

The days are growing shorter and soon it will be time for the harvest. As disciples of the Lord, we are called to assist in a special harvest. We hear St. Paul call Timothy today to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness". Wise words for us as well! As we celebrate Eucharist today, let us pursue these virtues so that what we harvest will be good and holy.

Readings for this Week (Sept. 30—Oct. 5)

Monday: (Memorial) 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Mt. 13:47-52
Tuesday: (Memorial) Isaiah 66:10-14c; Mt. 18:1-4
Wed.: (Memorial) Exodus 23:20-23; Mt. 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12
Friday: (Memorial) Galatians 6:14-18; Mt. 11:25-30
Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24

Scripture for next Sunday (27th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, will you make me witness misery?

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Guard the rich deposit of faith you were given.

Luke 17:5-10

When you have done everything for the kingdom, do more.

Faith, even just the size of a mustard seed, can go a long way. It allows Habakkuk to withstand destruction and violence. It allows Paul to bear imprisonment and encourage Timothy to face his share of hardships. It allows the disciples to serve the Lord without recompense. *When we listen to next Sunday's readings, let us reflect on how our own faith has allowed us to overcome difficulties and pray for the grace to realize its strength.*

SPECIAL EVENING PRAYER & RECEPTION



**PLEASE JOIN US this evening,
Sunday, September 29th
For a special Evening Prayer Service
at 6 p.m.**

Come to pray for and with our local
**Law Enforcement
Fire Department
& EMS personnel**

Your participation will
let them know that
St. Anne's Community
appreciates them and their
dedicated service!

May God bless our First Responders!!

WELCOME!!

We welcome **Christy Le & Nathan Kendall** (4892 Island Rd., Bristol, TN 37620, 423-883-3918) who are newly registered with our parish.



I want to expand on a subject I only briefly mentioned in my homily last week. I spoke about the Kingdom of God. I only briefly mentioned it because it was not actually mentioned in the Gospel reading last weekend, even though it appears frequently throughout the Gospels. We hear it often, but what exactly does it mean? What is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of God is all of God's domain. It is anywhere that God is present to his people. Yes, when we speak of the Kingdom of God we are definitely speaking about Heaven. When we talk about seeking the Kingdom of God we are speaking about being in Heaven with God. Can we also seek the Kingdom of God on earth? Yes.

We often hear Jesus telling people that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sent his disciples out into the world with the same message. What exactly does this mean? Obviously it means something has changed. Something new has come into our world. Jesus was telling the people that the Kingdom of God was no longer a faraway reality that was out of reach of the people. The Kingdom of God is now here among us. Jesus Christ is the Kingdom of God. When we seek him in the sacraments and enter into a relationship with him, we are experiencing the Kingdom of God.

This is the message we are called to bring into the world. When Jesus told his followers to go forth and tell the people the Kingdom of God is at hand, he was in fact sending them to teach the world everything had changed. The Word of God had become flesh and had entered our world. We are being invited to enter into a relationship with our God and experience his presence in our world now. The Kingdom of God does indeed refer to God's domain in Heaven, but is also what we are experiencing now. God is present to his people. Our mission as the Church is to teach this and invite our world to experience the Kingdom of God now.

A Note of Thanks...

To the congregation of St. Anne Catholic Church — thank you for your generous support of the Tennesseans4Life 2019 billboard campaign. Through your donation of \$570, you helped us to place 6 Pro-Life billboards throughout the Tri-Cities during June. Thank you for your generosity and your support for Life.

Joan Pohlgeers (Tennesseans4Life)

Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming

This Sunday, September 29, at the 8:30am Mass, we welcome those preparing for Baptism and those baptized in another Christian faith who seek full communion with the Catholic Church. Please pray for them and welcome them as our community of faith walks with them on their spiritual journey.

“Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens”

Those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
Caleb Carpenter Harper Lively
Jaree Knopp Kaelyn Nelson

“Rite of Welcoming”

Those who already share our Christian faith through Baptism and are preparing for Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

TaraKane Brookshire Michael Honea
Isaiah Carpenter David Lee Lively III (Tripp)
Zachary Carpenter Sallie Lively
John Carty Alvin Lee Porter, Jr.

