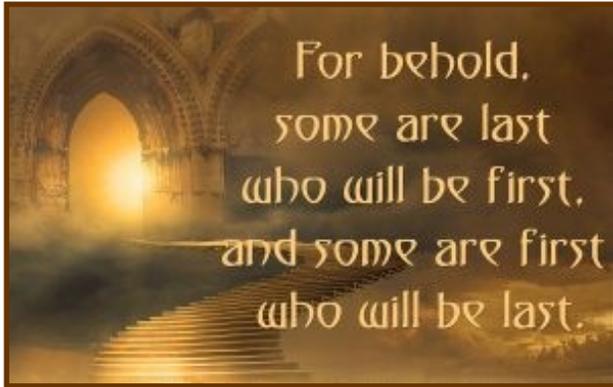


We gather together today in our own local communities, while millions of others gather together in their communities all over the world. When Isaiah wrote that the LORD comes to *"gather nations of every language"*, could he have imagined over a billion believers, millions from a hemisphere not even conceived of by those of his place and time? Let us celebrate that hundreds of years and thousands of miles away, we are welcomed just as much as people in Isaiah's or Jesus' time.



Readings for this coming week (August 26-31)

Monday:	1 Thess. 1:1-5, 8b-10;	Matthew 23:13-22
Tues. (Memorial)	Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16;	Luke 7:11-17
Wed.: (Memorial)	1 John 4:7-16;	Matthew 23:8-12
Thurs. (Memorial)	Jeremiah 1:17-19;	Mark 6:17-29
Friday:	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8;	Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11;	Matthew 25:14-30

Scripture for next Sunday (22nd Sunday/Ordinary Time)

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Ancient wisdom insists that the more humble we are, the greater we are.

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Far from frightening, our encounter with God will be like a glorious holiday.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus presents his own version of table manners.

True humility requires that we acknowledge our weaknesses, our imperfections, our humanness. We are not more important than our neighbor. Sirach offers this as a lesson to guide the listener. Jesus tries to teach this to the Pharisees in the Gospel we hear today. Humility begets generosity, as it recognizes the value in our neighbor, especially those who are put down. True generosity is shown when giving to those who cannot repay.

Planning to be married in the Catholic Church?

Please contact the Pastor a minimum of six months prior to when you are thinking of planning your wedding date... part of the Marriage Preparation is participation in the "Unveiled" Program offered by the Diocese. The next session at St. Anne's will be Saturday, Sept. 14 (another won't be offered until May). So if you are planning to be married in the coming year, register for the September 14 "Unveiled" session at <https://CMFL.regfox.com/unveiled-sept-through-oct-2019>. In addition to attending "Unveiled", the couple will need to schedule times to meet with Father Chris to complete the Marriage Preparation process.



Pastor's Notes

I received an email from someone who attends Mass regularly. The person who wrote the letter seemed to enjoy attending the Mass, but was disturbed by the amount of conversation going on in the church before Mass started. The conversation was loud and not about the church. The person who wrote this enjoys coming to Mass early to spend some quiet time in prayer and found this very difficult because of the distracting conversations going on in the church.

As I reflected on this, I was reminded of something Pope Francis said in a general audience. *"To pray, as every true dialogue, is also to be able to remain in silence, — in dialogues there are moments of silence, in silence together with Jesus. And when we go to Mass, perhaps we arrive five minutes early and we begin to chat with the one who is next to us. However, it's not the moment to chat: it's the moment of silence to prepare oneself to dialogue. It's the moment to recollect oneself in the heart to prepare oneself for the encounter with Jesus".*

I do not write this with the intention of chastising anyone for their behavior in the church. This is an invitation for all of us to take the pope's words to heart and ask ourselves what we can each do to better experience the encounter with Christ that takes place during the Mass. This is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the meaning of the Mass and the importance it has in all of our lives. The more we do to make this a holy and sacred time, the more impact it will have in our lives.

A Special Note...

Dear St. Anne's Parishioners,

I would like to express my gratitude to all for your kind expressions of sympathy on the recent death of my daughter, Lynn Roosa. Thank you for the many cards and prayers. May God bless you.

