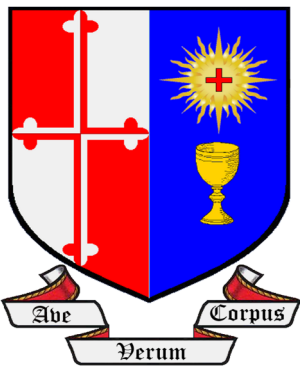


Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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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.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time OCTOBER 6, 2019

Today's Mass

Next week's Mass

<u>Saturday Vigil Mass</u>		<u>Saturday Vigil Mass</u>	
Readers	Robert Vaughan	Readers	Jim Conover
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Marciana Jacobson Vic Landa Christine Roschli Terri Utsey	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	John Andriulli Carol Cowan Barbara Malinauskas Brigitte Strickler
Altar Servers	Jim Conover Susan Conover	Altar Servers	Jenni Craddick Terri Utsey
<u>Sunday Mass</u>		<u>Sunday Mass</u>	
Readers	Joan Turbyville	Reader	Carol Broucek
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Eric Angros Maria Kazmark Jerry Turbyville Joan Turbyville April Wilson	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Carol Broucek Connie O'Neill Cathye Palko Peggy Palko Steve Palko
Altar Servers	Shelby LeBlanc Avery Sinnott	Altar Servers	Joe Cochran Maria Kazmark April Wilson



Requiescat in Pace

Saturday, October 5th at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
 we pray for the soul of

Art Jacobson

Requested by: *Marciana Jacobson & Family*



Sunday, October 6th at the 10:30 AM Mass
 we pray for the soul of

Franz Raetzer

Requested by: *Family of Blessed Sacrament*

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: Heather Davidson, Donna Pawley, Clyde Smith, David Glockner, Tommy Lawson, Archbishop Kurtz, Sister Mary Georgeanna Mankel, Richard Valdivia, Ray Genoni, Brent Woncki, Bonnie McCarroll, Gloria Vangness, Jerry Hornick, Jill Perkey, Edna Krebs, Ann Silva, Michael Baker, those in nursing homes, homebound & on our prayer list.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Parish Offertory	\$ 3,009.25	(YTD) \$ 52,306.75
Building Fund	\$ 585.00	(YTD) \$ 11,036.00
Diocese Collection Deacon Program	\$ 20.00	Total \$ 955.00



"Try me in this, says the Lord"

*Be joyful in hope,
 Patient in affliction,
 Faithful in prayer.*

ROMANS 12:12

Announcements

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.

Fr. Sweeney will be away from Monday, October 21st - Friday, October 25th.

NO Weekday Mass on Thursday, October 24th.

PRAYING THE ROSARY.... before Mass, will be prayed each Saturday & Sunday throughout the month of **October**. Saturday 4:35 PM and Sunday, at 10:10 AM.

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 location will be in up-coming Bulletins. *This is the most important Knights function of the year.*

The Knights of Columbus would like to remind everyone that the Knights will again be selling "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" Christmas cards again this fall. We will begin selling them in a few weeks. We will list the place, times, and contact information in the bulletin.

365 Days of Hope Luncheon Catholic Charities of East Tennessee's 365 Days of Hope Luncheon will be held Thursday, Oct. 24, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at The Press Room (730 N. Broadway). Our special guest speaker will be **Phillip Fulmer**, *Director of Athletics at the University of Tennessee*. All proceeds benefit Knoxville's Children's Emergency Shelter. For tickets or more info, visit <http://www.ccetn.org/lunch>.

Box of Joy - is a way to demonstrate Christ's compassion to poor children in developing countries. Please watch your Bulletin for the date and time the ladies of the Council of Catholic Women will be at the door with the boxes to fill with a list of items that go into the box, along with return date.

The Feast of All Saints, Friday, November 1st

Mass Schedules are as following:

Saint Christopher: The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, October 31st, at 6:00 PM (*Central Time*).

Saint Ann: Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 1st, at 6:00 PM (*Eastern Time*).

BSC: Mass will be celebrated on Friday November 1st, at 7:30 PM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - will not be held on Friday, November 1st.

