



Intention for the Week

Monday, March 2

6:30 AM Ryan Harpole (seminarian)

Tuesday, March 3, St. Katherine Drexel

6:00 PM Denny Hardesty (dec b'day)

Wednesday, March 4, St. Casime

6:30 AM Elizabeth Lupien (dec)

Thursday, March 5

9 AM School Mass

Noon Glenn Wooldridge (dec b'day)

Friday, March 6, First Friday

Noon John McCarthy (dec)

Saturday, March 7, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

4:00 PM Joann Schell (dec)

Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM Ryan Erpenbeck (b'day)

10:00 AM Ben Onstott (dec)

5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

**"The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel"**



Liturgical Ministers for March 7/8

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Bonnie Snyder, Ruth Bittel-Nunez, Lucy Harpe, Cecelia Hamilton, Marjorie Early, Lannie Pearl, Chris McBride, Mary Ava Jackson

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

10 AM Elaine Williams, Darlene Church, Bill Hayden, Denny Mann, Ed Higdon, Lori, Richard, Parker Whitehouse

5:30 PM Cliff Russell, Connie Morgan, Olivia Hardesty, Rachel Thomas, Janice Bumm, Sarah Blanford

Readers

4 PM Judy Coomes

7 AM Karissa Riter

10 AM Doug Dunn

5:30 PM Kathi Latta

Servers

4 PM Lauren Williams, Kyra Vanover

7 AM Alex Johnson, Jack Ebelhar

10 AM Olivia, Elizabeth Cason

5:30 PM Logan Buckman, Jack Iracane

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM David Lyons

7 AM Tom Johnson

10 AM Richard Hayden

5:30 PM Marty Bumm

Children's Liturgy

Linda, Adam Wahl, Emily Ward

Vocation Cross Family

Ricky Aull, Bill Bach, Camilla Baker

Hillcrest: Carol & Darryl Murphy

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

Is it true that, on Sundays during Lent, you don't have to give up whatever it is you are giving up?

Short Answer: It depends on what you are giving up and why you are giving it up.

Long Answer: In reference to Lent, to abstain is to avoid eating meat on certain days. The only **required** days of abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, we must "fast" as well, which means eating one regular meal and two smaller meals, with no snacks in between.

Now, for the sake of the penitential character of Lent, some people will also give up certain guilty pleasures or things that they typically enjoy, such as chocolate, coffee, or watching TV. Lent is also a time when people double their efforts to rid themselves of habitual sins and vices. That thing you always find yourself confessing? Lent is a good time to rid yourself of that.

But what about Sundays? Isn't Sunday a time of joy, celebration, and relaxation? It seems that the whole spirit of the Sabbath day is opposed to self-denial, which is why many people choose this day to relax their abstinence. I wouldn't say that this is necessarily wrong, but I do think it can lead to a misunderstanding of what Lent and the Sabbath day are all about, if we approach these things with the wrong mindset.

It is true that, while even Sundays during Lent take on a penitential character (cf. violet-colored vestments, playing of the organ, no "Alleluia," etc.), it is of a different kind. Sunday seems to be more a time of prayer, almsgiving, charitable works, spiritual retreats -- basically, doing *positive* things -- instead of fasting and abstinence, which are more *negative* actions of avoiding things. But, it is also true that we should always be working towards greater self-mastery and the conquering of sin in our lives. So, while technically it would be okay for you to eat that candy bar on Sunday, if you are a slave to bodily pleasures and have trouble denying yourself, I don't think it would be against the spirit of the Sabbath day to exercise some restraint. Of course, if what you are trying to give up is a sin, then you should **never** give in to that!

The "loophole" mentality is a danger because when you view Sunday as a break from your self-imposed penance or abstinence, then a day of quiet thanksgiving can quickly become a day of gluttony and self-indulgence. Remember, Sunday is a day of doing good works, of being charitable and growing in your own spiritual life ... not a day of feasting on your guilty pleasures.

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

Youth 2000 A Eucharistic Centered Retreat March 6, 7 and 8, 2009 Brescia University

If you would like to attend this retreat, please turn in your paperwork either to the Parish Office on Monday or take to the Catholic Pastoral Center after Monday. Forms are available in church or in the Parish Office. You must have a chaperone to attend.

5-Part Study on the Sufferings of Christ
To register, write a check for \$20 to Blessed Mother Catholic Church. First Lesson will be **March 3**.
For more info call Nicholas Hardesty,
683-8444 ext. 26

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.

Catholics for Children

Many thanks on behalf of those who may be spared for your generous support to keep the "Billboards for Life" project going and growing. God bless you all for your caring and sharing. \$3,216. donated from Blessed Mother!

Laugh for the Week

As soon as the newlyweds returned from their honeymoon, the young bride called her mother, who lived a couple of hours away, "How did everything go?" her mom asked. "Oh, mom, the honeymoon was wonderful, we had a terrific time. But, mom, on the way back Andy started using really horrible language. Stuff I'd never heard before, really terrible four letter words. You've got to come and get me and take me home. Please, mom!" The mother asked, "What four letter words?" "I can't tell you, mother, they're too awful! Come and get me, please!" "Darling, you must tell me what has gotten you so upset..tell me what four letter words he used." Still sobbing, the bride said, "Mother, words like dust, wash, iron, cook."

