



Intention for the Week

Monday, March 9, St. Frances of Rome
6:30 AM Julio Barrera (seminarian)

Tuesday, March 10
6:00 PM Edward J Payne (ann of death)

Wednesday, March 11
6:30 AM Christy Bishop

Thursday, March 12
9 AM School Mass
Noon Diddy Hagman

Friday, March 13
Noon Catherine Roberts

Saturday, March 14
4:00 PM William Stuart (dec)

Third Sunday of Lent
7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parishioners
10:00 AM Maria Castlen (health)
5:30 PM Carrol Meister (dec b'day)

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"



Youth 2000

Please keep our young people in prayer this weekend!

Liturgical Ministers for March 14/15
Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Shirley Kent, Jack Wilson, Sandra Henry, David McBride, Jeff Williams, Edith Johnson, Rose, Mike Clark, Jan Storm

7 AM Charlene, Harry Baumgarten, Sr. Mary Timothy Bland, Brenda Hagan, Bill, Joy Bach

10 AM Becky Hargitt, Kim Barnett, Julie Hayden, Herman Barr, Jim Bittel, Eric Vaughn, Mary Howard, Mark Church, Jenny Glaser

5:30 PM Garrett Smith, Martha Estes, Janet Ruth, Bobby Bastin, Rick, Leesa Moman

Readers

4 PM Kathryn Dueker
7 AM Dennis Sandefur
10 AM Carol Goetz
5:30 PM David Marshall

Servers

4 PM Allison Williams, Lauren Williams
7 AM Sam Thompson, Will Sandefur
10 AM Neil Mattingly, CJ Glaser
5:30 PM Emily Marshall, Katie Judd

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Mike Hays
7 AM Billy Thomas
10 AM David Ralph
5:30 PM John Judd

Children's Liturgy

Kelly Trogden, Kara Trogden, Jessica Aull

Vocation Cross Family

Brett Ballard, John Bell, Anna Bilderback

Hillcrest: Debbie Ward, Donna Powers

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

What does it mean to be made “in the image and likeness of God”?

We hear this all the time, right? “You are made in the image and likeness of God.” Intuitively we realize that we are supposed to derive some sense of dignity or self-worth from this fact, but do any of us really know why? What does it actually mean to be made in God’s image and likeness?

Having the “image” or “likeness” of God means, in the simplest terms, that we were made to resemble God. We are like him because He is our Creator and he endowed us with gifts that no other creatures possess. This doesn’t mean that Adam somehow looked like God. After all, “God is spirit” (John 4:24), and therefore invisible.

Adam’s body did mirror the life of God insofar as it was created in perfect health and was not subject to death. The resemblance however is primarily in man’s spirit. It is this spirit that sets man apart from the animal world, and places him in dominion over the earth. Only man has the capacity to reason, to make moral decisions, and to intimately commune with God and his fellow man. This spirit that God gave man, and man alone, granted to him a mental, moral, and social likeness with God.

Mentally, man was created as a rational, volitional (or “willful”) being. In other words, man can reason and man can choose. This is a reflection of God’s own intellect and freedom. **Morally**, man was created in righteousness and perfect innocence, a reflection of God’s holiness. God saw all that He had made and called it “very good” (Gen 1:31). Our conscience or “moral compass” is a vestige of that original state. **Socially**, man was created for fellowship. This reflects God’s triune nature as a community of Persons and the love that is shared between these Persons. In Eden, man’s primary relationship was with God and God made the first woman because “it is not good that the man should be alone” (Gen 2:18).

It is no small thing what God has done in allowing us to have a share in his divine attributes. God raises us up by making us more like Him and allowing us to participate in His divine life. He has given mankind the capacity to actually have a **personal relationship** with Him! No other creature can boast of such a thing. That is why we recall our status as creatures made in God’s image and likeness whenever a certain segment of mankind is being marginalized or whenever a person acts as though he has no dignity or worth. There is great dignity in having God as our source and in being His greatest creation! How can we disrespect other human beings or forget our own inherent value in light of that truth?

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

In last week’s Q&A, the invariable finally happened: I got something wrong, “the only required days of abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.” The reality, however, is that we are also required to “abstain” or avoid eating meat, on all Fridays during Lent. I accidentally confused abstinence with fasting. I am sorry for the error and I am thankful to the parishioner who pointed it out to me.

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

5-Part Study on the Sufferings of Christ

Tuesdays, 7 pm, St. Joseph Hall
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.

