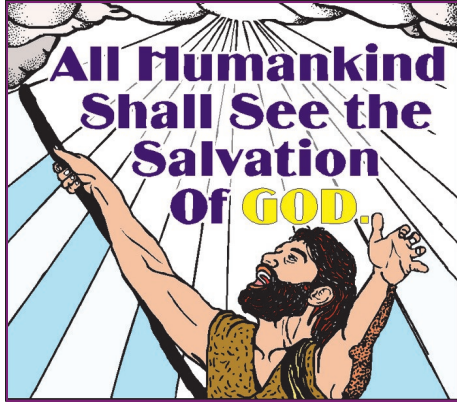


This week, Advent and the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* intersect. On Tuesday, we who are waiting for the coming of the Lord at the end of time, and into our hearts at this time, will begin a sacred time of considering God's mercy and how we reflect that mercy into the world around us. The rest of the world is awaiting the coming of the Lord, even if they don't know it. What are we doing to show them the presence of the Lord?



Readings for this Week (Dec. 7-12)

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn. 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15
Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday: Zech. 2:14-17; Luke 1:39-47

Scripture for next Sunday (Dec. 13) - Gaudete Sunday

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

The Lord will sing joyfully because of you.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near.

Luke :10-18

They all asked whether John might be the Christ.

*Both readings before the Gospel next week has a form of the words **rejoice** or **joy**. Even the Gospel speaks of the people being filled with expectation. The anticipation is palpable. Together with the crowds in the Gospel reading, we ask "What should we do?"*

A Note of Thanks (for your leftover Halloween candy!):

Thanks to St. Anne School and Church, we bagged 358 treat bags for the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner!

The Mai Family

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS—

If you would like to make a donation toward our Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of someone, please notify the parish office no later than noon on Dec. 17. These will be listed in the bulletin on the Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 26/27).

FAMILY PROMISE — Volunteers Needed!

St. Anne's will host families here Dec. 20-27. Volunteers are needed that week to prepare meals, serve as early evening hosts, and to spend the night at the Brady Center. Sign up in the commons THIS weekend if you can help. Donations of soft drinks, juice, pop-tarts, milk, cereal, snacks, lunch items, condiments, paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, paper cups can be brought in to the commons next weekend Dec. 12/13.

Christmas Cards for Veterans & 1st Responders:

If you had cards for the Red Cross and forgot to bring them this weekend (Dec. 5/6), please bring to the parish office by this Monday 4 p.m. Thanks!

BLOOD DRIVE SIGNUPS

Dec. 5/6 & Dec. 12/13

The Bloodmobile will be here at St. Anne's (at the Msgr. Hickie Center) on **Wed., Dec. 16, 2p to 6:45pm**. Sign up in the commons this weekend or next. Please consider ***Giving the Gift of Life*** this holiday season!

Saxophone Concert

Featuring *Seminarian James O'Reilly*

This Monday, December 7th at 7 p.m.

King University Chapel (Bristol, TN)

(Vicky Fey/piano) (Luke Ponce/organ)

Featuring works by:

Morosco, Stamm, Swerts,

Canfield, Morricone, Monti

A free will offering will be collected during intermission to benefit ***Bristol Faith in Action***.

(please note: The King memorial chapel is not wheel chair accessible—you need to be able to walk up steps to get into the chapel.)

HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION

Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Tuesday, Dec. 8

Masses at 12:15 p.m. & 7 p.m.

This Tuesday we celebrate not only the Immaculate Conception Holy Day, but also the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. How fortuitous that we can acknowledge God's gracious mercy to us through the Incarnation at the very beginning of this Jubilee Year of grace! May our prayer be that we, like Mary, might be bearers of God's mercy to the world. Holy Day Masses will be celebrated here at 12:15 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

The PARACLETE is HERE!

Our thanks to the folks from the Paraclete Catholic Bookstore (Knoxville) for coming here this weekend to give us the opportunity to purchase Catholic religious items, Advent materials, Christmas gifts and other wonderful merchandise. You can stop in the Great Room to shop after Masses this weekend (until approx. 1p today, 12/6).

The Council of Catholic Women December Update

The Council of Catholic Women will not have a meeting on Dec. 14, but requests members to join the Hispanic Community to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. CCW members are asked to lead & participate in the rosary as part of a novena this Mon., Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. in the chapel. Also, CCW members will join in the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the vigil Mass at Midnight on December 11. For info, call Joyce Denton, 276-669-3224.

