

"...all of you are children of the light and children of the day"

Mass Intention for the Week

Monday, Nov. 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary
 6:30 AM Mary Drew Jones (ann of death)

Tuesday, Nov. 18, Ded. Sts. Peter & Paul Basilicas
 6:30 AM Judy Garvin (dec)

Wednesday, Nov. 19
 6:00 PM Ernie Davis Jr.

Thursday, Nov. 20
 9:00 AM School Mass
 Noon Charles Clark (dec)

Friday, Nov. 21, Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
 Noon Tommy Conkright (dec)

Saturday, Nov. 22, St. Cecelia
 4:00 PM Debby Terry (ann of death)

Feast of Christ the King
 7:00 AM Mike Foster (dec)
 10:00 AM Tom & Delores Hartz (dec)
 5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

**Pray for the Souls in Purgatory!
 Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,
 And Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them!**



Liturgical Ministers for Nov. 22/23

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Edith Johnson, Lahoma Stinnett, Marjorie Early, Cecelia Hamilton, Lucy Harpe, Ruth Bittel, Bonnie Snyder, Jeanne Pointer, Liz Francis

7 AM Don Cecil, Joyce, Mike Pearl, Carolyn Taylor, Martha Estes, Sr. Mary Timothy Bland

10 AM Mary Howard, Mark Church, John, Sharon Bell, Chris Ford, Carol Goedde, Drew, Jeannette Ward, Brenda, Jerry Millay

5:30 PM Rachel Thomas, Leesa, Rick Moman, Michele Linn, Dan Thomas

Readers

4 PM Mike Clark
7 AM Mike Williams
10 AM Doug Dunn
5:30 PM David Marshall

Servers

4 PM Jarrod, Nathan Wolford
7 AM Sam Thompson, Will Sandefur
10 AM Allie Ford, Michael Goedde
5:30PM Katie Judd, Logan Buckman

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Mike Wolford
7 AM Shelby Thompson
10 AM Chris Ford
5:30 Pete Linn

Children's Liturgy:

Laura Cecil, Beth Allen, Katie Oakes

Vocation Cross Family

Joetta Mayfield, David McBride, Angela McCarty

Hillcrest: Anne Howard, Charles Zambrano

Ministers of Hospitality for Nov.

4 Tim, Josh, Eric Goetz, Taylor Wells

7 Russ Corley, Bernie Dotsey, Mike Wade, Jack Murphy

10 Steve Fry, John Bell Jr. & Sr., Jerry, Emily Goetz

5:30 Jose, Miguel Laboy, Luke Robertson, Wil Wigginton

TV Mass

Mass will now air on Channel 72 at 10:30 am. If you have Time Warner's digital cable the Mass can also be seen at 11am on Channel 311. It also broadcasts from News 25 (cable chaneel11) at 6am. All those with satellite can get the Mass on local Channel 25 at 6am.

**Donations may be made to Gideon Productions.,
515 East 22nd St.
Owensboro, Ky. 42303**

Forming Good Stewarts

“Well done my good and faithful servant”

Matthew 25:14-30

In golf a short put is called a gimme. In tennis a high, lofting return near the net is called a lob. In baseball four balls will get you a walk. And in basketball a ball passed to a tall forward or center over the goal is called a slam dunk. For a writer seeking to convey a message about the nature and consequences of being a good steward, today's Gospel reading is a gimme, a lob, a walk and a slam dunk. We can learn that god created each of us with a vast array of talents, abilities and gifts, and free will to choose to accept and use them for ourselves and for others; or to reject them. What an awesome God! What an awesome gift! What an awesome responsibility! What an awesome reward for being a good steward! But what an awesome consequence for failing to be the good stewards God expects us to be. Take some time this week to reflect several times on the Gospel passage for today. How have we done with our stewardship? Can we do more?

Sunday Collections

	Regular	Budget	Mo. Average	YTD Ave.
11/2	\$ 16,263.	\$20,577.	\$19,865.	\$20,470.

