



***“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours”***

Intention for the Week

Monday, Feb. 15

6:30 AM Mary M. Head (dec)

Tuesday, Feb. 16

6:00 PM Carrol Meister (ann of death)

Wednesday, Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM School Mass

Noon John Hartz (dec)

6:00 PM Addie Corley (dec)

Thursday, Feb. 18

Noon Paul Roberts (dec)

Friday, Feb. 19

Noon Betty Williams (dec)

Saturday, Feb. 20

4 PM Haynes Family (L&D)

First Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM Ballard-Clark Families

10:00 AM Agnes Luckett (dec)

5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

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.**

Liturgical Ministers for Feb. 20/21

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Jan Storm, Edith Johnson, Jeff Williams, Janet Ruth, Jennifer, David Jones, Mary Ava Jackson, Liz Francis, Marjorie Early

7 AM Don Cecil, Carolyn Taylor, Randy, Angie Lee, Sr. Mary Timothy, Mike Thompson

10 AM Ed Higdon, Bill Hayden, Mike Head, Sabrina, Scott Johnson, Darryl, Carol Murphy, Mark Church, Debbie Ward

5:30 PM Christina Best, Janice Bumm, Bev Payne, Sarah Blanford, Michele, Pete Linn

Readers

4 PM Bonnie Snyder

7 AM John Kazlauskas

10 AM Ann Blanford

5:30 PM Lindsey Whitehouse

Servers

4 PM Billy Cason, Nicholas Jackson

7 AM Harper, Alex Dotsey

10 AM Collin Carrico, Daniel Fulkerson

5:30 PM John, Christopher Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Bucky Coomes

7 AM Jane Settles

10 AM Charlie Kase

5:30 PM Betty Thompson

Children's Liturgy

Preschool: Pauline Wigginton, Ruth Schrecker

Kn-3 Grade: Natalie Hayden, Ben Howard

Vocation Cross Family

Dorothy Rhodes, Austin Johnson, Wil Wigginton

Hillcrest: Debbie Ward, Donna Powers

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

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

Catholic Q&A

What is the proper gesture of reverence towards the tabernacle both during Mass and outside of Mass?

Our outward gestures, especially those that take place within the context of liturgy and prayer, should reflect our inner disposition, our own thoughts and feelings about what we are doing. That is why a question like this is an important one: it is an opportunity for us to make sure that our gestures are an accurate reflection of genuine Catholic sentiment regarding the tabernacle.

The tabernacle is a boxlike container where the Blessed Sacrament is kept, or “reserved.” Consecrated hosts are kept there so that the Body of Christ is available to take to the sick, and so that the faithful have the opportunity to adore our Lord in the Eucharist.

Outside of Mass, the proper gesture of reverence towards the tabernacle is a genuflection, in which you kneel on your right knee, make the Sign of the Cross, and then rise to your feet again. Note that this is a more profound act of humility and reverence than a bowing of the head, or a bowing at the waist. This is because Christ’s Presence in the tabernacle is more profound. Jesus is more substantially present in the tabernacle than He is in the Word of God found in Scripture or, generally speaking, in the hearts of men. Thus, the tabernacle calls for a greater gesture of reverence.

The purpose for the genuflection you make when you enter and exit the pew is to venerate the tabernacle. But, note that this takes place before Mass starts and after it has ended. **While Mass is being celebrated**, there is no sign of reverence made towards the tabernacle, at least not by the priest, deacon, and other liturgical ministers. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says, “If, however, the tabernacle with the Most Blessed Sacrament is present in the sanctuary, the priest, the deacon, and the other ministers genuflect when they approach the altar and when they depart from it, but not during the celebration of Mass itself” (cf. no. 274).

I’m not entirely sure why that is. Perhaps it is to draw our attention to the altar, where the Sacrifice of the Mass is taking place. Genuflection signifies adoration, so it could also be that, by removing the sign of reverence towards the tabernacle, the Church is trying to place the emphasis on what is being consecrated in front of us, instead of on what was already consecrated during a previous Mass. Or, it could be that, since you already revered the tabernacle when you entered the pew before Mass, and you’re going to do it again before you exit the pew, that those gestures are sufficient and it’s not necessary to do them again. I am not an expert on the liturgy, but those are my educated guesses.

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



Masses at 9AM, Noon, 6PM

Liturgical Ministers, 9 AM School Mass

Noon: EM Sabrina Johnson, Bill, Joy Bach, Ethel, Fran Watrous, Bill Hayden
Reader: Pal Fitzhugh **Server:** Cliff Russell

6PM: EM Angie, Randy Lee, Sandy Henry, Dan, Sandra Thomas, Jeanne Best, Dennis Sandefur, Bobby, Phyllis Bastin **Reader:** Phil Hagan
Servers: Will Sandefur, Nick Russell

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:
Ray Garvin and family on the death of his mother, Pat.

