



# Saint Anne Catholic Church

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## MISSION STATEMENT

### St. Anne's Catholic Community

Aware of our rich Roman Catholic tradition and our own particular parish needs, we commit ourselves to the building of a Christian community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ might be exemplified and fulfilled.

To accomplish this mission and vision, we covenant ourselves to action in the following areas:

#### Prayer:

That individually and as a parish, we must create an atmosphere in which we recognize prayer as essential to our lives and liturgical celebrations as public expression of the source and summit of our lives in Christ.

#### Education:

That individually and as a community, we support Catholic education and a learning environment that addresses the uniqueness of each person by providing opportunity for maximum spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development.

#### Fellowship:

That individuals, small groups and the parish community recognize our responsibility to welcome all, accept our rich diversity, reverence our uniqueness and reconcile our differences.

#### Outreach:

That individually and as a community we pledge ourselves to be aware of the needs of others. We must not hesitate to respond to suffering, deprivation, separation or the loss of human dignity.

Parish Address: 316 Euclid Ave.,  
Bristol, VA 24201

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday (Anticipation of Sunday) ..5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:30 am;  
Spanish at 230p

(no weekday Masses this week  
Fr. Tom on retreat)

Saturday/daily Mass (No on 1/11)

Holy Days: Call the office for Mass times

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Parish Office ..... (276) 669-8200

Office hours: Monday thru Friday 9a-4p

Parish email: [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org)

Website: .....[www.stannes-bristol.org](http://www.stannes-bristol.org)

St. Anne's School ..... 276-669-0048

email: [schooloffice@stanneschoolbristol.org](mailto:schooloffice@stanneschoolbristol.org)

Address: 580 Oakview Ave., Bristol, VA

Parish Registration - Call the church office.

### Confessions:

(No Confessions this week/Fr. Tom away)

Saturday 4:00-5:15p p.m.

or by appointment.

### Adoration:

(No Adoration this week; Fr. Tom on retreat)

**Baptisms:** Parents must attend Baptism

Preparation. Contact the parish ofc.

**Weddings:** 8 months notice required to complete Marriage Preparation.

### Interested in Joining the Catholic Church?

Join our INQUIRY sessions to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office.

**Bulletin Deadline:** 12N on Mondays.

*"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*



Following both the bright star in the western sky and centuries of wisdom from their tradition, the magi traveled from distant lands to search for the newborn king. What had been revealed to only a few nearby shepherds had now been made manifest to people from foreign nations. Today, over two thousand years later, and here, many thousands of miles from Bethlehem, we celebrate that the Lord's birth has been made known all around the world for all time.

*O Come, let us adore him!*



**Poinsettias**

*In addition to the memorials listed in last Sunday's bulletin, the following donations were also received:*

*In Loving Memory of:*

**Neal Jewell** (husband)  
Given by Lucyann Jewell

**Joe Kowaczek** (husband)  
and **John Macdonald** (son-in-law)  
Given by Barb Kowaczek

#### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for **Frank Stoffle, Jr.**, the brother of Ann Stoffle Heibel, who died recently in Atlanta. Notes of sympathy can be sent to Ann at 716 Bluff City Hwy., Bristol, TN 37620.

A Message from Father Tom...

This next week, I go in search of the child Jesus, but not with the mind of Herod. Hopefully, it's with the general intention of the wise men, or at least what we believe in faith the wise men were doing.

I'm headed down to my annual retreat in Hanceville, Alabama. In my time on retreat, I try to listen more attentively to the voice of the Lord with a few less voices around than at home at Saint Anne, so that I can follow where he leads, in search of the king of kings and lord of lords, in and with my heart.

This is the great opportunity and challenge for us all at Epiphany - to bring our gifts to bear in service of Christ, across nations, boundaries, cultures, and between people.

