

“My hour has not yet come”

Intention for the Week

- Monday, Jan. 18**
6:30 AM Jerry Blandford Sr. (dec)
- Tuesday, Jan. 19**
6:00 PM Charles Wedding (dec)
- Wednesday, Jan. 20, St. Fabian & Sebastian**
6:30 PM Rick Peveler (dec)
- Thursday, Jan. 21, St. Agnes**
Noon Mass Mr. & Mrs. Josh Griffith
- Friday, Jan 22, St. Vincent**
Noon Mass Regina Ramsey (dec)
- Saturday, Jan. 23**
4 PM Glenn Wooldridge (ann of death)
- Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**
7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parishioners
10:00 AM Agnes Luckett (dec)
5:30 PM Annie Echevarria (dec)

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 17 and 24

Liturgical Ministers for Jan. 23/24

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Janet Ruth, Sandy Henry, Fran, Ethel Watrous, Jay, Susie Fillman, Marjorie Early, Ruth Bittel-Nunez, Bonnie Snyder

7 AM Charlene, Harry Baumgarten, Darlene Kazlauskas, Brenda Hagan, Randy, Angie Lee

10 AM Jim Hagan, Sr. Marie Joseph, Carol, Darryl Murphy, Kim Barnett, Scott, Sabrina Johnson, John, Sharon Bell

5:30 PM David McBride, Sarah Blanford, Bev Payne, Janice Bumm, Christina Best, Cliff Russell

Readers

4 PM Cindy McCain
7 AM Bill Bach
10 AM Darryl Murphy
5:30 PM Lori Whitehouse

Servers

4 PM Brendan, Collin Higgins
7 AM Kaylin Hagan, Sam Thompson
10 AM Brittany Murphy, Dylan Miller
5:30 PM Alex Smiley, Nicholas Russell

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Donnie Blanford
7 AM Al Thompson
10 AM Ann Blanford
5:30 PM Kenny Buckman

Children’s Liturgy

Preschool: Michelle Sandefur, Rachel Aull
 Kn-3 Grade: Diane Fulkerson, Rachel O’Nan

Vocation Cross Family

Al Thompson, Judy Kapelsohn, Lahoma Stinnett

Hillcrest: Carol, Darryl Murphy

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

Catholic Q&A

Should I participate in Blessed Mother's upcoming Bible study on the Gospel of John? I don't know very much about the Bible at all. I'm afraid I'll just get lost or make a complete fool of myself.

I understand, honestly I do. Sometimes I'm afraid to lead it! But, if we keep giving in to that fear then we'll never overcome it. Wouldn't you like to **not** be afraid of studying the Bible? How are you ever going to overcome your fear of studying the Bible if you keep avoiding that study? I think the key here is for me and for you to do that very thing that we are afraid of doing.

I'm not saying that when you come to the end of our study you'll be a full-fledged Bible scholar ready to submit articles to academic journals. But, you'll have some knowledge and familiarity with John's Gospel that you never had before. You'll have ears equipped to hear what God is trying to say to you and to the world about Himself. If you go through this study, the next time you hear a passage from John's Gospel during Mass it will actually **mean something** to you! On the drive home you'll be able to tell your family what Jesus meant when he said, "Destroy this temple and I will rebuild it in three days" (Jn 2:19), or when he said, "Before Abraham was, I AM" (Jn 8:58). You can come to a point where Scripture actually excites you, instead of it being something that frustrates you and makes you feel insecure.

That is, in a sense, the fruit that I dangle in front of you. I hope you will take it. With the Stewardship Drive and the season of Lent fast approaching, now is the perfect time to get involved, both in your own spiritual life, and in the life of this parish. Our upcoming Scripture study is one way to do that.