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Sept. 29—Youth Group** (BYC 5:45 p.m. -8:00 p.m.)
 - Prayer Service Church, then to PLC
Meet in the church at **5:45 p.m.**
- **Oct. 6—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
(this is a change from the original calendar due to the cancellation of our Busch Gardens trip.)
 - On Being Holy
 - **Confirmation Class**
- **Oct. 13—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - The “In” Crowd
- **Oct. 20—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - Contents Under Pressure
 - **Confirmation Class**

Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Sept. 29—Youth Group** (BYC 5:45-8:00 p.m.)
 - Prayer Service/Church, then to PLC
Meet in the church at **5:45 p.m.**
- **Oct. 6—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
(this is a change from the original calendar due to the cancellation of our Busch Gardens trip.)
- **Oct. 13—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
- **Oct. 20—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)

Middle School Youth Rally

**Saturday, October 19—Charlottesville, VA (Cost: \$50)
*Open to ALL 7th & 8th Graders***

The Middle School Youth Rally is a one-day diocesan gathering of middle school youth. This event is intended to be a high-energy day filled with great talks from a keynote speaker, fun activities and games, and a chance to meet other youth from nearby parishes. For more information or to register, please contact Laura Cochrane:

276-492-3095 / lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org

Registration forms need to be turned in to Laura by October 1!



**“First” Tuesday ADORATION
of the Blessed Sacrament**

*Will you watch one our
with our Lord?*

Tuesday, October 1
9 a.m. (after Morning Mass)
until **Benediction at 9 p.m.**
in the Chapel

NO RCIA this week. We will resume class next **Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Great Room. For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**Blessing of the Animals
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

We will have our annual Pet Blessing this Friday, Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis, at **3:15 p.m.** and again at **4:30 p.m.** All animals need to be on a leash or in a carrier/cage. Please gather in the center of the cemetery.

PLANTING DAY: If you forgot to sign up this weekend but are able to come help us work on the parish/school grounds this Saturday, Oct. 5 (830a-11:30a), please let us know so we'll know what to plan to get accomplished... email stannes@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 0.

Baptism Preparation Class—October 5

Our next Baptism Preparation Class is this **Sat., Oct. 5, 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, 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org **no later than Wed., Oct. 2.**

**40 Hours of Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, Oct. 6, 3:00pm**
(immediately after Spanish Mass)
until **Tuesday, October 8**
with **Benediction at 8:00am**

It is the heart of who we are as Catholics: **the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.** The Holy Father, in his encyclical “*The Church and the Eucharist*” is calling for heightened appreciation of this beautiful gift from God through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **We are asking parishioners to sign-up for one hour of adoration during the 40 hour period.** Please sign-up in the commons so that we know all 40 hours will be covered and that we have at least two people for each hour. Security will be provided during the late night/early morning hours. Please stop by the table in the commons to sign-up. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK

Saturday, September 28 (*Vigil: 26th Sunday/Ordinary time*)
5:30 p.m. †John Paloian
Sunday, September 29 (*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell
11:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving (for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)
Tuesday, October 1
8:30 a.m. †Fred Rhinehart, Jr.
Wednesday, October 2
8:30 a.m. Spec.Int: Chuck & Nancy Weisenburger/*Anniv.*
Thursday, October 3
6:00 p.m. †Dorothy Beitler
Friday, October 4
8:30 a.m. †Marian King
Saturday, September 5 (*Vigil: 27th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)
5:30 p.m. Spec. Int: James "Jeff" Johnson (*birthday*)
Sunday, September 6 (*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
8:30 a.m. †Billy G. Thomas, Sr.
11:30 a.m. †Joan Dawes
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

Anna Cooper Memorial Fun Run/Walk
Saturday, October 19

Please join Todd & Jennifer Cooper and family as they host a fun run/walk *in memory of their daughter, Anna Cooper*. Anna had a love for running and after completing her college career had looked forward to hobby running. She was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer in October 2018, and after a courageous battle, passed away in June 2019.

So...lace up those tennis shoes and join the Coopers for a morning stroll, walk, run, race or whatever you like to do in Anna's honor. *Strollers welcome, 4-legged leashed friends welcome, but the path is part pavement and part pea gravel.*

A minimum donation of \$15 received by this Wednesday, October 2 will guarantee a T-shirt. A minimum donation of \$15 made the day of the run/walk will get a shirt while supplies last. **ALL donations will be sent to the **Anna's Backpack Buddies Fund** at Tennessee Tech University. Anna served as Cross Country/Track team representative all 4 years she attended TTU and was instrumental in the creation and success of the Backpack Buddies Program that continues to provide for over 1,000 underprivileged youth in the Cookeville, TN community. Donations can be mailed to Jennifer Cooper, 396 Tim Warren Road, Bristol, TN 37620 or sent via VENMO to @DanielWilliamson-01. Please include contact information and shirt size with your donation. Questions? Contact Jennifer at tjcoop@btes.tv or 423-366-2885.