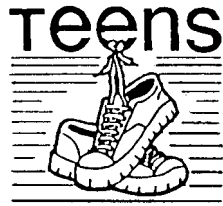
We received a gift in time, which we remember and celebrate as Christmas, but that gift reminds us that giving is itself the greatest gift. This is how a true king behaves - he gives his life for his people. By sharing in sonship with Christ, that is our mantle as well.

#### **A Prayer for Epiphany**

Lord God of heaven and earth,  
You revealed Your only Son  
to every nation by the guidance of a star.  
Bless us and fill us with the light of Christ  
that our concern for others may reflect Your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

LORD, every nation on earth  
**WILL ADORE YOU.**





**Senior High & Junior High  
Youth Ministry**

- (Sun.) **Jan. 5**—NO Youth Ministry  
◊ *Christmas Break!*
- (Sun.) **Jan. 12**—Youth Ministry (BYC 5p-7p)  
◊ **Christmas Party!**  
◊ **Journey to Confirmation** (BYC 5p-7p)
- (Mon.) **Jan. 20**—Praise & Worship Adoration (BYC 6p-8p)  
◊ Dinner will be provided

**Attention Teens -**

*If you aren't currently getting the Youth Ministry Flocknotes... Sign up by scanning the QR code below!*



**PLEASE Take NOTE!!**

*Fr. Tom will be on Retreat this week...*

- ⇒ No Weekday Masses January 6-11
- ⇒ No Adoration January 6-11
- ⇒ No Confessions January 6 thru Sat. morning.

**UNBOUND next weekend**

Next weekend, January 11/12, please welcome Father Amador Garza who will be with us to celebrate our Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org) or call 800-875-6564.

(Fr. Garza will be here for Saturday confessions from 4pm to 5:15pm, our 5:30 Mass Saturday, and our Sunday Masses at 8:30a, 11:30a, and 2:30p/Spanish.)

**St. Anne's Prayer Shawl Group**

Prayer Shawl group will meet this Wednesday, Jan. 8 at **10 a.m.** in the St. Augustine Center. New members are welcome!

**Save the Date!**

**January 29th, 2025**

**Virginia Pro-Life Day**

We will leave from St. Anne by bus at 5 a.m. on Wed., January 29 and return at approx. 8 p.m.. It will be a day of meeting Legislators to press our cause, lunch, and visiting the Cathedral in Richmond. We are asking for donations of \$30-\$40. If you want to join us for this very important day — **sign up at the table in the commons.** Questions? Please contact Walter Joyce at [wjoyce@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:wjoyce@stannes-bristol.org).



**PRO-LIFE ROSARY...**

The Pro-Life Rosary will resume this Wednesday, January 8th, at 12:15 p.m. in the St. Augustine Center.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The Wednesday Bible Study Group resumes this Wednesday, January 8, at 1 p.m. We'll begin a study on the Book of Exodus. All are welcome! Call Clint Smith at 423-366-2510 with any questions.

**2025 Catholic Calendars**

The 2025 Jubilee Edition "*Places of Pilgrimage for the Holy Year 2025*" calendars are available on the table in the commons. Please take only one per registered parish family.

**Many thanks to our calendar sponsors:**

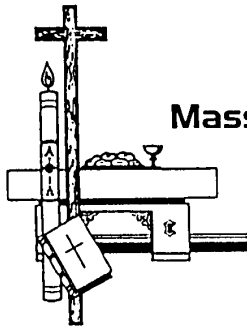
***Marilyn & Tony Broglio and Rose Marie Burriss***

**the WORD among us**

Copies of the January "*the WORD among us*", Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations are also available at the table in the commons.

**SACRISTANS NEEDED!!!**

We are in need of more people willing to serve as Sacristans for weekend Masses (set up vessels before Mass, clean up after Mass, etc.) if you might be interested in serving the parish in this capacity, please contact the parish office.



## Mass Intentions

(Weekday morning Mass, January 4, 9:30 a.m.)

