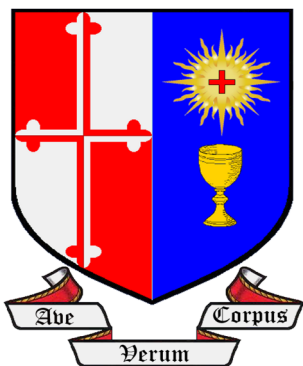


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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Today's Mass

	<u>Saturday Vigil Mass</u>
Readers	Vic Landa
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	John Andriulli Ed D'Alessandro Marciana Jacobson Vic Landa
Altar Servers	Carol Cowan Brigitte Strickler
	<u>Sunday Mass</u>
Readers	Alicia Laffoon
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Carol Broucek Lania Ferrante Connie O'Neill Peggy Palko Chris Wilson
Altar Servers	Maria Kazmark Nathan Stewart April Wilson

Next week's Mass

	<u>Saturday Vigil Mass</u>
Readers	Jim Conover
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jim Conover Susan Conover Christine Roschli Brigitte Strickler
Altar Servers	Landa Family Vic, Susan, Vic, Jr. & Nic
	<u>Sunday Mass</u>
Reader	Jim Mungenast
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bill Copeland Cathye Palko Steve Palko Jerry Turbyville Joan Turbyville
Altar Servers	Joe Cochran Alicia Laffoon Kate Laffoon

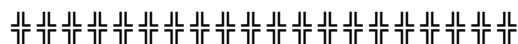


Requiescat in Pace

Saturday, September 21st at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
 we pray for the soul of

Flossie Worthy

Requested by: *Friends of BSC*



Sunday, September 22nd at the 10:30 AM Mass
 we pray for the soul of

Franz Raetzer

Requested by: *The Council of Catholic Women*

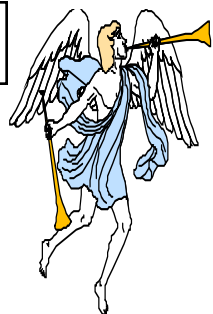
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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

We remember especially in our prayers: Donna Pawley, Clyde Smith, David Glockner, Tommy Lawson, Archbishop Kurtz, Sister Mary Georgeanna Mankel, Richard Valdivia, Ray Genoni, Gloria Vangness, Jill Perkey, Edna Krebs, Ann Silva, Michael Baker, those in nursing homes, homebound & on our prayer list.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Parish Offertory	\$ 4,400.50	(YTD) \$ 45,626.50
Building Fund	\$ 1,065.00	(YTD) \$ 9,736.00
Diocese Collection Deacon Program	\$ 60.00	Total \$ 160.00



"Try me in this, says the Lord"

*God loves you more
 in a moment,
 Than anyone could
 in a lifetime.*

Announcements

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mass: 6:00 PM

Adoration: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Benediction: 7:30 PM

The Date has been set - "The 2019 Bazaar" / Saturday, October 5th. The Council of Catholic Women are asking you to bring useable items, small appliances, used furniture, artwork and frames, books, potted plants & homemade crafts. Baked Goods can be brought the evening before or on the morning of the Bazaar. You may bring and leave your items, in Blessed Sacrament Church Hall beginning on **Monday, September 30th**. Please Remember: the CCW will be setting up the Church Hall for the Bazaar the week of Monday, September 30th - Friday, October 4th.

We thank you in advance for your help and kindness.

A special invitation is extended to all serving in Law Enforcement and all First Responders to join us in celebrating our annual **Blue Mass** on Sunday, September 29th at 10:30 AM at, Blessed Sacrament Church, to honor and to pray for all who "protect and serve." This time honored tradition of praying for the blessing and protection of our public servants in law enforcement, fire department and emergency medical services goes back to the first **Blue Mass** in **Washington, DC in 1923**. Since then, dioceses across the country have celebrated annually those whose service is often identified with their blue uniform. It is a special time for us to honor their unselfish service and to pray for their safety.

Saint Michael Prayer Cards are available in the narthex as gifts for First Responders and Police Officers. Saint Michael is the Patron Saint of all first responders and police officers, and we will be giving these cards to all of the local Police, Sheriff's, Fire, and EMS Departments serving the Parish communities of Blessed Sacrament and her Mission Parishes. If you have a family member or friend who is a Police Officer, Fire Fighter, or EMS/Rescue worker, please feel free to pick one up for them.