WHEN: **Sat., Oct. 19**, 7:30a/T-shirt pick up
8:30a: Run/walk start time
(3 mile run / 1 1/2 mile walk)

WHERE: **Whitetop Creek Park**, Bristol, TN
(located off Hwy 394 near BMS)

Collection Report (Sept. 21/22)

Operating \$9,018.65;
Addt'l: School \$118; Assumption \$5; BFIA \$15
2nd Collection this weekend: Retired Religious
2nd Collection next weekend: St. Anne's School

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, September 29:

- **SMARE** (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) **Jesus Revealed-Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names- "First Born of the Dead"**. 9:45am-11:00am in the Great Room. Everyone welcome, no need to sign up. Next Sunday, **October 6: "King of Kings"** in the Great Room.

Monday, September 30:

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

Tuesday, October 1:

- **Book Club: 1030-11:30am** at the 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—All Holy"** 6:30-8:00pm, in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join us!

Wednesday, October 2:

- **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!
- **NO RCIA this week.**

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

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

November 17, 18, and 19—7:00 p.m.
Fall Parish Mission

"Christ-lock: Identity Theft No More"

SAVE THE DATE!! Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P., who was with us a couple of years ago for our fall parish mission will return this year with his new mission "Christ-lock: Identity Theft No More". Fr. Bill obtained his Masters in Theology from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He uses his musical abilities on piano and guitar to preach parish missions, retreats, days of recollection, and youth events. Plan to attend and bring a friend on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings (Nov. 17, 18, 19) at 7 p.m.

THANK YOU to our Blood Donors!

Our recent Blood Drive registered 24 donors, which means as many as 72 lives were saved because of their generosity! Marsh supplies 25 hospitals and 12 cancer centers in NE TN and SW VA and appreciates you!! Mark your calendar and plan to Give the Gift of Life again on November 13!

SCAM Emails: Cybercrime is hitting dioceses nationwide. If you receive an email showing the pastor as the sender and requesting you purchase a gift card—it is a scam. ALWAYS contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of an suspicious request in an email. All cybercrime should be reported to the FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>. It is up to the victim of cybercrime to file complaints.

St. Anne's Catholic School
Celebrating our 70th Anniversary Year!!

Food City School Bucks: It's that time of year to reconnect your Food City ValuCards to St. Anne's School. Link your card to our school at the register or online at foodcity.com/schoolbucks. **Our Food City # is 41037. Every year we need to re-link our cards to the school.** Thank you for your support!

Kroger School Rewards: Kroger shoppers can help our school raise money each time you shop. Please create or go to your Kroger accounts online at <https://www.kroger.com/> and link your card to our school: **Our School ID is: WD 160.** Thank You!

If you have any questions about the Food City School Bucks or Kroger School Rewards, Please contact Angie Bush at 276-669-0048 or email her at abush@stanneschoolbristol.org.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis
(for October)

A Missionary Spring in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary spring in the Church.



October is Respect Life Month

“Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life”

Please join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month during October. Stop by the Respect Life Table in the commons to pick up interesting reading materials and other respect life items including 40 Days for Life materials during the month of October.

40-Days for Life: From Sept. 25 thru Nov. 3 area churches are participating in 40 Days for Life, taking turns praying outside the Women's Clinic on W. State Street in Bristol. Many people are needed to fill the 12-hour a day prayer vigil. Please stop by the Respect Life table in the commons for information and to sign up for vigil hours, or call Angie Bush at 423-482-1324 or 40daysbristoltn@gmail.com.

Life Chain: The Life Chain will be at University Parkway Baptist Church (219 University Pkwy., Johnson City, TN) on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2-3:30pm. Participants will gather on the sidewalk for an hour of prayer. Come be part of this international event which promotes a Culture of Life. For more information, go to <http://www.nationallifechain.org/> or contact Carolyn at csmrn12345@aol.com.