

Summer can be a difficult time for many, when extreme heat can contribute to wildfires and drought, heat-related illness and difficulty breathing. It is disturbing, then, to hear Jesus say in today's Gospel, "***I have come to set the earth on fire!***" Jesus' mission was as much to challenge as to comfort. As disciples, we are challenged to remain faithful, no matter the weather. Have we been set on fire in our commitment to our faith?



**Readings for this week (August 19-24)**

Monday: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22  
Tues.: (Memorial) Sirach 15:1-6; John 17:20-26  
Wed.: (Memorial) 1 Thess. 2:2b-8; John 21:15-17  
Thurs.: (Memorial) Isaiah 9:1-6; Luke 1:26-38  
Friday: Ruth 1:1, -6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40  
Saturday: (Feast) Rev. 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

**Scripture for next Sunday  
(21st Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

**Isaiah 66:18-21**

*Outcasts will be gathered home by God as a precious offering in glory.*

**Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**

*Discipline strengthens what is weak.*

**Luke 13:22-30**

*The doorway into the kingdom is narrow.*

Next Sunday in the Gospel Jesus tells us that the gate to eternal life is narrow and many will not get through. However, both Isaiah and Jesus speak of people from the ends of the earth being welcomed into the presence of the Lord. We would do well to remember what God asks of us and then follow the advice of Hebrews and accept discipline. Let us exercise the discipline to listen to the Word of God and take it to heart.

**A Note of Thanks...**

Dear Family at St. Anne's,  
We at Abortion Alternatives are so very grateful for your support in this ministry. It's a privilege and an honor to witness God's hands and feet busy at work in our community. Thank you for helping us to be able to help these ladies and their children. God bless you all!

*Joe Kerns & staff*

Abortion Alternatives & Crisis Pregnancy Center

**Welcome Race Fans!**

This weekend we welcome Race Fans to Bristol — we hope you have a great time here and wish you safe travels back to your hometowns!



**From the Pastor**

Our school here at St. Anne's is getting ready to open its doors for the 70th year. Yes, it is our school and all of us here at St. Anne's should take great pride in this accomplishment and all that our school has done for this community since 1949. I have said this before, but I really cannot say enough how much I have benefited in my life from my years in Catholic school. I cannot imagine that I would be where I am now or have accomplished the things I have in life without that foundation.

Our readings this week mention among other things the struggles we face in this world as we try to live our faith. We live in a world that is increasingly hostile to what we believe. This is also true for the Catholic Church in Southwest Virginia. While it is not nearly as bad as it used to be, there is still hostility that exists toward the Catholic Church in our area. I think for the most part there are just a lot of misconceptions that exist among people who have never learned the truth about our faith and may have been taught some very inaccurate things about what we believe.

This is one of the reasons I am so proud to have a school here in Bristol that is teaching our faith. This is not just a place where students come to study the same curriculum they would find anywhere else with the exception of a religion class added to it. This is a place where students are taught what it means to live our faith in everything they do. They are taught what it means to truly make their lives an extension of our faith. Many people have come to our school with misguided notions about the Catholic Church only to learn who we really are. Many of our students have decided to join the Catholic Church based on their experience in our school.

This speaks volumes about the value of our school. We should all be proud of what St. Anne's School has accomplished in our community. There will be several events throughout the coming year to celebrate this anniversary at our school. I hope everyone in our St. Anne's community will come out and participate in these celebrations, because this anniversary is a great event for us all to be celebrating.

**Addresses for Seminarians Christopher & Gregory**  
If you want to send a note to the seminarians who were here this summer, their addresses are: Seminarian Christopher Weyer, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd., Emmitsburg, MD 21727 and Seminarian Gregory Guilfoyle, St. John Paul II Seminary, 145 Taylor St. NE, Washington, D.C. 20017.

***Hospital and Homebound  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
This Evening, Sunday, August 18  
at 6pm in the Great Room***

We will meet this evening for our annual training and meeting concerning our Ministry to the Homebound and Hospitalized. All current EMHC to the sick and elderly and anyone who would like to join this ministry is invited to attend the meeting. Any questions? Please contact Sydney at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)**

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- **Aug. 18—Fun Night!**
  - ◊ The Escape Room
- **Aug. 25—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
  - ◊ Why are you here?
- **Sept. 1—NO SHYM**
  - ◊ Labor Day Weekend
- **Sept. 8—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
  - ◊ A Crown of Honor

**Nursery Available:** Parents/Grandparents with children/grandchildren between the ages of infant to 6 years.... There is a nursery available at the 10:30 a.m. Mass for your convenience. You may ask a greeter/usher where it is located.