Bishop Stika has requested that all parishes in the Diocese of Knoxville continue to pray the St. Michael Prayer after all Masses. This is now a permanent addition. In keeping with liturgical law, the St. Michael Prayer is to be prayed following the closing blessing at Mass, and not before.

Praying with Jesus – Learning to pray the Prayer of the Church. As we quickly approach a new liturgical year, let us prepare for Praying, Fasting, and Almsgiving during the Advent season. Praying with Jesus is learning the importance on why to pray the Liturgy and how to reflect in silence with the sole hope of bringing people closer to communion with God through prayer. Discover the beautiful and dynamic witness the Psalms provide to the New Testament, and the importance of praying the psalter and how it can continue to provide hope in our daily lives. Please join us for an informational meeting on Friday, October 18th at 6 pm. We will provide Pizza, Dessert and Refreshments. **Please RSVP by Thursday, October 17th** via sign up sheet (in Church Narthex), email, text or phone call. **Presented by** Vic Landa Sr. **Phone:** 865-934-8988 **Email:** Hvlanda@comcast.net **Location:** Blessed Sacrament Church Hall

Rite of Admission to Candidacy - It is with great pleasure and humbleness that we invite you to share with us the first of the four rites before ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. The Rite of Admission to Candidacy will be held at **The Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 4 pm**. In this rite, the one who aspires to ordination publicly manifests his will to offer himself to God and the Church to exercise a sacred order. The remaining three Rites are public celebrations with ecclesial significance. These are: Rite of Installation into the Ministry of Lector (2020), Rite of Installation into the Ministry of Acolyte (2021), and The Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate (June 11, 2022). Please pray for me, (*Vic Landa, Sr.*), Susan and the boys as I continue my discernment, formation to the Diaconate, and answering the call to Holy Orders. **Ora Pro Nobis.**

Blessed Sacrament Church Library — "**The Diary of a Country Priest**," by *Georges Bernanos*. This remarkable novel recounts the daily life and spiritual turbulence of a young cleric as he attends to the needs and whims of his provincial parishioners. **Book Section #B16 — Fiction**

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

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will

He withhold from those who walk uprightly."

PSALM 84:11

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Corner

Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change; of closeness to God and distance from him. Yet God the Father's love is steadfast and ever-present to those who seek with a sincere heart, no matter what situations have caused separation. If you have thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new "season" in your life, please contact *Susan* or *Jim Conover* at (865) 684-9003 or (865) 247-1559, or you may email them at susan.jimconover@gmail.com if you have questions and would like further information.

Parish Calendar of Events

October 5 – October 24, 2019

Saturday - October 5th

CCW 2019 Bazaar / BSC Hall : 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Praying the Rosary at 4:35 PM

Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Still have time to shop the 2019 Bazaar following Mass, before they clear the tables.

Praying the Rosary at 10:10 AM

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM

The Memorial for *Franz Raetzer* during Mass today has been **Postponed**.

Fr. Sweeney will set a new date.

NO Religious Education Classes "Fall Break"

Still have time to shop the 2019 Bazaar before they clear the tables.

NO Donuts & Coffee

Follow Me: "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" - Adult Class at 6:00 PM / PC

RCIA - 6:00 PM at Parish Center

Weekday Mass 8:30 AM

Praying the Rosary at 4:35 PM / Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Praying the Rosary at 10:0 AM - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 10:30 AM

NO Religious Education Classes "Fall Break"

NO The Knights of Columbus meeting in the month of October

Donuts & Coffee (Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)

Follow Me: "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" - Adult Class at 6:00 PM / PC

RCIA - 6:00 PM at Parish Center

Weekday Mass 8:30 AM

Praying with Jesus / informational meeting at 6:00 pm. in BSC Hall

We will provide Pizza, Dessert and Refreshments.

Praying the Rosary at 4:35 PM / Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Second Collection for Mission Sunday

Praying the Rosary at 10:00 AM / Twenty-ninth Sun. in Ordinary Time/Mass 10:30 AM

Second Collection for Mission Sunday

Rite of Admission to Candidacy (*Vic Landa, Sr.*) at

The Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 4:00 pm.

