As we gather today we will hear about the prophet Jeremiah and Jesus the prophet without honor in his native land. A prophet in the Bible is not a fortune-teller who can see into the future. A biblical prophet is a truth-teller, a messenger of God. It might be good for us today to think of and pray for the prophets whom we know, those in our own lives and those about whom we have heard. Let us thank God for these prophets today.

No prophet gains acceptance in his native place.

Readings for this Week (Feb. 1-6)

Monday: 2 Sm. 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20
Wednesday: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13
Friday: Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

Scripture for next Sunday (5th Sunday/Ordinary)

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Here I am, send me!

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (or) 15:3-8, 11

I handed on to you what I received.


They left everything, even their nets, and followed Jesus. All three readings next Sunday relate stories of a call issued by God, and of a hesitant response born of a sense of unworthiness. Yet each of them—Isaiah, Paul, the first disciples—was reassured and ultimately accepted their mission. We too can feel unworthy to follow Jesus at times. As we hear the readings next Sunday, let us listen for the reassurance that we need in order to accept the call that we have been given.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for Theresa Orobona, a member of our parish family, and the mother of Carol Bannish, who died last weekend. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Carol & Bob at 112 Littlewood, Bristol, TN 37620.

Your prayers are asked for Louise Stiles, the mother of Debbie Snyder, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Debbie & Dave at 112 Woodside Dr., Bristol, TN 37620.

We ask your prayers for Genevieve Combs, the mother of Elizabeth Foran, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Elizabeth & Charles at 1135 Columbia Rd. Bristol, TN.

Bus Trip to Richmond

Be sure to stop by the table in the commons to sign up if interested in going on the bus trip to Richmond for Seminarian Mark Kowalski’s transitional diaconate ordination April 15/16, 2016. The number of folks who sign up will determine the size of the bus we reserve (and we do need to make that reservation soon). The plan is to travel to Richmond on Friday, April 15, have a nice evening meal together, stay overnight, and then on Saturday, April 16, attend the ordination, visit the Cathedral and then return home. Cost will be determined by the number going but we expect it will be approximately $100 per person for bus trip and hotel. Watch the upcoming bulletins for more information on the trip as the details are confirmed.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK begins TODAY!

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for this year’s Catholic Schools Week is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service”. Catholic schools across the nation will celebrate with many activities and events and through these events schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. Along with other activities, as a part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration, Saint Anne’s School will be hosting a VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH this Friday, February 5, immediately following school drop-off (at approximately 8:05 a.m.) in the Great Room. Please join us if you are able and please RSVP to wcheers@stanneschool.org or by calling the school office at 276-669-0048. Thank you for all you do for our school!

Will you spend an hour with our Lord?

Our Monthly 24-Hour ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament is this week: beginning Tuesday after the 8:30a Mass and concluding on Wednesday at 8 a.m.

Please sign up in the commons. We need to have someone with the Blessed Sacrament at all times, and prefer having two or more, especially in the late night and early morning hours.

PALMS!!

As in past years, we will burn the palms from last year’s Palm Sunday and use the ashes for our liturgies on Ash Wednesday. If you would like to bring in your palm, please bring to the commons NO LATER THAN 3pm next Sunday, February 7th (Ash Wed. is Feb. 10).
Senior High Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- **Jan. 31**—Senior High Youth Ministry **January Fun Night**—“Just Jump” meet at BYC at 2:00 and Confirmation Prep. Class, 9:45a, BYC
- **Feb. 7**—NO Youth Group this evening—Have fun at your Super Bowl parties!! And we DO have Confirmation Preparation Class at 9:45am in the BYC
- **Feb. 14**—Youth Group—BYC 6pm-8pm and Confirmation Prep. Class, 9:45a, BYC
- **Feb. 21**—Youth Group—BYC 6pm-8pm (with our monthly dinner) And Confirmation Prep. Class, 9:45a, BYC

**Throat Blessing: Feast of St. Blaise:** There will be the Blessing of Throats on the Feast of Saint Blaise, this Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the church.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

- **Catechumenate Class:** this Wednesday, February 3, at 6:30pm in the greatroom. Topic of the Evening: “Stations of the Cross & Lent customs & traditions”, presented by Seminarian James.
- **Ongoing Inquiry Class** meets in the parish conference room at 6:30pm (also on Wednesday). Please stop by the greatroom to join in opening prayer before going to the conference room.
- **Breaking Open the Word** for catechumens & candidates meets in the conference room on **Sundays at the 11:30 Mass.**
- If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or in need of conversion, please bring them on Wednesday evenings.

**RCIA Notes:** As we recently celebrated the Baptism of the Lord (on Sun., Jan. 10), let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises. If there is someone you think would like to explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means, ask him or her to contact Sydney Farnum at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydney.farnum@stannes-bristol.org or speak with Fr. Kevin.

**Lent is coming Soon!**

*Ash Wednesday is February 10*

The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. As we listen more intently to the word of God and devoting ourselves to prayer, we are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew our baptismal promises in the joyful celebration on Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10. Masses here will be celebrated at **12:15 and 7 p.m.**

**Choir News**

Adults and high school teens who would like to sing with Saint Anne’s Choir are most welcome!