Mereilyn Ott & family

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **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
- **Sept. 15—SHYM Fun Night!!**
 - ◊ Bike the Creeper Trail

Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)
(Tonight!) 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 TONIGHT (August 25). 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 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!

Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Aug. 25—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)
 - ◆ Parent/Youth Meeting
- **Sept. 1—NO JHYM**
 - ◆ Labor Day Weekend
- **Sept. 8—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)

Monday Afternoon Study Group
continues our study of the

CATECHISM—PILLAR 2—THE SACRAMENTS
Mondays, 1:00pm-2:30pm, St. Vincent de Paul Center
Please sign up at the table in the commons to join our study group.

LADIES OF THE PARISH.....

The Catholic Daughters invite you to:

A BBQ & BUNCO BASH!!

The CDA invites the women of St. Anne's to a summer's-end social this **Monday, August 26, 5:30 to 8pm** at the Bristol Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN). Sign-up after Mass this weekend in the commons (or call Amy Foster 423-764-2217 or afostersas@yahoo.com). Come be their guest for a catered meal (pork BBQ, beans, slaw, potato salad, cookie & drink), and then learn to play Bunco and maybe win some nifty prizes!

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

Please join us this **Tuesday, August 27, 9:00am-4:30pm**. Stop by for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm** in the Chapel.

Temporary Jobs—Rhythm & Roots Weekend

Tri-City Security Company has openings for temporary jobs for Bristol's Rhythm & Roots Weekend (Sept. 20-22). If interested in applying, contact Diane Kirchen at 276-466-8000 or Tesc@Bvu.net (see their ad on the back cover of this bulletin.)

Wednesday Weekday Masses: Now that school is back in session, our 8:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays will be celebrated in the church (instead of the chapel).

Prayer Shawl Ministry is reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, August 28, at 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us!

Wednesday Prayer Group, August 28, 2:45-3:45pm, at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are invited to join us for an hour of prayer.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!!

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

Please notify the parish office NLT 4 p.m. this Wednesday, August 28, of dates you are unable to serve Sept. 7 thru October 27. Plan to **pick up your schedules** in the commons next weekend (Aug. 31/Sept. 1). THANKS!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet **Wed., Aug. 28** 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 RCIA, contact Sydney Farnum sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext 32.

Please Take Note!!

Fr. Chris will be at Clergy Study Days in Roanoke this Thursday, Aug. 29, so there will NOT be Confessions at 5pm. He WILL BE back for the 6 p.m. Mass on Thursday.

ENDOWMENT UPDATE

We are getting close to meeting our initial goal of raising \$250,000 for St. Anne's Endowment Fund. As of April 30, 2019, the value of the Endowment Fund was \$180,692.95. We have received gifts of \$45,600 this year and investment income of \$9,334.17. When the value reaches \$250,000, 4% per year, or an estimated \$10 thousand per year will be distributed to St. Anne's to be used towards the church's operating budget. This will allow us to provide additional financial support to our ministries. Please consider a gift to help us reach our initial goal. Thank you to all parishioners who have made contributions. With your help, the Endowment Fund will provide for the financial stability of our parish in the years to come.

(For more information on the St. Anne's Endowment Fund, please contact Fr. Chris or one of the Endowment Committee members: Don Shawl, Jim Tilley, Erin Downs, Marilyn Broglio, Doug Weberling, Greg Chudzik.)



Liturgy Intentions For The Week

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)

Tuesday, August 27

8:30 a.m. †Dorothy "Dot" Brown

Wednesday, August 28

8:30 a.m. †Hedwig Meussen

Thursday, August 29

6:00 p.m. †Billy Thomas, Sr.

Friday, August 30

8:30 a.m. †Kevin Corbett

Saturday, August 31 (Vigil: 22nd Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. Spec. Int.--Pauline Price (birthday: Sept. 2)

Sunday, Sept. 1 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell

10:30 a.m. †Agnes Hurt

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



Parish Support

E-Giving Report (August 1-16)

Regular/Operating	\$4,655.
Holy Day/Assumption of Mary	\$ 168.
Maintenance Reserve Fund*	\$ 235.
School 2nd Collection	\$ 465.
BFIA	\$ 105.