Cotton Clark, Jim Clark (sons) and Nick Clark (grandson)
On the death of Mildred Clark.

The family and friends of Aline Keller

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

Laugh for the Week

Bulletin Bloopers

- The sermon this morning: “Jesus Walks on the Water”....The sermon tonight “Searching for Jesus.”
- Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community...Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say Hell to someone who doesn’t care much about you.
- Don’t let worry kill you off—let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang “I will not pass this way again,” giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Young Disciples

Coming Soon...

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

Sunday, Feb. 21st~ Dodgeball and Other 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: bmcyouth@bellsouth.net or 683-8444 Ext. 28

Cooking Teams up to bat: THANK YOU!!

- 1. Sunday, Feb. 14th~ No Youth Group! No Team Needed!**
- 2. Mike & Gail Williams; Terri LaHugh, Charlie Dees**

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.”

FROM SINNERS TO APOSTLES

Pope John Paul II wrote the words to all women who have had abortions: “The Father of mercy is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation . To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. As a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone’s right to life. “

Blessed Mother Church Stewardship

*We ask that you prayerfully decide on ways to share your Time, Talent, and Treasure with your church. This weekend we celebrate Commitment Sunday. If you have not yet returned your card, please mail in this week or bring it by the office. **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 14, 2010

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are you . . .” Luke 6:20-26

The passive tone of the beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount in St. Matthew's Gospel must be read in concert with the mandate to act in St. Luke's version of the same event in his Sermon on the Plain. The words of Jesus in St. Luke are not only more forceful, but he adds the “woes” to those who fail or refuse to act. Rev. Abuna Elias Chacour is a Melkite Catholic priest who was born in Biram in Gallilee (northern part of Israel). His family and fellow villagers were forced off of their land and out of their homes by the Israelis. He speaks Aramaic, the language that Jesus spoke. He translates the Beatitudes in a more pro-active way. He proposes that Jesus meant: “You who are poor - who seek justice - peacemakers - *get up, go ahead, do something, about your poverty - justice - peace* - and you will be blessed.” Complacency and timidity about our condition in life and our world is not a blessing. But blessed are those who act to benefit themselves and others.

Sunday Collections

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$28,523..	\$21,058.	\$28,523.	\$22,714..

Ash Wednesday Collection Our sister Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica

Your giving toward this collection last year covered operating expenses for one month of Diocesan operations there. You are making possible the spread of the Gospel in this second most poor country in the western hemisphere. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated by the Church there.

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, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Carico, 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, 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 Scharung, 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 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

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

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. As you know, Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. We pray that this sacrificial time is a chance to grow in holiness as we deepen our resolve to repent. May this season lead us to the joys of Easter. Ash Wednesday Mass schedule: 9:00am School Mass; Mass at noon and 6:00pm. (Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation.)

This is Commitment Weekend for our stewardship drive. We want to collect all your forms this 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. We will be needing volunteers in a few weeks to help with the phonathon to follow up with those who have not turned in their forms.

Fridays of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross. Stations will be at 6:30 this year – a little earlier than in the past – we will see if that works out better for people.

There will be a short parish council meeting after the 6pm Mass on Ash Wednesday.

A word of thanks to Cliff Russell for the outstanding work on our Witness Video this past weekend. I also want to thank all those who participated in the interviews.

The last weekend of February is St. Meinrad Weekend here at the parish. A monk from the abbey will be here to talk at all the Masses and bring us up to date on the seminary work as well as the archabbey.

A note on 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.

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
No Choristers Practice, 4:30 PM
No Right to Life Chili Supper, Feb. 27, St. Pius
\$5 Tickets on Sale here next weekend
Donation of pies and cakes are needed

Cherubs Practice, 5:15 PM

Tues. Mass at 6:00 PM
Finance Committee, 6:30PM
Bible Study 7 PM

Wed. Ash Wednesday
Masses at 9AM, Noon, 6PM

Thurs. Mass at Noon

Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass at Noon
Stations of the Cross, 6:30PM

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

Readings

February 14 through February 21, 2010

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

Mon: Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76 Mk 8:11-13

Tues: Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,18-19 Mk 8:14-21

Wed: JI 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thurs: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b,18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Sat: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

Sun: Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2,10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

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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

Financial Aid forms are now available.

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 Call Mike Weafer for information 929-5220.

Elementary Girls volleyball sign-ups call Russ Hayden 684-6783.

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!

Precious Blood "All you can eat fish fry"
 Fridays in the Parish Hall, Tilapia, and the fixings.

Parish Council Members

Charlie Castlen	683-3426
Charlotte Cecil	683-0499
Tim Goetz	684-8275
David Graham	683-4665
Troy Halemam	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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