

“I will make you fishers of men”

Intention for the Week

Monday, Feb. 8

6:30 AM David Finley (ann of death)

Tuesday, Feb. 9

NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR THIS WEEK

Noon Glenn Wooldridge (ann of death)

Wednesday, Feb. 10

6:30 AM James E. Evans (dec)

Thursday, Feb. 11, Our Lady of Lourdes

Noon Charles Wedding (ann of death)

Friday, Feb. 12

Noon Mass Simon, Haddad, Meredith Families

Saturday, Feb. 13

4 PM Joe Stinnett (ann of death)

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parishioners

10:00 AM Joey Mulligan

5:30 PM Judy Garvin (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. **Deadline: Sun. Feb. 21st.**

“Here I am....send me”

Liturgical Ministers for Feb. 13/14

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Jack Wilson, Marian Bennett, Lahoma Stinnett, Joyce Pearl, Bonnie Snyder, Ruth Bittel-Nunez, Fran, Ethel Watrous, Sandy Henry

7 AM Carolyn Taylor, Don Cecil, Joy, Bill Bach, Darlene Kazlauskas, Brenda Hagan

10 AM Jim Hagan, Phil, Josie Hagan, Carol Goedde, Mary Howard, Jeannette, Drew Ward, Debbie, Kerry Riney

5:30 PM Sam Lilly, Martha Estes, Rick, Leesa Moman, Bobby, Phyllis Bastin

Readers

4 PM Kim Williams

7 AM Barry Hagan

10 AM Molly Thompson

5:30 PM Greg Cash

Servers

4 PM Matthew Johnson, Kyra Vanover

7 AM Kaylin, Kendra Hagan

10 AM Megan, Kyle Alvey

5:30 PM Jack Iracane, Paris Wedding

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Ricky Aull

7 AM Barry Estes

10 AM Michelle Mayfield

5:30 PM Gary Smith

Children’s Liturgy

Preschool: Ellen Hayden, Julia Payne

Kn-3 Grade: Barbara Cecil, Jennifer Shultz

Vocation Cross Family

Mike Overton, Mike Payne, Lucia Nunez

Hillcrest: Judy Coomes, Karen Thompson

Ministers of Hospitality for February

4 Jordan, Jolene White, David Jones, Bill Wathen

7 Jeff, Mary Fenwick, Steve Orth, Paul Edge

10 Jim Mattingly, Carl Hamilton, Chris Glaser, David Graham

5:30 Luke Robertson, Alex Vaughan, Mason, Ben Miller

**Ordination of Bishop-Elect Medley
Wednesday, February 10, 2:00 PM
Owensboro Sportscenter
Vespers at St. Stephen on Tuesday,
February 9, 6:00 PM**

Catholic Q&A

What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are listed in Isa 11:2-3. The Douay-Rheims translation reads as follows:

“And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: the spirit of **wisdom**, and of **understanding**, the spirit of **counsel**, and of **fortitude**, the spirit of **knowledge**, and of **godliness**. And he shall be filled with the spirit of the **fear of the Lord** . . .”

They are given to us at our Baptism and strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their purpose is to make us docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. He works in us through these gifts and each one helps us to progress towards holiness.

It can be difficult to distinguish between the different gifts of the Holy Spirit because they are so much alike. For help, I turn to the *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, by Fr. John A. Hardon:

Wisdom: It makes the soul responsive to God in the contemplation of divine things. It allows our minds to penetrate the very essence of divine truths.

Understanding: It is given to the mind for grasping revealed truths easily and profoundly. It gives insight into the meaning of what a person believes.

Counsel: It enables a person to judge promptly and rightly, as by a sort of supernatural intuition, what should be done, especially in difficult situations.

Fortitude: It gives a person a special strength of will. This gift confers an extraordinary readiness to undergo trials for love of God or in fulfillment of the divine will.

Knowledge: It gives a person the ability to judge everything from a supernatural viewpoint. The object of this gift is the whole spectrum of created things insofar as they lead one to God. Through infused knowledge the faithful can see the providential purpose of whatever enters their lives.

Godliness (or “Piety”): It produces an instinctive filial affection for God and devotion toward those who are specially consecrated to God. It is a ready loyalty to God and the things of God.

Fear of the Lord: A solemn respect for the almighty power and glory of God. It fills us with reverence for Him and dread of offending Him who loves us so completely.

I pray that the Spirit will arouse these gifts within you as you contemplate your role and mission in the Church.

