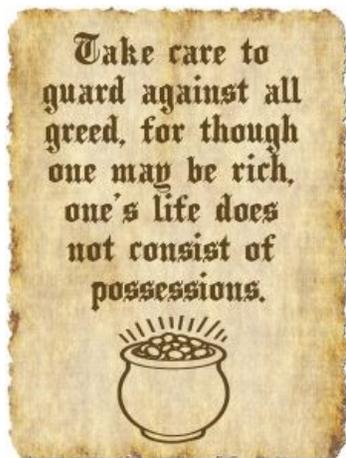


Here in the lazy, hazy days of summer, it is tempting to sit back, relax, and enjoy the fruits of our labor. With summer's heat upon us, who can blame us for congratulating ourselves for the work we have done and taking a well-deserved break? But the way the world defines success is not the way God would. *What, in the end, matters to God?* Gathering today in the Lord's name, let us reflect on what really matters in this world.



Readings for this Week (August 5-10)

Monday: Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday: (Feast) Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19;
Luke 9:28b-36
Wednesday: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday: (Memorial) 1 Cor. 2:1-10a; Luke 9:57-62
Friday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday: (Feast) 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Scripture for next Sunday (19th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

Wisdom 18:6-9

On the long-awaited Passover night,
God's children offered the paschal sacrifice.

Hebrews 11:1-2, 9-19 (or) 11:1-2, 8-12

By faith we join our ancestors in faith, as together
in hope we journey toward our homeland.

Luke 12:32-48 (or) **12:35-40**

The Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour.

Each of next Sunday's readings assures us that we can always trust in God. Wisdom reminds us that the Chosen People's courage came from their faith in God's promises. Hebrews recalls Abraham's unwavering faith in God's promise to him. Jesus asks his disciples to have faith in what they cannot know, like when the master will return from a wedding. We cannot know the future, but we can know whom to trust.

RECEPTIONS
for Seminarians Gregory Guilfoyle
& Christopher Weyer

Be sure to stop by the Great Room after Mass this weekend to thank our seminarians for their service with us this summer and to wish them well as they head back to seminary!

 **Pastor's Notes**

I want to conclude what I have been discussing in my articles for the past few weeks. I wrote about our community being beautiful and welcoming, and today I would like to focus on our community being holy. I chose to conclude with holiness, because I think it is the best way to sum up the other two. People will be attracted and maybe even curious about our faith community because of the beauty they see here. They may want to come and see what we are, because they feel welcome here. However, it is holiness that will make people want to stay here. It is holiness that will make them want to be a true member of this community.

To be holy literally means to be set apart. When we talk about beauty and how there is a beauty in our community that cannot be found anywhere else, that is a reference to holiness. Our community is holy because we are set apart, and stand against the culture of our world. We know that true happiness will never be found in the things of this world. We strive to live holy lives, not because we are bound by religious teaching, but rather because we understand that we are created to be so much more than what we experience in this world.

We live in this world, but we will never be people of this world. We belong to something so much greater. There are many things that will draw people to our faith community. What leads people to make a home for themselves here is coming to understand that no matter what we experience in this world, there is always something greater. We belong to something this world can never destroy.

Last week in my homily, I spoke about living a holy life, and how doing so is the best thing we can do to evangelize the world around us. When people see in our lives what it truly means to be holy, they see why we are so drawn to Christ. When we live truly holy lives, the world will see that we have found a joy that cannot be found anywhere else in this world.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Janet Agnes Wnuk**, the mother of **Carol Kupfer** who died recently in Michigan. Notes can be sent to Carol & Dave at 417 Spring Lake Rd., Bristol VA 24201.

Your prayers are asked for **Lynn Roosa**, the daughter of **Merylen Ott**, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Merylen at 125 Cedar Valley Rd., Bristol TN 37620.

