

“This is my chosen Son, listen to him”

Intention for the Week

Monday, March 1

6:30 AM Len Bach (dec)

Tuesday, March 2

6:00 PM Charlie Wedding (dec)

Wednesday, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel

6:30 AM April Cart. (dec)

Thursday, March 4, St. Casimir

9 AM School Mass

Noon Glenn Wooldridge (dec b'day)
Anointing of the Sick after Mass

First Friday, March 5, Eucharistic Adoration

Noon Betty Reynolds

Saturday, March 6

4 PM John McCarthy (dec)

Third Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parishioners

10:00 AM John Millay (dec)

5:30 PM Rose Cecil (dec)

Youth 2000~

A Eucharistic Centered Retreat for people ages 13 and up, will be taking place March 5-7th @ Brescia University. Cost is \$40. **CHAPERONES NEEDED!!** For more info, or to register, contact Christina.

Liturgical Ministers for March 6-7

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Mary Ava Jackson, Bonnie Snyder, Janet Ruth, Jeff Williams, Edith Johnson, Jan Storm, Ethel, Fran Watrous, Ruth Bittle-Nunez

7 AM Angie, Randy Lee, Carolyn Taylor, Don Cecil, Brenda Hagan, Darlene Kazlauskas

10 AM Jim Hagan, Eric Vaughan, Katina Hayden, Raymunda, John Calhoun, Pauline Wigginton, Russ Hayden, Denny Mann, Katie Mattingly

5:30 PM Martha Estes, Sam Lilly, Dan, Sandra Thomas, Pete, Michelle Linn

Readers

4 PM Ruth Bittel-Nunez

7 AM David Payne

10 AM Barbara Cecil

5:30 PM Renee Howard

Servers

4 PM Lauren, Allison Williams

7 AM Kaylin Hagan, Sam Thompson

10 AM Stephen, Will Hyland

5:30 PM Emily Linn, Mason Miller

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Larry Franey

7 AM Russ Corley

10 AM David Lashbrook

5:30 PM Bill Young

Children's Liturgy

Preschool: Kelly Trogden, Kara Trogden

Kn-3 Grade: Jennifer Hayden, Angela Bell

Vocation Cross Family

Camilla Baker, Brett Ballard, Harry Baumgarten

Hillcrest: Diane Fulkerson, Sandy Henry

Ministers of Hospitality for March

4 Keith Best, Jackie Russell, Tony Fiorella, Thomas Hobbs

7 Faye Riney, Jeff, Lynn Hofer, Michelle Sharp

10 Dan Johnson, Bryan Jones, Eddie Jackson, Bill Hamilton

5:30 Michael Bastin, Matt Howard, Ashley, Ken Hamilton

**Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 6:30 PM**

Catholic Q&A

Feb. 22 was the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle. Why do we have a day devoted to a chair?

It does seem odd at first to celebrate what is basically an inanimate object, but there is in fact a very good reason for this feast day. Pope Benedict XVI, in his General Audience catechesis on Feb 22, 2006, had many helpful things to say on this. I would like to provide an abbreviated version of his remarks:

The Latin liturgy celebrates today the feast of the Chair of St. Peter. It comes from a very ancient tradition, chronicled at Rome from the end of the 4th century, which renders thanks to God for the mission entrusted to the Apostle Peter and to his successors. The "cathedra," literally, is the fixed seat of the Bishop, found in the mother church in a diocese, which for this reason is called "cathedral," and is the symbol of the authority of the Bishop and, in particular, of his "magisterium," the evangelical teaching which he, as a successor of the Apostles, is called to maintain and pass on to the Christian community. When the Bishop takes possession of the particular Church entrusted to him, he, wearing the mitre and carrying the pastoral staff, is seated in the cathedra. From that seat he will guide, as teacher and pastor, the path of the faithful in faith, in hope and in love.

What was, then, the "cathedra" of St. Peter? He, chosen by Christ as the "rock" on which the Church was built, began his ministry in Jerusalem, after the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost. The first "see" of the Church was the Cenacle, and it's likely that in that room, where also Mary, the mother of Jesus, prayed together with the disciples, a special place was reserved for Simon Peter. Successively, the see of Peter became Antioch, a city situated on the Oronte River, in Syria, today in Turkey, in that time the third metropolis of the Roman empire after Rome and Alexandria in Egypt. From that city, evangelized by Barnabas and Paul, where "for the first time the disciples were called Christians" (Acts 11:26), where the name Christian was born for us, Peter was the first bishop, so that the Roman Martyrology, before the reform of the calendar, also provided for a specific celebration of the Chair of Peter at Antioch. From there, Providence brought Peter to Rome. [...]

The see of Rome, after this movement of St. Peter, became recognized as that of the successor of Peter, and the "cathedra" of its bishop represented that of the Apostle charged by Christ to feed his flock. [...]

To celebrate the "Cathedra" of Peter, as we do today, means, then, to attribute to it a strong spiritual significance and to recognize it as a privileged sign of the love of God, the good and eternal Shepherd, who wishes to gather the entire Church and guide it along the way of salvation.

