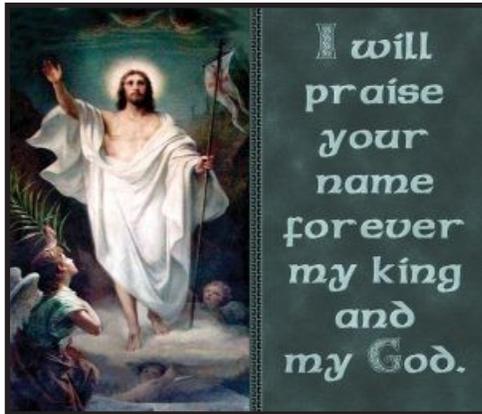


During November, we remember those who have died. Over the last two days we have celebrated All Saints Day and All Souls' Day, honoring those whose lives have been holy and recalling all those we love whom we have lost. For God, however, no one is truly lost, no one is dead. All are alive in God. Let us mourn for our loss, yes, but let us find comfort in knowing that our God of life is stronger than death.



Readings for this Week (Nov. 4-9)

Monday:	Romans 11:29-36;	Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Romans 12:5-16b;	Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Romans 13:8-10;	Luke 14:25-33
Thursday:	Romans 14:7-12;	Luke 15:1-10
Friday:	Romans 15:14-21;	Luke 16:1-8
Saturday:	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;	1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

**Scripture for next Sunday
(32nd Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

God will raise us to live again forever.

2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5

May the Lord encourage your hearts.

Luke 20:27, 34-38

In God there is no death.

Death takes center stage in next Sunday's readings, beginning with a family being tortured and killed in a scene of terrible horror. Yet, each reading is full of hope. Each brother in the first reading is willing to die, trusting in the resurrection. St. Paul asks for prayers that he be delivered from those who would do him harm. Jesus assures His questioners that to God, even those who have died are alive. Let us look for that hope as we listen to the scripture next weekend.

Altar Flowers

The flowers at our altar this weekend are given by Brenda & Ron McNutt, in loving memory of deceased family members.



"1st" Tuesday Adoration
this Tuesday, Nov. 5 in the Chapel
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Come spend time in prayer with our Lord.

Benediction at 9 p.m.



While I was still discerning my vocation to the priesthood I spent some time exchanging letters with an old friend who had recently joined a Trappist Monastery. I was eager to speak to other people about discovering their own vocations. This particular friend had more than just a vocation story to offer. His was also a conversion story. While growing up, my friend was not Catholic or even religious. Imagine my surprise when I learned that as an adult he had not only converted to Catholicism, but entered a monastery. As I said, I was eager to hear about the journey that led him there.

There was a line he wrote in a letter that I will never forget. He wrote, *"I vaguely remember reading the Gospels searching for Jesus the wisdom teacher. What I found was Christ the incarnate, crucified and resurrected."* In some ways this reminded me of Saint Augustine's story and his experience with Sacred Scripture. It also reminded me of my own experiences and how much I had grown in my faith because of the Scriptures. I had been away from the Church in my own life and spending time with the Scriptures was a huge part in bringing me back.

Why are there so many people that can tell a similar story? What is it about reading Scripture that has such a profound effect on people? The answer is actually pretty simple. Sacred Scripture is not like anything else we can read. It is the living Word of God. So many people, including myself, have picked up these great texts hoping to find some great inspiration and ended up finding so much more. We found an encounter with our God. The more I have learned about Scripture, the more I want to know. The more I read, the more convinced I am that this could not be just a human creation. There is so much more to what is written in these sacred pages.

I am writing this now to share my own experiences as I am always hoping to inspire more people to spend time with Sacred Scripture. I am also writing it as yet another invitation to come to Parish Family Night this Wednesday. This is part of what I will be discussing. We cannot fully understand the importance of Scriptural references to the Eucharist if we do not also understand how God is truly present in these texts.

PRAY for VOCATIONS!!

LEFTOVER Halloween CANDY??!!

If you've still got leftover candy around the house and you want to get the temptation to eat it all to disappear... bring it in to the commons or church office... The candy will be put into gift bags for Thanksgiving and distributed at the Haven of Rest and Salvation Army.

Speaking of Thanksgiving....

⇒ If you know of an individual or family that is in need and could benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving Food Box, please notify the office NLT November 20. We will need the name, address, phone number and how many people are in the household.

