

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men .”

Intention for the Week

Monday, Jan. 26. Sts. Timothy & Titus
6:30 AM Margie Hayden

Tuesday, Jan. 27, St. Angela Merici
6:30 AM Henry Bittel (ann of death)

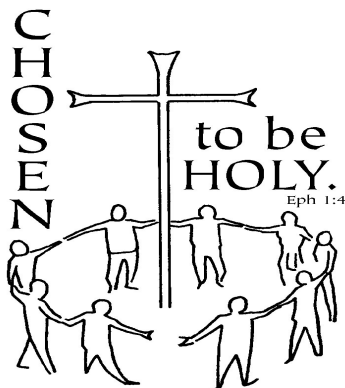
Wednesday, Jan. 28, St. Thomas Aquinas
6:00 PM Judy Rector

Thursday, Jan. 29
NO 9 AM Mass
Noon Allen & Nancy Johnson

Friday, Jan. 30
Noon Charles Conder (dec b'day)

Saturday, Jan. 31, St. John Bosco
4:00 PM Arnold-Stinnett Families

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00 AM Joan Edge (dec)
10:00 AM Nancy & Jim Byrum Family
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners



Liturgical Ministers for Jan. 31/Feb. 1

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Lannie Pearl, Marjorie Early, Shirley Kent, Jack Wilson, Sandra Henry, David McBride, Jeff Williams, Maggie O'Bryan, Edith Johnson

7 AM Carolyn Taylor, Dorothy Aud, Sr. Mary Timothy, Joy, Bill Bach

10 AM Debbie Ward, Russ Hayden, Jim Hagan, Denny Mann, Bill Hayden, Jenny Glaser, Darlene Church, Elaine Williams, Carol Goedde

5:30 PM Bev Payne, Rick, Leesa Moman, Janet Ruth, Sandra, Dan Thomas

Readers

4 PM Joe O'Bryan
7 AM Harry Baumgarten
10 AM Ann Blanford
5:30 PM Melinda Thompson

Servers

4 PM Lauren Williams, Nicholas Jackson
7 AM Kevin, Tricia Thompson
10 AM Billy Cason, Michael Goedde
5:30PM Jacob, Josh Linn

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM David McBride
7 AM Al Thompson
10 AM Patrick Cason
5:30 Dan Thomas

Children's Liturgy:

Laura Cecil, Ruth Schrecker, Kaley Robertson

Vocation Cross Family

Mike Wade, Steve Wall, David Ward

Hillcrest: Debbie Ward, Donna Powers

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  
Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul**

"Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do." Acts 22:3-16

As a young man Saul was sent to Jerusalem to be a student of the famed Rabbi Gamaliel. After his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus he spent time discovering "what you must do." He realized that he could not be an Apostle of Jesus without risking the same fate as Jesus. Later, in Jerusalem, Saul said "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cicilia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Garaliel; educated strictly in our ancestral law and was zealous for God, just as you are today." Then, "whatever gains I and, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ." Paul's faith in Jesus as the Christ moved him to spend his life to preach the Gospel from Jerusalem to Rome, establishing communities of people who believed in Jesus. We are called to the same conversion St. Paul experienced. We called to constant conversion and called to the same conversion St. Paul experienced. We are called to constant conversion and renewal in order to respond as Paul responded—willing to suffer much and risk all to show and share with all we meet the love of Christ. Are we willing to respond like Paul to our conversion?

**Sunday collection**

Actual	Budgeted	MTD Average	YTD Average
\$20,145.	\$20,577.	\$22,907.00	\$21,530.

**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 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.

**Laugh for the Week**

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking driver said, "I'm sorry, but you scared the day-lights out of me." The frightened passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much. The driver replied, "No, no, I'm sorry, it's entirely my fault. I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years."



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

**Soups On!!!!  
Burgoo Cook for  
Blessed Mother Youth Group  
Saturday, January 24  
Ready at 3 PM at the Burgoo Barn**

**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!*

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

Hurting from abortion or know someone who is? This retreat for men and women who are suffering from the effects of abortion will be Jan. 30-Feb. 1 at St. Joseph Monastery, (Passionist Nuns), at Whitesville. Contact Debbie at 683-6933.

**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.

**January 26-30  
Catholic Schools Week  
Come, celebrate Catholic education!**

## Catholic Q&A

*If it is not a requirement to be a Catholic to enter heaven then what can we say to fallen-away Catholics to bring them back to the faith if they are good, practicing Christians? What can we say to keep Catholics in the faith and not go astray?*

The fact that it's not a requirement to be Catholic to enter heaven only applies to those who are not accountable for being non-Catholic. For example, God would not demand Catholicity from an Indian in the Amazon jungle who had never even heard of Christ. But, the fallen-away Catholic, he **has** heard of Christ. More than that, he has received the fullness of Truth in the Church of Christ. He has turned his back on the Sacraments and our Eucharistic Lord. Jesus tells us, "Every one to whom much is given, of him will much be required" (Lk 12:48). We have indeed been given much in this Catholic faith of ours, and when the master comes on a day we do not expect and an hour we do not know, we must be able to show him that we have been good stewards of it all.

