

"If we love one another, God remains in us"... we sing before the Gospel reading today. How appropriate on this **Respect Life Sunday**. All life, everyone's life, is a gift from God, a gift given out of love by our Creator. Therefore, all life is precious in God's eyes. If all life is precious, all life is worthy of our love. With that attitude and with God remaining in us, we can sing the second half of the Gospel acclamation, *"and God's love is brought to perfection in us."*

Scripture readings for next Sunday (28th/Ordinary)

Wisdom 7:7-11

I deemed riches nothing in comparison to wisdom.

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God discerns reflections and thoughts of the heart.

Mark 10:17-30 (or) 10:17-27

Sell what you have, and follow Me.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at our altar this weekend are giving in memory of **Donald J. Miles** by Chris & Bearl Jenkins.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Fay Bourgeois Carmack**, the mother of **Cliff Carmack**, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Cliff & Donna at 2235 Hwy. 126, Bristol, TN 37620.

With Gratitude!

Many thanks to everyone who helped last weekend with:

- The **Exposition of the Sacred Relics** and
 - our **Evening Prayer & Reception** for **First Responders**
- And thank you to all who came to these two events!

A Special Note...

Thank you for your continued love, prayers and support from cards and personal messages which lifts our spirits from the loss of our grandson, Jason Hearl. Your support helps us to deal with the personal loss that we are struggling with. Jason is pain free again. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the support. May God bless you.

Dave & Gin Tester & Family

Parish Office closed Monday for Columbus Day. *Bulletin deadline is still 12N Monday—leave on voicemail or email.*

"Surge of the Heart" Parish Mission

October 10, 11, & 12 at 7pm

This Week!! **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7pm.** Bring your family and friends! The nursery will be provided and a reception will follow each evening.

A Message from Father Chris...

I want to write about something that expands on something I said in my homily last weekend. I was focusing on what Moses said to Joshua, *"Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets."* I said that we should seek to build up a world where all people are like the prophets, meaning all people hear the Word of the Lord and are able to proclaim that Word in their lives. Some people may say that is a little too ambitious, so I would like to explain why I said it the way I did.

I have been following an argument that has existed for a few years between two people in the church. I am not going to name them, because one is a very divisive influence in the Church and I do not want to give him any credit. The argument is about whether or not we can suggest that Hell is empty, because there are multiple references in the Scriptures to people being in Hell.

The Catholic Church will never give a positive affirmation that any one individual is in Hell. The Church has affirmed people being in Heaven. That is what happens when someone is canonized as a saint. No human being on earth has ever witnessed the final judgment of another person in which that person was sent to Hell. Without witnessing that judgment, the only way to affirm that someone is in Hell is to say it is simply not possible for the person to be in Heaven, because their actions on earth were too heinous. A fundamental belief held by all Christians is that there is no limit to God's mercy. If we say it is not possible for any person to be in Heaven, we are placing a limit on God's mercy.

I do realize, especially given the words attributed to Christ in the Gospels, that it is very unlikely that Hell is empty. It is in fact almost impossible. However, if I do not live with at least the hope that Hell is empty, then I am placing a limit on God's mercy, and I cannot do that.

Back to my homily last week. Given what I just wrote, it is unlikely that we can evangelize everyone so that everyone will become like a prophet. Jesus himself could not evangelize everyone. Was what I said wrong? Should we consider this a fool's errand and not seek to evangelize everyone? Our goal should always be to lead as many people as we possibly can to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. Sometimes, we never know who we are able to reach, and who is influenced by our own witness. I do not think we can achieve the goal of reaching everyone possible unless we always seek to bring the message to everyone.

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Sat. Oct. 6—Catholic Youth Day @ Busch Gardens**
 - Williamsburg, VA
- **Sun., Oct. 7—NO SHYM!**
 - Returning from Busch Gardens
- **Sun., Oct. 14—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)**
 - The Trinity
 - **Confirmation Class!**
- **Sun., Oct. 21—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)**
 - The Church is the Body of Christ
 - **Confirmation Class!**
- **Sun., Oct. 28—Fun Night (TBD)**
 - Corn Maze

Rite of Welcoming

This weekend, **Oct. 6, at the 5:30pm Mass**, we welcomed new members in our midst. **John Eaton, Don & Stephanie Hazard, Samantha Snyder and Danelle Peters** celebrated the “Rite of Welcoming” as they mark this moment of following God’s call to live their Christian faith and complete their initiation within the Catholic community. They were signed by the cross of Christ and affirmed their intention to live under Christ’s cross. The community is important in this celebration as we welcome these men and women into our midst and share our faith with them.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Also, this weekend at the **11:30 Mass**, parishioner **Mark Davidson** received the Sacrament of Confirmation. May Mark always know God’s love and mercy as he is sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Congratulations Mark!*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday

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

ROSARY and BRUNCH

Be sure to remember to sign up for the **Rosary & Brunch** sponsored by St. Anne’s Council of Catholic Women being held on **Saturday, October 20 at 9 a.m.** here at the parish. All parishioners are invited to attend. Sign-up sheets are in the commons.

