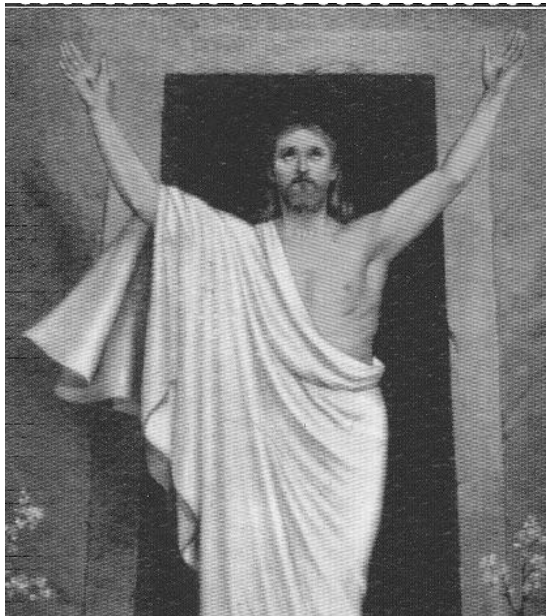


April 4, Easter Sunday



“He is Risen”

Intention for the Week

Monday, April 5
No 6:30 AM

Tuesday, April 6
NO 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 7
No 6:30 AM

Thursday, April 8
Noon *Curtis Calhoun (dec)*

Friday, April 9
Noon *Ioma Evans (ann of dec)*

Saturday April 10
4:00 PM *Kenneth & Wanda Ward (60th ann)*

Sunday, April 11, Devine Mercy Sunday
7:00 AM *Robert Ward (dec, Bday)*
10:00 AM *Steve Quinn, Larry Clem (dec, B-day)*
5:30 PM *Blessed Mother Parishioners*

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

Liturgical Ministers for April 10, 11

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Marjorie Early, Sandra Henry, Liz Francis, Cecelia Hamilton, Shirley Kent, Mary Ava Jackson, Janet Ruth, Rose Clark, Maggie O'Bryan

7 AM Mike Thompson, Brenda Hagan, Sr. Mary Timothy, Darlene Kazlauskas, Dennis Sandefur, Carolyn Taylor

10 AM Bill Hayden, Jeannette Ward, Drew Ward, Denny Mann, Pauline Wigginton, Becky Hargitt, Lori Whitehouse, Richard Whitehouse, Lindsey Whitehouse

5:30 PM David McBride, Bev Payne, Lisa Carmon, Christina Best, Michele Linn, Pete Linn

Readers

4 PM Cindy McCain
7 AM Charlie Castlen
10 AM Mary Howard
5:30 PM Kathryn Dueker

Servers

4 PM Allison Williams
 Lauren Williams
7 AM Jack Iracane, Sam Thompson
10 AM Neil Mattingly, Hayden Riney
5:30 PM Christopher, John Thomas Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Joyce Powers
7 AM Shelby Thompson
10 AM David Graham
5:30 PM Christine Wolke

Childrens Liturgy

Preschool **Ellen Hayden, Rachel Aull (Asst)**
K-3rd Grade **Heidi Dees, Hunter Boling(Asst)**

Vocation Cross Family

Joe Carr, Kevin Carrico, Patrick Cason

Hillcrest: Shari Newton , Sandra Henry

Ministers of Hospitality for April

4 Tim, Josh, Eric, Rebecca Goetz

7 Russ Corley, Bernie, Alex Dotsey, Tom Foster

10 Bob, Alex Bahnick, Chris Shaver, Bill Young

5:30 Pat, Isaac Hardesty, Matt Howard, Alex Johnson

Catholic Q & A

What proof is there in the resurrection of Jesus?

First, the Christian claim is that Jesus of Nazareth, a Jewish prophet who claimed to be the Messiah, was arrested, condemned by Pontius Pilate, and crucified. He was placed in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, which was sealed with a large boulder and guarded by Roman soldiers. Three days later, some women who went to His tomb found the boulder removed and the body gone. In a span of 40 days, He appeared to over 500 people and then ascended into heaven. But, is it true?

With any historical event, you discover what happened by utilizing eyewitness accounts and the documents of those who collected such accounts. For the resurrection of Jesus, the New Testament is our primary source for such documentary evidence. There simply is not enough room here to defend the historical reliability of the New Testament, but trust me, we can be exceedingly confident in the purity of the New Testament as it has come down to us (despite the fact that we do not have the originals), and we can rest assured that it gives us an accurate reporting of what actually happened.