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

Catholics Returning Home

New sessions begin Feb. 18-25, 6:30-8PM

These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to question about returning to Church. If you or someone you know is interested in these sessions, please fill out a card in the pews or call Josie Hagan, 926-1483 or Liz Francis, 926-3148.

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to:
Jim Mayfield on the death of his uncle. May he rest in the love and the peace of the Lord!

Clay Flower Pots Needed

We are in need of all sizes of clay flower pots. We plan on painting and decorating them to use on the River as décor in Blessed Mother’s Booth at the Bar-B-Que Festival. We need them as soon as possible so as to have them finished for the Festival. You may drop them off at the Parish Office.

Laugh for the Week Smart Answers

The police officer got out of his car as the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. “I’ve been waiting for you all day,” the officer said. The kid replied, “yeah, well sir, I got here as fast as I could.” When the officer finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway and noticed a sign that read: Low Bridge Ahead. Before he knows it, the bridge is right in front of him and his truck gets wedged under it. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally a police car come up. The officer gets out and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, “Got stuck, huh?” The truck driver says, “No, I was delivering this bridge and I ran out of gas.”

Scripture Study On The Gospel of John

**Monday Morning Class at 10 AM
in the Youth Room**

**Tuesday Night Class at 7 PM
in the Parish Hall**

Young Disciples

Coming Soon...

Sunday, Feb. 7th~ Super Bowl– No Youth Group

Sunday, Feb. 14th~ TEC Weekend—No Youth Group

RETREATS!!:

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

Cooking Teams up to bat: THANK YOU!!

1. Sunday, Feb. 7th~ No Youth Group! No Team Needed!

Sunday, Feb. 14th~ No Youth Group! No Team Needed!

Stewardship according to the Blessed Mother Youth Group:

“Stewardship means being responsible with the gifts that God has given you by: taking care of them, using them to serve others, and giving them back to Him.”

“Stewardship means protecting the Earth and the things that God created.”

“Stewardship means giving of your time, talent, and treasure.”

“Stewardship is about using your talents to serve God.”

Blessed Mother Youth Groups Promises to try to be good stewards by:

- helping elderly neighbors
- volunteering at the homeless shelter
- serving our Church community
- recycling
- volunteering in the community
- tithing
- helping out at home
- praying for each other, the people of Blessed Mother, and the world

Blessed Mother Church Stewardship

We ask that you prayerfully decide on ways to share your Time, Talent, and Treasure with your church. Next weekend we celebrate Commitment Sunday. If you have not yet returned your card, please do so or bring it to Mass next weekend. 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.

Forming Good Stewards

February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets!”

Luke 5:1-11

Fishing is a difficult and dangerous way to make a living. The profits sometimes do not justify the perspiration and the peril. And it is highly unlikely that a man who has spent his life fishing on a small [14 miles north to south and 7 miles east to west], pear shaped sea in the northern part of Galilee would accept the advice of a carpenter about where and when to lower his nets. That is why Simon’s response to Jesus is such a strong statement of faith. When Simon Peter realized that Jesus was calling him to be his disciple he fell to his knees and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” When Isaiah heard the Lord’s call he proclaimed his unworthiness. The Lord asked, “Whom shall I send?” Isaiah responded, “Here I am Lord, send me!” Isaiah and Simon Peter teach us that responding to God and being a disciple of Jesus Christ, is not about being *worthy*. It is about being *willing*. If we wait until we feel worthy, we may never begin. If we are willing, we have already begun.

Sunday Collections

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$19,464.	\$21,058.	\$22,787..	\$22,526.

In the Passing of Time

Brett Favre holds numerous NFL records: most consecutive games and career wins at his position, and most career passing touchdowns, passing yard, attempts and completions. He’s also a practicing Catholic. From his years as a standout collegian at So. Mississippi through the locker rooms of the Atlanta Falcons, Green Bay Packers, New York Jets and Minnesota Vikings, the future Hall of Fame quarterback has established an athletic resume achieved by very few. Figures of such renown often come to understand that success on the playing field is best measured by purpose in life. His twenty years as a professional are defined by his years as a Green Bay Packer, so facing his former teammates as field general for the Vikings must have generated some unease. Before the game Brett told a reporter, “When I got to the hotel it kind of dawned on me that I would face my former teammates.” Where did he go for comfort, to affirm a sense of peace and purpose? “I had church today at 3 o’clock, and I was sitting there throwing all kinds of prayers out.” After a standout performance, before a full house and the largest number of viewers to see a Monday night game, he said, “The good Lord answered my prayers.” Brett Favre and his wife Deanna have known success. Like everyone under the sun, they’ve known hurt and heartache. Coastal hurricanes destroyed family homes, car accidents have claimed members of both families, Brett Favre has fought addiction, and Deanna has battled breast cancer. In difficult times, their Catholic faith has sustained them. As the quarterback noted, we pray and “the good Lord answers.”

