

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me”**

**Intention for the Week**

**Monday, Jan. 25, Conversion of St. Paul**  
6:30 AM Jim Clark (dec)

**Tuesday, Jan. 26, Sts. Timothy & Titus**  
6:00 PM Seth & Brandi

**Wednesday, Jan. 27, St. Angela Merici**  
6:30 PM Anna Marie Davis (dec)

**Thursday, Jan. 28, St. Thomas Aquinas**  
9:00 AM Ernie Davis  
Noon Mass Catherine Roberts

**Friday, Jan 29**  
Noon Mass Mary J Schell (dec)

**Saturday, Jan. 30**  
4 PM Ioma Evans (dec)

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
7:00 AM Bob Goetz (dec)  
10:00 AM Joey Mullican (dec)  
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

**Reception**  
**Fr. John’s 30th Anniversary**  
**to the Priesthood,**  
**Sunday, January 24, 11 AM-1PM,**  
**In St. Joseph Hall**  
**Come and Celebrate With Him!**

**Liturgical Ministers for Jan. 30/31**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**4 PM** Joyce Pearl, Lahoma Stinnett, Marian Bennett, Jack Wilson, Liz Francis, Mary Ava Jackson, David, Jennifer Jones, Shirley Kent

**7 AM** Sr. Mary Timothy, Bill, Joy Bach, Carolyn Taylor, Mike Thompson, Don Cecil

**10 AM** Mike Head, Billy Hayden, Ed Higdon, Jeannie Best, Tony Powers, Elaine Williams, Becky Hargitt, Jerry, Brenda Millay

**5:30 PM** Jessica Carmon, Olivia Hardesty, Susan, Pat Hale, Katie Mattingly, Deanna Brasher

**Readers**

**4 PM** Kim Williams  
**7 AM** Harry Baumgarten  
**10 AM** Sandra Rafferty  
**5:30 PM** Kathryn Dueker

**Servers**

**4 PM** Allison, Lauren Williams  
**7 AM** Tricia, Kevin Thompson  
**10 AM** Hayden Riney, Neil Mattingly  
**5:30 PM** Jacob Linn, Sara Brown

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

**4 PM** Don Mattingly  
**7 AM** Vincent Dick  
**10 AM** Kevin Burcham  
**5:30 PM** Tim West

**Children’s Liturgy**

Preschool: Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young  
Kn-3 Grade: Laura Cecil, Hunter Boling

**Vocation Cross Family**

Lahoma Stinnett, Jeff Williams, Debbie Addington

**Hillcrest:** Denny Mann, Charles Zambrano

**Ministers of Hospitality for January**

4 Larry Franey, Mike Hays, Tom Wedding, Mark Dorth  
7 Paul Garner, Mike Wade, Vince Frey, Glenn Woodward  
10 Mike, Zach Wolford, Mark Steitler, Alex Lashbrook  
5:30 Pete, Jacob, Josh Linn, Eric Vaughn

**Children’s Choir Practice**  
**Begins Jan. 25th**  
**Choristers at 4:30 PM**  
**Cherubs at 5:15 PM**  
**Children’s Liturgy Room**

## Catholic Q&A

*Can you tell me more about the Gospel according to John that we will be studying here at Blessed Mother?*

The Gospel of John was written by one of Jesus' 12 apostles. He was the youngest of the 12 and "the one whom Jesus loved" (cf. Jn 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:20,24). With James and Peter, he was part of the "inner circle" of apostles who were closest to Jesus and who alone were privileged to witness important moments in Jesus' ministry, such as the Transfiguration (cf. Mk 9:2). John was the only apostle who stayed with Jesus at the Crucifixion, and Jesus gave His mother Mary into the care of John shortly before He died. Finally, besides the Gospel, John also wrote three letters and the Book of Revelation, which are found in the New Testament.

Scholars date the composition of the Gospel to around 90 AD. Since the Gospel shows detailed knowledge of Jewish feasts, a familiarity with Palestinian geography, and makes many allusions to the Temple, it was probably written for Jews and Jewish Christians living throughout the Mediterranean world. As for the purpose of the Gospel, John specifically says, "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name" (Jn 20:31). John is also writing in order to "fill in the blanks" left by the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John informs us of many facts and events that are not found in the other Gospels.