Senior High Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Dec. 6—Youth Group**—ALL TEENS (Gr. 9-12) - BYC 6pm to 8 p.m.
- **Dec. 7—Youth Group** attends Seminarian James' **Saxophone Concert** in the chapel at King University at 7pm. More details given at youth group.
- **Dec. 13—Youth Group**—ALLTEENS (Gr. 9-12) - BYC 6pm-8pm
- **Dec. 20—Youth Group “December Fun Night”** - Kobe Japanese Steak House & gift exchange—permission forms & details given at youth group.

Prayer Shawl Ministry members are reminded of our regularly scheduled meeting this **Wednesday, Dec. 9**, at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are welcome to join us!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

If you took an ornament from our Giving Tree, please don't forget to bring the items back next weekend! And if all the ornaments were taken before you had the opportunity to get one and you'd like to help with our Christmas outreach, a Walmart Gift Card is always appreciated.

PLEASE...

- Return gifts in **gift bags**
- Include in the gift a Christmas card with wishes and signed “St. Anne Catholic Church”
- Return to commons **no later than Dec. 13**
- **It is critical the ornament is attached to the gift bag!**
This is our only way to identify what gift goes to which person and agency.

Thank you for your contribution to make someone's Christmas a merry one!!



Knights of Columbus FREETHROW CHAMPIONSHIP

*Saturday, Dec. 12
1 p.m.*

Council 6695 of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a **free-throw championship competition** next Saturday, December 12, at 1 p.m. in the St. Anne's Parish Life Center Gymnasium. The competition is open to boys and girls ages (as of January 1, 2016) 9 to 14. The event is free and open to the public. Winners of each age group will be eligible to advance to district competition in January. Proof of age and parent or guardian consent is required at sign in. If you have any questions, please contact Grand Knight Mark Shrader at 276-701-3198.

The Magnificat Companion Holy Year of Mercy

Since we are beginning the Holy Year of Mercy on Dec. 8, instead of providing the Magnificat Companion for Advent and for Lent as we normally do, we have instead gotten the Magnificat Year of Mercy Companion (*which runs Dec. 8, 2015 thru Nov. 20, 2016*). Copies are available in the commons this weekend if you would like to take one home. (*We do ask that you please take only one per household.*)



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- **Catechumenate Class** meets this **Wed., Dec. 9**, at 6:30p in the Greatroom. **Topic: “Hope for Salvation”**.
- **Inquiry Class** meets also on Wednesday evenings in the office conference room. Please stop by the greatroom for opening prayer before going to the conference room.
- **Breaking Open the Word** for catechumens and candidates meets during the Liturgy of the Eucharist at the Saturday 5:30 Mass in the office conference room.
- 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. If you are interested, but unable to attend on Wednesday evenings, please contact Sydney at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org for other possible times.
Please pray for our catechumens and candidates.

MASS INTENTIONS for this Week

Saturday, December 5 (*Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent*)

5:30 p.m. †Bella Harnois

Sunday, December 6 (*2nd Sunday of Advent*)

8:30 a.m. †Maureen Ianucci

11:30 a.m. †Bridget Segerblom

2:00 p.m. Parishioners

Tuesday, December 8 (*Immaculate Conception HOLY DAY*)

12:15 p.m. †Regina C. Finan

7:00 p.m. †Stephen Vargo

Wednesday, December 9

8:30 a.m. †Father Charles Faul

(No Mass on Thurs., Dec. 10—Fr. Kevin @Richmond meeting)

Friday, December 11 (*Vigil: Our Lady of Guadalupe*)

12Midnite (no intention yet scheduled) (*Spanish Mass*)

Saturday, December 12 (*Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent*)

5:30 p.m. †Audrey Wilson

Sunday, December 13 (*3rd Sunday of Advent-GAUDETE*)

8:30 a.m. †Bridget Segerblom

11:30 a.m. †Thad Slack

2:00 p.m. Parishioners

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

—No Confessions & No Mass this Thurs., Dec. 10.

—No morning Mass on Friday, Dec. 11; Spanish Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe will be Friday evening at midnight.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

CD of the week: "God Become Man—Meditations for the Christmas Season" by Bishop Robert Barron.

This CD includes meditations on:

- Christ and World Religions
- Religion, Science, and the Journey of the Magi
- Faith, The Friend of Reason
- Herod and the Magi
- Keeping Your Family Holy

Pick up this CD and many others at the Lighthouse CD display on the table in the commons. A \$3.00 donation per CD is greatly appreciated and enables us to restock with new titles. Thank You!

