this Wed., Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. and the Choir will sing next Sunday, Feb. 25, at the 11:30 Mass. Adults & High School Teens are welcome to join the choir.

A “Heartfelt” Thank You!

A big **“heartfelt thank you”** goes out to all those who helped make our Valentine dinner to celebrate marriage a very special event. Thanks to Fr. Nicholas for blessing all the marriages, to Chris Neal for providing the music, to the Parish Life Committee (and spouses) for decorating the Great Room to make it a lovely venue for a delicious and enjoyable dinner.

Sydney

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wednesday, January 21**, in the Great Room **6:30pm-8:00pm**.
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room. Stop by the Great Room for opening prayer **at 6:30pm**.
- **Children's RCIA** will gather in the hallway by the Great Room at **6:30pm** before going to class.

What does Lent have to do with those becoming Catholic?

In Lent, catechumens and candidates move into the final period of preparation for the sacraments. They have been nourished by the graces of various liturgical Rites throughout the RCIA process, which have helped them to embrace God's call. In Lent, God pours purifying and enlightening graces upon them, through the spiritual preparation they receive in RCIA sessions, the special Rites that mark the Sundays of Lent, and the prayers offered for them by the faithful. For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Feb. 18—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - "Who's Calling?"
- **Feb. 25—NET Ministries Retreat (1:00pm-7:00pm)**
(All youth in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend)
 - SHYM will attend the retreat
 - Confirmation will attend the retreat
- **Mar. 4—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - "Free, Total, Faithful, Fruitful!"
 - **Confirmation (BYC 9:45am-11:15am)**
- **Mar. 11—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - "The Church"

NET Ministries Youth Retreat

FULLY ALIVE

Only God is big enough to fill you!

The pursuit of happiness motivates every decision we make. Why is it, then, that we find ourselves unhappy so often? This retreat will explore our search for true happiness, highlighting the one thing that is big enough to fill our deepest desires — God Himself.

Please notify Laura by this Friday, Feb. 23,

if you plan to attend the retreat.

Laura Cochrane: 276-492-3095 or

lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org

FINANCE Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday morning, **Feb. 22 at 7 a.m.** in the school conference room.

PASTORAL COUNCIL members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday evening, **Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.** in the school conference room. This is the PPC "March" meeting.

Big School News!!

Our school is proud to announce that we won the national "**Fantastic Scholastic Book Parade**" contest! As winners, Eric Litwin, author of the first four **Pete the Cat** books, will visit our school. Please view our winning entry on the school's Facebook page or by going to this youtube link: <http://bit.ly/2G676fO>. This parade was a huge group effort. The video captures the precious spirit of the students, staff, and parents of St. Anne's School!

THE JOURNEY

WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent

A Lent to Remember

A Lenten Encounter with Mercy

on FORMED.org (our parish code is 24Q8G9)

Session 1: Where Are You

"You know what hour it is... it is time now for you to wake from sleep. The night is far gone, the day is at hand."

Romans 13:11-12

Have you ever felt lost and alone, isolated in guilt? Like the Prodigal Son among the pigs, we know that we have sinned. But God won't leave us there—he searches for us and runs to welcome us home in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you need any help getting registered with FORMED or using it, contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org for help.

Parish Lenten Retreat

March 9/10 at the Jubilee House Retreat Center

"Faith as a Gift"

with Retreat Director, Mark Hoggard

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! Our retreat director this Lent is Mark Hoggard, a well-known retreat director from Hampton, Virginia. Mark is a disciple of Jesus Christ who holds an M.A. in Theology Studies from Notre Dame. With over 30 years experience in parish ministry, he is passionate about liturgy, peace and justice issues, evangelization, and helping parishes and individuals discover their God-given talents and use them to spread the Gospel. He is a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hampton. Stop by the table in the commons to pick-up a registration form and please return your completed form and fee to the basket provided on the table as soon as possible. (By next weekend, if possible). Thank you!

Please take note! As this bulletin goes to press, we are not sure if there will be confessions on Sat., Feb. 24th—please check the website or call the office this week to check.

Adult Faith Formation Committee members are reminded of our planning meeting on **Monday, Feb. 26, at 4 p.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, February 17 (*Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent*)

5:30 p.m. †Loretta Karban

Sunday, February 18 (*1st Sunday of Lent*)

8:30 a.m. †Donald Miles

11:30 a.m. †Rozelma Wagner

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

Tuesday, February 20

8:30 a.m. Spec. Int. for Fr. Stephen Opoku-Boaheng

Wednesday, February 21

8:30 a.m. †Frank Hanson

Thursday, February 22

6:00 p.m. †Ruth Taylor

Friday, February 23

7:30 a.m. †Edward E. Smith

Saturday, February 24 (*Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent*)

5:30 p.m. †Joe & †Betty Wasko

Sunday, February 25 (*2nd Sunday of Lent*)

8:30 a.m. †Joseph F. Smith

11:30 a.m. All Souls

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

A Special Note...

