



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday 10:30 A.M.
 Thursday 8:30 A.M.
 Holy Days 7:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Baptism
 Contact Father concerning instructions for parents
Sacrament of Matrimony
 Arrangements are to be made four months in advance
Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Individual confessions on Saturdays at 4:30 P.M.

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ JUNE 23, 2019

Today's Mass

Next week's Mass

<u>Saturday Vigil Mass</u>		<u>Saturday Vigil Mass</u>	
Readers	Robert Vaughan	Readers	Brigitte Strickler
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jenni Craddick Ed D'Alessandro Marciana Jacobson Barbara Malinauskas	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	John Andriulli Jim Conover Susan Conover Christine Roschli
Altar Servers	Susan Conover Brigitte Strickler	Altar Servers	Landa Family Vic, Susan, Vic, Jr. & Nic
<u>Sunday Mass</u>		<u>Sunday Mass</u>	
Readers	Jim Mungenast	Reader	Donna Pawley
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Eric Angros Carol Broucek Cathye Palko Peggy Palko Steve Palko	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bill Copeland Maria Kazmark Connie O'Neill Jerry Turbyville Joan Turbyville
Altar Servers	April Wilson JJ Webster Chris Wilson	Altar Servers	Seth Browning Olliana Long Nathan Stewart



Requiescat in Pace

Saturday, June 22nd at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass we pray for the soul of

Bill Moore, Sr.

Requested by: *The Council of Catholic Women*



Sunday, June 23rd at the 10:30 AM Mass we pray for the soul of

Ed Delco

Requested by: *Robert & Donna Pawley*

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

"Pray for one another, so that you too may be healed" (James 5:16)

We remember especially in our prayers: Franz Raetzer, Jerry Hornick, Mary Ann Selewski, Christine, Blasinski, Sally Lankford, Daisy Arteché, Enrique Hernandez, Joe Ferrante, Jill Perkey, Maureen Watson, Edna Krebes, Ingrid Stalinski, Ann Silva, Robert Mack, Sr., Ellen Elliott, Terry Gilkey, Wilda Sweeney, Ellen Cook, and those in nursing homes, homebound & on our prayer list.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT JUNE 16, 2019

Parish Offertory	\$ 6,155.00	(YTD)	\$228,290.57
Building Fund	\$ 715.00	(YTD)	\$ 47,712.00
Diocese Collection <i>Catholic Communication</i>	\$ 10.00	Total	\$ 735.00



"Try me in this, says the Lord"

People everywhere, open the doors to Christ! By accepting Christ, you open yourselves to the definitive Word of God, to the One in whom God has made himself fully known, and has shown us the path to himself.

Announcements

The Church Fiscal Year from July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019, will end this month. We would like to extend an enormous *“Thank You”* to everyone for your financial support to Blessed Sacrament for all our parish needs, Building Fund, and to the Diocese; as well as your generosity during the past year to ALL the special collections and seasonal requests for your financial assistance. *~May God bless each of you for your continued generosity and support to “Your Church~”*

The Fathers of our parish, along with their families and friends, would like to extend an enormous *“Thank You”* to the *Council of Catholic Women* for the brunch they prepared on Father’s Day. Thank you Ladies.... *“It was great!”*

Peter’s Pence Collection — helps the Holy Father provide emergency assistance to suffering people throughout the world. Contributions to this special collection are given directly by the Holy Father to dioceses that are suffering from immediate emergencies as a result of war, oppression and natural disaster. This special collection will be held on *Saturday, June 29th* and on *Sunday, June 30th*.

Helping our Community Family & Friends - “Hands of Mercy” needs our support with helping people in Roane County. This weekend a box will be in the narthex for donations of the following items: Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Wipes, Toilet Paper, Dish soap, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Shaving cream & etc. These donations will help many people in our neighborhood who can not afford these items.

Holy Day Collection - The Ascension of the Lord, \$365.00. Thank you for your donation.

WEEKLY CHURCH COMMUNICATION EMAILS - Each Wednesday, a communication email is sent out to parishioners. The email includes prayer requests, church announcements, a Catholic trivia question and answer called *Father’s Penny Catechism*, funeral arrangements, and other information that is requested by parishioners. If you are currently not receiving these emails please contact *Christine Roschli* (865) 924-6902 or croschli@gmail.com. If you do not have access to email but would like to receive a phone call please let me know.

Ministry to the Sick, Homebound, and Elderly — This entails visitation of area hospitals, nursing homes and individual homes. The Blessed Sacrament is brought to the sick and elderly. It is impossible to know who is sick without the family notifying Fr. Sweeney or the Church office. Please... let Father Sweeney know via a phone call, note, or an e-mail message so that they may receive the sacraments.

Narthex Informational Material: As you leave Mass today, please look at the rack to the left of the Church doors and see the pamphlets and informational materials there and take whichever one that would interest you. *Also*, there are Holy Cards of some of our beloved Saints. Pick one out that would suit your special need and take that card to say a prayer asking the Saint for their intercession on your behalf.

