



"If you wish, you can make me clean"

Intention for the Week

Monday, Feb. 16

6:30 AM David Finley (dec)

Tuesday, Feb. 17, Founders of the Servites

6:00 PM Angela Farmer

Wednesday, Feb. 18

6:30 AM Tommy Conkright (dec)

Thursday, Feb. 19

NO 9 AM Mass, School Confessions 4-6 Center

Noon Ben Onstott (dec)

Friday, Feb. 20

Noon Ernie Davis Jr.

Saturday, Feb. 21, St. Peter Damian

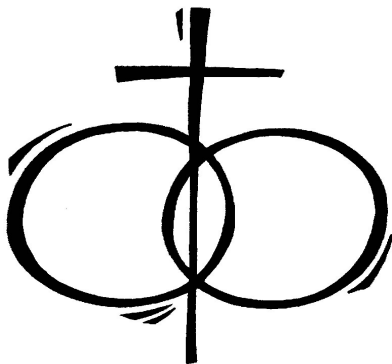
4:00 PM Lula Morgan (dec)

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parishioners

10:00 AM Mike Foster (dec)

5:30 PM Ronnie Laiche (dec)



The two become one.

Mark 10:8

Liturgical Ministers for Feb. 21/22

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Edith Johnson, Jeff Williams, David McBride, Sandra Henry, Jack Wilson, Shirley Kent, Lahoma Stinnett, Ethel, Fran Watrous

7 AM Sr. Mary Timothy, Dorothy Aud, Carolyn Taylor, Charlene, Harry Baumgarten, Brenda Hagan

10 AM Jeannette, Drew Ward, Scott, Sabrina Johnson, Jeannie Best, Darryl, Carol Murphy, Josie, Phil Hagan

5:30 PM Cliff Russell, Leesa, Rick Moman, Bev Payne, Bobby, Phyllis Bastin

Readers

4 PM Pal Fitzhugh

7 AM Charlie Castlen

10 AM Diane Fulkerson

5:30 PM Laura Young

Servers

4 PM Chase Trogden, Allison Williams

7 AM Sam Thompson, Kaylin Hagan

10 AM Daniel, Drew Fulkerson

5:30 PM Christopher Hayden, Kendall Payne

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Jeff Williams

7 AM Vincent Dick

10 AM Martin Cravens

5:30 Steve/Leanne Payne

Children's Liturgy:

Barbara Cecil, Nadine Goedde, Courtney Estes

Vocation Cross Family

Richard Whitehouse, Jack Wilson, Mike Wolford

Hillcrest: Betty Thompson, Faye Bilderback

Ministers of Hospitality for February

4 Jackie Russell, Bill Wathen, Tony Fiorella, Dan Goedde

7 Clarence Elder, Randy, Jacqueline Lee, PJ Ebelhar

10 Bob, Alex Bahnick, Chris Shaver, Bill Young

5:30 Kenny, Patricia, Ashley Hamilton, Kent McCarthy

Forming Good Stewards

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I do will it. Be made clean." Mark 1:40-45

Leprosy was the most socially abhorrent condition a person could have in the time of Jesus. A leper had to live outside of the city and could not engage in normal social life with their family or friends, or anyone else. They lived on the scraps people literally threw to them, or at them, and they had to carry a bell to announce their presence as they moved about so people could avoid them. There was no known cure or hope of relief from a degrading existence and the slow and painful death. One such leper approached Jesus, knelt down and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." What an incredible act of faith! Jesus does not run away from or repel the leper. He recognizes a great act of faith and he has great faith in the leper, the faith that heals. The leper was healed by faith—his faith in Jesus. Jesus wants us to have faith in him—the faith that heals whatever is keeping us from a greater relationship with God by imitating Jesus. Do we have a faith like the leper to ask Jesus to heal us?

Blessed Mother Church Ministry Fair March 14-15

After All Masses in St. Joseph Hall
Sign-ups, Information, Refreshments, Prizes

Sunday collection

Actual	Budgeted	MTD Average	YTD Average
\$20,519.	\$20,577.	\$17,382..	\$21,126.