Words of Life

Do we recognize that the innate dignity of every individual rests on his or her deepest identity—as image of the Creator—and therefore that human rights are universal, based on the natural law, and not something dependent upon negotiation or patronage, let alone compromise? And so we are led to reflect on what place the poor and elderly, immigrants and the voiceless, have in our societies. How can it be that domestic violence torments so many mothers and children? How can it be that the most wondrous and sacred human space—the womb—has become a place of unutterable violence? Pope Benedict XVI

***Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps
if you are not willing to move your feet***

The Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree goes up on Thanksgiving Day. We have 8 families, 8 individuals, Oasis, and our Homebound to take care of this year.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Food will be collected for the families on our Giving Tree. Please bring your groceries to church on Thanksgiving Day or to the office before Thanksgiving. The baskets will be filled on Monday morning in the Hall. If you would like to come help us we will start around 9 AM, we also need people to make deliveries on that afternoon.

Catch the Spirit Party

Our annual Catch the Spirit will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 7th**. There will be a **Craft Show, Visit by St. Nicholas, and lunch**. **Booths** for the show are available for **\$20**. Call Jan to reserve a table for your crafts! The Church will have a **Silent Auction** for the event. If you have an **item you would like to donate**, please call Jan.

Scripture Study

St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Our first meeting is **Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7-8 PM** in the Parish Hall of the Family Life Center. If you have not yet paid the \$20 for your study materials, please bring that to the first session.

Laugh for the Week

Bubba was bragging to his boss that he knows everyone there is to know. “Just name someone, anyone, and I know them.” The boss called his bluff, “Ok, how about Kenny Chesney?” So Bubba and his boss fly out to Nashville and knock on Kenny's door. Sure enough Kenny comes to the door and says, “How you doing Bubba, come join me for lunch and I will play you a song.” After leaving Chesney's house the boss tells Bubba that was just luck. “How about George Bush, I bet you don't know him.” So they fly to Washington, President Bush spots Bubba and motions him to come over, saying, “Bubba, what a surprise, come on in for a cup of coffee with me and Luara.” Well, the boss is very shaken by now, but not totally convinced says, “The Pope, I bet you don't know the Pope.” Off they fly to Rome. Bubba tells his boss, “Tell you what I know all the guards so let me just go upstairs and I'll come out on the balcony with the Pope.” Bubba disappears into the crowd headed toward the Vatican. Sure enough, half an hour later Bubba emerges with the Pope on the balcony. By the time Bubba returns, he finds that his boss has had a heart attack and is surrounded by paramedics. Working his way to his boss' side, Bubba asks him “What happened?” His boss looks up and says, “I was doing fine until you and the Pope came out on the balcony and the man next to me said, “Who's that on the balcony with Bubba?”

Catholic Q&A

How do I respond to someone who says that devotion to Mary takes the focus off of Jesus and detracts from our relationship with Him?

A devotion to Mary is certainly not detrimental to our relationship with Christ. In fact, Marian devotion both flows from and leads to a relationship with Him.

Marian devotion **flows from** a relationship with Christ in that, when we seek to love as Christ loved, we can't help but love His mother! After all, Jesus himself was obedient to her (cf. Lk 2:51), and despite the agony of the Cross her care was at the forefront of His mind (cf. Jn 19:26-27). He performed His first miracle at least in part because of her request (cf. Jn 2:3-9). Jesus, who is Himself the fulfillment of the Law, undoubtedly fulfilled the command to "Honor your father and mother" to the fullest extent. The Book of Revelation tells us that Mary is *our* mother too:

Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus (Rev 12:17).

If we are the offspring of the woman, and the woman is Mary, then Mary is our spiritual mother and we should honor her when we attempt to follow the 4th Commandment as Jesus did.

Marian devotion **leads to** a relationship with Christ because, as we seek to love as Mary loved, we can't help but love her Son! Mary lives to bring Christ to the world. That was the result of her humble *fiat*. She is forever saying to us, "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5). She wants nothing more than for us to follow Christ. When we pray the Rosary, we are contemplating the events of Jesus' life. At the center of the "Hail Mary" is the name of Jesus. She is an example to us of purity, humility, simplicity, obedience, and a lively faith in God. All nations shall call her blessed, but why? Because she is "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:43). Mary always points to Christ, and no one who has a true devotion to her would ever say that she stood in the way of her Son.

Now, some may scoff at us for devoting ourselves to someone who leads us to Jesus. "Too many mediators," they say. But, how many of them can actually say that they came to know and love Christ without any help from anyone or anything? It simply does not work that way. Until we see God face to face in heaven, our relationship with God will *always* be mediated in some way. Thus, we should not be ashamed of the role that Mary plays in our lives. I say: love as Jesus loved. Love His mother.

