



Intention for the Week

Monday, March 16

6:30 AM Mildred Bittel (dec)

Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick

6:00 PM Rita McGovern

Wednesday, March 18, St. Cyril

6:30 AM Mary Elizabeth Hill (b'day)

Thursday, March 19, St. Joseph

9 AM School Mass

Noon Jamie Yeagar

Friday, March 20

Noon Ben Onstott (dec)

Saturday, March 21

4:00 PM Ettie Rose Head (dec)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parishioners

10:00 AM Bernard Cecil (dec)

5:30 PM Mae Hamilton (dec)

**"Destroy this temple and in three days
I will raise it up"**



**Ministry Fair This Weekend
In St. Joseph Hall
After All Masses**

Liturgical Ministers for March 21/22

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Bonnie Snyder, Maggie, Joe O'Bryan, Mike Pearl, Liz Francis, Marian Bennett, Ethel Watrous, Lahoma Stinnett

7 AM Sr. Mary Timothy, Don Cecil, Dorothy Aud, Carolyn Taylor, Brenda Hagan, Darlene Kazlauskas

10 AM Jim Hagan, Carol, Darryl Murphy, Jeannie Best, Drew, Jeannette Ward, Brenda Millay, Raymunda, John Calhoun

5:30 PM Cliff Russell, Bobby, Phyllis Bastin, Bev Payne, Volunteers

Readers

4 PM Fran Watrous

7 AM Charlie Castlen

10 AM Nicole Elder

5:30 PM Greg Cash

Servers

4 PM Mahalia Smiley, Billy Cason

7 AM Kaylin Hagan, Daniel Castlen

10 AM Daniel Best, Natalie Newton

5:30 PM Alex Smiley, Mason Robertson

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Steve Haynes

7 AM Mike Wade

10 AM Valerie Thompson

5:30 PM David Marshall

Children's Liturgy

Natalie Hayden, Hunter Bolling, Rachel Greenwell

Vocation Cross Family

Hugh Bittel, Ruth Bittel-Nunez, David Blanford

Hillcrest: Denny Mann, Shari Newton

Ministers of Hospitality for March

4 Mark Dorth, Ken Terry, Taylor Wells, Gerald Coomes

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

10 Tony, Donna, Blake Powers, Phil Riney

5:30 Amie Walters, Alex Bumm, Pat, Isaac Hardesty

Catholic Q&A

In the Gospel reading for the second week of Lent (cf. Mk 9:2-10), we read that Peter wanted to make "booths" for Elijah, Moses, and Jesus when these three gloriously appeared at the top of the mountain. What are "booths" and why did Peter want to build them?

First, the booths: these are small huts made of tree branches, the same shelters the Israelites used during the 40-year journey through the wilderness after the Exodus. They also utilized these booths in their encampment around Mt. Sinai, while Moses received the Law from God. Orthodox Jews construct these booths today when they celebrate the "Feast of Booths," a seven-day commemoration of God's protection of His people while they journeyed those 40 years.

I consulted several Scripture commentaries and the perception seems to be that Peter wanted to construct booths for Elijah, Moses, and Jesus so that he could prolong the glorious event that he was witnessing. That is certainly understandable. The *Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture* (©1953), however, gives us another reason: Peter may have assumed that Moses and Elijah had come to stay and to herald Jesus in his glory.

This makes sense. After all, according to vs. 11, they believed that Elijah would return to pave the way for the Messiah. They also believed, according to Deut 18:15, that God would raise up a prophet like Moses to lead His people, and they would "listen to him." And now here they are, Elijah and Moses, conversing with Jesus before their very eyes! And what does the voice from the cloud say? "This is my beloved Son, **listen to him.**" This may have made Peter realize that he was witnessing the fulfillment of what the Jews had been anticipating. Moses and Elijah have come to tell the entire world that Jesus is the Messiah, the prophet like Moses! In Peter's mind, if Elijah and Moses have come to stay then they need shelter, so he desired to make them each a booth. Of course, in his excitement he has forgotten that glorified bodies have no need for shelter!

Ultimately, I think the booths (as well as the setting and the cloud and pretty much everything else in the scene) serve to connect the Transfiguration with God's revelation to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Both take place on the seventh day, both occur on a mountain, both Jesus and Moses take three companions with them, both of their faces shine with God's glory, both involve the cloud of God's presence, and both events involve God speaking through a heavenly voice. These parallels solidify Jesus as the "new Moses," and the fulfillment of the Law that Moses received. Like Moses, Jesus stands as the mediator between God and His people. Like Moses, Jesus frees us from slavery and bondage. Like Moses, Jesus feeds us with bread from heaven. Praise be to God!