Thus, it is a very serious thing to leave the Catholic Church, but we must also be as empathetic as possible with those of us who have decided to go elsewhere. It is often a very complicated set of circumstances that forces people to leave the Church. A lot of heartache and misunderstanding is usually involved. We have to listen to their story, let them have their say, and then patiently and charitably explain to them what is worthwhile and wonderful about the Catholic faith.

That is also, consequently, what I think encourages people to stay Catholic. That's why I started the "Catholic Q&A" in the first place: to help people to see what is so Good, Beautiful, and True about this Church of which we are members. Some people are convinced by logic and reasoning, and there is certainly a place for that. But, **all** people are convinced by true happiness and joy. Let them hear the various arguments in support of Catholic doctrine, but let them also see a smile on your face. Let them see you get choked up over a Scripture verse. Let them see your peace as you return from Confession. Let them see your quiet reverence in the house of the Lord. This doesn't mean putting on a show. It means being in love with the Lord and unabashedly Catholic. Such a witness is usually of tremendous reassurance for those who have left the Church, those who may possibly join, and all of us members who need a reminder from time to time of just how blessed we are.

If this happiness, this peace, this reverence is not yours, then pray for it and strive for it. We have to convert our own hearts and minds before we can convert the hearts and minds of others.

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

## 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**

## 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.

## Women's Retreat begins Feb. 27 Maple Mount

A "Woman in the Bible" Women's Retreat led by Sr. Cheryl Clemons, will take place Feb. 27-Mar 1 at the Mount. Join us for their spiritual time with God and each other. Registration is \$175 or commuters can attend for \$120. Take 10% off if paid in full by Feb. 15. Contact Kathy McCarty to register. 229-0200 Ext 413

## Koinonia at St. Pius

Jan. 30-Feb. 1. It's a chance for participants to hear Christ's call for change or renewal of their spiritual life. Call Rob & Kathy Edge 281-0274 for more info.

## Hope and Forgiveness Retreat

Sponsored by the Office of Wisdom  
Call Ginny Knight-Simon at 683-1545  
Retreat can be customized to fit you schedule.  
For 50 years and older men and women

*From Death to New Life* 

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Elaine Williams and Sheila Duncan and family on the death of their sister, Evette Duke

To Raymunda Calhoun and Mary Howard on the death of their brother, Charlie Wedding.

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

**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 & Isaiiah Ratliff, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Allison 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 Tower, 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

**Daily Bible Reading 683-8524**



I hope you had a great week. Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel is typically from Mark. Today however, we are allowed to read a different one. Since this is the Year of St. Paul (until June 29) and today is usually the feast of the Conversion of Paul, Pope Benedict has allowed us to read some of the readings from that feast instead of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Gospel is from Mark, as well, from the concluding verses. It is the call for all of us to evangelize in the world sharing the Good News of Jesus with everyone.

Today begins Catholic Schools Week. We thank God for the gift of our Catholic schools and pray for all those involved from administration to faculty members and staff. We pray for our school families, parents and students. We also thank God for you who may not be connected to the school directly for supporting the schools with prayer and financial sacrifices.

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 have 200 sets of postcards for the same purpose. The cards are already stamped and addressed. All you have to do is sign them and put your return address. We will mail them or you can mail them.

We end a week of prayer for Christian Unity and pray for our brothers and sisters in other Christian denominations that we may grow in acceptance of the truth in Jesus.

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.

I thank all those who had a hand in the celebration of First Reconciliation this past Sunday. The 19 second graders had a great experience of God's forgiving love.

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**

**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. 4th 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**

January 25 through February 1, 2009

- Sun: Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20
- Mon: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10 317:Mk 3:22-30
- Tues: Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2,4,7-8,10-11 Mk 3:31-35
- Wed: Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 4:1-20
- Thurs: Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4ab,5-6 Mk 4:21-25
- Fri: Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40 Mk 4:26-34
- Sat: Heb 11:1-2,8-19 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41
- Sun: Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

**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](http://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](http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org)**



**Words of Life**

In the mystery of the Incarnation, the Son of God confirmed the dignity of the body and soul which constitute the human being. Christ did not disdain human bodiliness, but instead fully disclosed its meaning and value: "In reality, it is only in the mystery of the Incarnate Word that the mystery of man truly becomes clear. *Dignitas Personae*

**Year of St. Paul Retreat**

Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish Center, Feb. 20, 7-10pm, Feb. 218-4pm. Talks, reconciliation, Eucharist, \$20 per person, includes breakfast and lunch. Pre-order required by Feb; 16, 685-3743 or download form at [Marianshrineky.org](http://Marianshrineky.org)

**Catholic Schools News**

**OCHS New Student Parent Information Night**  
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.

**Catholic Schools Week Mass at the Sportscenter, Wednesday, Jan. 28, 10 am**

**Card of Thanks**

Thank you for your kindness during the recent death of my sister, Evette Duke. The Funeral Mass was very uplifting due to the glorious voices of the choir and Fr. John's homily is still being talked about as being inspired from above. The hearty Bereavement meal was just what we all needed after being out in the cold January day. Special thanks to Janice Bumm fro taking communion to Evette for several years. Janice was her life line to the Parish. Elaine & Kenny Williams, Vicki Hayden, Sharon Johnson, Valerie Thompson, and Nicholas Williams families