Again this year, our "TURKEY" is in the commons... waiting for generous folks like you to "pluck" some of his feathers! Get the item(s) listed and bring back in to the commons NLT the weekend of November 16/17. We'll deliver the boxes of food on November 23.



Senior High Youth Ministry (*Grades 9-12*)

- **Nov. 3—NET Ministries Retreat (9:30am-4pm)**
 - SHYM will attend the NET Retreat!
 - Confirmation youth will attend NET Retreat
- **Nov. 10—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - Humility & Self-Confidence
 - Confirmation Class
- **Nov. 17—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - Sea-ing is Not Always Believing

Junior High Youth Ministry (*Grades 7 & 8*)

- **Nov. 3—NET Ministries Retreat (9:30am-4pm)**
 - JHYM will attend the NET Retreat!
- **Nov. 10—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
- **Nov. 17—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**

Bereavement Committee members are reminded of our meeting on **Monday, November 4 at 10 a.m.** in the Saint Vincent de Paul Center.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist begins this Tuesday, November 5

Do you ever feel like God is far away? The whole story of salvation is the story of God being present to his people — in Eden, in the wilderness, in the Temple, and finally in the Person of Jesus Christ. But the story doesn't stop there. He is still here with us. Under the appearance of bread and wine, Jesus Christ is truly present in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In the Eucharist, the God of the universe invites us into a deeper experience of his perfect love, and he is waiting for you. **Join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. No need to sign-up— everyone welcome!**

Desperately Seeking Nursery Workers!!!

If you like working with children, consider joining our Nursery Crew! Hours are flexible; some Saturdays, all Sundays, most Wednesdays, all Holy Days of Obligation. If you are interested, please contact Vanessa Purdy at 276-614-8463 ext. *814 or email vpurdy@stannes-bristol.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

—RCIA News...

The RCIA meeting day and time will be changing effective November 10th. RCIA will no longer meet on Wednesday evenings. RCIA sessions will be held on **Sunday mornings, 9:45am-11:15am in the Great Room**. This week, RCIA will attend **Parish Family Night on Wednesday, Nov. 6**.

In celebrating All Saints Day we recall those "living witnesses" of the joy and peace that living the Catholic life can bring... let us ask for the saints' intercession for those who are thinking about finding out more about the Church. If someone you know wants to know more about the Catholic Church, please contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email her at sydney.farnum@stannes-bristol.org.



Spot light on...

**PARISH
FAMILY
NIGHT**

Parish Family Night returns this Wednesday, November 6 "Eucharist in the Scripture"

Sign up this weekend in the commons if you are attending the optional dinner! We need to know how many to expect for dinner. **You do not need to sign up to attend the presentation. Thank you!**

- ◆ 5:30-6:15pm Dinner Served (chicken quesadillas)
- ◆ 6:30-7:00pm Evening Prayer (in the church)
- ◆ 7:00-8:00pm Presentation (in the Great Room) by Fr. Chris for Adults
- Children will go with their age group for a fun night of learning more about the Eucharist
- Teens will go to the BYC to work on our service project

NO Parish Life Committee Meeting this month!

Parish Pastoral Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, November 7, at **7 p.m.** in the School Conference Room.



Masses For The Week

Saturday, November 2 (*Vigil: 31st Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Lou Pingo

Sunday, November 3 (*31st Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Anna Cooper

11:30 a.m. †Pansy Brittenham

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

Tuesday, November 5

8:30 a.m. †Herbert Dittmar

Wednesday, November 6

8:30 a.m. Spec.Int. for Columbian Center sponsors

Thursday, November 7

6:00 p.m. †Dorothy Beitler

Friday, November 8

8:30 a.m. †Ron Davis

Saturday, November 9 (*Vigil: 32nd Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Tonette Davidson

Sunday, November 10 (*32nd Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †David C. Schulte

11:30 a.m. †David Ward

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

COLLECTION REPORT (Oct. 27/28)

Regular/Operating	\$11,447.50
2nd coll./Mission Cooperative	\$ 4,378.13
Add'l/Catholic World Missions	\$ 250.00
F4 (Bldg.Maintenance Reserve)	\$ 134.60

Second Collections: November & December

Nov. 3	St. Anne's School
Nov. 10	Archdiocese for Military Services
Dec. 1	St. Anne's School
Dec. 15	St. Anne's Social Ministry/Outreach
Dec. 25	Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis—for November

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

3rd Annual Day of the Bible

St. Dominic's Church—Kingsport, TN

Presentations by Fr. Jim McIlhorne on Sat., November 9 and on Sunday, November 10. His talk this year is *"God's Assurance in Times of Crisis: The Book of Revelation"*. See the parish bulletin board for more information or contact St. Dominic's at 423-288-8101.