John's Gospel is a truly beautiful work, rich in meaning and deeply spiritual. John himself is symbolized by an eagle because his Gospel soars to new heights of contemplation upon the divinity of Christ. John proves with certainty that Jesus is God. His Gospel is also very familiar: it focuses on God as a family of Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — and upon mankind as initiated into that family through faith in Christ. In relation to the other Gospels, the Trinity finds its fullest expression in John's Gospel. Life, truth, light, glory, and "bearing witness" are common themes found throughout. Faith and love are also very important.

Finally, John's Gospel is very sacramental. He speaks explicitly of Baptism (cf. Jn 3:3,5), Eucharist (cf. Jn 6), and Confession (cf. Jn 20:21-23). Jesus gives marriage new sanctity with His presence at the wedding feast at Cana (cf. Jn 2:1-11). John speaks indirectly of Confirmation by including Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles (cf. Jn 14:26; 16:13). The priesthood is even seen in Jesus' priestly prayer in Jn 17, where Jesus intercedes as High Priest to the Father on our behalf and offers himself as a holy victim.

This is truly an amazing work, and I hope you will join us in studying it.

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

**First Reconciliation for Second Graders  
This Sunday at 2 PM  
Must have attended the Retreat  
On Saturday**

### Emergency Help for the Suffering People of Haiti

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has made an initial commitment of 5 million dollars for immediate use in the relief effort. Donations are needed to help CRS, the official international humanitarian agency of the US Catholic Church. To donate, please call 1-877-435-7277, donate online at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) or send a check to Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. In the memo of your check, please write: Haiti Earthquake.

### 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.

### Knights of Columbus Sausage Sale

Feb. 5, 2 lb. bags of links by the lb., fresh or smoked. To order call John Bell at 729-4270 or Neil Mattingly at 683-3290 by Jan. 29th.

### *From Death to New Life*

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to:  
The family and friends of Mary Hardesty.

Yvonne Knott and family on the death of her mother,  
Dorothy Clark.

John Snyder (husband) and family and Barbara Hurm  
(sister) and family on the death of Carolyn Snyder.

The family of Flo Pate.

Vincent Dick on the death of his brother, Fr. Fermus

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

### SOUP'S ON!!

Burgoo on Saturday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> on sale @ 4:00 pm. Proceeds go to benefit the Blessed Mother Youth Group!

**Scripture Study On The Gospel of John  
Begins, Tuesday Feb. 2nd  
Sign Up by  
Contacting Nicholas Hardesty or  
Look For Sign Ups after 10 AM Mass on  
Jan 24**

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

Sunday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>~ "Noise"

Sunday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>~ "What's Music Got To Do With It?"

### RETREATS!!:

**TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat**~ for high school juniors and seniors will be taking place Feb. 13-15 in Bardwell, KY. For more information, or to register, contact Christina. **Deadline: Wed. Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Middle School Lock-In**~ for grades 6-8, will be taking place Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00pm to 5:30 am @ the Y! Cost is \$20. **CHAPERONES NEEDED!!** For more info, or to register, contact Christina. **Deadline: Mon. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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

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

Sunday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>~ Bill and Joy Bach,

Laurie Elliot, Eva Burkhead

Sunday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>~ Ben & Karen Miller,

Laura Mattingly, Phyllis Bastin

### Laugh for the Week

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The sister made this note, and posted it on the apple tray: Take only ONE. God is watching. Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, Take all you want. God is watching the apples.

### Prayer for Stewardship of Time

To you, Lord we pray with praise and thanksgiving. You have given us everything we need, every gift we have. Help us to realize our most important gift, Lord—the time we spend with you. Help us to hear you in the Scriptures and meet you in the Eucharist, see you in the faces of those in our community, love you in the people we love, and feel you in the time we spend with you in prayer. Create within us a desire to increase the time we spend with you, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Forming Good Stewards

January 24, 2010

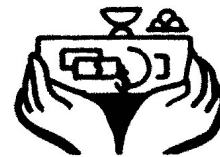
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke: 4:21

Jesus, his parents and grandparents lived in the small town of Nazareth that had a population of about 400 people and would have fit inside the physical boundaries on an average sized parish. In the synagogue at Nazareth, after reading a passage from Isaiah, Jesus declared "Today this passage is fulfilled in your hearing. . . The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." How would you react if someone you know in your parish stood up and said that? Now imagine the speaker says to you, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon *you* . . ." and *you* have been sent to do all of those things. As a result of our Baptism and Confirmation the Spirit is upon us and we have an obligation to do all those things - and more.