That said, we know that Jesus resurrected from the dead because: **1.)** all of the reliable historical evidence tells us that He did, and **2.)** There is no other explanation that better accounts for the facts of the matter. Of course, people have their theories, but they are easily refuted.

Some say that, in their great psychological distress, everyone who thought they saw the resurrected Lord was actually **hallucinating**. But, 500 people hallucinating the same thing? Not likely. You can't touch a hallucination either (like Thomas did), and last time I checked, hallucinations don't eat, nor do they last for 40 days.

Others say that once Jesus died, the apostles realized that He was actually a quack and so, to avoid embarrassment, they devised a **grand conspiracy** to fool everyone into believing that He was actually the Messiah. Also not likely. For one, these are simple people we're talking about here. The apostles did not have the brains to conceive of such a perfect scheme. Secondly, the conspiracy theory requires them to do things that would have been nearly impossible, such as rolling away the boulder, separating Jesus' body from the burial linens (which by then would have been securely glued to his skin), and then running away with the body all without the Roman guards seeing. There's also the fact that no one travels to far distant lands and then suffers a martyr's death for **a lie** — unless he is absolutely deranged!

The fact is that the tomb was empty, Jesus appeared to over 500 people during those 40 days, and the gospel message spread like wildfire because Jesus Christ had truly risen from the dead. Thanks be to God! Alleluia!!

Peace of Christ to you,

Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
nicholashardesty@gmail.com

Laugh for the Week

Do you go to Church?

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and father was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

Father said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My Friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Father."

Father questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service!"

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to:
and family on the death of Lauren Girten,, daughter
Of June Girten (Keith Condor) and Benny Girten Jr.
(Jackie Chandler)

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

Life Line Screening

Could you be at risk of vascular disease? On Monday, May 10, Life Line Screening will be at Blessed Mother Church in our Hall to offer screening test. There will be 4 life saving tests offered and the cost is reduced to less than \$50 each, (\$129 for all 4) . Please call 1-800-679-5609 regarding questions and appointment time.



**Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary
Kenny and Wanda Ward**

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

**Sunday, April 4th~ HAPPY
EASTER!! NO YOUTH
GROUP TONIGHT!!**

**Monday, April 5th~ Spring
Break Ice Skating: 2-4 pm @
the Edge Ice Rink. Cost: \$3
+ food/drink \$\$ (optional)**

**Sunday, April 11th~ End of
Spring Break! Movie Night!!**

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

**Cooking Teams up to bat: THANK
YOU!!**

**Sunday, April 4th~ NO COOKING
TEAM NEEDED!!**

**Sunday, April 11th~ Keith & Jeannie
Best; Kenny & Tricia Buckman**



Happy Easter from Fr. John and the
staff of Blessed Mother

**Divine Mercy Sunday
Blessed Mother Church
April 11, 1:30—4:00 PM
Speaker Fr. Chrispin Oneko
“God’s Mercy and Love for his people”
Sac. Of Reconciliation, Mercy Chaplet.**

**Forming Good Stewards
April 4, 2010
Easter Sunday**

The Lord has truly been raised . . .
He was made known to us in the break-
ing of the bread. Luke 24:13-35

The location of Emmaus has not been definitively estab-
lished. Two sites northwest of Jerusalem make strong
claims. One is approximately seven miles from Jerusa-
lem, as reported in Luke’s Gospel; the other is approxi-
mately twenty miles, but makes a stronger case. The
disciples that encountered Jesus would have left Jerusa-
lem early in the morning. Walking at a brisk pace they
could cover twenty miles in one day. They do not rec-
ognize Jesus, but are impressed with his knowledge of
Scripture. They urge him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly
evening and the day is almost over.” It would be nice to
know the location of Emmaus., but it is much more im-
portant to understand that the two disciples realized,
“our hearts were burning within us?” They recognized
Jesus as the Risen Lord in the Breaking of the Bread
and rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the others. Do we
recognize Jesus as the Risen Lord in the Breaking of the
Bread? Do we rush out to tell others? This Easter morn
is a good time to start to do that?

Sunday Collections

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$21,237	\$21,058.	\$23,105.	\$22,662.

