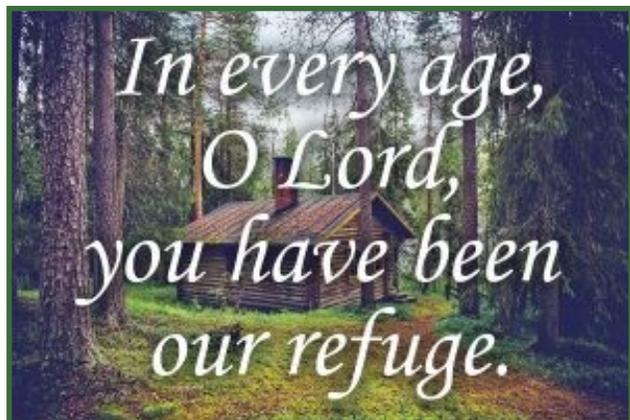


What does it take to be a disciple of Jesus? A couple of weeks ago, we learned it takes discipline, a word derived from the same Latin root, *disciplina*, which means teaching or instruction. A new school year has just begun for many of us. What an appropriate time to act as a student, eager to learn what it takes to follow the Lord.



Readings for this Week (September 9-14)

Monday:	Colossians 1:24—2:3;	Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Colossians 2:6-15;	Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Colossians 3:1-11;	Luke 6:20-26
Thursday:	Colossians 3:12-17;	Luke 6:27-38
Friday: (Memorial)	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13;	Mark 4:1-10, 13-20
Saturday:	Numbers 21:4b-9;	Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Scripture for next Sunday (24th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The people worship a golden calf, and God loses all patience with them.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul, once the worst of sinners, is an example of Jesus' forbearance.

Luke 15:1-32 (or) Luke 15:1-10

When the lost are found, even the angels rejoice.

The Chosen People turned their backs on God and worshiped a molten calf. Saint Paul, before his conversion, persecuted Christians. The prodigal son abandoned his father and squandered his inheritance. All three could easily have been punished, but instead all are welcomed back to the fold by our Lord, like the lost sheep in Jesus' parable. Let us hear in God's word next Sunday that promise of reconciliation.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Pat Hall**, a member of our parish family, who died recently. Notes may be sent to her family c/o 109 Stonecroft Circle, Bristol, TN 37620.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Please join us this **Tuesday, Sept. 10, 9:00am-4:30pm**. Stop by for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm** in the Chapel.



Pastor's Notes

I have been reflecting on some things I wrote several years ago about the decline we are seeing in the practice of our faith. I have been revisiting some of these ideas in part, because of a recent survey showing the alarming number of Catholics who do not believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. I will have much more to say and write about this over the coming months, but I would like to start with this.

As the early Church was struggling to understand and define who Jesus is and the relationship he has with his Church, many erroneous ideas emerged. To be fair, it is not an easy thing even today to gain a firm understanding of how Jesus can be fully human and fully divine at the same time. In the third century, a priest named Arius tried to explain this with the idea that Jesus was a great and important man who had powers and abilities no other human being had, but that is all he was. Arius taught that Jesus was very close to God, but he was not actually God. He was just a man with extraordinary abilities. It should not surprise anyone to learn that even though Arius had the best of intentions, he was denounced by the Church as a heretic.

Even though the teaching of Arius has been condemned, the Arian heresy has continued to emerge in many forms throughout the years. The argument can be made that many people no longer see the transcendent in what we do. I believe this is correct. Jesus was a great teacher. He was a great spiritual leader. He was a friend, mentor, and healer. He was and is the greatest person who has ever done these things in our world. However, these things have little meaning in our lives now if we focus so much on these qualities that we forget that Jesus is also our God.

Jesus Christ is the Word of God who became flesh and walked among us so we would know our God. He came to us to redeem humanity and invite us all into a relationship with our God. I believe one reason we have seen people drift away from the Church is that people are not being taught to seek a personal relationship with Jesus in their lives. At the same time, people are losing interest in practicing our faith because they are being taught to seek a relationship with Jesus, but it is a relationship that focuses on Jesus being merely a friend or a guru who teaches us how to live a good life. Jesus is the living Word of God made flesh who is revealed to us in the flesh every time we gather for the Mass.