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
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5-Part Study on the Sufferings of Christ

Tuesdays, 7 pm, St. Joseph Hall
For more info call Nicholas Hardesty,
683-8444 ext. 26

Catholic Camps for Young People 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 L.I.F.E.

Camp for ages 14-19 (incoming freshman), June 28-July 3 or July 12-17 at Gasper River Youth Camp. Go to www.Gasperriverretreatcenter.org for registration information.

Christian Leadership Institute (CLI)

Will be held June 21-26 at Mount St. Joseph, June 21-16 for ages 15-19 (who have completed their freshmen year of high school) and would like to learn how to be a better leader. Great for those wanting to be a youth group leader/officer, serve on a retreat team, class officer or student council member. For registration contact the Parish Office.

Laugh for the Week

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of pecans and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me, said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence. Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me. He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. Come here quick, said the boy, you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls. The man said, Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk. When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me. The old man whispered, Boy, you've been telling me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord. Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord. At last they heard, One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence. They say the old man made it back to town a full 5 minutes ahead of the kid on the bike.

**Blessed Mother Parish Mission,
March 16-17, 7 PM
Fr. Pablo Straub**

Forming Good Stewards

Third Sunday of Lent

"Take these out of here and stop making my Father's house a marketplace"

John 2:13-25

Jesus did not live in Jerusalem. He was taken to there as an infant and his family traveled to the city for a Passover when he was a young boy. He visited the city as an adult and celebrated a Passover meal with his friends. He was then arrested, beaten, crucified, died, was buried and rose from the dead in Jerusalem. The Temple in Jerusalem housed the Ark of the Covenant and was considered to be the place where God resided and was to be worshiped. But some had turned the Temple into a for-profit enterprise. Jesus drove them out. As a result of the Incarnation, Birth, Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus and our own Baptism, we are Temples of the Holy Spirit. How do we treat our temple? Have we brought into the "Meism" and "He who dies with the most things wins" mentality of our culture and turned our Temple into a marketplace? Lent is a time to reflect on what we have done with our Temple. When we see Jesus will he approach us with open arms or will he be swinging a handful of cords?

Sunday Collections

Actual	Budget	Month Average	YTD Average
\$19,557..	\$20,577.	\$21,174..	\$21,174..

Blessed Mother Church

Ministry Fair

March 14-15

After All Masses

St. Joseph Hall



Ushers



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Gift Bearers



Sign-ups, Information,
Refreshments, Prizes,
New Parish Resource Books

You are invited to come and see what your church has to offer!

You are invited to come and see what you can offer your church!

*There are different gifts but the same Spirit,
There are different forms of service
but the same Lord,
There are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.
1 Cor 12:4-6*



Our prayers and sympathy

Are extended to Patsy Rafferty on the death of her brother, Bob Hayden.

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

Communal Penance Service for Lent

Mar. 11,	Browns Valley, St. Anthony, 6pm
Mar. 12	Knottsville, St. Lawrence, 6pm
Mar. 18	St. Pius X, 6pm
Mar. 19	Knottsville, St. William, 6pm
Mar 22	Blessed Mother, 2pm
Mar. 25	Sts. Joseph & Paul, 6pm
Mar. 26	Lourdes, 6pm

Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 7 PM

"Come, walk that lonely walk with me."



Chrism Mass

The Mass will be celebrated 10:30am Tuesday, April 7 at St. Stephen Cathedral. Limited to Priest and appointed parish representatives. Not open to the Public.

Words of Life

The traditional practice of "giving something up for Lent" is a practice of self-denial. Our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say No to ourselves and Yes to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says Yes to ourselves and No to God and others. In our culture, the most violent No to God is abortion. Four thousand times every day in our nation, people say No to a little child so that they may say Yes to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let's think of these children. Let's offer our sacrifices for them. May all say Yes to God and Yes to the unborn.

The Human Experience

Coming May 2nd & 3rd, to Brescia University. This event is sponsored by the Mike Horn Foundation, the Office of vocations, The Disciples Response Fund, Brescia University, St. Maximilian Books, and Gideon Productions. Tickets \$2. Call Brescia to purchase in advance or pay at the door. Sat, May 2, 7pm, Sun., May 2, 2pm at Taylor Lecture Hall

Brescia University Alumni Weekend 2009

Is scheduled for April 17-18. Friday evening's festivities will include dedication of Alumni Hall, dinner in the Quad, dancing around the fountain. Saturday includes brunch honoring alumni who are veterans and the 2009 annual alumni award recipients, reception and banquet in the evening recognizing previously honored and new Distinguished Alumni. Deadline to register is April 6. Call 686-2111.