There will be **sign-ups today and next Sunday, January 24th, after the 10 AM Mass, in the lobby area of the Family Life Center.** You can also register by calling me, sending me an email, or coming by the office. Please register as soon as possible so that I can have your materials ready for you on the first session. We will be meeting every **Tuesday night at 7 PM** in the **Parish Hall**, starting **February 2nd**. If there is enough interest, we will also meet on Monday morning at 10 AM. When you register, make sure you tell me which day and time you would prefer. **The cost of the study is only \$20**, which is a significant reduction of the actual retail price of each study guide. Each session will last about an hour and a half. This is a **30-week study**, which means that we will probably go into September. I realize that this requires a significant commitment on your part, and I realize that not everyone will be able to come to every meeting. All I ask is that you try the best you can. I can give you any info that you miss.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

**Blessed Mother Church Celebrating
Fr. John's 30th Anniversary
to the Priesthood
Sunday, Jan. 24th
After the 10 AM Mass
All are Invited to the Reception!
Finger Foods, Desserts, Drinks!
Come Share in the Celebration!**

Attention Confirmation Students

Sunday, Jan 17th, the NET team will be here to do our Confirmation retreat. Retreat will take place from 1-5 pm in the Parish Hall. **THIS IS A REQUIRED RETREAT** for those being confirmed at Blessed Mother this year. Also, letters went out last week. If you did not receive one, please contact me so that we can check your address in our records. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christina at: 270-683-8444 ext 28 or by e-mail @ bmcyouth@bellsouth.net.

Attention 2nd Graders

Mandatory Mini-Retreat for First Reconciliation, Jan. 23, 11am-3pm, in the Parish Hall

First Reconciliation, Jan. 24, 2-3pm

Prayer of Christian Unity

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is Jan. 18-25. St. Stephen Cathedral will be observing this event by praying Evening Prayer with Benediction on Monday, Jan. 25, The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, at 6:30pm. All are invited to join us in prayer and reflection on being witnesses of Jesus Christ acting in concert with or fellow Christian brothers and sisters.

Twenty and Thirty Somethings

Vincenian Outreach for Young Adults (VOYA) will be offering tow service trips in 2010 –northern Louisiana in February and Arizona in August. To find out more about these opportunities to serve the needy with other young adults, please visit www.voya.us.

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.

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

Sunday, Jan. 17th~ BUNCO!!

Sunday, Jan. 24th~ "Noise"

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. 27th.**

Middle School Lock-In~ for grades 6-8, will be taking place Feb. 5th 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. 25th.**

Youth 2000~ for 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.**

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!!

**Sunday, Jan. 17th~ David & Jennifer Lyons,
Nick Clark, Karen Dueker**

**Sunday, Jan. 24th~ Bill and Joy Bach,
Laurie Elliot, Eva Burkhead**

Laugh for the Week

After getting all of Pope Benedict's luggage loaded into the limo, the driver notices the Pope is still standing on the curb. "Excuse me, Your Holiness" says the driver, "Would you please take your seat so we can leave?" The Pope responded, "They never let me drive at the Vatican when I was a cardinal and I really would like to drive today." "I'm sorry, Your holiness, but I can't let you do that, I could lose my job!" "Who's going to tell?" asked the Pope with a smile. Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. "Please slow down, Your Holiness!" pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens. "Oh, dear God, I'm going to lose my license and my job!" moans the driver. The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio. "I need to talk to the Chief," he says to the dispatcher. The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going 205kph. "so bust him," says the Chief. "I don't think we want to do that, he's really important," said the cop. The Chief exclaimed, "All the more reason!" The chief asks, "Who do you have there, the mayor?" "No bigger" says the cop. "A senator, the Prime Minister, so who is it?" asked the chief. The cop responds, "I think it's God!" "And what makes you think that?" asked the chief. "His chauffeur is the Pope!"

Forming Good Stewards

January 17, 2010

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do whatever he tells you!" John 2:1-11

The Bible records four times when Mary speaks: At the Annunciation she concludes by saying, "May it be done unto me according to your word." [20 words] Luke 1:34, 38. When she visits Elizabeth she proclaims the *Magnificat* [125 words] Luke 1:46-55. Then Mary scolds Jesus for staying behind in Jerusalem [20 words] Luke 2:48. Mary's last words in the Bible are at the wedding feast at Cana. She says to Jesus, "They have no more wine;" then to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you!" [10 words] John 23:4. Mary is a woman of few words, [a total of 175 words recorded in the Bible]. But what powerful words they are. From "May it be done unto me according to your word." to "Do whatever he tells you!" she gives us a model of faith, courage and openness to the will of God. She challenges us to listen to Jesus in prayer and to do whatever he tells us; to become all that God created us to be. What is such a "woman of a few words" telling us today? Probably: "Do whatever he tells you!"