Religious Education Classes 9:00 - 10:15 AM / Parish Center

Donuts & Coffee (Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)

Monday, October 21st - Friday, October 25th

Fr. Sweeney will be away!

Follow Me: "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" - Adult Class at 6:00 PM / PC

RCIA - 6:00 PM at Parish Center

NO Weekday Mass

Monday - October 21st

Wednesday - October 23rd

Thursday - October 24th

Monday - October 7th

Wednesday - October 9th

Thursday - October 10th

Saturday - October 12th

Sunday - October 13th

Monday - October 14th

Wednesday - October 16th

Thursday - October 17th

Friday - October 18th

Saturday - October 19th

Sunday - October 20th

Saint Ann Catholic Church

198 Ridge Road
Lancing, TN 37770

Mass: Sunday 8:30 AM
(Eastern Time)



Saint Christopher Catholic Church

160 Holt Spur Road, Jamestown, TN 38556
Vigil Mass: Saturday 6:30 PM (Central Time)

Religious Education for Youth

Director: *Alicia Laffoon*
Alicia Mobile: 865-250-5686
Email: alaffoon@tntech.edu

The Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: *Chris Wilson*
Phone: 865-466-5614 / Email: chriswilson1974@hotmail.com
*Dedicated in Service to the Pope, Bishop, Priests,
Religious, Parish, and Community.*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?

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

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!

Weekly Church Communication

Director: *Christine Roschli*
Phone: 865-924-6902 / Email: croschli@gmail.com
*For prayer requests, announcements, funeral
arrangements and other information.*

Youth Ministry / CYO

Directors: *Bridget & Mary Thew*
Mary / Mobile: 865-323-1877 / Email: cyoblessedsacrament@gmail.com

Adult Bible Study

Directors: *Jane & Michael Logan*
Jane: 865-585-3670 / Mike: 865-585-3946
Monday, at 6:00 PM / Parish Center

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf

Freddie the leaf had grown large! His mid-section was wide and strong, and his five extensions were firm and pointed. He had first appeared in Spring as a small sprout on a rather large branch near the top of a tall tree. Freddie was surrounded by hundreds of other leaves just like himself, or so it seemed. He soon discovered that no two leaves were alike, even though they were on the same tree. Alfred was the leaf next to him, Ben was the leaf on his right side, and Clare was the lovely leaf overhead. They had all grown up together, and learned to dance in the spring breezes, bask lazily in the summer sun, and wash off in the cooling rains. Of all of them, Daniel was Freddie's best friend. He was the largest leaf on the limb, and seemed to have been there before anyone else. It appeared to Freddie that Daniel was also the wisest among them. It was Daniel who told them all that they were part of a tree growing in a public park, and that the tree had strong roots which were hidden in the ground below. He explained about the birds who came to sit on their branches and sing morning songs. Daniel also explained about the sun, the moon, the stars and the seasons.

Freddie loved being a leaf! He loved his branch, his light leafy friends, his place high in the sky, the wind that jostled him about, the sun's rays that warmed him, and the moon that covered him with soft, white shadows. Summer had been especially nice. The long, hot days felt good, and the warm nights were peaceful and dreamy. There were many people in the park that summer, and they often came and sat under Freddie's tree. Daniel told him that giving shade was part of his purpose. "What's a purpose?" Freddie asked. "A reason for being," Daniel answered. "To make things more pleasant for others is a reason for being. Making shade for old people who come to escape the heat of their homes is also a reason for being. Providing a cool place for children to come and play, or fan with our leaves the picnickers who come to eat on checkered tablecloths. These are all reasons for being." Freddie especially liked the old people. They sat so quietly on the cool grass, and hardly ever moved. They talked in whispers of times past, sometimes with tears in their eyes. The children were fun too, even though they sometimes tore holes in the bark of the tree, or carved their names into it. Still, it was fun to watch them move about so fast, and to laugh so much.

But Freddie's summer soon passed! It vanished on an October night. He had never felt it so cold. All the leaves shivered in the moonlight. At daybreak, they were coated with a thin layer of white, which quickly melted and left them dew drenched and sparkling in the morning sun. Again, it was Daniel who explained that they had all experienced their first frost, the sign that it was Fall, and that Winter would soon come!