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
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February 28th Blessed Mother Welcomes Visitors from St. Meinrad

St. Meinrad has served the needs of the Diocese of Owensboro for many years. Forty-three active and retired priests of the diocese are alumni of St. Meinrad, as well as 94 lay alumni. As well as preparing men for the priesthood, St. Meinrad also offers programs and retreats for the lay men and women, as well as professed religious, who are seeking to serve the Church or for personal enrichment.

Talks will be given next weekend on the seminary program at St. Meinrad and how we can share in this important work. The monks of St. Meinrad Archabbey encourage us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. They humbly ask for our financial support and partnership to continue this work of serving the Church.

Laugh for the Week

Don't Mess With Children

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer, or That's Michael, He's a doctor." A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now class, if I stood on my head, the blood would run into it, and I would turn red in the face. Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."

Lenten Meditation

Though we may feel as though we move through a labyrinth, we are being led by a power greater than ourselves. The solution to the original labyrinth was to walk through the maze using a string tied to the opening to avoid getting lost. In the Christian journey, the Holy Spirit is the string, guiding us through the confusing corridors of life. Undergirding each of the choices we make in life, God leading us. In our ignorance or in our false desires, we may make what we think is the "wrong" choices. God redeems all our blunders, all our stupidity. The crucial choice is choosing God over not choosing God. Our job is to hold tight to the string. If God is the Destination of our spiritual journey, then we are freed from the fear of making bad choices. The present moment is all that matters. The future snuggles right into the present, and gives us peace.

Young Disciples

Coming Soon...

Sunday, Feb. 28th~ Safety and Games!
RETREATS!!:

Youth 2000~ for ages 13 and up. Will be taking place March 5-7th @ Brescia University. Cost is \$40. **CHAPER-ONES NEEDED!!** For more info, or to register, contact Christina. **Deadline: Sun. Feb. 21st.**

Questions, concerns, comments: come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina Best: bmc youth@bellsouth.net or 683-8444 Ext. 28

Cooking Teams up to bat: THANK YOU!!
Sunday, Feb. 28th~ Tara Boling, Melanie Ballard, Sandra Henry, Lanell Lilly
No Cooking Team or Youth Group on March 7, due to Youth 2000

Lenten Communal Penance Services

Mar. 2	Sts. Joe & Paul	6:30PM
Mar. 8	St. Williams	6:00PM
Mar. 9	Precious Blood	6:30PM
Mar. 14	Blessed Mother	2:00PM
Mar. 16	Lourdes	6:00PM
Mar. 17	St. Anthony	6:00PM
Mar. 21	St. Stephen	2:00PM
Mar. 22	Immaculate	6:00PM
Mar. 22	St. Lawrence	6:00PM

Life Words

Contemplating "Him whom they have pierced" moves us in this way to open our hearts to others, recognizing the wounds inflicted upon the dignity of the human person; it moves us, in particular, to fight every form of contempt for life and human exploitation and to alleviate the tragedies of loneliness and abandonment of so many people. May Lent be for every Christian a renewed experience of God's love given to us in Christ, a love that each day we, in turn, must regive to our neighbors, especially to those who suffer most and are in need. Only in this way will we be able to participate fully in the joy of Easter.

Blessed Mother Church Stewardship
*If you still have not turned in your commitment form, please do so this week. **Follow-up calls will be made to those who do not turn in their card.** This information is very important in helping us to plan for the coming Fiscal Year. **Extra Forms are at the Church doors.***

Forming Good Stewards February 28, 2010 Second Sunday of Lent

*"Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents,
One for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."*
Luke 9:28b-36

Tradition holds that the Transfiguration occurred on Mount Tabor just after Jesus predicted his suffering and death, and then explained the conditions of discipleship. When Peter observed Jesus change in appearance and conversing with Moses, the Great Law Giver, and Elijah, the Great Prophet, he was frightened, but then felt privileged and secure. He proposed to make three tents or dwellings. It is possible Peter wanted to keep Jesus safe. Or he may have realized that disciples of Jesus risked the same fate and he wanted to avoid the consequences of discipleship. We sometimes want to "build a tent" and stay in our comfort zone, rather than imitate Jesus and risk the consequences of being a disciple of Jesus. That is particularly true when we feel called to be good stewards of God's world by fully sharing our time, our abilities and our resources. In the end, the Father leaves us no choice. He says of Jesus, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

Sunday Collections

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$21,083.	\$21,058.	\$23,614	\$22,617.

Cook Books

As a fund-raiser for their Ethiopian adoption, our parishioners, Zach and Katrina Watts have put together a cookbook containing recipes from family and friends. If you would like to support them by purchasing a \$5 book, please call Katrina at 688-0467 or 314-4155.

