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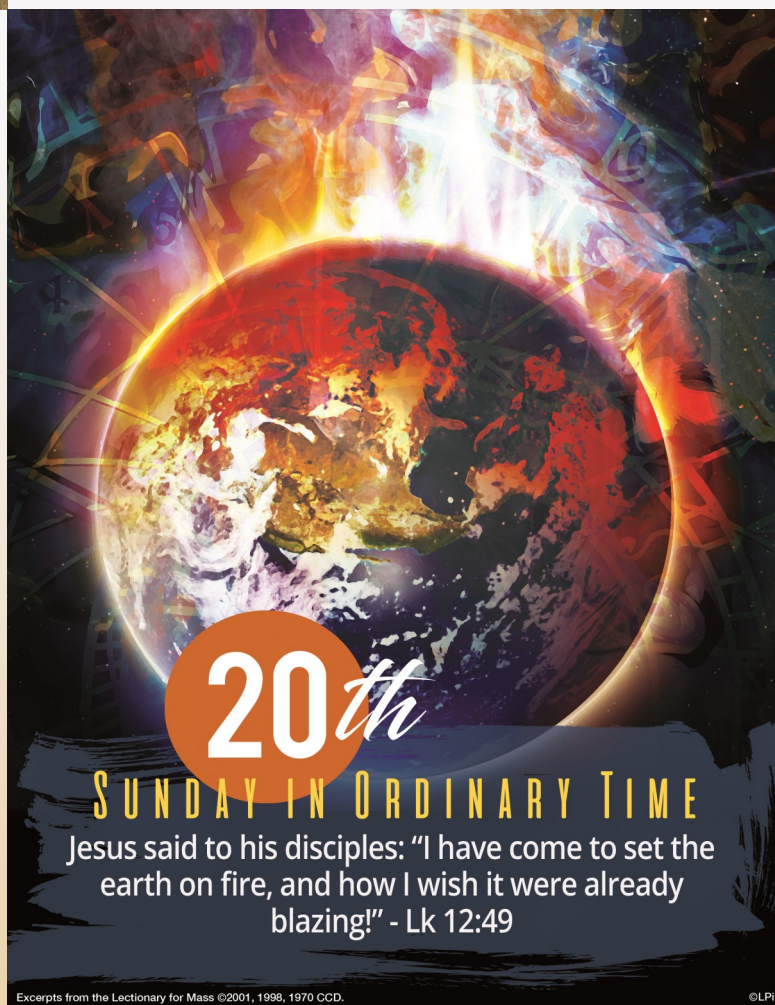
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Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

BULLETIN DEADLINE & INSERTS

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 2pm on the Monday prior to the weekend you would like it published.

Also, please contact the office to obtain permission to insert fliers into the weekly bulletin.



MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday:

9:00 am

Sunday Vigil (Saturday):

4:00 pm

Sunday:

7:30, 9:30 and 11:00am

First Friday:

9:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: after 4pm Mass

First Friday: Before 9:00 AM Mass

Other times by appointment

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.

9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

MASS INTENTIONS



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 15

9:00 Carl and Mildred Lawrynowicz, requested by their daughter, Dottie

TUESDAY, August 16

9:00 Donald Sopelak

WEDNESDAY, August 17

9:00 Dottie Kondzielaski, requested by Ron and Dorothy Miller

THURSDAY, August 18

9:00 Brent Rydin, requested by Charlene Blake

FRIDAY, August 19

9:00 Elizabeth Desmond Godbout (13th Ann.), requested by the Godbout Family

SATURDAY, August 20

4:00 Derek Stockwell (5th Ann.) requested by the family

SUNDAY, August 21

7:30 Barbara Lamy, requested by the Droste Family

9:30 William Weldon, requested by the family

11:00 Mario D'Errico and Giovanni Calandra, requested by Michelina D'Errico

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or kris.martino@stannavon.com.



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022

The Feast of the Assumption is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year and will be celebrated at our regular 9:00am daily Mass on Monday, August 15th.

WELCOME!



If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with our office manager. You may call 860-673-9858 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

MONDAY, August 15

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church

TUESDAY, August 16

WEDNESDAY, August 17

THURSDAY, August 18

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 19

Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, August 20

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 21

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom



Tools for Schools Collection Through September 10/11

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 10/11. This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families. Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed. Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall. May you be blessed for your generosity!

Please consider these suggested items:

- *Backpacks * Calculators * Notebooks
- *Pencils * Dictionaries * Rulers *
- Pencil sharpeners * Pens
- * Notebook paper * Markers etc.



RSVP BY 8/19/22

kindly RSVP so that we have an
idea of how much to order

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RETIREMENT

Open House

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

Fr. Bennett Hall

3:00 - 5:00 PM



**God Has a Personal
Message For You!**

Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture,
where you listen for what God is saying to you in the Gospel
for the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with
others, and engage more fully in Mass.