Pastoral Council Nominations

Nominations will be taken in the commons next weekend, August 10/11 before and after the Masses. For complete information on the nominations/elections guidelines, please see the insert in this bulletin or go to our website at www.stannes-bristol.org at top of main page click on Ministries then Councils and Pastoral Council.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at our altar this weekend are given in honor of **Chris Neal's** 2nd Anniversary here at St. Anne's and in recognition of the Basic Cantor Certificate which he received at the Recent National Pastoral Musician's (NPM) Conference; given by the Costagliola Family.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!

- ◆ NO weekday Mass, Adoration or Confessions this Tuesday, August 6
- ◆ No weekday Mass this Wednesday, August 7
- ◆ There WILL BE Confessions at 5p and Mass at 6p this Thursday, August 8 and Mass Friday at 8:30a.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet **Wednesday, August 7**, in the Great Room, **6:30-8:00pm**.
- **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 Great Room at 6:30pm before going to class.
- **Mystagogy** will meet in the school library after opening prayer in the Great Room at 6:30pm.

RCIA Notes: In celebrating this month of Our Lady's final journey to God in her glorious Assumption, let us ask her motherly intercession to draw souls to the Sacred Heart of her Son. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey too — of conversion to God and what He intends for us. RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Church, a people on pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father. For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at 276-669-2800 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.

WELCOME — FR. TIM O'TOOLE!!

This weekend we welcome Fr. Tim O'Toole who will speak to us on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach working in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to help this missionary work. (There will NOT be a collection taken up—brochures will be available for you to make a donation.)

"Summer with the Saints"

Thursdays of the summer: 10a-11a

St. Vincent de Paul Center

This Thursday, August 8, will be our last week of "Summer with the Saints". We've had fun this summer getting to know St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton and St. Francis of Assisi. Plan to join the reading group next summer (as soon as school is out) for "Summer with the Saints". The reading level is appropriate for **readers who are rising 2nd graders-rising 7th graders**.

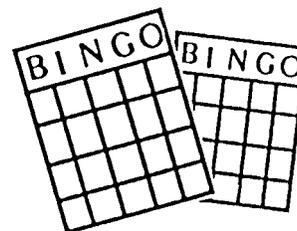
Parish Pastoral Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, August 8, at 7 p.m. in the school conference room. If you are not able to attend, please notify the office as soon as possible. Minutes/agenda have been emailed to PPC members.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

CD of the Week: "Say YES to Christ—Allowing Jesus to be Lord of Your whole Life". Dr. Scott Hahn teaches the importance of giving our complete "yes" to Jesus Christ and fully recognizing him as King of Kings, and Lord over all. Dr. Hahn delves into Scripture to show that by dedicating ourselves to the Lord, he can accomplish more in us and through us than we ever could on our own. This talk is filled with wisdom for all who want to grow closer to God. Find this CD and many others at the Lighthouse CD display on the religious education table in the commons. We ask for a \$3 per CD donation to enable us to restock with new titles. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

(St. Anne's Parish
& School Bingo)



VOLUNTEERS needed for St. Anne's Church **Bingo** on Saturday/Tuesday nights & St. Anne's School Bingo on Monday nights. No experience is necessary. Any assistance would be very much appreciated!! Your help will enable this important ministry to continue. To learn more, or to volunteer, please contact the parish office by calling 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for AUGUST

To better know "the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions", the Holy Father asks that his monthly intention be "the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God."

Families, Schools of Human Growth: *That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human development".*

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 3 (*Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Regina C. Finan

Sunday, August 4 (*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Agnes Hurt

10:30 a.m. †Henry H. Howell (WWII Navy Veteran)

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

(no weekday Mass August 6 or August 7)

Thursday, August 8

6:00 p.m. †Dorothy Beitler

Friday, August 9

8:30 a.m. †Dorothy Beitler

Saturday, August 10 (*Vigil: 19th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Tonette Davidson

Sunday, August 11 (*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Fred Eaton

10:30 a.m. †Rosamond & †Dennie Fagan



Collection Report (July 27/28)

Regular/Operating	\$12,625.26
ADA 2019 Parish proceeds ck.	\$ 6,788.25

Cross Catholic Outreach:

We do not take up a collection for the mission work of Cross Catholic Outreach, but we strongly encourage you to be generous to their appeal. Please take home a brochure and mail your donations to Cross, or you can give to Father O'Toole after Mass this weekend (Aug. 3/4).