Youth 2000

A Eucharistic Centered Retreat
March 6, 7 and 8, 2009
Brescia University

Attention all young people ages 13-30! The challenging message of World Youth Day 2000 in rose is being spread throughout the United States by initiative called YOUTH 2000. YOUTH 2000 is responding to the call of Pope John Paul II to enable young people to live and proclaim the Gospel. You are invited to a YOUTH 2000 Retreat on March 6-8 at Brescia. You will have the opportunity to gather with other young people your age for prayer, adoration, singing and learning about our Catholic faith. This retreat is being sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry and the Diocesan Marian Shrine Committee. Youth should register through a Parish, School or other Group. Forms are available at the Parish Office. The deadline for registration is February 21, 2009.

Power Week, 2009

June 22-26

A Catholic Summer Camp for **students entering 7th or 8th grade**—sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes
Limited Spaces, \$225 for the week
Call Danny May at 684-5369

No Religious Education Classes

On the Following Dates:

Feb. 15, Mar. 29, Apr. 5, and May 10

5-Part Study on the Sufferings of Christ

To register, write a check for \$20 to Blessed Mother Catholic Church no later than **Feb. 24**. First Lesson will be **March 3**. For more info call Nicholas Hardesty, 683-8444 ext. 26

Laugh for the Week

During the wedding rehearsal, the groom approached the minister with an unusual offer. "Look, I'll give you \$100 if you'll change the wedding vows. When you get to me and the part where I'm to promise to love, honor and obey and forsaking all others, be faithful to her forever, I'd appreciate it if you'd just leave that part out." He passed the minister the cash and walked away satisfied. The wedding day arrived and the bride and groom have moved to that part of the ceremony where the vows are exchanged. When it comes time for the groom's vows, the minister looks the young man in the eye and says, "Do you promise to prostrate yourself before her, obey her every command and wish, and serve her breakfast in bed every morning of you life and swear eternally that you will never even look at another woman, as long as you both shall live?" The groom gulped and looked around, and said in a tiny voice, "I do." the minister put the \$100 into his hand and whispered back, "She made me a much better deal."

Happy Valentine's Day!

Words of Life

Protection of innocent human life is not an imposition of personal conviction but a demand of justice. "Each human being is known by God and loved by him. Each is willed by God, and each is God's image...whoever violates a human being violated God's property. Pope Benedict XVI

Congratulations!

**Sam Thompson and Jacob Linn
Official Eagle Scouts!**

This is a real accomplishment for these two young men and Blessed Mother Parish is very proud of them! Their official ceremony will be Feb. 22nd.

Year of St. Paul Retreat

Retreat with Fr. Noel Mueller OSB at St. Joseph & Paul Parish Center, Feb. 20, 7-10pm and Feb. 21, 8am-4pm. Talks, reconciliation, Eucharist, \$20 per person, includes breakfast and lunch. Pre-order required by Feb. 16 at 685-3743 or download form from Marianshrineky.org

Catholic Q&A

What is "Christology"? What is "high Christology" and "low Christology"?

You must have been speaking with a theology student! Most people don't speak of these things in every day conversation. But, it is good for all of us to know at least a little something about them. After all, they have to do with our Savior ... and He is very important to us!

Christology is the study of Jesus Christ. It is primarily concerned with His nature: who and what He is, and what we should believe about Him. High Christology and low Christology are two different ways of approaching this study.

A high Christology takes as its starting point and its foundation the pre-existent *Logos*, the Word, the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, He who is "high" above us. John's Gospel is a prime example: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father" (Jn 1:1,14). This type of Christology is also called a "descending Christology" because it starts with the Second Person of the Trinity and moves downward, as it were, towards mankind as it contemplates the Incarnation, when God took on a human nature.