PRAYING THE ROSARY.... 5th Sunday Rosary will be held before Mass on Saturday, September 28th at 4:35 PM, and Sunday 29th at 10:10 AM.

Ministry to the Sick, Homebound, and Elderly — 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.

Remembering Loved Ones - We celebrate our November Masses in remembrance of our loved ones who have gone before us to eternal rest. Beginning the weekend of October 5th & 6th we will place in each pew, envelopes for your use. Please use one of the envelopes in the pews to provide the names of your loved ones you wish to remember in a special way throughout the month. Place the envelope in the collection basket during Mass. These envelopes will be placed upon the altar throughout November and your loved ones will be remembered at each Mass. If you wish to make a donation (optional) you may place your contribution in the envelope. All proceeds will be used to assist the poor.

A Card, Phone Call, or Visit, means so much — *Please* remember our parishioners who are in the hospital, nursing homes & those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness.



*Remembering a Friend and
Long time Parish Member
Of Blessed Sacrament Church
During the 10:30 AM Mass
On Sunday, October 6, 2019*

For the repose of the soul of

Franz Raetzer

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

Amen

PRAYING THE ROSARY.... before Mass the Rosary will be prayed each Saturday & Sunday throughout the month of **October**. Beginning on Saturday, October 5th, at 4:35 PM before the Vigil Mass & on Sunday, October 6th, at 10:10 AM.

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

The Knights of Columbus — *Annual Tootsie Roll Drive* for the Intellectually Challenged will be held in Kingston **Saturday, November 2nd** at the intersection of Hwys. 70 & 58. The hours will be 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. We ask, if you can, to please sign up and give two hours of your time to this worthy event. We will need a lot of help! **ALL KNIGHTS** are asked to contribute time to insure the success of this worthwhile event. Additional Parishioners are also very much needed and welcome to participate. More locations will be in upcoming bulletins. *This is the most important Knights' function of the year.*

Mass Guide booklets are available for non-Catholics in the Narthex. These booklets are for understanding the parts of the Mass. As it is a limited print, we are requesting that the books be reserved for the use of our non-Catholic brothers and sisters. Mass part cards are still provided for the use of parishioners and Catholic guests. *Thank you.*

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.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Corner

Our inquiry sessions have just begun, but we are still waiting for **YOU!** Are you searching for a deeper relationship with God, a sense of belonging in a faith community, and a greater fulfillment of your mission in life? Get answers to all your questions about the Catholic faith. **COME JOIN US** at the Parish Center on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. You do not have to journey alone.

Please call *Susan* or *Jim Conover* at (865) 684-9003 or (865) 247-1559, or if you have questions or would like further information you may email them at susan.jimconover@gmail.com

Parish Calendar of Events

September 21 – October 13, 2019

Saturday - September 21st Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
Second Collection for *The Deacon Program*

Sunday - September 22nd **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** / Mass 10:30 AM
Second Collection for *The Deacon Program*
Religious Education at 9:00 - 10:15 AM / Parish Center
Donuts & Coffee (*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*)
Follow Me: "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" - **Adult Class** at 6:00 PM / PC

Monday - September 23rd
Wednesday - September 25th RCIA - 6:00 PM at Parish Center
Thursday - September 26th **Weekday Mass** 8:30 AM
Saturday - September 28th Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
5th Sunday Rosary 4:35 PM

Sunday - September 29th **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** / Mass 10:30 AM
Blue Mass, honoring Law Enforcement and 1st Responders
5th Sunday Rosary 10:10 AM
Religious Education at 9:00 - 10:15 AM / Parish Center
Donuts & Coffee (*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*)
Follow Me: "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" - **Adult Class** at 6:00 PM / PC

Monday - September 30th RCIA - 6:00 PM at Parish Center
Wednesday - October 2nd **Weekday Mass** 8:30 AM
Thursday - October 3rd **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
Friday - October 4th **Mass:** 6:00 PM / **Adoration:** 6:30 - 7:30 PM / **Benediction:** 7:30 PM
Saturday - October 5th **CCW 2019 Bazaar** / BSC Hall : 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
Still have time to shop the CCW 2019 Bazaar before they clear the tables.