***Nursery Workers Needed!!***

If you like working with children, consider joining our nursery crew. Hours are flexible; some Saturdays, all Sundays, most Wednesdays, and all Holy Days of Obligation. If interested, please contact Vanessa Purdy at 276-614-8463 ext. \*814 or [vpurdy@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:vpurdy@stannes-bristol.org).

**Sunday School of Religion**

Parents of St. Anne Children that **DO NOT** attend St. Anne School — if you have not received your Sunday School registration packets in the mail this week, please contact Sydney Farnum at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org).

***St. Anne Catholic School***

***First Day of School!!***

**Monday, August 19th**

***We are excited this year to be celebrating  
our School's 70th Anniversary!!***

**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday, 1-4p; Tuesday thru Friday, 9a-4p

**Respect Life Committee Members** are reminded of our meeting this **Monday, August 19 at 4pm** in the parish office conference room. New members are always welcome to join the committee.

***40 Days for Life***

All are welcome to attend a talk by Angie Bush about “**40 Days for Life**” on Monday, August 19, 7 p.m., at the Columbian Center, 125 18th St., Bristol, TN 37620.

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Tuesdays 9:00am-4:30pm***

Please join us this **Tuesday, August 20, 9:00am-4:30pm**. Stop by for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm** in the Chapel.

**Sunday School of Religion  
Catechist and Aides Meeting**

The meeting will be Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Room. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Sunday School of Religion NEEDS YOU!!!**

If you are interested in teaching our faith to the children of our parish, we will be having our **Sunday School of Religion Meeting on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30pm in the Great Room.**

**Evangelization Committee Members** are reminded of our meeting on **Wednesday, August 21 at 9:30am** in the parish office conference room. New members are always welcome to join the committee.

**WEDNESDAY MASS:** Since school is back in session, our Wednesday morning 8:30a Mass will be celebrated in the church instead of in the chapel.

***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA***

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet **Wed., Aug. 21** in the **Great Room, 630pm-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.

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

**LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE**

If you are interested in being on a parish Landscaping Committee, please contact Barry Staubus at 423-383-9274.

**ST. ANNE'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will meet this Thursday, August 22, at 11:30am at **O'Charleys**, Exit 7. Call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by this Tuesday to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are welcome!

**Bristol Columbian Center Yard Sale: Sat., Aug. 31**  
Columbian Center Yard Sale (125 18th St., Bristol, TN) will be from **8a to Noon** on Saturday, August 31.

If you have items to donate or would like a “free space” to sell, contact BCC President & parishioner Peter Nelson at 610-413-790. **All are welcome to sell and to come shop!**

**MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK**

**Saturday, August 17** (*Vigil: 20th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †John Burns

**Sunday, August 18** (*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell

10:30 a.m. †Thomas Brooks

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

**Tuesday, August 20**

8:30 a.m. †Billy Gene Thomas, Sr.

**Wednesday, August 21**

8:30 a.m. †Anna Cooper

**Thursday, August 22**

6:00 p.m. †Robert Hidalgo

**Friday, August 23**

8:30 a.m. †Betty P. Miller & †Ann P. Rogers

**Saturday, August 24** (*Vigil: 21st Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Jack Nutterville

**Sunday, August 25** (*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Agnes Hurt

10:30 a.m. †Thomas Brooks

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

**Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine  
of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC  
led by Bishop Knestout**

Join Bishop Knestout as he kicks off the 200th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond with a spiritual pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, DC on **Saturday, October 12, 2019**. The day begins at the Basilica at 10 a.m. and concludes following the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:15 p.m. Registration is required. For more information, including registration, transportation options, and meals, visit [2020.richmonddiocese.org](http://2020.richmonddiocese.org) OR contact [2020@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:2020@richmonddiocese.org) OR call 804-622-5200.