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty
Director of Religious Education

Upcoming Events

November 8-16 Winter Warmth Drive
November 22-23 Holy Land Gifts on Sale
November 23– Campaign for Human Development
November 27-Giving Tree Goes Up
November 27- Thanksgiving Food Drive
November 30—Advent Begins
December 7– Catch the Spirit Party

**Confirmation Mini-Retreat
November 22, 10AM –Noon
St. Joseph Parish Hall**

Blessed Mother Tone Chime Choir

Fall rehearsals have begun. No experience necessary! If you have any questions see Brett. Rehearsals are on Saturday at 1pm in the Library.

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to: Carl Hamilton, his children, and grandchildren on the death of his beloved wife, Mae Hamilton

Teresa Ward (grandmother) David Ward and Susan Green (uncle and aunt) and family on the death of Ben Onstott. Ben was involved in our Youth Group. Let us pray for all his friends as well.

Doris Blandford and family on the loss of her son, Jerry Blandford Jr.

Candy Oakes and family on the loss of her mother, Judy Arnold.

May they rest in the love and the peace of the Lord!

Carmel Home Religious Sale

Nov. 18-19 at the Carmel Home, sale includes books, statues, medals, etc. Items will be at a good price. Come do some Christmas Shopping.

Campaign for Human Development Collection November 22-23

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Please donate prayerfully and generously to the collection next weekend to help those in poverty to help themselves. Visit www.povertyusa.org to learn more.

**Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem
At Blessed Mother Nov. 22-23
After all the Masses**

They will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the Holy Land. Please come over the lobby of the Family Life Office and look the display over. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.

Website: www.bethlehemhandicrafts.fusioncentral.com

**Remember in prayer the
many who are sick in our community:**

Len Bach, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Liz, Tony Brown, Catherine Calhoun, Frances Carrico, JB Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce Christian, Paul Christian Jr., Paul Christian, Ann Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Kevin Coakley, Alice Cole, Arnold Conder, Addie Corley, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Dorothy Davis, Theresa Dedincent, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, , Evette Duke, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kelsey Dunn, Stacy Foster, Matt Gabis, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, George A. Hagan, Dottie Hamilton, Mary Hardesty, Perry Hardesty, Martha Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler,, Peggy Hicks, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Kenny Hodskins, Mildred Howard, Margaret Isbell, Mary Ava Jackson, Minnie Martin, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Helen McCarty, Mildred McCarthy, Nora Mellon, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Conner Mills, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, Lee Newton, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Mary Payne, Paul Payne, Lannie Joe Pearl, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Raymond Prater, Lawrence Quinn, Geraldine Ralph, Joyce Ramos, Isabella & Isaiah Ratliff, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Allison Riley & baby, Cecelia Schartung, Herman, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Angela, Leo Thompson, Betty Thompson, Charles Thompson, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Glynda Turner, Jean Van Meter, Joyce Ventrees, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Katherine Whittinghill, Bea Wooldridge, Steve Woolen, Bill, Flora Yancy

Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War. Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home soon. Iraq:

PFC 1st Class Bradley Horlander, Iraq
SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Kenneth Smith (grandson in law of Agnes Edge)
Matthew Hoffman, US Army, Baghdad (great nephew of Camilla Baker)
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. Nicholas Johnson, US Army, Baghdad (son of Scott & Sabrina Johnson)
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

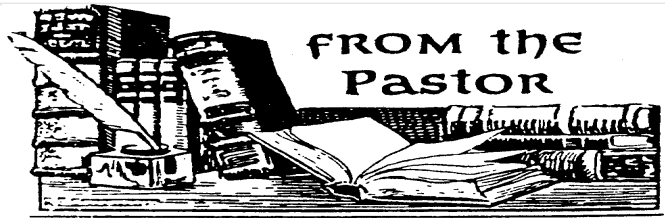
In Afghanistan

Chief Master Sgt. Andrew Reisz, USAF, Khabull
Sidney Hoffman, National Guards (great niece of Camilla Baker)

Other

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524



I hope you had a good week. Today is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. If you are keeping track of our progress through the weeks of the year, then you know that we are almost finished with another Church Year. Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King the last Sunday of the Church Year. So we will soon be in the season of Advent. The Gospel is a parable about using the "talents" God loans to us invest. So I need to ask myself how have I invested the gifts God has given to me.