Handicap Parking - *“Please”* reserve the handicap parking spaces for those most in need. This is especially important on Sunday mornings. *Thank you!*

Please let Father Sweeney know of the hospitalization of a parishioner via a phone call, note, or email message so they may receive the sacraments.



The Parish website

www.blessedsacramentchurchandmissions.com

is now up and running. This is an excellent resource for staying up to date on events, news, Mass and Reconciliations times, etc. As this is a new parish resource, we welcome feedback.

Please check it out!

Sincerity — They tell a story about the wise King Solomon of the old Testament. One day his friend the Queen of Sheba sent him two vases of roses. One vase had real roses in it; the other had hand-made roses, which were so perfect that she challenged King Solomon to tell her which roses were the real ones without smelling them. That was no problem to the wise Solomon. He just opened the window and let in a swarm of bees. They flew right over to the real roses. Many people may look alike from the outside, but God can easily tell the difference.

Saint Paul in GALATIANS 6:3 puts it this way, *“if someone thinks he is somebody when really he is nobody, he is only deceiving himself.”*

Wouldn’t it be wonderful to have **Jesus** in every city, neighborhood and family? **St. Teresa of Avila** taught that **Jesus** has no hands but ours, no feet but ours, no voice but ours. You, as disciples of **Christ**, are **His** “walking tabernacles.” You bring hope and life to the lost, suffering and enslaved.

Expressing Gratitude - One summer I took my son Tom to the county fair. We enjoyed some rides, and my tired little boy fell asleep in the back seat as we started home. A few minutes down the highway, though, he had his arms around my shoulders. *“Dad, I want to thank you for taking me to that fair,”* he said. His words moved me so much, I felt like turning the car around and going back for round two!

God is our Father, and **He** too, is moved when we express our thanksgiving.

Living the Christian life is like shaving--no matter how well you do it today, it needs to be done again tomorrow.

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “
You shall love your neighbor as yourself,”
If you do, you are doing well.

JAMES 2:8

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Corner

The great Solemnity of Pentecost marks the great gift of the Holy Spirit to those God the Father calls to be his own. Perhaps you can think of someone who longs to have a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father. Can you plant the seeds of hope as you speak of our Father’s loving care, and his everlasting promises fulfilled in the sending of his Son, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? Ask about the RCIA inquiry sessions for those who are not baptized, are of other faiths, or are adult Catholics who were not confirmed by contacting *Susan* or *Jim Conover* at (865) 684-9003 or (865) 247-1559, or you may email them at susan.jimconover@att.net if you have questions or would like further information.

Parish Calendar of Events

June 22 – August 4, 2019

<p>Saturday - June 22nd Sunday - June 23rd</p> <p>Thursday - June 27th Saturday - June 29th</p> <p>Sunday - June 30th</p> <p>Thursday - July 4th Friday - July 5th</p> <p>Saturday - July 6th Sunday - July 7th</p> <p>Thursday - July 11th Saturday - July 13th Sunday - July 14th</p> <p>Thursday - July 18th Saturday - July 20th Sunday - July 21st</p> <p>Thursday - July 25th Saturday - July 27th</p> <p>Sunday - July 28th</p> <p>Thursday - August 1st Friday - August 2nd</p> <p>Saturday - August 3rd Sunday - August 4th</p>	<p>Vigil Mass 5:00 PM Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ / Mass 10:30 AM Donuts & Coffee (<i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i>) Weekday Mass 8:30 AM 5th Sunday Rosary will be prayed at 4:35 PM Vigil Mass 5:00 PM Second Collection for <i>Peter's Pence</i> 5th Sunday Rosary will be prayed at 10:10 AM Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM Second Collection for <i>Peter's Pence</i> Donuts & Coffee (<i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i>) Weekday Mass 8:30 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mass: 6:00 PM / Adoration: 6:30 - 7:30 PM / Benediction: 7:30 PM Vigil Mass 5:00 PM Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM NO Donuts & Coffee Weekday Mass 8:30 AM Vigil Mass 5:00 PM Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM The Knights of Columbus will meet following Mass at the Parish Center Donuts & Coffee (<i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i>) Weekday Mass 8:30 AM Vigil Mass 5:00 PM Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM Donuts & Coffee (<i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i>) Weekday Mass 8:30 AM Vigil Mass 5:00 PM Second Collection for <i>Africa</i> Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM Second Collection for <i>Africa</i> Donuts & Coffee (<i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i>) Weekday Mass 8:30 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mass: 6:00 PM / Adoration: 6:30 - 7:30 PM / Benediction: 7:30 PM Vigil Mass 5:00 PM Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM Donuts & Coffee (<i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i>)</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Saint Ann Catholic Church 198 Ridge Road Lancing, TN 37770</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass: Sunday 8:30 AM <i>(Eastern Time)</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Saint Christopher Catholic Church 160 Holt Spur Road, Jamestown, TN 38556</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vigil Mass: Saturday 6:30 PM <i>(Central Time)</i></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Religious Education for Youth Director: <i>Alicia Laffoon</i> Alicia Mobile: 865-250-5686 Email: alaffoon@tntech.edu</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Council of Catholic Women All women of BSC are members of the CCW. Meetings: will be posted in your up coming Bulletin. Watch for them!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: <i>Chris Wilson</i> Phone: 865-466-5614 / Email: chriswilson1974@hotmail.com <i>Dedicated in Service to the Pope, Bishop, Priests, Religious, Parish, and Community.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Weekly Church Communication Director: Christine Roschli Phone: 865-924-6902 / Email: croschli@gmail.com <i>For prayer requests, announcements, funeral arrangements and other information.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults <i>Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?</i> If you, or someone you know, would like more information about the teachings of the Catholic Church, please contact Susan or Jim Conover at 865-684-9003 or 865-247-1559, or email them at susan.jimconover@att.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Youth Ministry / CYO Directors: Bridget & Mary Thew Mary / Mobile: 865-323-1877 / Email: cyoblessedsacrament@gmail.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Adult Bible Study Directors: Jane & Michael Logan Jane: 865-585-3670 / Mike: 865-585-3946 Monday, at 6:00 PM / Parish Center</p>	

