



**Liturgical Ministers for March 27/28**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

4 PM Mary Ava Jackson, Chris McBride, Lannie Pearl, Marjoire Early, Cecelia Hamilton, Lucy Harpe, Ruth Bittel, Jay, Susie Fillman

7 AM Dorothy Aud, Don Cecil, Sr. Mary Timothy, Martha Estes, Harry, Charlene Baumgarten

10 AM Sara Watson, Mike Head, Debbie Ward, Russ Hayden, Sabrina, Scott Johnson, Debbie, Kerry Riney, Chris Ford

5:30 PM Janice Bumm, Rachel Thomas, Olivia Hardesty, Connie Morgan, Sandra, Dan Thomas

**Intention for the Week**

**Monday, March 23**

6:30 AM Jerry Blandford Sr. (dec)

**Tuesday, March 24**

6:00 PM Marjorie Early

**Wednesday, March 25**

6:30 AM Ernie Davis Jr.

**Thursday, March 26**

9 AM School Mass

Noon Ronnie Laiche (dec)

**Friday, March 27**

Noon Zula Conder (birthday)

**Saturday, March 28**

4:00 PM Margaret Hardesty (ann of death)

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

7:00 AM Joe Emberger (dec)

10:00 AM Charlie Wedding (dec)

5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

**Readers**

4 PM Pal Fitzhugh

7 AM David Payne

10 AM LaNell Lilly

5:30 PM Renee Howard

**Servers**

4 PM Matthew Johnson, Gary Fauchaux

7 AM Harper, Alex Dotsey

10 AM Allie Ford, Brittany Murphy

5:30 PM Josh, Jacob Linn

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

4 PM Fran Watrous

7 AM Tom Foster

10 AM Darryl Murphy

5:30 PM George Morgan

**Children's Liturgy**

Michelle Sandefur, Jennifer Schuytzt, Alexandria Lynn

**Vocation Cross Family**

Donnie Blanford, Dolly Boarman, Darian Boling

**Hillcrest:** Joan Frey, Rose Clark

**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

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life"**



## Catholic Q&A

*Does the Bible say anything about drinking alcohol?*

Yes, it does, whenever it mentions the consumption of wine.

The responsible consumption of wine is encouraged in the Bible. Jesus and the Apostles all took wine to drink at the Last Supper (cf. Mt 26:27,29). Jesus would not have made Himself sacramentally present in wine if wine was prohibited. The Son of man came "eating and drinking" (Lk 7:33-34) and one of His final acts on the Cross was to drink the "vinegar" or sour wine that the soldiers offered to Him (cf. Jn 19:28-30). Jesus' first miracle was turning water to wine (cf. Jn 2:1-11), and this after the wedding party had already drunk freely. Paul told Timothy to "use a little wine for the sake of your stomach" (1 Tim 5:23).

As for the OT evidence, the prophet Nehemiah commands the people to drink wine (cf. Neh 8:10). The sacrifices that God required often included wine as a drink offering (cf. Exo 29:40; Lev 23:13; Num 15:5,10; 28:7,14). The Psalmist says that God gives man plants so that he may make from them "wine to gladden the heart of man" (Psa 104:14-15). In Proverbs we receive this counsel: "Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress" (Prov 31:9). Wine is even used as a symbol of new life and of the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind (cf. Isa 25:6; Amos 9:14; Zech 10:7).

What we should avoid is drinking to the point of drunkenness, or to the point where we no longer have the same control over our actions that we do when we are sober. Isaiah says, "Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may run after strong drink, who tarry late into the evening till wine inflames them!" (Isa 5:11). Paul says to the Ephesians, "Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph 5:18). Likewise, he counsels Titus, "Bid the older women likewise to be reverent in behavior, not to be slanderers or slaves to drink; they are to teach what is good" (Tit 2:3). To the Romans he says, "Let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness" (Rom 13:13), and to the Galatians he counts drunkenness as one of the sins that keeps a person from inheriting the kingdom of God (cf. Gal 5:21).

As the *Catechism* tells us, "The virtue of temperance disposes us to avoid every kind of excess: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco, or medicine" (no. 2290). I hope that helps.

Peace of Christ to you,  
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education  
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## Q&A Now Online!

All of the Catholic Q&A's are now online! Go to the parish website ([www.blessedmotherchurch.com](http://www.blessedmotherchurch.com)) and look under the "Religious Ed" section.

### 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](http://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

Three men, an Italian, a Frenchman, and an American, were condemned to be executed. Their captors told them that they had the right to have a final meal before the execution. They asked the Frenchman what he wanted. "Give me some good French wine and French bread," he requested. So they gave it to him, he ate it, then they executed him. Next it was the Italian's turn. "Give me a big plate of pasta," said the Italian. So they brought it to him, he ate it, and then they executed him. Now it was the American's turn. "I want a big bowl of strawberries," said the American. "Strawberries? They aren't even in season!" The American replied, "So, I'll wait...."