Forming Good Stewards

First Sunday of Lent

“The kingdom of God is at Hand. Repent, and Believe in the Gospel” Mark 1:12-15

St. Mark tells us that the Spirit drove Jesus into the desert. But what desert? It could have been the Negev Desert south of Jerusalem or the desert east of the Dead Sea. In either desert food and water would have been scarce and there was the constant danger of wild animals, poisonous snakes and creepy crawly critters. In the desert Jesus had the joy of solitude to be alone with God. We live in a culture that does not value silence and solitude to listen for God to speak his will for us. Are we reluctant to be alone with god because we fear what he might ask of us. Lent is a good time to ask God for the gift of solitude and to make time for periods of silence so we can be with God. We will learn that solitude is a beautiful gift so we can listen to the Giver. When Jesus learned that John the Baptist had been arrested, he understood it was time for him to proclaim the Kingdom of God. If we make time for solitude God may tell us to proclaim the Kingdom of God. “Be still and know I am your God.

Sunday Collections

Week	Actual	Budget	Month Average	YTD Average
2/14	\$21,759.	\$20,577.	\$18,967.	\$21,449.
2/21	\$22,559.	\$20,577.	\$19,872.	\$21,482.

Blessed Mother Church Ministry Fair March 14-15 After All Masses St. Joseph Hall

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



Ushers



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Gift Bearers

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: Fr. Dave Johnson on the death of his father, Norman.

Peter Linn on the death of his mother.

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

Upcoming Events

- March 3 Sufferings of Christ Lenten Study Begins
- March 16-17 Parish Mission with Fr. Pablo
- April 5 Holy Week Begins
- April 19 Mercy Sunday at Blessed Mother
- April 22 Confirmation, 6 pm
- April 26 Newcomers Brunch
- May 3 First Communion, 2 pm
- May 9 Bar-B-Que Festival on the River

Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 7 PM

“Come, walk that lonely walk with me.”



Words of Life

Our special efforts in Lent to come closer to God are a response to what has already happened to us! We have to become who we already are. God is a God of life, and therefore we are the People of Life. This Lent, let's look for ways to foster respect for life, especially the sick, the disabled and the unborn.

Best Reason for Giving

During Lent we talk about giving alms, and giving of ourselves. In a couple of weeks we will be asked to give of ourselves for the benefit of our church.

The best reason and truly the only worthy reason for giving is out of love. We give to the poor, not because they annoy us with their presence but because they are our brothers and sisters in Christ and we love them. We give our time, talent and treasure to our church because we want to give back to God from the many blessings He has given to us. Any gift given for any other reason is not truly a gift. For a gift to be truly a gift, it must be freely given.

We are being asked to give of our time, talents and treasure to our Church. We are in need of Liturgical Ministers at all our Masses and volunteers to help in many areas in our church. Please pray about your commitment in the days to come and please support our Ministry Fair on March 14 & 15.

There will be something for all at the Ministry Fair. We invite the children to become involved as well as the adults. It is never too early or too late to begin to give back to God from the talents He has entrusted to each of us.

**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, Joanna Hatcher, 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, 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, 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. 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

When Does the Hurting Stop? Grief is a complex process, unique to each individual, based on personality type, circumstances of death, and our relationship with the person who died. There are, however, emotions common to almost all bereaved persons. A bereavement support group will meet every Tuesday for four consecutive weeks starting March 10 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. These sessions are open to the public at no charge. Support group dates are March 10, 17, 24 & 31

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524



I hope you had a great week. Today is the First Sunday of Lent. Always on the First Sunday is the Gospel story of the temptations in the desert. We get the same story but different accounts depending on what year we are in so this year we get Mark's account. It is a very short rendition of what happened. The temptation is something we all have to deal with. That is why we make sacrifices during this season of prayer and fasting and alms giving. These practices hone our senses and ability to fight temptation. May this season of grace prepare us for the great event of our salvation the Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

There are a few Word Among Us left. Or perhaps you would enjoy praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm here in church. This would be a good Lenten practice and sacrifice.

So we had no deacon here this past Sunday. Deacon Josh had the flu. He is scheduled to be back with us the 14th and 15th of March.

Coming up in March will be Youth 2000 on the first full weekend (7th and 8th). The second weekend in March (14th and 15th) will be our annual Ministry Fair. 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.

Also this month 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 to be with us. Father Straub is a Redemptorist priest from the Province of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

You were very generous as usual for the Billboards for Life collection. Over \$4,000 was donated through the baskets at church and then others using the envelopes provided. Joann Frey would like to thank everyone for their support.

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

**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. 2nd 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**

Readings for the Week

March 1 through March 8, 2009

Sun: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
Mon: Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mt 25:31-46
Tues: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15
Wed: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32
Thurs: Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8
Mt 7:7-12
Fri: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48
Sun: Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 Ps 116:10,15-19
Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

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

Congratulations to Parker Whitehouse, son of Richard and Lori, and Maggie Glaser, daughter of Chris and Jenny, were honored at a recent luncheon by Western Ky. University.

Financial Aid Forms deadline for PSAS financial aid forms for 2009-2010 has been extended to March 1.

OCHS Emerald Productions will perform "Fiddler on the Roof" March 19,20,22. Props and costumes needed. Call Katie Bartlett 684-3215. Need wood panels, fencing, clothing.

Job Opening at Bishop Soenneker Personal Care Home, Knottsville seeks to hire a Director/Administrator, effective July 1. Send resume to Search Committee, c/o Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St. Owensboro, Ky. 42301

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.