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

Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Helen Bellwood, 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, 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, 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.**

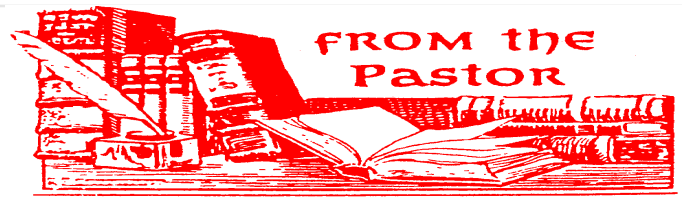
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
Ryan Hofmann, Iraq (grandson of Al & Joan Hofmann)

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



**FROM the
Pastor**

I hope you had a good week. Today is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We have the story in the Gospel of Luke of a miraculous catch of fish. The fishermen are so taken with the miracle that they choose to follow Jesus as his disciples. Jesus has shown us amazing things though we may not have noticed. Have we chosen to follow Him? Let us say yes to the Lord this week in whatever way He calls.

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for our stewardship drive. We want to collect them next Sunday if at all possible. (You can still drop your forms by the office or mail them in.) It is a good sign to bring our commitments to the altar where we worship week after week.

A note on the ministerial commitments. To serve at the altar as a Eucharistic Minister or a Lector, one has to be in good standing with the Church. If married then married with the Church's blessing; if single then living the single life of a Christian as mentioned in the Scripture or teachings of the Church.

NOTE WELL: Jan Storm is retiring at the end of April after 25 years of faithful service to the parish. If anyone wants to apply for the position of parish administrator, one needs to send a resume to the office this month. The person in this position needs good people skills working with the public on a daily basis; they need familiarity with computers and a good business sense in order to deal with the bookkeeping issues; they should be familiar with word processing programs because of the weekly bulletin. It goes without saying they need to be practicing Catholics in right relationship with the Church. Interviews will be conducted in March with the new person starting in April to work alongside Jan the last month she is here.

Mark your calendars for Bishop-elect Medley's ordination to the Episcopacy on February 10, at 2:00pm at the Sportscenter. Everyone is invited.

Future News: I am planning a trip to Rome, Italy the summer of 2011 (July). I have been managing to go every five years lately and so it is time again. More info coming soon. It will be an organized tour with Unitours, Inc. We will be able to take approximately 40 people.

Have a good week.

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

**Mon. Mass 6:30 AM
Bunko, 1:00 PM
Choristers Practice, 4:30
Cherubs Practice, 5:15**

Tues. Mass at Noon due to Vespers at St. Stephens at 6 PM

**Wed. Mass at 6:30 AM
OFFICES CLOSED FOR
BISHOP MEDLEY'S ORDINATION**

Thurs. Mass at Noon

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass at Noon**

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

**Sun. 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
Religious Ed Classes 11 AM
Coffee and Donuts, 11 AM**

Readings

February 7 through February 14, 2010

Sun: Is 6:1-2a,3-8 Ps 138:1-5,7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,11 Lk 5:1-11

Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 Ps 132:6-7,8-10 Mk 6:53-56

Tues: 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30 Ps 4:3-5,10-11 Mk 7:1-13

Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40 Mk 7:14-23

Thurs: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 06:3-4,35-37,40 Mk 7:24-30

Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19 Ps 81:10-11b,12-15 Mk 7:31-37

Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7b,19-22 Mk 8:1-10

Sun: Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-4,6 1 Cor 15:12,16-20 Lk 6:17,20-26

Prayer for Stewardship of Treasure

Good and gracious God, we give you thanks for the many blessings you have given us—for shelter, clothing, food, love and abundance in our lives, and for our parishes which connect us so closely with you and your people. We hear you call to Stewardship, Lord. Give us generous hearts that we may respond by sharing our blessings. Give us courageous hearts that we may respond by living the Gospel message. Give us faith to believe in your goodness, so that with confident hearts we may return a generous portion of our monetary resources to you, oh Lord. We pray, with grateful hearts, through Christ, your Son. Amen.

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

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.

OC League Baseball/softball Sign-Ups 2/13 9-2 K-3 and 4-6 Campus Gym 9-2,and 2/14-4 at both campuses, 2/20 9-12 at K-3 Campus Gym. Call Mike Weafer for information 929-5220.

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