*Friendly groups meet via Zoom & in person.
Newcomers welcome!*

**Sundays at 10:30am both in Room 3 & via Zoom
Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom**

For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit:
<https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live>

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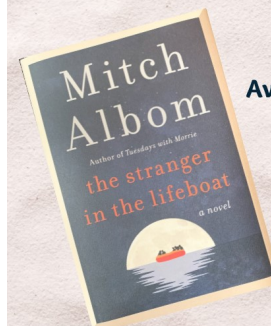
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JOIN US FOR DISCUSSION

**Wednesday, Aug. 31st, 7pm
in the Activity Room**

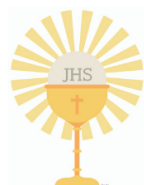
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WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 8/7/22: \$5,476.00
Online Giving (Aug. 3-10, 2022): \$2,773.50
Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

This week's theme: The Eucharist as REAL FOOD

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that, "The Eucharist is best understood as spiritual food."

Reflection: In His Divine Wisdom Christ knows that we need not only nourishment for our bodies, but also for our souls. By giving us His own precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus can give us nothing more. He totally gives us HIMSELF. By giving us this Bread of Eternal Life, He sustains us on our earthly journey through the trials and tribulations of our lives. The Eucharist is the sustenance and strength that we need. Can we afford to turn away from this Divine gift of love, which sustains us in life?

What We're Watching on FORMED:

Summer can be a great time to step back and take a fresh look at your job/career path. Here's a helpful interview on FORMED.org with accomplished author Patrick Lencioni (*The Five Dysfunctions of a Team, The Six Types of Working Genius*), on how to find more joy in your job by tapping into your natural genius. For more suggestions for great content on FORMED, visit : www.stannavon.org/our-recommendations



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Tap into your natural
genius.
Chris Stefanick Show on
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"I talk about joy a lot. But I know there's one place where it's really hard to keep up your joy sometimes: at work. If you feel like you have to find your true joy outside of work, you're not alone. People go to work every day, but their jobs stress them out and leave them exhausted. So this week...watch.formed.org"
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/want-more-joy-in-your-career-tap-into-your-natural-genius-chris-stefanick-sh>

Not Catholic? Feel like something's missing?

Perhaps it's the **peace, purpose, and belonging** that come via a relationship with Jesus Christ, through the Catholic Faith.

If you'd like to explore the goodness, beauty and truth of the faith Jesus founded, we'd love to introduce you.

No commitments; just friendly, open conversation.

Contact Ann in the Adult Ed Office: ann.distefano@stannavon.com



Got Peanut Butter ?

We are collecting peanut butter for children in Haiti. Please leave donations in the labeled bucket in the Gathering Space.

Thank you in advance for your donations. They are greatly needed and sincerely appreciated!

STEP BY STEP:
A Guided Journey Through the Catholic Faith

Catholicism is so broad and deep, it can be a challenge to navigate. Let us guide you "Step by Step" through the high points of our faith, via the engaging video series, *Symbolon*, from FORMED.org

WHO: Anyone who wants to better understand what Catholics believe, and why we gather, pray, celebrate and serve the way we do; from cradle Catholics to seekers curious about the Faith.

WHEN: Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm, Sept 20-Nov 22

WHERE: Fr. Bennett Hall

HOST: Andrea Pizzuti

COST: \$20 (for printed materials)

RSVP: By Sept 13 via <https://www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/step-by-step-2022>

For more info and a video preview, visit stannavon.org/step-by-step

ADULT LEARNING LEVEL: 1-5

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

A Steward's Growing Pains

Have you ever written a check or seen the charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort?

The brakes finally give up on the car you were hoping to nurse through the season. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason.

It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over dollar signs for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair.

The next time this happens to you, embrace it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain.

We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding us down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us.

That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — He will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 14, 2022

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. (Heb 12:1-2)

Gospel:

"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Lk 12:51)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

There is a "great cloud of witnesses" found in the official saints of the church and in ordinary people we meet every day. They are faith-filled inspirations who, by their example, help us to persevere in our faith. Living in a sea of conflict, change, challenge, and confusion, it is easy to grow tired and get weary. With so many things in competition for our attention, it is challenging to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and the Kingdom of God. We have to keep running the race and continue proclaiming the Good News. This message is not always welcome. It can cause division, challenge accepted mindsets, ruffle peoples' feathers, and cause some folks to become defensive. God's ways are not always our ways. Even though often rejected by the world, the message of God in Jesus Christ must continue to be preached. We can rely on the examples of faith before us and around us and not lose heart. As Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

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