

He began to teach.



"The people were astonished at his teaching, he taught them as one having authority..."

Intention for the Week

Monday, Feb. 2, The Presentation of the Lord
6:30 AM Marietta Alvey (health)

Tuesday, Feb. 3, St. Blase
6:00 PM Henry Bittel (ann of death)

Wednesday, Feb. 4
6:30 AM Charlotte Parrent (dec)

Thursday, Feb. 5, St. Agatha
NO 9 AM Mass, School Confessions K-3
Noon Fran & Ethel Watrous

Friday, Feb. 6, St. Paul Miki & companions
Noon Ben Onstott (dec)

Saturday, Feb. 7
4:00 PM Tony Powers (Birthday)

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00 AM Ernest Kelley (ann of death)
10:00 AM David & Vicki Frey Thompson Family
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners



Liturgical Ministers for Feb. 7/8

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Jay, Susie Fillman, Joyce Pearl, Lannie Pearl, Sara Watson, Liz Francis, Marian Bennett, Mary Ava Jackson

7 AM Sr. Mary Timothy, Dorothy Aud, Carolyn Taylor, Harry, Charlene Baumgarten, Darlene Kazlauskas

10 AM Mark Church, Mary Howard, Eric Vaughan, Jim Bittel, Herman Barr, Julie Hayden, Kim Barnett, Becky Hargitt, Brenda Millay

5:30 PM Cliff Russell, Garrett Smith, Adam, Linda Wahl, Sarah Blanford, Michele Linn

Readers

4 PM Kathryn Dueker
7 AM David Payne
10 AM Troy Haleman
5:30 PM Renee Howard

Servers

4 PM Mahalia Smiley, Gary Fauchoux
7 AM Courtney, Brittany Estes
10 AM Caroline, Stephanie Hayden
5:30PM Alex Smiley, Emily Linn

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Karen Deuker
7 AM Barry Estes
10 AM Troy Haleman
5:30 David Howard

Children's Liturgy:

Leesa Moman, Julia Payne, Beth Allen

Vocation Cross Family

Mike Ward, Fran Watrous, Tim West

Hillcrest: Diane Fulkerson, Julie Hayden

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

At the Second Vatican Council in 1965, the bishops gathered in Rome declared: "It is for Christians a duty and an honor to give back to God a portion of the goods they have received from him." Three decades later, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the goods of creation are destined for the whole human race. It also cites St. John Chrysostom who said: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." Responsible caretaking means recognizing that all things are a gift from God and subsequently sharing a portion of these gifts with others, especially with those in need.

**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
\$16,907.	\$20,577.	\$21,407.	\$21,376.

Welcoming Catholics Back Home

Thursdays 6:30– 8:00 PM in the Family Life Center.
All are welcome.
If you have questions, contact Josie Hagan 926-1483.

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 Rome 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
Camp is located at Brandon Springs, transportation by Charter Bus.

Laugh for the Week

This is a true story, proving how fascinating the mind of a six year old is: A teacher was reading the story where first pig was trying to gather the building materials for his home. She read, 'and so the pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said: "Pardon me sir but may I have some of that straw to build my house?" The teacher paused then asked the class: "And what do you think the man said?" One little boy raised his hand and said very matter of factly, "I think the man would have said, "Well, I be darned! A talking pig!" The teacher had to leave the room.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

A new ministry of healing and concern for the entire parish: A blessing ceremony for our blankets that will go out to our sick and homebound will be held at the weekend Masses on Feb. 7-8. Remember our sick and homebound in your prayers!

Adorers Needed

Carmel Home on Wednesday, Midnight—1 am, and Monday 5-6 am. Call Marti Castlen @ 929-5839.

Knights of Columbus Sausage Sale

Deadline to order is Jan. 31, \$2.95 lb. smoked and fresh rolls and links, Call Neil Mattingly 683-3290.

Words of Life

The Gospel and First Reading for this Sunday raise the issue of the authority of those who speak the Word of God. These themes are important in the battle between the Culture of Life and the Culture of Death, because our opponents ask why we are "imposing our morality on everyone else." In reality however, we are not imposing anything. We are speaking a truth which is not our own, and which simply reflects the reality of how we are made and what the moral law is. If anything is "imposed," it has already been imposed by God. We are witnesses to him. We have no authority of our own; we simply proclaim his Word. By that fact we are equally bound by what we proclaim as are those to whom we proclaim it. This is why the proclamation of the pro-life message does not imply some kind of moral superiority on the part of those who proclaim it. Rather, it implies solidarity, and a common acknowledgement of the God of life, who is Lord of those who preach and those who hear.

Catholic Q&A

Protestants talk a lot about the “rapture” and the “tribulation.” What are these things and what is the Catholic belief about them?

Let’s take the “tribulation” first. The tribulation is a time of intense suffering and persecution that will take place around the time of the Second Coming of Christ. Most Protestants from fundamentalist denominations believe that Jesus will spare his elect (or his “chosen people”) from this tribulation by “rapturing” them before the tribulation begins. Supposedly, Christ will appear in the clouds and raise the souls of the elect up into the sky with him where He will reign in a sort of parallel kingdom while the unlucky ones are left to toil on earth and suffer the wrath of the anti-Christ. If you are one of the ones “left behind” (remember the books that were so popular?), then there is still a chance for you, if you come to faith in Christ during the tribulation.