2nd Collection this weekend (First Sunday of the Month) is for St. Anne's School. Thank you for your generosity. This collection is taken up immediately following the regular operating collection.

Looking Ahead... August 15th is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, a **Holy Day** of Obligation. There will be a collection taken up at our Holy Day Masses (for Operating). Masses at 1215 & 7pm.

Worldwide MARRIAGE Encounter

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God. **Your marriage matters to God!** Participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on September 20-22 either in Charlotte, North Carolina or in Herndon, Virginia. For more details, visit <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Monday, August 5:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Creed—Born in the Father's Heart* (CCC 748-810). All are welcome to join us!

Tuesday, August 6:

- **Book Club: 10:30-11:30** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study:** is on a short summer break and will resume on **September 3**.

Wednesday, August 7:

- **Wednesday Scripture Study Group, "Gospel According to John". 1:00-2:30pm** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join the group!
- **RCIA, 6:30 p.m.,** in the **Great Room**.

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

Wednesday Prayer Group, August 7, 2:45-3:45 p.m.

at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are invited to join us for an hour of prayer.

VOCATIONS!!

Quite often when you ask a priest or religious about their vocations journey, you find that one of the first times they began to hear God's call was after someone they knew asked them if they had thought about a Vocation.

If you have a family member, or a friend, and you've thought "*I think they might be called to priesthood...*" don't keep that thought to yourself... share it with them!!

If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest! Contact the Vocations Office (804-359-5661) and speak with Fr. Brian Capuano, or email vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Make a World of Difference for a Child

Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) offers free, no obligation information meetings for foster parenting and adoption. You'll have a chance to talk with an experienced CCC social worker, learn answers to your questions and hear more about the process. Visit www.cccofva.org to learn more.

HOLY WATER BOTTLES:

If you would like to take home some Holy Water from the font, we do have Holy Water bottles available in the parish office.

PARISH DIRECTORY 8X10 PHOTOS

If you purchased photos from LifeTouch, they would have been mailed directly to your home. For those who had their photo taken and did not purchase any photos, please pick up your free 8x10 at the table in the commons THIS weekend, or stop by the parish office during office hours. THANKS!

Looking Ahead Just a Bit....

- ⇒ **Thursday, August 15th: Holy Day (Assumption)**
Masses at 12:15 & 7 p.m.
- ⇒ **Monday, August 19: 1st Day of School** at St. Anne's
- ⇒ **Monday, September 2: Labor Day** (office closed)
- ⇒ **SUNDAY, Sept. 8: Mass time back to 11:30 a.m.**

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THANKS

Many thanks to all who donated blood at our recent Blood Drive. We had 26 donors who came! Please mark your calendars for the next Bloodmobile visit on Wed., September 18th, 2pm to 6:30 p.m.

Thank you for...

Giving the Gift of Life!!

Sponsors Needed for RCIA

What does it mean to be an RCIA sponsor?

A sponsor is:

- ◆ A link to the community
- ◆ A companion along the way
- ◆ A mentor but not catechist
- ◆ A person of prayer

If you are willing to walk along with someone who is travelling on the spiritual journey of becoming a Catholic in full communion with the Church, please attend the one evening training session on **Wednesday, August 14**, at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center at 6:30pm**. This training is for new sponsors, those who have been sponsors in the past, and those currently in the role of sponsor. For more information, please call or email Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.

PLANNING TO BE MARRIED?? If you plan to be married in the Church, please contact the pastor to set up an appointment. At least six months preparation time is needed to complete the Marriage Preparation process (some meetings with the Pastor, an on-line personality survey, and participation in "Unveiled" our diocesan marriage preparation day (which is presented here at St. Anne's by the diocese twice a year). The next scheduled "Unveiled" session here at St. Anne's on Saturday, September 14.