

"We have found the Messiah"

Intention for the Week

Monday, Jan. 19

6:30 AM Pauline Ling (dec)

Tuesday, Jan. 20, Sts. Fabian, Sebastian

6:30 AM That our new president will work to protect the sanctity of each human life

Wednesday, Jan. 21, St. Agnes

6:00 PM For the unborn in danger of abortion

Thursday, Jan. 22, Day of Penance, Anniversary of Roe vs Wade

Noon Catherine Roberts

Friday, Jan. 23

Noon Ben Onstott (dec)

Saturday, Jan. 24, St. Frances de Sales

4:00 PM Joseph Glenn Wooldridge (ann of death)

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Virginia & Paul Raley

10:00 AM Mary Helen Riney (dec)

5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners



Liturgical Ministers for Jan. 24/25

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Jan Storm, Jeanne Pointer, Bonnie Snyder, Ruth Bittel, Lucy Harpe, Cecelia Hamilton, Marjorie Early, Fran, Ethel Watrous

7 AM Sr. Mary Timothy, Dorothy Aud, Carolyn Taylor, Charlene, Harry Baumgarten, Don Cecil

10 AM Jeannie Best, Sabrina, Scott Johnson, Sharon, John Bell, Drew, Jeannette Ward, Ed Higdon, Mike Head

5:30 PM Cliff Russell, Olivia Hardesty, Rachel Thomas, Janice Bumm, Bobby, Phyllis Bastin

Readers

4 PM Judy Coomes

7 AM Mike Williams

10 AM Jim Mattingly

5:30 PM Greg Cash

Servers

4 PM Nathan, Jarrod Wolford

7 AM Alex, Harper Dotsey

10 AM Megan, Kyle Alvey

5:30 PM Emily Marshall, Mason Robertson

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Jr. Harpe

7 AM Bernie Dotsey

10 AM Jack Alvey

5:30 Cliff Russell

Children's Liturgy:

Michelle Sandefur, Hannah Martin, Katelyn Blanford

Vocation Cross Family

Shelby Thompson, Jim Topper, Lloyd Travis

Hillcrest: Joan Frey, Rose Clark

Ministers of Hospitality for January

4 Larry Franey, Mike Hayes, Tom Wedding, Tom Hobbs

7 Jeff, Mary Fenwick, Steve Orth, Glenn Woodward

10 Mike Ward, Susan Jennings, Paul Trogden, Mike Wolford

5:30 Jenna Laboy, Chris Ward, Nathan Newton, Matt Howard

**Forming Good Stewards
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Two disciples of John asked Jesus, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." John 1:35-42

In the time of Jesus very few people could read or write. Copies of the torah and other books were rare and reserved for a few people. Students listened to teachers learned in the law and the prophets of Israel. Such teachers were called Rabbi and were valued for their wisdom, not the extent of their education. They rarely, if ever sent their students to another rabbi. But John sent his disciples to Jesus. When they asked, "Where are you staying?" they were asking, "What do you teach?" Jesus did not embark on a long dissertation. He said, "come, and you will see." Some of John's disciples followed Jesus and learned from his life and example. They saw and believed. Eventually they did their best to imitate Jesus. Sometimes they failed, but they tried again. We have the benefit of Revelation in Scripture and Tradition, and more than tow thousand years of Christian models who risked much and sacrificed all to imitate Jesus. It is not too late in the new year to resolve to do our best to imitate Jesus. And if we fail, we can try again.

Sunday collection

Actual	Budgeted	MTD Average	YTD Average
\$19,968.	\$20,577.	\$24,238.	\$21,580.

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 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 othr young people your age fro 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.

Bishop John McRaith

Bishop John McRaith, in his 75 year of age and 27th year as our Bishop has decided to retire. He plans on living in the diocese and to continue to minister. We wish him the best in his retirement and we are very thankful for all the years that he has served the Church in Western Kentucky. We will always remember his gentle ways, his sense of humor, and his love for us and the church. Fr. Mike Clark has been appointed as the Administrator until a new Bishop is appointed.