- Rehearsal: —this Wed., Feb. 3 at 6:30p
- Choir sings: —5:30 Mass on Sat., Feb. 6, 7 p.m. Mass on Ash Wed., Feb. 10, 8:30a Mass on Sun., Feb. 14
- Rehearsal: —Wed., Feb. 17 at 6:30p

**Parish Pastoral Council members** are reminded of their meeting this **Thursday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m.**

**BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS**

Many thanks to the 29 donors who “gave the gift of life” at our December Blood Drive. Our next visit from the March Regional Bloodmobile will be **Wednesday, Feb. 17.** Please sign up in the commons the next two weekends (Feb. 6/7, 13/14) if you are able to come donate or contact Rosie in the office to sign up by calling 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

**MEN’S COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, February 6**

at the Knights of Columbus Hall
(125 18th St., Bristol, TN)

The men of the parish are invited to join Father Kevin this coming **Saturday, Feb. 6** for **Mass at 8 a.m.**, followed by breakfast and fellowship.
Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30  (Vigil: 4th Sunday/Ordinary Time)
5:30 p.m.  †Celia Villafuerte

Sunday, January 31  (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 a.m.  †Dr. Neal Jewell
11:30 a.m.  †Thad Slack
2:00 p.m.  Parishioners  (Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, February 2
8:30 a.m.  †Slawomir Lendzioszek

Wednesday, February 3
8:30 a.m.  †Betty Hagerman

Thursday, February 4
6:00 p.m.  †Marilyn Mellett

Friday, February 5
7:30 a.m.  †Jack Mellett

Saturday, February 6
8:00 a.m.  Vocations (Men’s Communion Bkfst.)
5:30 p.m.  †Larry Church  (Vigil: 5th Sunday/Ordinary)

Sunday, February 7  (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 a.m.  †Rita Daley
11:30 a.m.  †Raymond Crosby
2:00 p.m.  Parishioners

Café Central
River’s Way/Bristol Schools
River’s Way worked with Bristol, TN and Bristol, VA City Schools to establish Café Central in December. The primary goal is to give students with disabilities the opportunity to develop workforce skills. Café Central enables students to learn to prepare and serve food to the general public. The Café also teaches them how to work as a team in accomplishing a very challenging task! Café Central is located at Central Christian Church in Bristol, TN. The Café serves delicious meals every Thursday and Friday during the school year (except for the 3rd week in each month). Lunch includes soup, sandwich and/or a salad and dessert. Cost of the meal is only $5 and includes coffee and tea. **Sign up for a lunch at Café Central** by following this link: [www.bit.ly/bristolcafe](http://www.bit.ly/bristolcafe). Enjoy a great lunch at a great price and help students to become skilled and productive workers in the process!

Upcoming menus include:
February 4 & 5:
— Kalechiladas, Zesty Garden Slaw, dessert
February 11 & 12:
— Turnip Soup, Crispy Ham & Garden Herb Bread, dessert
February 25 & 26:
— Creamy Carrot Soup, Thai Chicken Wraps, dessert

For additional information you can contact Tom Hanlon, Executive Director of River’s Way Outdoor Adventure Center, at 423-612-1242 or email tom@riversway.org.

2015 Contribution Statements
If you haven’t already picked up your 2015 statement, please stop by the table in the commons for your statement.

Collection Report
(January 23/24)

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(please note: our attendance last weekend was understandably low due to the snow and ice conditions)

Upcoming Second Collections:
February 7:  St. Anne’s School
February 21:  SW Virginia Health Wagon
February 28:  Bristol Faith in Action

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:
- **Sunday, Jan 31**—Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class: “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible -Egypt and Exodus, Desert Wanderings” 9:45-11am in the Greatroom. Join us! No need to sign up. Bring your Bible. Coffee and donuts at 9:45am and the presentation begins promptly at 10am.
- **Monday, Feb. 1**—“The History of the Catholic Church” 1:00pm-2:30pm in the St. Vincent DePaul Center.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 2**:
  — Tuesday Morning Book Club—10a-11a in the St. Vincent de Paul Center: The 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy by Vinny Flynn.
  — “Divine Mercy” Scripture Study, 6:30pm-8:00pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 3**:
  — “Divine Mercy” Scripture Study, 1:00pm-2:30pm in the St Vincent de Paul Center.
- **Thursday, Feb. 4**—Scripture Study (to prepare us for the Sunday readings) at the St Vincent de Paul Center, 7:00-8:00p (after Mass). Bring your Bible! (Please note: If there is no Mass at 6 p.m., the time for scripture study changes to 6:00-7:00 p.m.)

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

Pray for VOCATIONS!!

“Before you were born, I consecrated you.”
If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life, call Father Michael G. Boehling, Vicar for Vocations, 804-359-5661 or write: mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.
Mercy, An Affair of the Heart
The Council of Catholic Women will meet on Monday, February 8, at the Knights Hall. The meeting will continue to explore the Acts of Mercy in our lives. The upcoming April fundraiser will also be planned. A simple soup and sandwich supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. All women of the parish are invited. Contact Joyce Denton at 276-669-3224 for more information.

Monthly Papal Intentions
To better know “the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions”, the Holy Father asks that his monthly intentions be “the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God”.

Papal Intentions for February 2016
Universal: That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.
For Evangelization: That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

BOY SCOUT ANNUAL FUNDRAISER — BAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND!
Saint Anne’s Boy Scouts will have a Bake Sale next weekend (Feb. 6/7) after all the Masses in the hallway by the Great Room. Plan to stop by to pick up some delicious baked goods. You will need some goodies to munch on during the Super Bowl next Sunday so plan to stop and pick up some items to take home AND support our Scouts!!

“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.”  (St. Padre Pio)
Join us for our monthly 24-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday (after morning mass) through Wednesday at 8 a.m.