A low Christology takes as its starting point and its foundation Jesus as a human being, a historical figure. It depends on research and analysis of the Gospels, which provide for us much of what we know regarding Jesus' life on earth. This type of Christology is also called an "ascending Christology" because it starts with the human being Jesus and then rises up towards heaven as it contemplates the relationship between Jesus and God, He who is entirely "other-worldly" and "other-than."

Both approaches to the study of Jesus are susceptible to error, if you're not careful. We must remember that neither the humanity nor the divinity of Jesus can ever be compromised. Jesus Christ is both fully human and fully divine.

It sounds simple enough, but Christology can get really complicated really quick. If you would like to read more on this topic, I suggest starting with *Jesus, the Christ*, by Thomas G. Weinandy, or *To Know Christ Jesus* by Frank ("F.J.") Sheed. During Lent, we will be doing a 5-part study on the sufferings of Christ. This may be helpful to you as well.

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
nicholashardesty@gmail.com

**If you have a question about Catholicism,
call Nicholas at 683-8444, ext. 26 or send him an
email at the above address.**

Change in Mass Times On Tuesday and Wednesday

In order to give Fr. John a day off the Mass on Tuesday will be changed from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The Mass on Wednesday will be changed from 6:00 PM to 6:30 AM. This change will remain permanent.

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



Our prayers and sympathy

Are extended to: Mary Aull on the death of her sister, Paula Payne.

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

Rediscover the One You Love!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Apr. 17-19
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis
Call 317-888-1892
Email jbradleyevine@msn.com

Right to Life Chili Supper, Feb. 28, St. Pius Hall

Tickets will be sold at the doors of the church on Feb. 21-22, \$5 includes hot dog, chili, dessert, drink.
Serving begins at 5 PM

Catholic Schools News

OCMS Open House: A Parent Information Night and Student Open House for all current and prospective families interested in OCMS will be on Tues., Feb. 17, beginning at 7 PM.

Elementary Girls Intramural Volleyball: Grades 3-6, at OCS or Religious Ed classes register Mon, Feb. 16-5:30-7pm at K-3 Campus, Tues, Feb. 17, 5:30-7pm at 4-6 Campus Registration fee is \$35 for first child and \$20 for each additional. For info call Russ Hayden, 684-6783.

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

Len Bach, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Liz, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, Daniel Castlen, Maria Castlen, JB Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce, Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Ann Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Kevin Coakley, Alice Cole, Arnold Conder, Addie Corley, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Dorothy Davis, Theresa Dedincant, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Matt Gabis, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, George A. Hagan, Dottie Hamilton, Mary Hardesty, Joanna Hatcher, Martha Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler,, Peggy Hicks, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Kenny Hodskins, Mildred Howard, Margaret Isbell, Mary Ava Jackson, Gertrude Jones, 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, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Joann Ogle, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Mary Payne, Paul Payne, Lannie Joe Pearl, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Geraldine Ralph, Isabella & Isaiah Ratliff, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, , Larry Roby, Linda Rouse, Lucille Russell, Cecelia Schartung, Janet 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, Diane Walsh, 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

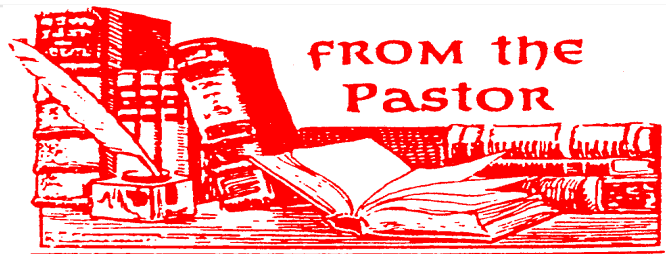
In Afghanistan

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

Other

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May
CSSR Justin Mills, Japan, grandson of Dessie Clark

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524



I hope you had a great week. Today is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel Jesus heals a leper. Lepers were some of the most outcast people of the time. Jesus accepts and heals him. How open are we in regards to the outcasts of today. Perhaps there are even outcasts in our own families. People we don't associate with for one reason or another. What is Jesus calling us to in their regard?