Executive Director Position: Bristol Faith in Action

BFIA is a non-profit ecumenical organization that assists neighbors in need. Responsibilities: Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will have overall strategic and operational responsibility for BFIA and execution of its mission. Oversees staff, programs, expansion, fundraising, grant writing, community education/relations and duties as described in job description (*to be provided*). The Exec. Dir. is an exempt position based upon a 30-hr. work week. BA/BS Degree or equivalent non-profit experience and background check required. Salary negotiable based on experience (range: low-mid 5 figures). Send resume w/references to: BFIA Search, c/o CCC Bristol, 424 Melrose St., Bristol, TN 37620 or email to office@cccbristol.com. Deadline: 12/31/15.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

- **Sun., Dec. 6: Sunday Morning Adult Rel. Ed.: "The Infancy Narratives: Matthew 1 & 2".** 9:45-11am in the School Library. Next Sunday, Dec. 13, we will study **Luke 1**, in the greatroom. Bring your Bibles.
- **Monday, Dec. 7:—"The Lives of Great Christians"** 1:00p to 2:30p, St. Vincent DePaul Center. This week we will continue our study of **Damien of Molokai and Teresa of Calcutta**. Join us any Monday.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 8:—Tuesday Morning Book Club 10a-11a in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.** We begin our new book: Saint Joseph: the Father of Jesus in a Fatherless Society by Leonardo Boff.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 9:**
—**Little Rock Scripture Study** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center, 1:00-2:30p. "**Second Corinthians**"
—**RCIA at 6:30: "Hope for Salvation"**.
- **Thursday, Dec. 10:—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 programs, email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

A Few "Housekeeping" Notes....

—We've noticed that there has not been much donated in the vigil stand box in the main chapel but a lot of candles have been lit. We do ask that a donation be given when lighting a candle if you are able to. We need to collect enough in the main chapel stand to cover the cost of candles and matches in both the main chapel and the Haiti chapel (donations given in the Haiti stand go to our twin parish).
—Last weekend we put out our new hymnals for this liturgical year and already a few look a little "roughly" handled. Please be respectful when using the hymnals—they need to last for a year! Thanks!!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet on Thurs., Dec. 17, 11:30 a.m. at **Stateline Bar & Grill** (downtown Bristol). Call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by Tues., Dec. 15 to reserve your spot for lunch.

Collection Report (Nov. 21/22 & 28/29)

Regular/Operating (Nov. 21/22)	\$10,518.50
Regular/Operating (Nov. 28/29)	\$12,367.50
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 2,472.45
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 168.00
Donations/T'giv. Baskets	\$ 370.00
Add'l All Saints Holy Day	\$ 13.00

2nd Collection this weekend is for St. Anne's School. **Our 2nd collection** next weekend (Dec. 12/13) will be for Saint Anne's Social Ministry (outreach).

Second Sunday of Advent

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Tuesday Evening Confessions

to be available for the Holy Year of Mercy

As we begin this new liturgical year and in celebration of the “Holy Year of Mercy” which begins on December 8, we will now have **weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession on Tuesdays**. Adoration will begin immediately after morning Mass and will close at 4:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 p.m. in addition to our usual times of Thursdays from 5-530 p.m. and Saturdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. You are encouraged to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of your prayer life during this Holy Year of Mercy. Tuesday Adoration begins Dec. 15 (due to the Holy Day Masses on Dec. 8). NOTE: We will continue to have the **24-hour Adoration** on the first Tuesday of every month, as usual. Please continue to sign up for the 24-hour adoration on the first Tuesday of each month, but you do not need to sign up for adoration on the other Tuesdays.

LOOKING AHEAD JUST A BIT...Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. Several priests will be here for individual confessions as the end of the service.

ADULT CHOIR: Rehearsals- Wed., Dec. 9 at 6:30p and Thurs., Dec. 10 at 6:30p. Choir sings Tues., Dec. 8 at 7 pm. for the Holy Day and next Sunday, Dec. 13 at 8:30a Mass.

Special Choir: Children/Teens (Gr. 3-8) who’d like to sing at 5pm Mass Christmas Eve — 3 rehearsals: (315p-4pm.) on Wed., Dec. 9 & Dec. 16 & Mon., Dec. 21 If you can’t get here at 315p or will not be able to make all three rehearsals and want to sing, please talk to Mr. Davis!

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy December 2015 thru November 2016

This is the year to become more merciful in our own lives and bring God’s mercy to others!!

“From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends.”

—Pope Francis