**Saturday, January 4** (Vigil: Epiphany)

5:30 p.m. †Catherine Woolley

**Sunday, January 5** (Epiphany of the Lord)

8:30 a.m. †Patty Vetter

11:30 a.m. †Dave Hall

2:30 p.m. Parishioners

(No weekday Masses this week; Fr. Tom on retreat)

**Saturday, January 11** (Vigil: Baptism of the Lord)

5:30 p.m. †Patty Vetter

**Sunday, January 12** (Baptism of the Lord)

8:30 a.m. †Anna Cooper and †Thalia Cooper

11:30 a.m. †Jerry Chorosevic

2:30 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

### MASS INTENTIONS:

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please contact Rosie in the parish office at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org). Often dates fill up so please understand that if you are looking for a particular date, it may not be available.



## PARISH SUPPORT

### Collection Report (Dec. 21/22)

Regular/Operating	\$18,222
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	\$ 14
Building/Roof Repairs	\$ 100
2nd Coll: Social Ministry/Parish Charities	\$ 151
2nd Coll: Retired Religious	\$ 3
St. Anne Catholic School	\$ 103

Due to the early publishing deadline for this bulletin, the collection results for Christmas Masses and Dec. 28/29, and E-giving report were not yet available and will be included in next week's bulletin.

**2nd Collection** this weekend (*1st Sunday of the Month*) is for St. Anne Catholic School. Thank you for your generosity and support of our school.

## Scripture for next Sunday Baptism of the Lord

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

*Here is my servant.*

(or) **Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

*God's glory shall be revealed.*

**Psalm 29**

*"The Lord will bless his people with peace."*

(or) **Psalm 104**

*"O bless the Lord, my soul."*

**Acts 10:34-38**

*God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power.*

(or) **Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

*We are saved through the bath of rebirth.*

**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

*"You are my beloved Son."*

In next Sunday's Gospel, when Jesus was baptized, God the Father spoke from heaven, "**You are my beloved Son: with you I am well pleased.**" We hear the Father's blessing and see the Holy Spirit coming down upon the Lord. Let us rejoice for such wonderful blessings of mercy and love from age to age.

### ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE PARISH???

If not, or if you aren't sure, please contact the parish office!! [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org)

### BAPTISMS:

Do you have a child who has not yet been baptized? Or are you expecting the upcoming birth of a child? Please contact Sarah French to schedule a time for Baptism preparation (parents need to attend before baptisms are scheduled). [sfrench@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sfrench@stannes-bristol.org)

### Interested in becoming Catholic?

Our inquiry sessions meet weekly... contact Sarah French.

### WEDDINGS:

8 months notice is recommended in order to complete the marriage preparation process. If you are planning a wedding in the Church, contact the office to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

## STEWARDSHIP

*is what I do after I  
say "I Believe"....*

### YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2024 contribution statements will be printed in mid-January and will be available to be picked up in the commons once they are printed. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity to our parish.

## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek epiphaino, a verb that means “to shine upon”, “to manifest”, or “to make known”.

Thus, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: visit of the Magi (Mt. 2:1-12); baptism of Jesus (Mk. 1:9-11); and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).



**The Lord has come  
to destroy the power  
of evil  
in the person of  
Jesus,  
the Lamb of God,  
the Messiah.**

### *Liturgy Notes...*

The **Christmas Season** extends thru next weekend, the Baptism of the Lord, on January 12. Continue to celebrate and rejoice in the celebration of our Lord’s birth in this joyous season of the Church year.

On January 13 Ordinary Time will begin again and run until March 4 (which is the day before Ash Wednesday).

*“Just so, your light must  
shine before others,  
that they may see your  
good deeds and glorify  
your heavenly father.*

(Matthew 5:16)



UNBOUND®

In 1981 a small group of ordinary Catholics offered the faithful a new way to walk with the poor. They founded an organization that took a different approach to eradicating poverty, where people don’t have solutions imposed on them but choose their own path to a better life. Today, the Unbound community of sponsors helps more than 300,000 people in 19 countries. Next weekend, Fr. Amador Garza will be with us to tell us more about the work of Unbound. Be sure to extend him a warm welcome to St. Anne’s.