Don't forget the weekday Mass schedule change. I want to flip Tuesday and Wednesday Mass times. The evening Mass is Tuesday evening at 6pm and the morning Mass at 6:30am is Wednesday morning.

It won't be long before Lent begins. Ash Wednesday is February 25th. Be thinking now of some sacrifice you can make to further repentance in your life. The Mass schedule for that day is 9am school Mass, Mass at Noon and then 6pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence but NOT a holy day.

This weekend we welcome Joan Frey with Billboards for Life who will be speaking with us and taking up a donation for this important ministry.

Next weekend we welcome Deacon Josh McCarty back with us. Deacon Josh will be here a few times this semester as he prepares for Ordination to the Priesthood on May 30th of this year.

We continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the choice of our next bishop.

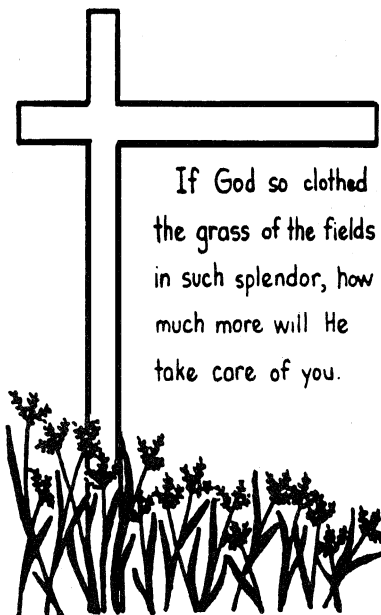
Have a great week.

Thank You from Jacob Linn

With my Eagle Scout ceremony approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Blessed Mother Church for your support and contribution to my Eagle Scout project. Last spring after I spoke at Mass, I collected \$1900.00 toward my project. That money, along with donations from the community, allowed me to completely renovate the patio area at the new Birthright/St. Gerald's Home location. (Before and after pictures are located in the back of church-fellow Eagle Scout Sam Thompson built the pergola over the patio.) After completion, I donated the remaining money to Birthright—\$700. Thank you all again for helping me reach my goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. Jacob Linn

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed”

Calendar for the Week
Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM
Mon. Mass at 6:30 AM
Bunko, 1:00 PM
Tues. Mass at 6:00 PM
Choristers Practice, 2:45PM Church
Bible Study, 7pm, Hall
Wed. Mass at 6:30 AM
Parish Council, 6:30 PM, Library
Thurs. Noon Mass
Returning Catholics, 6:30 PM
Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass at Noon
Sat. Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM
Mass at 4 PM
Sun. 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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



If God so clothed
the grass of the fields
in such splendor, how
much more will He
take care of you.

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
Phil Riney	926-8945
Elaine Williams	684-5116
Darlene Kazlauskas	684-3891

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**

**Prayer for the Selection of a Bishop
For the Diocese of Owensboro**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, You are our eternal shepherd and guide. In your mercy, grant your Church in Western Kentucky a shepherd who will walk in your ways and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing. Send your Spirit of Wisdom upon those who are to select a new Bishop of Owensboro. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christian Unity

If you would be interested in serving as a Parish Ecumenical Contact Person or serve on the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission please contact Fr. Tony Bickett, 756-2356 or ftonyb@yahoo.com

Readings for the Week

February 15 through February 22 , 2009

Sun: Lv 13:1-2,44-46 Ps 32:1-2,5,11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

Mon: Gn 4:1-15,25 Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21 Mk 8:11-13

Tues: Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5,10 Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Gn 8:6-13,20-22 Ps 116:12-15,18-19 Mk 8:22-26

Thurs: Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18,19-23,29 Mk 8:27-33

Fri: Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34-9:1

Sat: Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-5,10-11 Mk 9:2-13

Sun: Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25 Ps 41:2-5,13-14 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mk 2:1-12

***The will of God will never take you
where the grace of God will not protect you***