Collection Report (August 17/18)

Regular/Operating	\$8,474.76
Holy Day/Assumption of Mary	\$2,314.25
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 120.00
Social Ministry	\$ 100.00
Maintenance Reserve Fund*	\$ 100.00

(*formerly "Bldg. Fund")

Upcoming Second Collections

Aug. 31/Sept. 1	St. Anne's School
Sept. 28/29	Retired Religious

LOOKING AHEAD JUST A BIT....

- ◆ Sunday, Sept. 1: Last "10:30a" Mass time
- ◆ Monday, Sept. 2: **LABOR DAY** (Office closed)
- ◆ Tuesday, Sept. 3: "First" Tuesday Adoration, **9a-9p**
- ◆ Thurs., Sept. 4: **PPC mtg.** 7p (last mtg./outgoing PPC)
- ◆ At Masses: Sept. 7/8—**PPC Elections**
- ◆ **Sunday, Sept. 8—MASS TIME 11:30am!!**

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Monday, August 26:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: 1:00-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Sacraments-Liturgy and the Sacramental Economy (History to Mystery)* (CCC 1066-1134). All are welcome!

Tuesday, August 27:

- **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 28:

- **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 or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

CD of the Week: "The Healing Power of Confession"

Dr. Scott Hahn presents the historical and biblical origins of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is probably the most misunderstood of the Seven Sacraments. He presents a challenge to all of us to deepen our relationship with Christ through the frequent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Find this CD and many others at the Lighthouse CD display on the religious education table in the commons. We ask for a \$3.00 per CD donation to enable us to restock with new titles. Thank you!



40 Days for Life:

The Beginning of the End of Abortion

From September 25 through November 3, you are invited to join other Christians for the **40 Days for Life**. The *40 Days for Life* uses prayer and fasting to bring the end to abortion. This prayer vigil has peacefully closed 104 abortion clinics around the world. During the 40 days Christians will take turns standing and praying for 12 hour/day in the public right-of-way across the street from the Bristol Regional Women's (Abortion) Center in Bristol, TN. For more information and to volunteer, please visit www.40daysforlife.com or contact Angie Bush at 40daysbristoltn@gmail.com or 423-482-1324. Thank you for standing up for life and for those who have no voice, our unborn.

PRAY for VOCATIONS!

"Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the Lord."

Is God calling you to the priesthood? Contact Fr. Brian Capuano at vocations@richmonddiocese.org or call 804-359-5661.

***Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education
(SMARE)***

Resumes September 8, 9:45am-11:00am

Our Sunday Morning Class for Adults resumes on Sunday, Sept. 8. We invite all adults to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about your faith, conveniently scheduled in-between the Masses on Sunday mornings. We especially encourage the parents of children who are here in Sunday School of Religion Classes and Sacramental Prep. Classes to join our study group and learn about your faith at the same time your children are here learning. We usually meet in the Great Room and sometimes move to the school library if a larger group needs the Great Room. Check the bulletin and door signs for location of class. Coffee and doughnuts/pastries are served at 9:45am and the presentation begins promptly at 10am. Our first study session this fall will be “**Jesus Revealed-Encountering Christ in His Biblical Names**”. Please join us!

**Bristol Columbian Center YARD SALE
SATURDAY, August 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!***

***Sunday School of Religion begins September 8
Grades Pre-3 thru 6***

Parents, if your child does not attend Catholic School, please register them for the Parish Sunday School of Religion Program which will resume on September 8. Registration forms were mailed but if you did not receive a form, you can stop by the table in the commons to register. We will begin on Sept. 8 with a Parent/Child meeting in the Great Room at 9:45am. This will be a full morning of Sunday School of Religion for the children. If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Purdy at vpurdy@stannes-bristol.org or Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call the church office (276-669-8200). Hope to see you there!

***10th Anniversary Celebration
St. Anne Council of Catholic Women***

All women of the parish are invited to join CCW for a catered dinner, musical entertainment, and a fun night to celebrate their 10th anniversary — **Monday, September 9, 6:30 p.m.** at the Bristol Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN). If you plan to attend, please sign up at the table in the commons this weekend or next (Aug. 24/25, Aug. 31/Sept. 1).

NEXT BLOODRIVE: Wed., Sept. 18
Sign up in commons: Sept. 7/8 or Sept. 14/15
Give the Gift of Life!