Sunday - October 6th **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** / Mass 10:30 AM
Remembering Franz Raetzer during 10:30 AM Mass
Red Mass – for those serving in the Judiciary and Legal Profession
NO Religious Education Classes "Fall Break"
Still have time to shop the CCW 2019 Bazaar before they clear the tables.
Donuts & Coffee (*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*)
Follow Me: "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" - **Adult Class** at 6:00 PM / PC

Monday - October 7th RCIA - 6:00 PM at Parish Center
Wednesday - October 9th **Weekday Mass** 8:30 AM
Thursday - October 10th Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
Saturday - October 12th **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** / Mass 10:30 AM
Sunday - October 13th **NO Religious Education Classes "Fall Break"**
The Knights of Columbus will meet following Mass at the Parish Center
Donuts & Coffee (*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*)

<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: <i>Christine Roschli</i> 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@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Youth Ministry / CYO Directors: <i>Bridget & Mary Thew</i> Mary / Mobile: 865-323-1877 / Email: cyoblessedsacrament@gmail.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Adult Bible Study Directors: <i>Jane & Michael Logan</i> Jane: 865-585-3670 / Mike: 865-585-3946 Monday, at 6:00 PM / Parish Center</p>	

Recollection of a Gravel-Crutcher

I don't think much about the World War II now, even though this year marks the passage of over 60 years since it ended. I'm just comforted to know I had some wee small part in its outcome.

Sometimes events of the past are either reduced to insignificance by people born after them, or enlarged beyond recognition by nostalgic reminiscences. Still, every once in a while, I can hear again that cry in the woods high on a ridge overlooking the town of Hitchenback in the Ruhr Valley ...

Our unit had marched all day and was looking forward to some rest when the order came down: we would soon take part in our first large-scale night attack. We were to wait in the woods above the village while our artillery and air support dropped high explosives on the targeted town. Then we were to attack and take over the town.

Toward evening, we took our places. At first, the whining sound of shells passing overheard was largely ignored. But gradually the shells came closer to the tops of the pine trees where we waited, until there was only a split second between the whining sound and the explosion.

Then there was no interval at all, and we were under the worst kind of friendly fire: huge shell bursts that spewed down jagged shreds of steel in sweeping arcs of destruction. Nobody was standing or sitting now: it was time to dig a hole in the ground and hide. At the base of a large tree, I pawed at the ground, sending pine needles flying. The explosions overhead got so intense that individual bursts merged into an ear-splitting roll of deadly thunder. And I prayed: *Oh, God, please, please make 'em stop. Please God ...*

Then, very suddenly, there was a terrible silence. It was over, but no one spoke, and bodies rose up like ghosts from a graveyard. Finally, calls were heard from different parts of the hillside: *Medic, over here! Hurry! Help, Medic!*

It was then that I heard, through the scattered calls for help, the one cry that has remained with me all these years. The voice was that of PFC Marks, a rifleman in the 3rd Platoon. Like many of us in the 86th, Walter Marks had been slated to go to college when the war interrupted. I remember him as a smiling person with the impish look of a boy always on the verge of pulling off a great practical joke.

His voice traveled through the woods with a special resonance that overrode the cries for help and sounds of battle.

One word, spoken once. *"Mother!"*

Curious, I thought. The voice lacked the unmistakable sound of pain, nor did it hold any hint of desperation or even sorrow. It was, more like a greeting.

When we were finally marching down to take the town, I chanced to see our company medic.

"Did you see Marks back there?"

"Yeah."

"Wounded?"

"No, killed."

"But I heard him call out."

"So did I, but I don't know how."

And on we went to do our duty.

If I had known Marks better, I thought, I would try to find his mother when this was over and tell her she was the last thing in her son's heart when he died. But I hadn't even known his first name, and as often happened, I was unable to continue to deal with death consciously — so I blocked out the details in all but my worst nightmares.

Some of our old Company K buddies recently got together to celebrate the golden anniversary of our survival. One of them had been a close friend of Marks'. I asked him about our fallen friend's last moments, and if he'd heard that call. He had.

"He must have seen his mother in his mind's eye and called out to her," I suggested.

"You know, I've often wondered about that," the friend replied, *"because Walter never knew his mother. He had never even seen her."*

"How's that?"

"She died in childbirth when she brought him into this world."

*So you have sorrow now; but I will see you again,
And your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.*

John 16:22