Laugh for the Week

After Christmas break, a teacher assigned the students a paper on "How I spent my holiday". One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retard and they moved to Mission, TX. Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on their bikes and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wrecked center, but they must have got it fixed because it looked ok to me. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool there too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on. At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night— Early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center for pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retard someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

**Annual Marian Conference
February 7, 2009
Blessed Mother Parish Hall
Mary: Handmaid of the Lord**



Dr. Ray Guarendi and Patty Schneier guest speakers. \$20 per person, \$5 extra for lunch. Download a form at www.marianshrineky.org or call 683-4665.

Catholic Q&A

What's the best way to deal with anti-Catholicism on the internet?

Here are a few things that I try to keep in mind:

BE INFORMED: You have to equip yourself. Read the *Catechism*. Read the Bible. Find some good Catholic websites that defend the faith. You don't have to be a genius, just have some resources on hand. You can't respond to anti-Catholic arguments if you don't even know what the Church teaches or why She teaches it. Once you know your faith well, the ramblings of anti-Catholics don't startle you as much because you know that there is always an answer to them.

BE PRUDENT: One thing I learned the hard way is that you can't tackle every bit of anti-Catholicism that comes your way. I used to act as though the survival of the Church depended solely upon me and thus I had to respond to every attack. Over the years I have learned to just let things go and to concentrate my efforts on what will be the most fruitful. If you try to be a one-man army then you will burn out quickly and then you won't want to defend the Church at all.

STAY CALM: Many people tend to get very emotional when they encounter anti-Catholicism. This hardly ever works out to your advantage. When you start calling people "bigots" and "haters" and say things like "how dare you!" and "who do you think you are!" all you do is come off as someone who has to use emotional appeals to prove a point, instead of logic and reasoning. You also show the other person that he has gotten under your skin. A lot of times, people aren't looking for intellectually-honest discourse. They just want to make someone angry. Don't make yourself an easy target. Plus, when you're "cool, calm, and collected," you create a glaring dichotomy between your disciplined reasoning and their hate-filled, vitriolic diatribes. Then, to the people viewing the debate, it's easier to see who is there to actually debate and who isn't.

STAY ON TOPIC: This is easily the #1 mistake that I see people make when they engage others in debate. You **have to** stay on topic. Be stubborn about it. You must simply refuse to discuss anything that is not on topic. If you don't do this, then your discussion will go nowhere.

PRAY HARD: Finally, you have to make prayer a central part of your work in responding to people who attempt to discredit and refute the Church's teaching. This is after all a spiritual battle that we are waging (cf. Eph 6:12). Pray that God will grant you the patience, wisdom, and above all, **charity** that is necessary to be effective in engaging these people.

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

**Confirmation Candidates!
NET Team Retreat
Jan. 20th at Blessed Mother
4-8pm in the Parish Hall**

**Congratulations to our
Second Graders!
First Reconciliation
Jan. 18, 2-3pm**

Cathedral Preschool Registration

Cathedral Preschool will begin registering 3,4, and 5 year old children for the 2009-2010 School Year. Registration for families who have children currently enrolled begins on Monday, Feb. 2. Forms will automatically be sent to you. Registration for new families begins Monday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 am. You may request forms by calling Cathedral Preschool at 926-1652.

New Mount St. Joseph Chapel Windows book now available

"Divine Light: the Story of the Windows and Appointments of the Motherhouse Chapel of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph" has just been published and is available for sale. The 48 page booklet details the story behind each of the beautiful windows in the Motherhouse Chapel, including background on the saints pictured. It also includes appointments in the chapel, such as the altar, organ and Stations of the Cross. "Divine Light" was researched and written by Sr. Annalita Lancaster, OSU, former superior of the congregation. The cost is \$10 plus \$2 for postage. To order, contact Sister Vickie Cravens, Archives, 229-4103 ext. 302 or archives@maplemount.org

Ursuline Sister to be memorialized by Owensboro Symphony

The late Sister Mary Cecilia Payne, OSU, is being honored with a principal chair in the violin section at the Jan. 24 Owensboro Symphony Orchestra concert at the RiverPark. The concert, a Latin Fiesta, will feature pianist Raffi Besalyan. Sr. May Cecilia directed the first Brescia String Ensemble in 1952. She died in 1987. Donations for the establishment of the endowed chair may be sent to Mission Advancement, 8001 Cummings Rd., Maple Mount, Ky. 42356