HOLY WATER BOTTLES: There are bottles available in the parish office if you wish to take holy water home from the baptismal font.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS—if you'd like to help with our Bingo on Saturday, Monday or Tuesday evening—please contact the parish office. THANKS!

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, November 3:

- **SMARE** (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) **Jesus Revealed-Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names- "Son of Man"**. 9:45am-11:00am in the Great Room. Everyone welcome, no need to sign up. Next Sunday, Nov. 10: **"Savior of the World"** in the School Library.

Monday, November 4:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: 1:00-2:30p**, in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. **The Sacraments: "Sacramentals and Funerals"**

Tuesday, November 5:

- **NO Book Club this week**. Next Tuesday, Nov. 12 we begin *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*. 10:30-11:30am at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study: 6:30pm**, in the St. Vincent de Paul Center, **"Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"**.

Wednesday, November 6:

- **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!
- **Parish Family Night** in the Great Room. See the bulletin (pg. 2) for more details.

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

Wednesday Prayer Group:

November 6, 2:45pm-3:45pm

at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

All are invited to join us for an hour of prayer!

Bristol Faith in Action PRESENTS...

The Inaugural Annual

Christmas Ornament Fundraiser

\$25 Each—Makes a lovely gift!

All donations appreciated!! These funds will be designated for BFIA's new program, **HEAVENLY HAND UP**.

Contact DeVonne or Tawnya at 276-466-8292 or email director@bfia.org or stop by Bristol Faith in Action at 1534 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA.

TRIVIA Night Fundraiser

St. Mary's Catholic School Gymnasium
(2211 E. Lakeview Drive, Johnson City, TN)

Saturday, November 9

6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Tickets at the door are \$20. (Must be at least 21)
Questions? Call 423-202-6766 or 423-557-4852

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

A Knight at the Museum!!

**Fall Fundraiser at the Birthplace of Country
Music Museum in downtown Bristol**

Saturday, November 9—beginning at 6:30p.m.

Tickets: \$40/person or \$75/couple.

*(Ticket includes chance to win a night at the
Barter Theatre & Martha Washington Inn.)*

**Join us for: Food & Local Craft Beers, Auction
and Live Bands!!**

For tickets contact the school or parish office or
email: PTO@stanneschoolbristol.org

ATTENTION LECTORS!! Cycle A begins the weekend
Nov. 30/Dec. 1. Pick up your workbooks next weekend in
the commons or stop by the parish office. *A \$10 donation to
help defray our costs is appreciated but is not required.*

Calling all BLOOD DONORS!!

Sign up in the commons this weekend or next (Nov. 2/3 or
Nov. 9/10) or contact the office (276-669-8200 ext. 0 /
stannes@stannes-bristol.org) to **Come GIVE the GIFT of
LIFE** on **Wednesday, Nov. 13**, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
at the Monsignor Hickie Center. **THANK YOU!!**

**PARISH MISSION: November 17/18, & 19—7 pm
“Christ-Lock: Identify Theft No More”**

Many of you remember our mission with Fr. Garrott in
2017. He is a dynamic preacher and we look forward to
having him with us again this year. Fr. Garrott will
celebrate daily Masses on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
of the mission and hear confessions after each of the daily
Masses. We will have a reception each night of the mission
where you will have the opportunity to speak with Father
Garrott. Plan to attend for his uplifting message on faith,
hope, and charity — and bring a friend!

40-Days-For-Life: Join us today (Sunday, Nov. 3) for a
candlelight vigil to end our 40 days for life campaign. We’ll
begin gathering at the Vigil site (across the street from the
Women’s Clinic @2901 W. State St.) at 5 p.m. and our
candlelight service will start at 5:30. Questions? Please
contact Angie Bush at 40daysbristoltn@gmail.com.

CDA Wreath & Dumpling Sales

Greenery: All order forms need turned in this weekend
(Nov. 2/3) to green box in the commons. Extra forms are
available in case you forgot. Please make 1 check for entire
order payable to CDA.

Dumplings: Remember to pick up your pre-paid baked
goods after Mass today in the hallway outside the Great
Room.