

We gather around the table of the Lord in order to receive Christ, the Bread of Life. In today's Gospel Jesus says, *"Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him."* How does Jesus remain in you? Can others see Christ's presence in you in the way that you act?

Readings for this Week

Aug. 20: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22 (or) Sir 15:1-6; Jn 17:20-26
Aug. 21: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30 (or) 1 Th 2:2b-8; Jn 21:15-17
Aug. 22: Ez 34:1-11; Mt. 20-1-16 (or) Is 9:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Aug. 23: Ez 36:23-28; Mt. 22:1-14
Aug. 24: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:5-51

Scripture for next Sunday (21st/Ordinary Time)

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

Ephesians 5:21-32 (or) 5:2a, 25-32

This is a great mystery, regarding Christ and the church.

John 6:60-69

To whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at our altar this weekend are given by **Bill & Rose Marie Burriss** in celebration of her 75th birthday (Aug. 21) and their 54th wedding anniversary (Aug. 22).

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Now that school is back in session, the parish office hours are: Mondays 1-4p and Tuesday thru Friday 9a-4p. The deadline for bulletin items is 12N on Mondays (send to parish email at [stannes@stannes-
bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org) or voicemail at 276-669-8200 ext. 0).

MARY statue: *In case you are wondering...* For many years we have moved the statue of Mary from the school into the main church sanctuary for the month of May (the month of Mary!). Normally the statue then returns to the school at the end of May, however, this year since Fr. Eric was going to be here until the end of June, he asked that we leave the statue in the church until he left for his new assignment. When Fr. Chris arrived in early July, we decided to leave Mary in the church until after the Holy Day of the Assumption, then move her back to the school. With our students now back in class, the Mary statue is back in the Great Room/cafeteria—a reminder each day for the students of her special role in our lives.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS!!

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

Check your calendars and please notify the office (NLT 2p this Wed., Aug. 22) of dates you are unable to serve in September and October (Sept. 1 thru Oct. 28). Plan to pick up your schedules NEXT weekend in the commons.
THANKS!!

A Message from Father Chris....

Last weekend, we saw some demonstrations in the news that reminded us all what happened in Charlottesville a year ago. I was very disturbed when this happened. It was disturbing to see such an overt display of racism in the streets, but it was even more disturbing when someone who came to speak out against this was killed. It is one thing when we see people promoting hateful ideology in this way, but when it turns violent it becomes much worse.

I continue to be disturbed by this, because of what I see happening in our country. I am not talking about racism, although I am quite disturbed by that as well. What I am talking about is a breakdown in civility. There is nothing wrong with having differing opinions. We should be able to disagree and freely discuss issues on which we disagree. The ability to engage in rational discussion is one of the things that makes humanity so great. Unfortunately, we are losing this. We are becoming a society where anyone who disagrees with us becomes an enemy, and there is no further discussion.

This is dividing our country in a dangerous way. Instead of engaging in discussion about our disagreements, we simply attack those who disagree with us. We are seeing this more and more in our political landscape especially. Why is this so dangerous? In my opinion, the death of Heather Heyer in Charlottesville last year was not so much about racism as it was about one person becoming so enraged by people who disagree with him that he drove his car into a crowd. This is not just about politics. This is something that can tear apart our communities, our church, and even our families.

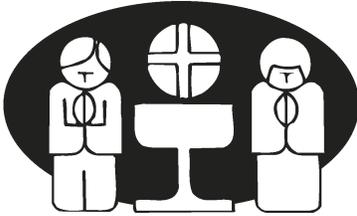
This is not who we are. This is not who we were created to be. Anger is not always a bad thing. I have often said, there are some things that should make us angry. However, anger does not have to take control of us. I often invite people to take the things that cause the most anger in their lives to prayer. This is something that can help all of us learn that not everyone who disagrees with us is an enemy. Even in our disagreements, it is possible to treat all people with respect and to recognize human dignity, and the image of God in which we were all created.

Please take Note!! Due to the Clergy Study Day this Thursday, Aug. 23, in Roanoke, we will not have Confessions or weekday Mass this Thursday.

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Sun., Aug. 19—Fun Night! (3:00pm-7:30pm)**
 - The Escape Room
- **Sun., Aug. 26—NO SHYM**
 - Regional Catechist Day
- **Sun., Sept. 2—NO SHYM (Labor Day Weekend)**
- **Sun., Sept. 9—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)**
 - The Call to Holiness



***Hospital and Homebound Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion***

THIS EVENING!!!! Sunday, August 19 at 6 p.m. in the Great Room. We will meet this evening for our annual training and meeting with Fr. Chris. Anyone who would like to join us in this ministry to the sick and elderly is invited to attend the meeting. Any questions? Please contact Sydney at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday

Please join us this **Tuesday, August 21, 9:15am-4:30pm.** Join us for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm.**

Formed.org

(Church code: 24Q8G9)

Pick of the Week for Aug. 18/19:

Convinced—Why would anyone become Catholic?

Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families... to become Catholic? As Donald Johnson was considering his own move into the Church, he traveled around the country to get answers from some of today's most prolific Catholic converts. **Watch on formed.org.**

HELP NEEDED!!!!

We have an elderly parishioner who needs a ride to Mass. She lives at Leisure Towers. She cannot get into a high vehicle like a truck or SUV, so you'd need a regular size car with room in your trunk to put her wheelchair. If you can help, please call Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.



Spot light on...

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION
ST. ANNE'S GREAT ROOM
This Tuesday, August 21 at 7 pm.**

"Natural Law, God, and Human Dignity"

Speaker: Professor Robert P. George

Plan to join us this Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. for this talk by **Professor Robert George**. He is the McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University. He is the author of several publications and has written articles in the Harvard Law Review, Yale Law Journal and others; and has written for the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, First Things, National Review and others. Professor George currently serves on the President's Council on Bioethics.