"The Tattooed Stranger"

by Susan Fahnce

He was kind of scary. He sat there on the grass with his cardboard sign, his dog (actually his dog was adorable) and tattoos running up and down both arms and even on his neck. His sign proclaimed him to be "stuck and hungry" and to please help.

I'm a sucker for anyone needing help. My husband both hates and loves this quality in me.

I pulled the van over and in my rearview mirror, contemplated this man, tattoos and all. He was youngish, maybe forty. He wore one of those bandannas tied over his head, biker/pirate style. Anyone could see he was dirty and had a scraggly beard. But if you looked closer, you could see that he had neatly tucked in the black T-shirt, and his things were in a small, tidy bundle.

Nobody was stopping for him. I could see the other drivers take one look and immediately focus on something else -- anything else.

It was so hot out. I could see in the man's very blue eyes how dejected and tired and worn-out he felt. The sweat was trickling down his face.

As I sat with the air-conditioning blowing, the scripture suddenly popped into my head. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, so ye have done it unto me."

I reached down into my purse and extracted a ten dollar bill. My twelve-year old son, Nick knew right away what I was doing. "Can I take it to him, Mom?"

"Be careful, honey." I warned and handed him the money. I watched in the mirror as he rushed over to the man, and with a shy smile, handed it to him. I saw the man, startled, stand and take the money, putting it into his back pocket. "Good," I thought to myself, "now he will at least have a hot meal tonight." I felt satisfied, proud of myself. I had made a sacrifice and now I could go on with my errands.

When Nick got back into the car, he looked at me with sad, pleading eyes. "Mom, his dog looks so hot and the man is really nice." I knew I had to do more. "Go back and tell him to stay there, that we will be back in fifteen minutes," I told Nick. He bounded out of the car and ran to tell the tattooed stranger.

We then ran to the nearest store and bought our gifts carefully. "It can't be too heavy," I explained to the children. "He has to be able to carry it around with him."

We finally settled on our purchases. A bag of "Ol' Roy" (I hoped it was good -- it looked good enough for me to eat! How do they make dog food look that way?); a flavored chew-toy shaped like a bone; a water dish, bacon flavored snacks (for the dog); two bottles of water (one for the dog, one for Mr. Tattoos); and some people snacks for the man.

We rushed back to the spot where we had left him, and there he was, still waiting. And still nobody else was stopping for him.

With hands shaking, I grabbed our bags and climbed out of the car, all four of my children following me, each carrying gifts. As we walked up to him, I had a fleeting moment of fear, hoping he wasn't a serial killer.

I looked into his eyes and saw something that startled me and made me ashamed of my judgment. I saw tears. He was fighting like a little boy to hold back his tears. How long had it been since someone showed this man kindness?

I told him I hoped it wasn't too heavy for him to carry and showed him what we had brought. He stood there, like a child at Christmas, and I felt like my small contributions were so inadequate.

When I took out the water dish, he snatched it out of my hands as if it were solid gold and told me he had had no way to give his dog water. He gingerly set it down, filled it with the bottled water we brought, and stood up to look directly into my eyes. His were so blue, so intense and my own filled with tears as he said "Ma'am, I don't know what to say."

He then put both hands on his bandanna-clad head and just started to cry. This man, this "scary" man, was so gentle, so sweet, so humble.

I smiled through my tears and said "Don't say anything." Then I noticed the tattoo on his neck. It said "Mama tried."

As we all piled into the van and drove away, he was on his knees, arms around his dog, kissing his nose and smiling.

I waved cheerfully and then fully broke down in tears. I have so much. My worries seem so trivial and petty now. I have a home, a loving husband, four beautiful children. I have a bed. I wondered where he would sleep tonight.

My stepdaughter, Brandie turned to me and said in the sweetest little-girl voice, "I feel so good."

Although it seemed as if we had helped him, the man with the tattoos gave us a gift that I will never forget. He taught that no matter what the outside looks like, inside each of us is a human being deserving of kindness, of compassion, of acceptance. He opened my heart.

Tonight and every night I will pray for the gentle man with the tattoos and his dog. And I will hope that God will send more people like him into my life to remind me what's really important.