Prayer Shawl members are reminded of our gathering this **Wed., October 10, 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., October 10, 2:45-3:45p, St. Vincent de Paul Ctr.
All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

The Saint Anne’s Children’s Choir will sing Sunday, Oct. 28 at the 11:30 Mass

I would like to encourage any 2nd-8th graders who like to sing in the St. Anne’s Children’s Choir to come join us. The choir will sing 3 songs for the Mass and rehearsals for the choir will be after school each Wed.—October 10, 17, & 24 and will last approximately 30 minutes. Sheet music and CD’s will be provided for the kids to take home. If your child does not attend St. Anne School, you are welcome to come later to assure that children from all schools are able to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity to have the kids praise God with a song during mass. I look forward to working with your children and making the St. Anne’s Children’s Choir grow. Hope to see you at the rehearsals.

In Joyful Song,
Chris Neal

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

NO RCIA class this week. Candidates and catechumens are asked to attend our **Parish Mission, Surge of the Heart**, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings at 7 p.m. Class will resume next Wednesday, October 17.

RCIA Notes: Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change; of closeness to God and distance from him. Yet God the Father’s love is steadfast and ever-present to those who seek with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation. If you have thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new “season” in your life, please contact Sydney Farnum for more information about our RCIA at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

SW Virginia Health Wagon

Next weekend, Oct. 13/14, is the **Mission Cooperative** weekend—our **2nd collection** (immediately following our regular operating collection) will be for the SW VA Health Wagon. The Health Wagon is committed to serving the health care needs of the uninsured, underinsured, and disenfranchised in the Appalachian mountains of SW Virginia. Please be generous to help our neighbors!!

Saint Anne’s School FALL FUNDRAISER!!

St. Anne’s School is excited about our upcoming fall fundraiser! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, Nov. 10 at 6:30pm** at **Bristol Station Brews & Taproom** (Piedmont Ave., Downtown Bristol). There will be live music, delicious food, good brew, and a silent auction. More details will follow soon. If you have goods or services you’d like to donate for the auction, or your business would like to be a sponsor for our event, please contact Angela Brogli at 423-612-4022 or email her at ang_elliott@hotmail.com.

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sat., Oct. 6 :	5:30 p.m.	†Jeffery Miles
Sun., Oct. 7:	8:30 a.m.	†Markus "Max" Reich
	11:30 a.m.	†Marie Mann
	2:00 p.m./Spanish	†Parishioners
Tues., Oct. 9:	8:30 a.m.	†Ann P. Rogers
Wed., Oct. 10	8:30 a.m.	†Charles Mansfield
Thurs., Oct. 11	6:00 p.m.	†Francis J. Finan, Jr.
Friday, Oct. 12	7:30 a.m.	†Marion King
Sat., Oct. 13	5:30 p.m.	†Tony Feil
Sun., Oct. 14	8:30 a.m.	†Jason Hearl
	11:30 a.m.	†June Musick
	2:00 p.m./Spanish	†Parishioners

Collection Report (Sept. 29/30): Regular/Operating \$6,661.45; Retired Religious \$3,400; Add'l School 2nd coll. \$252.

E-Giving Report (Sept. 17-30): Regular/Operating \$3,210; Retired Religious \$105; School 2nd coll. \$230.

2nd Collections in October: (today, Oct. 7—St. Anne's School)
-Oct. 14: SW VA Health Wagon (Mission Cooperative)
-Oct. 21: Catholic World Missions
-Oct. 28: Disaster Relief (was just added by the Diocese)
For Hurricane Florence relief efforts

Women's Cursillo Update: The Women's Cursillo (October 25-28) at Jubilee House/Abingdon is fast approaching. Return your application to the church office or a Cursillo team member as soon as possible. We need applications by October 11 to order materials and let the facility know our numbers. If you are unsure of a sponsor, return the form anyway and we'll assist in finding you a sponsor. If finances are tight, let Jeri Whitely know (276-669-2812) or jwhitely@aol.com. If you are uncomfortable providing any of the info on the application, you can leave it blank. Thanks to all who have been praying about attending. **We hope to see you at the Cursillo!**