MASS TIME is now 11:30a (instead of 1030)

A Note of Gratitude...

Many thanks for the prayers, cards and Masses offered in memory of my husband, Herbert Dittmar. Your expressions of sympathy and kindnesses have been a great comfort and are much appreciated. The participation at the funeral Mass particularly lifted my spirits. A special thank you to the Council of Catholic Women, my sisters in Christ. It is a blessing to be part of such a caring and beautiful Church. May God continue to keep St. Anne's community close to Him.

Gratefully yours,
Barbara Dittmar and Family

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Sept. 8—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - ◊ A Crown of Honor
- **Sept. 15—SHYM Fun Night!** (Bike the Creeper Trail)
- **Sept. 22—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - ◊ Love for the Unloved
 - * **Confirmation Class**
- **Sept. 29—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - ◊ Prayer Service/Church 6p, then to PLC

Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Sept. 8—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
- **Sept. 15—JHYM Fun Night!** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - ◊ Pizza & Games / Project
- **Sept. 22—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
- **Sept. 29—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - ◊ Prayer Service/Church 6p, then to PLC



**Training Refresher Session—this Tuesday, Sept. 10
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

We are in need of more parishioners willing to serve in this most beautiful and humble ministry—helping the priest distribute Holy Communion to the faithful at Mass. This is a wonderful way to enhance your spiritual life and be of service to our parish community. Anyone wishing to join this ministry, and our current EMHC's, are asked to come to the training this **Tuesday, September 10, at 6:15 p.m.** in the church. (Requirements: Catholic in good standing with the Church; teens age 16+ who have been Confirmed may also serve in this ministry.) We hope to see you this Tuesday evening! If you want to join the EMHC ministry and cannot attend this Tuesday, please contact Chris Neal in the office. Current EMHC's who are unable to attend, please contact the parish office.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet **Wednesday, September 11**, 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 **Great Room** at **6:30pm** before going to class.

For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Prayer Shawl Ministry is reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us!

NO Parish Life Committee Meeting this month.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Planning to be married in the Catholic Church?

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your "hoped for" wedding date. Part of Marriage Preparation is attending an "Unveiled" session offered by the Diocese. They will be at St. Anne's NEXT Saturday, September 14 (and not again until May!). So if you are planning to be married in the coming year, register ASAP for the September 14 "Unveiled" session at <https://CMFL.regfox.com/unveiled-sept-through-oct-2019>.

Catechetical Sunday—September 15

The Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday next Sunday, September 15, under the theme of "**Stay with Us**". On Sunday, all parish catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Please continue to pray for all of our parish catechists as we begin a new catechetical year.

**Upcoming dates to save
for Sacramental Preparation...**

- ◆ For the sacrament of **Confirmation**: preparation class begins on **Sunday, September 22**
- ◆ For the sacraments of **Reconciliation** and **Eucharist**: preparation classes begin on **Sunday, October 13**
- ◆ The next **Baptism Preparation** class meets on **Saturday, October 5**

You will receive letters very soon with more information about 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation (if you are registered with the parish).

MASS INTENTIONS for this Week

Saturday, Sept. 7 (*Vigil: 23rd Sunday/Ordinary Time*)
5:30 p.m. †Mr. & †Mrs. Jose Rodriguez
Sunday, Sept. 8 (*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
8:30 a.m. †John Viggiano and †Joseph Viggiano
(*brothers, New York City fire & police officers,
killed in the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001*)
11:30 a.m. †Bob Douglas
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)
Tuesday, Sept. 10
8:30 a.m. †Mary Pat Flanagan
Wednesday, Sept. 11
8:30 a.m. CDA Patriotic Mass and in memory of
those who died in the terrorist attacks 9/11/2001
Thursday, Sept. 12
6:00 p.m. †Agnes Hurt
Friday, Sept. 13
8:30 a.m. Pansy Brittenham
Saturday, Sept. 14 (*Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
5:30 p.m. †Francis J. Finan, Jr.
Sunday, Sept. 15 (*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
8:30 a.m. †Susan Mellett
11:30 a.m. †Francis & †Valery Tate
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please contact Rosie or Betty in the parish office. We are now scheduling intentions for 2020.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION
for SEPTEMBER**

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."