**First Friday Potluck  
After Noon Mass  
Come, bring a dish,  
Stay for bunko if you like!**

## Forming Good Stewards

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
"For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son"  
John 3:14-21

Throughout history there have been reports of people who have sacrificed their life to save a relative or comrade at arms in war. But God sent his only begotten Son. Imagine a parent sending a child to certain death to save others. What would be our reaction and response to such a sacrifice by both parent and child? Gratitude? How would we express such gratitude? Would we realize that every day of the rest of our life; everything we to enjoy in life; the time we have with our loved ones' everything we can accomplish with our talents, abilities and gifts we owe the child of the parent who saved our life? Would we feel an obligation to share all that we have and all that we do with others? Well our God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. Such was the unconditional love that God had for us. How should we react and respond to such love? Lent is a good time for us to contemplate God's great love for us and how we have responded; how we are responding; how we can respond in the future. It is not too late.

### Sunday Collections

Actual	Budget	Month Average	YTD Average
\$20,025.	\$20,577.	\$20,791.	\$21,413.

## Blessed Mother Church Ministry Fair

Many thanks to all who helped with the Ministry Fair,  
Many thanks to all who brought goodies for the Fair,  
Many thanks to all who attended the Fair.

**If you have not yet signed up for a Ministry, there is always time to do so! The New Parish Ministry and Resource Books are available at the Church Doors.**

*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*

## Red Envelopes to the President

This message began in silent prayer from a faithful follower who was spending quiet time with God. Here is what came to him. Get a red envelope and on the front address it to: President Barack Obama, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20500. On the back write the following message: "This envelope represents one child who died in abortion. It is empty because that life was unable to offer anything to the world. Responsibility begins with conception." Put it in the mail on March 31st.



## 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

<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Blessed Mother, 2pm</b>
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.**

## Words of Life

We have great hope in the Lord's power to heal our land of the painful wound of legalized abortion. Every abortion is a personal tragedy. Its dread impact falls not only on a little boy or a little girl, but on the child's parents, grandparents, siblings and everyone involved. Knowing that God's mercy is greater than all of our sins, today we pray for all these people. We pray for the conversion of all those who promote death as a solution to social ills or to an unplanned pregnancy. We pray for legislators, educators, counselors and all health care professionals who put their skills and training at their service of life. We lift up Project Rachel and other post-abortion counseling ministries, pro-life pregnancy centers, and organizations that work every day to usher in a culture of life.

Homily of Cardinal Justin Rigali

## 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, Debbie Koenig, John Krusick, 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 Scharung, Janet Scharung, 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:**

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**

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

**Welcome Home, PFC Bradley Horlander!**

**Daily Bible Reading 683-8524**



I hope you had a great week. Today is the Fourth 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 man born blind. Even though no RCIA candidates are present, I still want to pray the Scrutinies at each Mass. We all suffer from some sort of spiritual blindness and need the Lord to be the light of the world for us enlightening our minds and hearts.

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm. Come join us and walk His path to Calvary. We thank the youth group for writing the Stations we prayed this past Friday.

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

The Ministry Fair was a great success. Lots of people are interested in helping the parish. I want to thank Jan Storm and all those who helped in setting up the fair and being present at the different display tables.

I want to thank again Hal and Robin Johnson for bringing Fr. Pablo Straub to us. His preaching on Monday and Tuesday was a great blessing for many people.

All 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> of June to Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>. 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. **There are only a few slots left for girls and the boys are half full already. 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**  
**Sun. Communal Penance Service, 2PM**

**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**  
**Spring Break Begins**

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

**Sun. 5th Sunday in Lent**  
**Masses at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM**  
**NO Religious Ed Classes, 11:15 AM**  
**NO Coffee and Donuts after 10 AM Mass**  
**NO Youth Group 6:30 PM**  
**AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria**

**Readings for the Week**

March 22 through March 29, 2009

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

Mon: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b Jn 4:43-54

Tues: Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wed: Is 7:10-14;8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10  
 Lk 1:26-38

Thurs: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Fri: Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 34:17-21,23 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Sat: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3,9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sun: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4,12-15 Heb 5:7-9  
 Jn 12:20-33

**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) 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**

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**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** continues call 686-8896 for details

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**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.



**A Life Giving Time**

It was death that brought about this unbelievably brilliant time of year. Each tender shoot of grass sprang from last year's seed. Each daffodil was a dull, brown bulb giving no hint of the ruffled trumpet inside. And let us not forget that from the walls of that tomb, we soon will once again celebrate Resurrection! For it is out of the depths of pain and suffering and death that we have life eternal!