Many Protestants anxiously await this rapture, and their hope is rooted in it. It is indeed a comforting thought to know that one does not have to undergo any persecution as the world reaches its culmination ... but it’s not Biblical and it’s not what Catholics believe.

While we **can** be sure that there will be a tribulation in the end times, the Church also teaches that **everyone alive** will experience it, even the elect. This is stated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (nos. 675-677) and clearly seen in the 24th chapter of Matthew’s gospel. Matthew also tells us that Jesus will come **after** the tribulation, not before (cf. Mt 24:29-31).

As for the rapture, Catholics **do** believe that at the end of time, human souls will “meet the Lord in the air” (cf. 1 Thes 4:17), but we don’t believe that this will take place in order to spare the elect from the tribulation. Instead, we believe that this meeting will take place between God and **every soul that has ever lived**, at what is termed the “final judgment” (or the “general judgment”). When Jesus comes again the souls of all mankind will be reunited with their bodies and the works of every single person will be revealed to all. In this way, all will know why some souls received heaven and others hell, and the mercy and justice of God will be vindicated.

In other words, this “meeting the Lord in the air” (and similar verses that Protestants use to defend the rapture) actually explain what will take place in the **final judgment**. This can get complicated, but there are some Catholic books on this topic that are very helpful. I suggest *Will Catholics Be Left Behind?* by Carl Olson, and *The Rapture Trap* by Paul Thigpen.

Peace of Christ to you,
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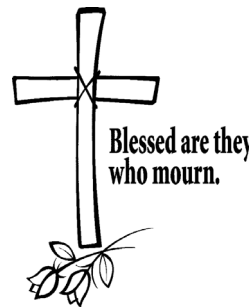
Change in Mass Times On Tuesday and Wednesday

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 channel 11) 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:

Bonnie Snyder and daughter Caitlyn on the death of her father, William Stuart.

Susie Fillman and Tony Fiorella and families on the death of their father, Gabe Fiorella Jr.

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

Thanks for the Coats

Thank you so much for your recent donation of coats. With the temperatures dipping so drastically this year, they were greatly needed and appreciated. So many of our families just simply cannot afford the necessities of life. We feel so blessed that through donations such as yours, we are able to help our families and our kids. Thank you for remembering us. Marilyn Jackson, Foust Family Resource Center

Rediscover the One You Love!
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Apr. 17-19
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis
Call 317-888-1892
Email jbradleylevine@msn.com

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

Len Bach, Helen Bellwoord, 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, Hetie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Dorothy Davis, Theresa Dedincent, 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, Lee Newton, Joann Ogle, 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, , 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, Dianne 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



I hope you had a great week. Today is the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel is a typical Ordinary Time Gospel telling of Jesus traveling and teaching in the synagogues. Mark makes it clear that there is a difference in the teaching of Jesus. He taught with authority. He could speak of Godly things personally because of who He was and who His Father was. He spoke with authority because He spoke with experience. He had a personal experience of the love of the Father. Jesus wants us to know first-hand the love of the Father too.

Next week there will be a change in the week-day Mass schedule. I would like to try this and see how it works. I want to flip Tuesday and Wednesday Mass times. The evening Mass will be Tuesday evening at 6pm and the morning Mass will be at 6:30am Wednesday morning. I am doing this because I need to change my day off from Tuesday to Monday.

Tuesday of next week, February 3rd, is the feast of St. Blaise. We will have the blessing of throats after Mass at 6pm.

I underestimated the response to the postcard campaign. We did manage to get a few more. Thanks for the great response.

Pray for Bishop McRaith on this change in his life. May he have many fruitful years ahead of him. We pray for the Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Mike Clark, pastor of St. Anthony, Brown's Valley, who will oversee things in the interim. We could be without a bishop for several months. We also pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the choice of our next bishop.

Have a great week.

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

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

**Tues. Mass at 6:30 AM
Choristers Practice, 2:45PM Church
Bible Study, 7pm, Hall**

Wed. Mass at 6 PM

**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. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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
AA Meeting, 8-9pm, school cafeteria**

Readings for the Week

February 1 through February 8, 2009

- Sun: Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28
- Mon: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40
- Tues: Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28,30-32 Mk 5:21-43
- Wed: Heb 12:4-7,11-15 Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a
Mk 6:1-6
- Thurs: Heb 12:18-19,21-24 Ps 48:2-4,9-11 Mk 6:7-13
- Fri: Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9 Mk 6:14- 29
- Sat: Heb 13:15-17,20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34
- Sun: Jb 7:1-4,6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23
Mk 1:29-39

Parish Council Members

Sharon Bell	729-4270
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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.

Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, “Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital.” Then is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, “The Law of the Garbage Truck.” He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, frustration, anger and disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they’ll dump it on you. Don’t take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don’t take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life’s too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so...Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don’t. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it! Have a blessed, garbage-free day!