Congratulations

John Murray Adams, Charlie Dees, Ann Futrell,
Lindsey Lanham, Shelia Moore, Walter Redd, Jer-
emy Riter who were brought into full communion
with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Abigail Gerald, Adam Gilbert, Alex, Elizabeth, and
Logan Moore, Alayna Villanueva, Emma Kate
Lanham, who were baptized at the Easter Vigil.

**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, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Angela Farmer, Maria Finley, Matt Gabis, Rita Gabis, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Donna Hamilton, Mary Hardesty, Jr. Harpe, Ann Havener, Lucy Harpe, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler,, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Thelma Hinton, Mildred Howard, Margaret Isbell, Mary Ava Jackson, Betty Jo Johnson, Edith Johnson, Gertrude Jones, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, 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, Hubert Vowels, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Katherine Whittinghill, Jack Wilson, Bea Wooldridge, Bill, Flora Yancy, Randy Zaremba

**Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War.
Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home soon.**

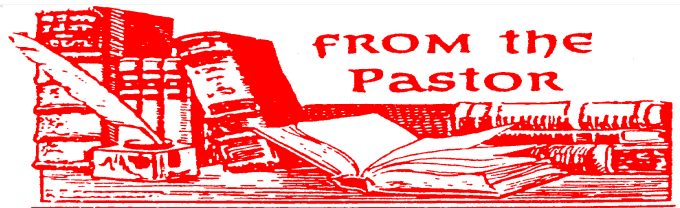
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
Ryan Hofmann, Iraq (grandson of Al & Joan Hofmann)

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
SN Jason Bishop, US Navy, son of Linda & Dan Pearl



Today is the holiest day of the Church Year – Easter Sunday. We rejoice in the Lord’s victory over sin and death and He has given us all new life. We welcome our new members who joined us just last evening. The Easter Season lasts longer than Lent to remind us that rejoicing should be our strength. Happy Easter to everyone.

I would like to thank Brett Ballard for all the extra music this week and all the ministers who did extra duty this past week. You will be blessed abundantly by the Risen Lord.

I want to especially thank Darlene Quinn and her helpers who decorated the altar during the week’s festivities. Everything was beautiful as expected.

My gratitude goes to Nick Hardesty and Tim Goetz and Christina Best our RCIA team for all the ministry this year bringing our candidates to faith in the Church.

I will be out of the office for a few days at the beginning of the week. Please note the Mass schedule.

Have a good week.

VISIT THE HOLY LAND: Come with us on an 11 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, November 11th— November 21st, where we will visit the sites and shrines at Caesarea, Nazareth, Jericho, Cana, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Spend time at the birth and burial places of John the Baptist and Jesus, the Garden of Gethsemane, Capernaum, the Dead Sea, Masada, towns along the Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee. Travel arrangements by Pentecost Tours, Inc. co-hosted by Fr. Ben Luther, Fr. Bruce Fogle, and Fr. Tony Stevenson. For more information contact Fr. Tony at 777 East 5th Avenue— Calvert City, Ky. 42029 or at padrefalls@yahoo.com

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524

Calendar for the Week	
Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM	
Mon.	No Mass 6:30 AM Bible Study 10AM Bunko, 1 PM No Choristers Practice, 4:30 PM No Cherubs Practice, 5:15 PM
Tues.	No Mass 6:30 AM Bible Study 7:00PM Blanket Ministry 6:30 PM
Wed.	No Mass at 6:30 AM Liturgy Committee 6:30 PM
Thurs.	Mass at Noon
Fri.	Eucharistic Adoration Mass at Noon
Sat.	Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM Mass 4 PM
Sun.	Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM No Religious Ed Classes 11 AM No Coffee and Donuts, 11 AM

Readings

April 4 through April 11, 2010

Sun:	Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
Mon:	Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Mt 28:8-15
Tues:	Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 Jn 20:11-18
Wed:	Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35
Thur:	Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab,5-9 Lk 24:35-48
Fri:	Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a Jn 21:1-14
Sat:	Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1,14-15b,16-21 Mk 16:9-15
Sun:	Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 Rv 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19 Jn 20:19-31

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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

OCS Pre-Registration: Space still available, financial assistance available, anyone needing information may call the Central Office at 686-8896.

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.

Hospice in need of Volunteers

For information call 926-7565

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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