Religious Ed is in session today and youth group will meet tonight after the 5:30pm Mass.

Thank you for your generous support of Glenmary Home Missioners.

Several things coming up and are noted elsewhere in the bulletin. The food drive on Thanksgiving Day; the clothing drive going on now; the Catch the Spirit party coming up in December.

Bethlehem Christian Families will be here the weekend before Thanksgiving. They sell olive wood carvings from the Holy Land to help with ministries there. They will have plenty of items on display from rosaries to crucifixes. Something to think about that make great Christmas gifts. November 22nd and 23rd.

It won't be long before the Giving Tree is up – Thanksgiving Day. And the annual food drive also occurs on Thanksgiving.

Our Advent Penance Service will be Sunday afternoon December 14th at 2pm.

Have a great week.

Go to blessedmotherchurch.org

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

**Mon. Mass, 6:30 AM
Bunko, 1:00 PM**

**Tues. Mass at 6:30 AM
Children's Choir Practice, 2:45-3:30**

**Wed. Mass at 6:00 PM
Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 PM**

**Thurs. School Mass, 9 am
Noon Mass
RCIA, 7 PM**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass at Noon**

**Sat. Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM
Mass at 4 PM**

**Sun. Feast of Christ the King
Sunday Masses at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
Religious Ed Classes, 11:15 AM
Coffee and Donuts after 10 AM Mass
Youth Group 6:30 PM**

Safe Environment

Copies of the Diocese of Owensboro's policy dealing with sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable person is available in the Parish Office and on the Diocesan web site (www.Owensborodio.org) The Bishop and Diocesan Review Board want to help anyone who has been abused in the past or is currently suffering from abuse. You may phone the Pastoral Center, 683-1545, to report an allegation of abuse. **If you need to attend a Safe Environment Workshop, contact Jan at the Parish Office. You may now take the training online at www.shieldthevulnerable.org**

Catholic Schools News

OCMS Grandparents Mass Nov. 20, 9am, Immaculate Church. Reception will follow in the hall.

OCHS Emerald Productions "the Man Who Came to Dinner" show times Thurs. & Fri. Nov. 20 & 21, 7pm, Sun. Nov. 23, 2pm in Soenneker Hall at OCHS

OCS Scrip Don't forget to buy your Gift Certificates from the School. Purchase Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm at the Parrish Avenue location or on weekends, Fri. 4-8pm, Sat. 8am-5pm, Sun. Noon-4pm at the K-3 Campus.

Adults Growing in Faith Together (A Gift)

A GIFT is a study of the US Catholic Catechism for Adults. There will be two sessions each year for 3 years. The first session will be at St. Pius X in Owensboro on Nov. 22, 8:30am-3:00pm. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch and supplies. Registration forms are on the table in the back of church. Send registration and money to Catholic Pastoral Center, Office of Lay Ministry, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, Ky. 42301.

Ursuline Way of Life Weekend, Nov. 21-23

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph invite single women ages 18-30 to learn about the sisters and what they do. Overnight accommodations and meals are provided. Call Sr. Alicia Coomes at 229-4103 Ext 214 or vocations@maplemount.org. A brochure can be found online at www.ursulinesmsj.org/vocations/

One Day Marriage Preparation Program

Pre-Cana held Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 8:30-5:00, Registration fee \$100. For more information contact the Family Life Office 683-1545 ext. 357.

Help Needed, St. Stephen After School Program

Assistant needed, 18 years or older, Monday-Thursday, 2:30-5:30pm. To apply call 926-1652.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

November 16 through November 23, 2008

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Ps 128:1-5
1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

Monday: Rv 1:1-4;2:1-5 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6,14-22 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1-2,9-10 Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12,15-17 Ps 23:1-3,5-6
1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46

Parish Council Members

Sharon Bell	729-4270
Marty Bumm	926-6443
Charlie Castlen	683-3426
Charlotte Cecil	683-0499
Tim Goetz	684-8275
David Graham	683-4665
Troy Haleman	691-0633
David Jarboe	683-5108
Ben Miller	685-2143
Rick Moman	683-6555
Darryl Murphy	683-8437
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