Sunday Collections

Jan. 3				
Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD	
\$26,780.	\$21,058.	\$26,780.	\$22,212.	
Jan. 10				
\$26,781.	\$21,058.	\$26,780.	\$22,450.	



Opportunities for Life

The weekend of Jan. 16/17 is the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. Your January contribution packet includes a special envelope you may use to contribute to this statewide 24-hour a day, 7-day a week, pregnancy ministry

SOUP'S ON!!

Been a while since you've had some burgoo? Well, our famous cooking team will be making some amazing kettles of Burgoo on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. It will go on sale @ 4:00 pm. Proceeds go to benefit the Blessed Mother Youth Group!

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, 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, Susan Rice, 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.

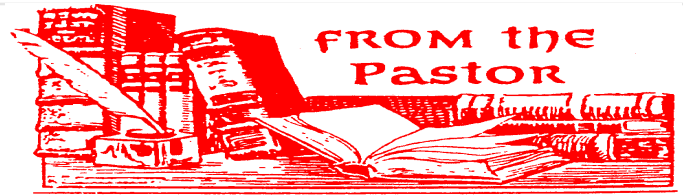
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
Bill Boyd, Iraq (husband of Julie, son-in-law of Al & Joan Hofmann)

Afghanistan

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)

Other

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



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. We will be in Ordinary Time for about a month until Lent starts in the middle of February. Today we diverge from the Gospel of Luke to here of Jesus' first miracle in the Gospel of John. The miracle of the water made wine at the wedding at Cana is the story. Jesus consents to begin His ministry at the request of His mother. I like the way Mary plays an important role in His work from the outset. Jesus honors her request and shows us the abundance of God. How has God been abundant with you lately?

It didn't take as long to take down the decorations as it did to put them up. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in getting everything back to usual.

Each of you should have received a letter in the mail about our time of concentrating on stewardship. More information will be forthcoming as well as bulletin inserts. We aim to have January and February as stewardship months in the future as well.

Welcome to the NET team. Our Confirmation retreat is this afternoon from 1 – 5 in the parish hall. It is always a blessing to have these young people in our parish and ministering to our youth. Their prayers and witness are always a grace for me as well as the parish.

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

I am writing this on Monday evening at Lake Barkley. I am sure with your prayers everything will go well. But it is always good to be back.

Have a good week.

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524

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All Q&A's Now online!

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
No Finance Meeting**

**Wed. Mass at 6:30 AM
Parish Council 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. 3rd 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. 18-24

- Mon. 1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-11
- Tues. 1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28
- Wed. 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Mk 3:1-6
- Thurs. 1 Sm 18:6-9,19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12
- Fri. 1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19
- Sat. 2 Sam 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Mk 3:20-21
- Sun. Neh 8:2-10 1 Cor12:12-30 Lk 1:1-44:14-21

Soup Kitchen Cooks

Still Needed for 2nd Sat. of each month

Call Josie Hagan 926-1483

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
Nancy Byrum	729-4362

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**

Pro-Life Corner

“Those who are active in the production and dissemination of new media content, therefore, should strive, to respect the dignity and worth of the human person. If the new technologies are to serve the good of individuals and of society, all users will avoid the sharing of words and images that are degrading of human beings, that promote hatred and intolerance, that debase the goodness and intimacy of human sexuality or that exploit the weak and vulnerable.” Pope Benedict XVI

Right to Life

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 21—Roe v Wade service on Courthouse Lawn, Noon
- Feb. 27—Chili Supper at St. Pius Hall

Catholic Schools News

OCHS New Student and Parent Information Nighth, Jan. 20, 7pm in Soenneker Hall at the School. Parents of next year’s incoming freshmen and other interested students are encourage to attend.

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.