COATS for KIDS

Saint Anne's School is again collecting **COATS for KIDS** (partnership with King University, Craig's Cleaners, YWCA). Drop off new or "gently used and clean" coats in the bin in the hall by the Great Room **NLT October 12**. Distribution Day will be Sat., Oct. 27 from 10a-1p at Kline Gym on the King University Campus, Bristol, TN.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER at Ultimate Shine Car Wash
St. Anne's School fundraiser: ongoing until Nov. 30 at Ultimate Shine Car Wash (1309 Euclid, across from Food City). To help our school, **BEFORE** you slide your card or put in cash: **(1)** Choose your wash/services **(2)** On the payment screen, hit the Orange Enter Fundraiser Code button **(3) enter: code 232** (BEFORE YOU PAY) then pay. 30% of that sale automatically goes to St. Anne's School! *You might want to take a picture of this info to have on your phone anytime you go thru. This code can be used at ANY of their car washes.* **THANK** you for helping our School!

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, October 7:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Ed. Class (SMARE): 9:45-11am** in the Greatroom. **Moses: Signs, Sacraments, and Salvation. Part 1.**

Monday, October 8:

- **NO Monday Adult Faith Formation—Columbus Day**

Tuesday, October 9:

- **Book Club: 1030-11:30a, St. Vincent de Paul Center. The Pivotal Players, G.K. Chesterton**
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study will meet 6:30-8p, St. Vincent de Paul Center. The Letter to the Philippians: The Mind of Christ—Part 1.**

Wednesday, October 10:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1:00-2:30p, St. Vincent de Paul Center. The Gospel According to Mark**
- **RCIA attends the Parish Mission at 7 p.m.**

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

SMARE—Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class: Next Sunday, Oct. 14: Moses: Signs, Sacraments, and Salvation—Part 2. What do Moses, miracles, and mountains have to do with our Savior, salvation, and the sacraments? Find out in Moses: Signs, Sacraments, and Salvation. Join us any **Sunday in the Great Room, 9:45am to 11am**. Coffee and doughnuts at 9:45am and the presentation begins at 9:50am. No preparation-No cost.

**Little Rock Scripture Study—
the Gospel According to Luke**

*New study session begins **Wednesday, October 17.***

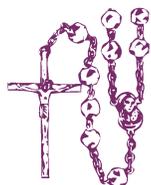
The third Gospel in the New Testament canon, Luke, has a remarkable place in the study of Scripture. It is the only Gospel to have a second volume associated with it, namely, the Acts of the Apostles. Luke engenders a great deal of discussion on the level of New Testament formation, sensitivity to historical data, literary technique, and theological development. Please sign-up at the table in the commons to join the Wednesday study group for our next study "**The Gospel According to Luke**" beginning **October 17th**. No cost. The Wednesday group meets at the **St. Vincent de Pal Center 1:00pm-2:30pm.**

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Pick of the Week for Oct. 6/7: Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told—Experience God's Mercy. Join Fr. Michael Gaitley on a journey to uncover the reality of God's merciful love as he weaves together history, Sacred Scripture, the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and the witnesses of Saints Faustina, John Paul II, and Maximilian Kolbe. **Watch on formed.org.**

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will not meet this Monday, Oct. 8. Members are encouraged to attend the Parish Mission on Oct. 10, 11 & 12. For more information, contact Eileen Gibney, 423-652-7425.



**PUBLIC SQUARE
ROSARY CRUSADE**

**Bristol Columbian Center
Saturday, Oct. 13 at 12N**

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join with them and the America Needs Fatima campaign to pray the Rosary in the parking lot of the Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN) this **Saturday, Oct. 13 at 12 Noon**. Come pray for God's mercy on our troubled world. For more information, call Wayne Thurston at 276-494-3511.

Knights of Columbus Council 6695 invite parishioners to a presentation by **AirMedCare**, an emergency medical transport service available to families and businesses. The presentation will be at the Bristol Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN) on **Monday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.** If you have questions please call Ken Johnson at 423-217-7080.

PARISH MISSION — Oct. 10/11/12 — 7 p.m.!!

Respect Life Month—October 2018

Respect Life Sunday—October 7

“Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent”

“By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ’s transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death... Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God’s transforming, life-giving love.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Please read the bulletin insert in today’s bulletin for more information about St. Juan Diego. Also, stop by the Respect Life table in the commons to pick up other free materials. Please join us in prayer, fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil (Fridays, Noon-4pm across from the Bristol Women’s Regional Center on West State Street) as we continue to pray for an end to abortion.

Friendship Club will meet **Thurs., Oct. 18, 11:30am** at **Logan’s** (Exit 7). Call Gina Rossetti (423-878-7827) by Tuesday, Oct. 16 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome to join us!

Looking Ahead Just a Bit... Fr. Chris will be at the Priests’ Convocation Oct. 15-18 with the bishop & priests of our diocese. No Mass/Confessions October 16, 17, 18.