**Remember in prayer those
sick in our community:**

Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Helen Bellwoord, Eva Birkhead, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, JB Cecil, Joe Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce, Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Ann Clark, Clifton Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Alice Cole, Jake Conder, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Jeannette Dick, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Angela Farmer, Maria Finley, Matt Gabis, Rita Gabis, Lauren Girten, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Donna Hamilton, Mary Hardesty, Jr. Harpe, Lucy Harpe, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Mildred Howard, Margaret Isbell, Mary Ava Jackson, Betty Jo Johnson, Gertrude Jones, Wilbur Jones, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, John Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Mary Miller, Conner Mills, Dena Montgomery, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Shirley Olliver, Joann Ogle, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Joyce Rangel, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Paul Robertson, Darla Robinson, Beck Roby, Larry Roby, Janet Schartung, Dorothy Schell, Jessica Seymour, Herman, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Joyce Thomas, Angela, Leo Thompson, Betty Thompson, Charles Thompson, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Tammy Tucker, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Katherine Whittinghill, Jack Wilson, Bea Wooldridge, Bill, Flora Yancy, Randy Zarembo

**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
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
Ryan Hofmann, Iraq (grandson of Al & Joan Hofmann)

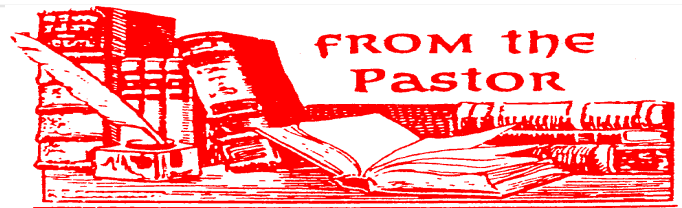
Afghanistan

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)
1st Lt William Cory Newton (grandson of Dorothy Schell)

Other

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May
CSSR Justin Mills, Japan, grandson of Dessie Clark

**Four Week Bereavement Support Group
Begins March 1 at Catholic Pastoral Center
Call Betty Medley @ 683-1545 ext357**



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Second Sunday of Lent. The Gospel is Luke's version of the Transfiguration. Jesus shows the three disciples His glory to help them through the coming crisis of the Cross. How does the Lord show you His power to help you through the rough times? Is it possible that He does show us but we miss it?

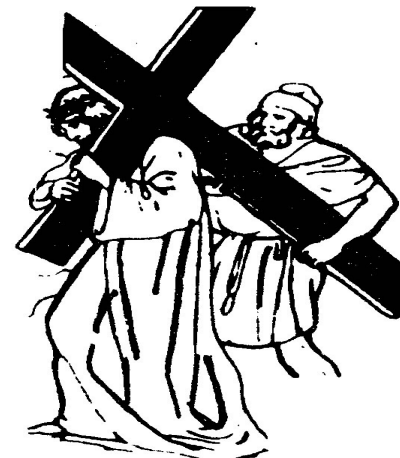
Many thanks to all those who have turned in their stewardship commitment forms for this year. There is still time. Mail them in or drop them off at the office.

Fridays of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross. Stations will be at 6:30.

We welcome Fr. Pius Klein, Director of Pastoral Assistance at St. Meinrad Seminary who is here with us this weekend to tell us of the work of the seminary.

Sunday March 7th, I have to be away just for the day. So there will be confessions on Saturday. I have to attend a certification program for Power Week Summer Camp on Sunday. The fourteenth Power Week will be June 21st-25th. Fr. Phil Riney will be here for the Masses on Sunday.

Have a good week.



Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

**Mon. Mass 6:30 AM
Bible Study 10AM
Bunko, 1 PM
Choristers Practice, 4:30 PM
Cherubs Practice, 5:15 PM**

**Tues. Mass at 6:00 PM
Bible Study 7 PM**

**Wed. Mass at 6:30 AM
Liturgy Meeting, 6:30 PM**

Thurs. Mass at Noon

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass at Noon
Youth 2000 Weekend Begins
Stations of the Cross, 6:30PM**

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

**Sun. 3rd Sunday of Lent
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
Religious Ed Classes 11 AM
Coffee and Donuts, 11 AM
No Youth Group, 6:30-8 PM
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria**

Readings

February 28 through March 7, 2010

Sun: Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

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 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Sun: Ex :3:1-8a,13-15 Ps 1-4,6-8,11 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9

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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 Background checks must also be done before you are eligible to work with the youth of our parish.**

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

Congratulations to the OCMS Boys 8th Grade Basketball Team who captured the Diocesan Title

OC Elementary Open House: K-3 Campus at Lourdes, 4-6 Campus at Blessed Mother, Thursday, March 11 6-7:30PM. For all incoming and new students and parents for the 2010-11 School year.

Win A Home: Catholic Education Partners are giving away a 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home on Sat. April 10 at 10am. Home located at Meadow Grass Creek. Tickets \$100 can be purchased at the Central Office, Jagoe Homes, Independence Bank, WBKR, or Sts. Joe & Paul Office, or call 683+5641.

Knights of Columbus “All you can eat Fish Fry” Fridays, Feb. 19-Mar 26, 3540 E. 10th St. (behind St. Pius) begins 6pm. More info call Kenny Ward 683-9955. Carry outs available!

Parish Council Members

Charlie Castlen	683-3426
Charlotte Cecil	683-0499
Tim Goetz	684-8275
David Graham	683-4665
Troy Haleman	691-0633
David Jarboe	683-5108
Rick Moman	683-6555
Darryl Murphy	683-8437
Phil Riney	926-8945
Darlene Kazlauskas	684-3891
Tony Powers	926-1803
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