Laugh for the Week

A flood was on its way, forcing everyone to evacuate. The police rowed up to the most pious woman in town and said, “Ma’am, you have to leave this house, people are dying out here!” The woman replied, “No, I’m not leaving, God has always helped me before and He will do it again.” So as the water started to rise, she went to the second story of her house. Another boat came by, and the captain yelled, “Ma’am, you have to get on this boat or you will drown!” The woman replied, “No, god helped me before, and He will do it again!” The water rose even higher. This time she went to the top of the roof, where a helicopter came and hovered overhead. The pilot called into his loudspeaker, “Please climb aboard, ma’am. You are going to drown!” The woman sniffed and again replied, “God is going to save me!” But the water rose higher, and soon she drowned. She went to heaven and there she asked God, “Why didn’t you help me?” And the Lord replied, “I did help—I sent you two boats and a helicopter!” (This story makes me think about my own life and the times I asked for help. Sometimes we just have to open our eyes to the people, places and things that the Lord sends in our path.)

Forming Good Stewards

Second Sunday of Lent

"This is My Beloved Son, Listen to Him!"

Mark 9:2-10

At a wedding feast in Cana the wine was running short. One of the guest, Mary, felt sorry for the wedding couple. After telling her son Jesus that they have no wine she tells the servants, "do whatever he tells you!" Amazingly, the jars he told them to fill with water were filled with the finest wine. Some time later, while on the top of a mountain, Jesus is with three of his friends when they see him appear quite different and standing with Elijah the great prophet and Moses the great lawgiver. From the clouds, they hear a voice proclaim, "This is my beloved son, listen to him." God was telling Peter, James and John, and He is telling us, to get to know Jesus. Learn all you can about him so you can imitate him. Learn about him now so when the opportunity presents itself, you can be like Jesus without hesitation. "Listen to Him! Do whatever He tells you!"

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

Helen McCarty on the death of her brother-in-law

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."



Words of Life

Through his radical love for us, in which the heart of God and the heart of man touched, Jesus truly took light from heaven and brought it to the earth—the light of truth and the fire of love that transform man's being. He brought the light, and now we know who God is and what God is like. Thus we also know what our human situation is: what we are, and for what purpose we exist. Yes, I believe that the world and my life are not the product of chance, but of eternal Reason and Love, they are created by Almighty God. Yes, I believe that in Jesus the face of God has been revealed, that in him, God is present in our midst, he unites us and leads us towards our goal, towards eternal Love. Pope Benedict XVI



**Happy 50th Anniversary,
Vince & Joan Frey**

Love and
Congratulations on
50 years together!

Thanks for a true
Example of
Love and Forever!

Prayer Blanket Ministry

- Blessed Mother Social Justice Committee invites all parishioners to participate in Prayer Blanket Sunday on March 8.
- Gather in St. Joseph Hall at 1:30 PM
- Form teams to share prayer and a healing prayer blanket with our nursing home parishioners
- Families are invited. Patients love to see the children
- Delivery hours 2:00-4:00 PM

**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, 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

Welcome Home Nicholas Johnson Sabrina and Scott wish to thank all for the prayers for their son, Nicholas, by prayers and the grace of God he is home!

When Does the Hurting Stop? 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

Dismas Charities Needing Yarn to crochet baby blankets to donate to the St. Gerald Home for pregnant women. You may donate yarn at the Parish Office.



I hope you had a great week. Today is the Second Sunday of Lent. Always on the Second Sunday is the Gospel story of the Transfiguration. We get the same story every year but different accounts depending on what year we are in so this year we get Mark's account just like last week. A few verses earlier He has told them of the coming suffering and death and resurrection. Jesus shows them His glory to help them get through the difficult times ahead. If we look close enough Jesus does things for us to help us get through the difficult times as well.

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

Barring any complications, Deacon Josh will be here next weekend to help us celebrate and preach all the Masses.

Next weekend 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 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.



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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 Finance Meeting, 6:30 PM
Wed.	Mass at 6:30 AM Social Concerns 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.	3rd 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 8 through March 15, 2009

- Sun: Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 Ps 116:10,15-19
Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10
- Mon: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Lk 6:36-38
- Tues: Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23
Mt 23:1-12
- Wed: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16 Mt 20:17-28
- Thurs: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31
- Fri: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43,45-46
- Sat: Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Lk15:1-3,11-32
- Sun: Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

Parish Council Members

Sharon Bell	729-4270
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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**

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

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.

Congratulations, OCMS Academic Team who placed 3ed overall in Regional Governor's Cup competition. Our very own Kevin Thompson (son of Al & Molly) and Kyle Alvey (son of Jack & Susie) are on the team!

Kaley Robertson (daughter of Lanita & Ron) OCHS Lady Aces Basketball was named to District All Tournament.

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.

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.