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

Len Bach, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Liz, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, JB Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce, Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Ann Clark, Clifton Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Kevin Coakley, Alice Cole, Arnold Conder, Addie Corley, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Dorothy Davis, 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, Martha Hayden, Madalyn Marie 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, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Conner Mills, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Joann Ogle, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Laura Payne, Mary Payne, Paul Payne, Lannie Joe Pearl, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Isabella & Isaiah Ratliff, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, , 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, Tammy Tucker, Glynda Turner, Jean Van Meter, David Vasterling, Joyce Ventrees, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Katherine Whittinghill, Ellen Wolford, 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
Matthew Hoffman, US Army, Baghdad (great nephew of Camilla Baker)
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
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 of Lent. The readings are a little different today. On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, when the RCIA candidates are present, and the Scrutinies are celebrated we are allowed to take the readings from Year A. I compromise and use only the Gospel from year A, the story of the woman at the well. Even though no RCIA candidates are present, I still want to pray the Scrutinies at each Mass. It is good for the Lord to look deep into our hearts as He did the woman at the well and call us all to conversion. May we be open to the power of repentance the Lord is showing us.

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm. Come join us and walk His path to Calvary.

Penance Services for the season of Lent have started. Please check elsewhere in this bulletin for schedules. Our parish service will be Sunday, March 22, at 2pm in the afternoon.

We will not be able to have the regularly scheduled parish council meeting on Wednesday of this week because of a penance service I need to be at. We will reschedule it however.

We welcome Deacon Josh McCarty this weekend and thank him for coming and sharing his words with us.

This is our annual Ministry Fair weekend. After each Mass you are invited to the parish hall to visit the various ministry displays and even have the opportunity to sign up for a ministry. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome.

This week we have the added blessing of a short mission. Fr. Pablo Straub will be with us on the evenings of the 16th and 17th from 7:00 – 8:30pm, Monday and Tuesday, to speak to us. I want to thank Hal Johnson for arranging for Father Pablo Straub to be with us. Father Straub is a Redemptorist priest from the Province of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

All 6th and 7th graders!!! It is time to be thinking about summer camp. Power Week is a 5 day camping experience that we started 13 summers ago for middle school students that runs from Monday the 22nd of June to Friday the 26th. For more information call the office. For an application drop by the office. There is only room for 48 boys and 48 girls and it fills up fast so don't delay.

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

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 6:00 PM
Choristers Practice, 2:45PM Church
Sufferings of Christ, 7 PM

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

Thurs. Noon Mass
Returning Catholics, 6:30 PM

Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass at Noon
Stations of the Cross, 7 PM

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

Sun. 4th Sunday in Lent
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, 7:30pm, school cafeteria

Readings for the Week

March 15 through March 22, 2009

Sun: Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25
 Jn 2:13-25

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3,43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

Tues: Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4-5b,6,7bc,8-9
 Mt 18:21-35

Wed: Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
 Mt 5:17-19

Thur: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29
 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a

Fri: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17
 Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4,18-21b Lk 18:9-14

Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10
 Jn 3:14-21

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 Halem	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**

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**

Catholic Schools News

Smoked Hams for Easter Dinner: The OCHS Baseball Team will be smoking Hams on Sat., Apr. 11, 7-8 bl. Field Legend for \$30. Sliced \$4 extra, pick up on the 11th 2-4 at Immaculate Parish Cook Building. Must order, Apr. 3, call OCHS Athletic Office 852-8001, Loretta Higdon 302-2292 or see any OCHS Baseball player

OCS Pre-Registration begins March 16th. More info call 686-8896

Owensboro Catholic Elementary Open House Fun Fest 2009: 4-6 Campus, Fri. Mar. 20, 6-8pm. K-3 Campus, Sat., Mar.21, 10am-Noon. Fun, Inflatables, sock hop, face painting, games, pizza & soda, personal tour of the school. Learn more about what OCS has to offer.

OCHS Emerald Players: Fiddlers on the Roof, Mar. 18 Thru 20, 7pm, Mar 22 2pm. Tickets pre-sold in OCHS Main Office 3-4, weekdays, and sold at the door.

All You Can Eat, Catfish: Knights of Columbus Hall, behind St. Pius X, serving begins at 6pm. Carry out available, \$8 adults, \$4 children, fiddlers, filets, baked beans, fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, corn bread, tea & coffee.

Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony will be held at the Carmel Home, Sunday, Mar. 29th at 3:30pm. Benediction will follow. All auxiliaries are encourage to attend.