### Sunday Collections

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$23,616.	\$21,058.	\$25,726.	\$22,491.



### Blessed Mother Church Stewardship

*Our Stewardship Drive is now in full swing. We ask that you prayerfully decide on ways to share your Time, Talent, and Treasure with your church.*

*New Ministry Booklets and Commitment Cards will be mailed this week. Please return your commitment card by mail, place in the collection basket, or drop 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.*

## Thanks From Dance Blue

Aaron Thomas, a student of UK, and life long member of Blessed Mother, raised \$1,245.05 last weekend for support of Cancer Patients. Many thanks to all who contributed!

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

*Len Bach, 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, Andrew Dotsey, 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, Mary Hardesty, 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, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, John Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Charlie Mayfield, 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, 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 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)

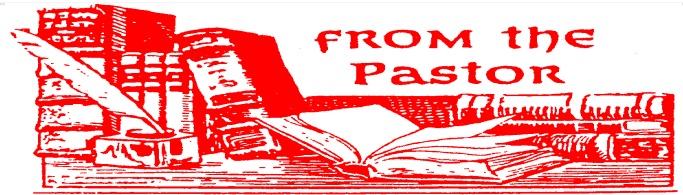
1st Lt William Cory Newton (grandson of Dorothy Schell)

#### **Other**

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May

CSSR Justin Mills, Japan, grandson of Dessie Clark

### **Daily Bible Reading 683-8524**



## FROM the Pastor

I hope you had a good week. Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. We have excerpts from the Gospel of Luke and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It starts in a synagogue at Nazareth when Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah. He has been sent to do great things. He still does great things in our midst.

The NET team has come and gone. The six young men stayed with me in the rectory. I am always impressed by their spirit of joy and their prayerfulness. The retreat went well too. Thanks to Christina and all who helped with that.

Each of you should have received information in the mail recently about our stewardship period that is beginning. More information will be forthcoming as well as bulletin inserts. We intend to have January and February as stewardship months in the years ahead.

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

### **Justice for Immigrants**

Postcards are available at the church doors to send to The Justice for Immigrants Campaign, US Conference of Catholic Bishops to urge Congress to pass reform legislation for our country's immigrants. Our US Senators are Mitch McConnell and Jim Bunning and our US Representative is Ron Lewis.

**Calendar for the Week**

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

**Mon. Mass 6:30 AM  
Bunko, 1:00 PM**

**Tues. Mass at 6 PM**

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

**Thurs. Mass at Noon**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration  
Mass at Noon**

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

**Sun. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM  
Religious Ed Classes 11 AM  
Coffee and Donuts, 11 AM  
Youth Group, 6:30-8 PM  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria**

**Readings for Jan. 25-31**

Mon. Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18

Tues. 2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 3:31-35

Wed. 2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20

Thurs. 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29 Mk 4:21-25

Fri. 2 Sm 11:1-10,13-17 Mk 4:26-34

Sat. 2 Sam 12:1-7,10-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sun. Jer 1:4-5,17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13  
Lk 4:21-30

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**Parish Council Members**

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David Jarboe	683-5108
Rick Moman	683-6555
Darryl Murphy	683-8437
Phil Riney	926-8945
Darlene Kazlauskas	684-3891
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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](http://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](http://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**

**Pro-Life Corner**

"When a family is weakened, it is inevitably children who suffer. If the dignity of women and mothers is not protected, it is the children who are affected most."  
Pope Benedict XVI

**Right to Life**

Feb. 27—Chili Supper at St. Pius Hall

**Catholic Schools News**

**Registration for all incoming freshmen will take place at Catholic High on Wed., Jan. 27 in the cafeteria and small gym, 7 pm.**

Grandparents Day at K-3 Campus, Feb. 2, 12:30-1:30, short program followed by refreshments and Open House.

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.

**Cathedral Preschool Registration** for 3,4, 5 year olds for 2010-2011 school year will begin Mon. Feb. 8, for present students and Feb. 16 for new students at 7:30am at the school or call the school at 926-1652.