Join us this Tuesday at 7 p.m.!!

(sponsored by the Buechner Institute at King University)

Prayer Shawl members are reminded of our gathering this **Wed., August 22, at 10 a.m.** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. New members are always welcome to join us.

Prayer Group meeting this week: **Wed., Aug. 22, 2:45pm-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!

The Evangelization Committee will meet this **Wed., Aug. 22 at 3 p.m.** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. All current members and any new members who would like to help us with our evangelization efforts are encouraged to attend. The committee will begin training on Evangelization in order to help parishioners, and our parish, more effectively serve the evangelizing mission of the Church. If interested, please join us!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., Aug. 22** 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.**

For more details about RCIA, contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 x.32.



Masses For The Week

Saturday, August 18 (*Vigil: 20th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Rita & †Charles Mansfield

Sunday, August 19 (*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell

10:30 a.m. †Mabel Gokey

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

Tuesday, August 21

8:30 a.m. †Paul Carriera and †Joanne Carriera

Wednesday, August 22 (*School Mass—in the Church*)

8:30 a.m. †Steven Everitt

(No weekday Mass this Thursday, Aug. 23)

Friday, August 24

7:30 a.m. †Paul Carriera and †Joanne Carriera

Saturday, August 25 (*Vigil: 21st Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Joe Avento

Sunday, August 26 (*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Charles Mansfield

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

2:00 p.m. †Trancito Macias (*Spanish Mass*)



CDA MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

Members of the Catholic Daughters are reminded of their meeting on Monday, Aug. 27, at the Columbian Center. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. (with social hour at 5:30 p.m.) *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 423-878-7877.

The CDA theme is **“For Him, we live and move and have our being”** (Acts 17:2)



CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection Report (Aug. 11/12)

Regular/Operating: \$8,332.40

Adult Faith Formation Committee members are reminded of their meeting on **Monday, August 27**, at **4:00 p.m.** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Monday, August 20:

- **NO Monday Adult Faith Formation** this week. Join us next week for **Popes and the Papacy, 1:00pm-2:30pm** at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. Join this study group at any time.

Tuesday, August 21:

- **Book Club** is on Summer Break until September
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study** will have a **“Movie Night” - *Paul the Apostle***. **6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Center.**

Wednesday, August 22:

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

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

7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free

A Catholic Guide to Managing Your Money

Beginning on Monday, Sept. 10, 6:00pm-7:30pm, in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Are you striving to:

- develop a closer relationship with the Lord,
- strengthen your marriage and family life,
- get out of debt,
- pay for your children's education,
- manage your money more effectively,
- buy your home,
- invest in your future

...and all the while stay true to how God intended for you to manage His gifts? Then this course is for you! **7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free** offers a solid Catholic perspective on how to make the most of God's generous gifts. Sign-up now so that we can order your materials. Register at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32. Cost: \$34.95/individuals & \$46.95/couples.

Women's Cursillo Retreat—Oct. 26-28

Mark your Calendars Now!

A Women's Cursillo will be held at the Jubilee House Retreat Center in Abingdon from 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28. Cost is \$150 (grants are available). For more information, contact Elena Weightman at 540-838-1042 or elenaweightman@gmail.com. For a brochure, please contact the parish office.

WEBSITE!! Out of town? Don't forget to check the parish website for the current bulletin, upcoming events, parish calendar, weekend homily... simply go to: www.stannes-bristol.org

30's Ministry—Saturday, August 25

For parishioners ages 30-39 & spouses

If you are between the ages of 30 and 39, single or married, children or no children, 30's Ministry is for you! This is a chance to meet with others your same age and take advantage of opportunities planned just for YOU. As we welcome our new priest, Fr. Chris Hess, join us for an evening gathering after 5:30 Mass on August 25 (or approx. 6:45pm). Pizza will be provided and the nursery for your children can be provided, if needed. **Please stop by the table in the commons and sign-up to attend or email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.** *Hope to see you there!!*

Regional Catechist Day hosted by St. Anne's

Next Sunday, August 26

"Witnesses for Jesus Christ"

All Parish Catechists (of children, teens, and adults) and St. Anne School Religion Teachers are encouraged to attend our Regional Catechist Day **August 26**, in the **Great Room, 2pm-5pm**. Catechists from LPA 15/16 will join us to welcome Pixie Smith from RCL/Benziger. Catechist Day will count as 3 hrs. toward religion certification for school teachers and as the required 3 hrs. of ongoing formation for parish catechists. Please RSVP to sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org so that we know you will attend. Thank You!

Sponsor Training— Wednesday, August 29

School Library—6:30 p.m.

Sponsors are needed for RCIA. If you are currently a sponsor for someone in RCIA OR you are interested and willing to be a sponsor in the future, please plan to attend this brief, but very important, training session on the Role of the Sponsor and how that role may look differently to you now that RCIA is a year-round process. If you have any questions, please call or email Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.

Case Manager Needed—Family Promise of Bristol

Family Promise of Bristol seeks a full time Case Manager to assist Family Promise guests to achieve independence in housing, transportation, financial management, employment through case management and to assist in the daily operations of the Day Center and support the Family Promise organization. Skills include: case management and communication skills (written and oral), ability to build relationships, planning/organizational skills, leadership ability. A BA/BSW degree in social work/human services required. Experience working with homeless families in human service environment preferred. Must have valid driver's license. If interested in this rewarding opportunity, please email a cover letter, resume and references to: email@unitedwaybristol.com by Aug. 24.