**SAVE THE DATE: Monday, September 9  
6:30 p.m. at the Columbian Center**

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) cordially invites all women of the parish to a catered dinner celebrating CCW's ten-year anniversary. Join us for a music filled entertaining evening. Sign up sheets will be in the commons the weekends of August 24/25 and Aug. 31/Sept. 1. For more information, contact Eileen Gibney at [egibneysas@yahoo.com](mailto:egibneysas@yahoo.com).

**COLLECTION REPORT (August 10/11)**

Regular/Operating	\$10,061.85
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 435.00
Special Donation	\$ 250.00

**CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH:** If you were away when Father Tim O'Toole was here and would like to help the missions served by Cross Catholic Outreach, please pick up a brochure from the pedestal in the commons. Thank you for your generosity to those in need in our world.

**This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

**Monday, August 19:**

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: 1:00-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Creed—The Four Last Things* (CCC 946-1065). All are welcome!

**Tuesday, August 20:**

- **Book Club: 10:30-11:30am** 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 21:**

- **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: 6:30pm** in the Great Room.

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

**Wednesday Prayer Group, August 21, 2:45-3:45pm** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are invited to join us for an hour of prayer.

**Monday Afternoon Study Group  
continues our study of the  
Catechism—Pillar 2—The Sacraments  
Monday, August 26, 1:00pm-2:30pm  
St. Vincent de Paul Center  
Please sign-up at the table in the commons  
to join our study group.**

**Adult Faith Formation Committee Members** are reminded of our meeting next **Monday, August 26, at 4pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

**Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs  
CD of the Week:**

**"The Crisis of Happiness—Hurting, Addicting, & Healing"**  
Jim Owens, MA, LPC explains addiction is much simpler than needles, alcohol, pills. Addiction includes everything from substances to technology, screen time, work, shopping, and even sugar. Addictions and distractions are used to manage pain—but in the process, end up damaging our brains, our relationships, and our ability to find lasting happiness. Jim gives practical advice for overcoming wounds to help hurt people become healed people. 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!

**PRAY for VOCATIONS**

**"I have come to set the earth on fire."**

Do you want to carry the fire of the Lord to His people as a priest? Contact Fr. Brian Capuano at the Vocations Office (804-359-5661) or [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

***Baptism Preparation Class—August 24***

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class is scheduled for **Saturday, Aug. 24, 2pm-4pm in the Great Room**. If you have a child under the age of 7 who needs baptism or you are expecting the birth of your child soon, please plan to attend. The nursery will be provided for siblings, if needed. **To register**, please call Sydney Farnum at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) **no later than Wednesday, August 21.**

**Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)  
Sunday, August 25**

**Brady Youth Center (BYC) 6pm-8pm**

—ALL youth in grades 7 & 8 and their parents are invited to attend our JHYM Open House next Sunday evening. At least one parent must accompany their youth. We will meet at the BYC at 6pm, followed by refreshments.

—This is a perfect opportunity for parents to check out our youth center, get registration information, pick up a schedule for the year, and ask any questions that you may have.

—We are very excited about the things happening in JHYM. There are going to be opportunities for the youth to grow in their faith, serve those in need in our parish as well as our community, and make friends and memories to last a lifetime!

**CDA  & BUNCO BASH!**

All St. Anne's women are invited to a summer's-end social on **Monday, August 26, from 5:30pm to 8pm** at the Bristol Columbian Center. Please sign up in the Commons after Mass this weekend or next weekend to be our guest for a catered meal, fun, and prizes.

**Children's Liturgy VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

Please prayerfully consider volunteering a little of your time to help with Children's Liturgy at the 11:30am Mass. No experience is necessary, just a love of your faith and the willingness to share it with children. Training is provided, and you will be greatly appreciated. If you are willing to help with this ministry, please contact Vanessa Purdy at 276-591-5378 ext \*814 or [vpurdy@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:vpurdy@stannes-bristol.org).

**Question:** When does Mass time change to **11:30???**

**Answer:** AFTER Labor Day weekend!

(So our last 10:30 Mass time is Sept. 1  
and the **11:30a time begins Sept. 8**)

***Attention Liturgical Ministers!!***

Please notify the office NLT 4pm on Wed., Aug. 28 of dates you are unable to serve September 7 thru October 27. Pick up schedules in commons weekend of Aug. 31/Sept. 1.