After that first October frost, almost at once, the whole tree, in fact, the whole park, was transformed into a blaze of color. There was hardly a green leaf left. Alfred had turned a deep yellow, Ben had become a bright orange, Clare had become a blazing red, Daniel a deep purple, and Freddie was red, gold and blue. How beautiful they all looked. Freddie and his friends had made their tree a rainbow. "Why did we turn different colors," Freddie asked, "when we are all on the same tree?" "Each of us is different. We have had different experiences and have faced the sun differently. We have cast shade differently, so why should we not have different colors?" Daniel said matter-of-factly. Daniel told Freddie that this wonderful season was called Fall. One day a very strange thing happened. The same breezes that in the past had made them dance, now began to push and pull at their stems, almost as if they were angry. This caused some of the leaves to be torn from their branches and swept up in the wind, tossed about and dropped softly to the ground. All the leaves became frightened. "What's happening?" they asked each other in whispers. "It's what happens in the Fall," Daniel said. "It's the time for leaves to change their home. Some people call it to die." "Will we all die?" Freddie asked. "Yes," Daniel answered. "Everything dies. No matter how big or small, how weak or strong. We first do our job, then we experience the sun and the moon, the wind and the rain. We learn to dance and to laugh, then we die." "I won't die!" said Freddie with determination. "Will you, Daniel?" "Yes," he answered, "when it's my time." "When is that?" asked Freddie. "No one knows for sure," Daniel responded. Freddie noticed that the other leaves continued to fall and he thought, "It must be their time." He saw that some of the leaves lashed back at the wind before they fell, while others simply let go and dropped peacefully and quietly to the ground.

Soon the tree was almost bare! "I'm afraid to die," Freddie told Daniel. "I don't know what's down there." We all fear what we don't know, Freddie. It's only natural," Daniel reassured him. "But yet you were not afraid when Spring became Summer. You were not afraid when Summer became Fall. They were all natural changes, so why should you be afraid of the season of death?" "Does the tree die too?" Freddie asked. "Someday, but there is something stronger than the tree. It is Life! That lasts forever, and we are all a part of Life." "Where will we go when we die?" asked Freddie. "No one knows for sure. That's the great mystery!" "Will we return in the Spring?" Freddie said. "We may not, but Life will." "Then what has been the reason for all of this?" Freddie continued to question. "Why were we here, if all we have in life is to fall and die?" Daniel answered in his matter-of-fact way, "It's been about the sun and the moon, and about happy times together. It's also about the shade and the old people and the children. It's been about the colors in Fall, about the seasons and about the purpose for being. Isn't that enough?" That afternoon, in the golden light of dusk, Daniel let go. He fell effortlessly, and seemed to smile peacefully as he fell. "Goodbye for now Freddie," he said. Then... Freddie was alone, the only leaf left on his branch.

The first snow fell the following morning. It was soft, white, and gentle; but it was bitter cold! There was hardly any sun, and the day was very short. Freddie found himself losing his color, and becoming very brittle. It was constantly cold, and the snow weighed heavily upon him. At dawn, the wind came that took Freddie from his branch. Strangely enough, it didn't hurt at all. He felt himself float quietly, gently and softly downward. As he fell, he saw the whole tree for the first time. How strong and firm it was! Freddie was sure that it would live for a very long time, and knowing that he had been a part of its life, made him proud. Freddie landed on a clump of snow. It somehow felt soft and even warm. In this new position he was more comfortable than he had ever been. As he laid there, he thought about Daniel and all his other leafy friends, and how much he missed them. Bathed in the soft glow of dawn, and resting with a quiet stillness he had never known before, Freddie looked around, slowly closed his eyes, and fell asleep~

He did not know that Spring would follow Winter, and that the snow would melt into water. He did not know that what appeared to be his useless, dried self, would join with the water and serve to make his tree stronger. Most of all, Freddie did not know that there, asleep in the tree and the ground, were already plans for new leaves in the Spring~

*The few little years we spend on earth,
are only the first scene in a Divine Drama that extends into eternity~*