The Protection of the Oceans: *That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.*

Collection Report (Aug. 31/Sept. 1)

Regular/Operating	\$13,217.75
School 2nd Collection	\$ 3,354.00
Add'l Assumption Holy Day	\$ 20.00
Bristol Faith in Action	\$ 75.00
Retired Religious	\$ 300.00

E-Giving Report (Aug. 17-31)

Regular/Operating	\$ 3,460.00
School 2nd Collection	\$ 298.00
Retired Religious	\$ 10.00

Next 2nd Collection: Retired Religious is Sept. 29/30.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet Thursday, September 19, at 11:30 a.m. at **Cheddar's** at Exit . Please call Gina Rossetti, 423-878-7827, by Tuesday, Sept. 17 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome!!

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, September 8:

- **SMARE (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education)** We begin our new series **Jesus Revealed- Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names** with "**The Way, the Truth, and the Life**". 9:45-11am in the School Library this week. Everyone welcome, no need to sign up. Next Sunday, **Sept. 15: "Lion of the Tribe of Judah"** in the school library.

Monday, September 9:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: 1:00-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. **The Catechism-Pillar2-The Sacraments** All are welcome to join us!

Tuesday, September 10:

- **Book Club: 10:30-11:30am, St. Vincent de Paul Center.** **The Great Divorce** by C.S. Lewis.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary—Journey through Scripture-The Promised Mother**, 6:30-8:00pm, St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join us!

Wednesday, September 11:

- **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.

Wednesday Prayer Group, Sept. 11, 2:45-3:45pm at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are invited to join us for an hour of prayer.



40 Days for Life*...

a peaceful prayer vigil for the end of abortion, begins on September 25 thru November 3.

This Sunday (Sept. 8) at 4 p.m., please join pro-lifers from area churches to prayerfully prepare for the vigil. We will meet at Bridge Assembly of God (50 24th St., Bristol, TN). St. Anne parishioner, Angie Bush, will lead the gathering. See the parish bulletin board for more details.

***40 Days for Life (Sept. 25 thru Nov. 3)**

Join with other Christians for a peaceful prayer vigil, 7a to 7p in the public right of way across the street from the Bristol Regional Women's Center, Bristol, TN. For more information, visit www.40daysforlife.com or contact Angie Bush at 40daysbristoltn@gmail.com or call 423-482-1324.



Looking Ahead a Bit on the Calendar.....

- ⇒ **NO Adoration** Tuesday, Sept. 17
- ⇒ **Lector Training/Refresher:** Tues., Sept. 24, 615p
- ⇒ **Finance Council:** Thursday, Sept. 26, 7a
- ⇒ **Evening Prayer in honor of Law Enforcement, Fire Department & EMS personnel:** Sunday, Sept. 29, at 6:00 p.m.; Reception follows
- ⇒ **“1st” Tuesday Adoration** Sept. 1, 9a-9p
- ⇒ **Pet Blessing, Feast of St. Francis,** October 4, 315p & 4:30p
- ⇒ **“Planting/Groundskeeping Day”** - Saturday, Oct. 5, 830-1130a

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC

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 Wash. DC on **Sat., Oct. 12, 2019**. The day begins at the Basilica at 10am, concludes following the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:15pm. Registration required. For information (i.e. registration, transportation options, meals) visit 2020.richmonddiocese.org OR 2020@richmonddiocese.org OR call 804-622-5200.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
ELECTIONS**

If you didn't get a bulletin last weekend and review the PPC nominations insert, be sure to review on our webpage or on the tri-fold in the commons.

Elections are this weekend (Sept. 7/8) at the Masses.

Registered Catholic parishioners, age 16+, in good standing with the Church may vote for up to 3 nominees.

If you are away and not at Mass this weekend, you may cast your ballot via voicemail to 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org NLT 4p on Monday, Sept. 9. *(You may only cast one ballot.)*



**Give Blood.
Give Life.**

Please consider signing up to **DONATE BLOOD** here (bloodmobile will be at the Msgr. Hickie Center) on Wed., September 18, from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If you can donate to Give the Gift of Life...sign up THIS weekend or next weekend in the commons. It only takes about 20 minutes of your time, we'll give you a snack and soda/juice AND you'll also get a: ***“Give Here—Help Here AT HOME in the Mountains”*** T-shirt!!