**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, Het-tie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Dorothy Davis, Theresa Dedincent, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, , Evette Duke, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Dun-can, Kinsey Dunn, Matt Gabis, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, George A. Hagan, Dottie Hamil- ton, Mary Hardesty, Joanna Hatcher, Martha Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Hep- pler,, Peggy Hicks, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Kenny Hodskins, Mildred Howard, Margaret Isbell, Mary Ava Jackson, Gertrude Jones, Martin Keller, 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, Isa- bella & Isaiah Ratliff, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Alli- son Riley & baby, Larry Roby, Linda Rouse, 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, Charles Wedding, 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

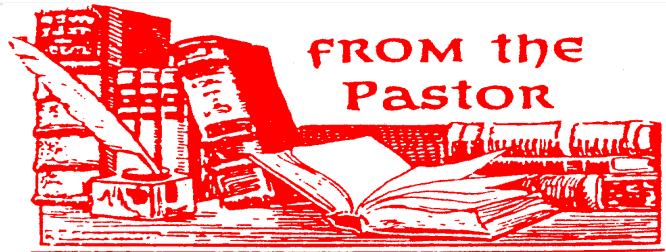
In Afghanistan

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are back in the “green.” Even though we are in the year of Mark’s Gospel, we visit the Gospel of John today and the call of the first disciples. In this Gospel, it is John the Baptist’s followers that first come to Jesus. An- drew is one of the first evangelists when he brings his brother Peter to Jesus. Let us be conscious of bringing others to Jesus this week.

We pray for all our second graders who are making their First Reconciliation this afternoon at 2pm. May they know the great grace of forgiveness on this special day.

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.

Monday we see the arrival of the NET team. They come to our diocese every year to give retreats for our Confirmation students. The NET team is a group of college age people who give a year of their lives for this cause traveling around the coun- try giving retreats. Our NET retreat is Tuesday of this week. The guys on the team stay at the rec- tory while they are here. It is always a blessing having them.

Thursday is a day of prayer and penance “for viola- tions to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and prayer for the full res- toration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.” Let us do some act of sacrifice on this day for this cause.

Thanks to all who signed the petition to try and stop the Freedom of Choice Act from being passed. It is my understanding that this bill has been attempted before and was prohibited through the efforts of campaigns such as this. We will have the chance to do some post card sending soon for this purpose.

Have a great week.

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
Social Concerns, 6 PM, Library
NET Retreat, 4 PM, Hall**

**Wed. Mass at 6 PM
Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 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. 3rd 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**

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**

Words of Life



On Tuesday this week we are asked to pray that our new President be moved to do all possible to protect human life, and to introduce and support only bills that support life.

On Thursday we are asked to observe a day of fast for the end to the horrors of abortion in our country!

Year of St. Paul Retreat

Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish Center, Feb. 20, 7-10pm, Feb. 21-4pm. Talks, reconciliation, Eucharist, \$20 per person, includes breakfast and lunch. Pre-order required by Feb; 16, 685-3743 or download form at Marianshrineky.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 18 through January 25, 2009

- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42
- Monday: Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c
Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 40:7-10,17 Mk3:7-12
- Friday: Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8,10-14 Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: Heb 9:2-3,11-14 Ps 47:2-3,6-9
Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

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
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Ecumenical Prayer Service

In celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a prayer service has been scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 PM at St. Stephen Cathedral. Rev Todd Love of Settle Memorial will be the guest homilist. A reception will follow in the undercroft.

Catholic Schools News

OCHS New Student Parent Information Night

Registration for all incoming freshmen will then take place at Catholic High on Wednesday, Jan. 21st in the cafeteria and small gym at 7pm. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kurt Osborne, OCHS Assistant Principal, at 684-3215.

Grandparents Program/Afternoon is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 26 at 12:30 at Our Lady of Lourdes. Each grade level will sing a special song for their grandparents in the church and then all are invited back to the school for an Open House and refreshments.