For the last year, Joe & I have had our share of medical challenges. During this time, we received help from some of the kindest individuals. This assistance helped us both physically and emotionally. We can't thank everyone enough for your prayers and walking alongside us during this time. In particular, we would like to thank:

- Fr. Nicholas and Fr. Kevin for their visits and prayers
- All of the Eucharistic Ministers who came to us at the hospital and our home
- Cindy and her mom Carolyn Ward for the wonderful meals
- Frank Finan for his visits, spending time to chat with us and for driving Joe back and forth to Pennington Gap while I was in rehab. You were such an answer to our prayers
- Finally, to Sheri Schreiber for her weekly visits. She helped us with grocery shopping, cleaning, packing, etc. There was nothing she wouldn't do and she did it all with love. We will miss her dearly.

So, as we get ready to move to Arizona to live with our daughter on Feb. 17, we want to honor these people for all of their help. May God shine brightly upon them. We also want to encourage others to reach out to those in our community in need. Your simple kind gestures of a prayer, a visit, a meal or running an errand can mean so much to people who are struggling.

Thank you!
Joe & Barb Kowaczek

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, Feb. 18:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education, 9:45am -11:00am** in the greatroom. "**Eucharist-Discovering the Mass in the Bible**" by Brant Pitre. **Session Eight-Part 1-The Last Supper and the Cross: The New Passover of Christ**

Monday, Feb. 19:

- **NO Monday Adult Faith Formation** this week. Watch the bulletin for new study series to begin soon.

Tuesday, Feb. 20:

- **Book Club-Saint Mary Magdalene-Prophetess of Eucharistic Love, 10:30am-11:30am** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, 6:30pm-8:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. **Fatima: The Lady of the Rosary**

Wednesday, Feb. 21:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study—"Letters from Prison" 1:00-2:30pm**, at St. Vincent de Paul Center.
- **RCIA at 6:30pm** in the Greatroom

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

Next Sunday, Feb. 25—in Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE) **Session Eight--The Last Supper and the Cross: The New Passover of Christ-Part 2**. Join us in the Great Room any Sunday at 9:45am for SMARE.

COLLECTION REPORT (Feb. 10/11)

Regular/Operating	\$13,950.77
Add'l School 2nd collection	\$ 2,343.00
(Respect Life: \$15; BFIA: \$5)	
From 2017 Diocesan Appeal for Parish:	\$2,314.75

2nd Collection for BFIA next weekend: Our 2nd collection next weekend (Feb. 24/25) will be for our parish's financial pledge to Bristol Faith In Action. Thank you for your generosity to help those in need in our local area. Reminder: second collections are now taken up during the Offertory, immediately after the regular collection.

Father Leonard Bachmann Graduate Scholarships

The Catholic Daughters will award (3) \$2500 scholarships to persons who've completed undergraduate studies and desire assistance for tuition to continue graduate level studies. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen and be of the Catholic faith. Applicant can be male or female and must be a member of CDA or a relative of a current CDA member.

The deadline is May 1, 2018.

For more information concerning the requirements for this scholarship or to request an application, contact Judy Smith at 423-652-7780 or jumpinjudy6148@yahoo.com.

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40 Days for Life is a worldwide peaceful campaign of prayer and fasting, aimed at stopping abortion throughout the world. Please join with other faiths as we gather across the street from the Bristol Regional Women's Center (2901 W. State St., Bristol, TN). Catholics from our area are asked to cover Friday afternoons, 12Noon to 4p, on Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23. Come spend as much time as you are able to pray for an end to abortion. Please park at the former K-Mart lot and walk to the gathering area.



CDA Meeting: February 26

Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of the Rosary local court #2624, are reminded of their meeting on Monday, February 26 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Social hour is from 5:30pm to 6:00pm. We will have Sarah Faulk, Home Care Consultant from Home Instead as our guest speaker at 6 p.m. Please come and join us, we look forward to seeing you there!

Any Catholic lady wishing to join CDA, please call our Regent, Carol Reynolds at 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

STATIONS of the CROSS and Simple Soup Supper The Fridays of Lent

Plan to join us this Friday and all the Fridays of Lent, for *Stations of the Cross*. Stations in Spanish at 5 p.m. and in English at **6 p.m.**

You are also welcome to join us for a simple soup supper at 5:30 p.m.



Praying the Stations on the Fridays of Lent are a very special way to enter into the spiritual and prayerful nature of the Lenten Season. Join us to walk with our Lord as he carries his cross.

The Color Purple: The purple color the Church uses during Lent symbolizes Christ's suffering and death, but because purple is also the color of royalty, it foreshadows Christ's kingship and resurrection.

Looking Ahead Just a Bit...

- 1st Tuesday Adoration, March 6, 9:15a-9p
- Paraclete Catholic Bookstore here: March 10/11
- Spring Forward! (Clocks ahead 1 hour) - March 11, 2a
- Lenten Penance Service—Thursday, March 15
- St. Patrick's Day Party—Saturday, March 17