

“We saw His star at its rising and have come to do him homage”

Intention for the Week

Monday, Jan. 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
6:30 AM Ernie Davis & Sons Mechanical, Inc.

Tuesday, Jan 5, St. John Neumann
6:00 PM Patrick Glenn (dec)

Wednesday, Jan. 6, Blessed Andre Bessette
6:30 AM Mark Reuwe (dec)

Thursday, Jan. 7, St. Raymond
Noon Catherine Roberts

Friday, Jan. 8
Noon April Cart (dec)

Saturday, Jan. 9
4 PM Martha Faye Hayden,
& Betty Jo Payne

The Baptism of the Lord
7:00 AM Matt Settles (ann of death)
10:00 AM Rose Cecil (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners



Liturgical Ministers for Jan. 9/10

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Ethel, Fran Watrous, Shirley Kent, Sandra Henry, Jennifer, David Jones, Janet Ruth, Cecelia Hamilton, Mary Ava Jackson

7 AM Carolyn Taylor, Darlene Kazlauskas, Harry, Charlene Baumgarten, Don Cecil, Mike Thompson

10 AM Eric Vaughan, Katina Hayden, Darlene Church, John, Raymunda Calhoun, Kerry, Debbie Riney, Pauline Wigginton, Russ Hayden

5:30 PM Olivia Hardesty, Jessica, Lisa Carmon, Rachel Thomas, Rick, Leesa Moman

Readers

4 PM Carol Goetz
7 AM Dennis Sandefur
10 AM Jim Mattingly
5:30 PM Rick Moman

Servers

4 PM Jack Iracane, Kyra Vanover
7 AM Alex, Harper Dotsey
10 AM Elizabeth, Olivia Cason
5:30 PM John David, Emily Marshall

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Mike Hays
7 AM Diddy Hagman
10 AM David Calhoun
5:30 PM John Judd

Children's Liturgy

Preschool: Stephanie Frey, Beth Allen
Kn-3 Grade: Jennifer Hayden, Birtany Murphy

Vocation Cross Family

Richard Whitehouse, Jack Wilson, Paul Wilson

Hillcrest: Bobby & Phyllis Bastin

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

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.

From Death to New Life

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to: The Family of Cecelia Schartung

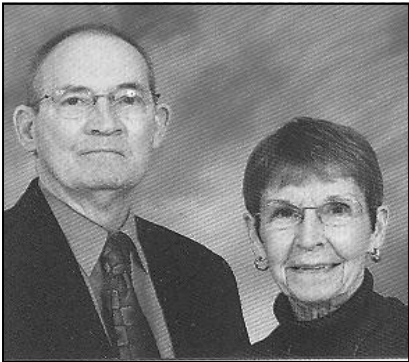
Toni Storm on the death of her grandmother, Inez Watts

Linda Shouse and Darlene King on the death of their father, Chalmus Henderson

Russ Corley and family on the death of his mother, Addie Corley

Judy Henry on the death of her brother, Robert Ward

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



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary To Vince and Linda Reynolds

Prayer for a Prosperous New Year

We thank you for the growth of the earth, for the rivers and streams, for the sun and the moon. We thank you for the herbs and plants that heal the sick, and for everything that yields good and happiness. .

We pray that we will have a prosperous new year. O Creator and Ruler, we give you thanks, for all things that exist in you. We believe that you do all things for our good and our happiness. Show us your kindness, as you manifested it to our fathers in times past. In Jesus Name, we ask. Amen.

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, 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, 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, Anna Kemper, 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, Paul 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 Simons, 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, 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

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

Sunday, Jan. 3rd~ Traveling Epiphany Dinner. After mass (6:15!) we will be traveling to various churches for fun and food! We will return to Church by 9:15 pm.

Sunday, Jan. 10th~ "Noise"—6:30-8:30 in the parish hall!

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 3rd~ NO TEAM NEEDED!!
Sunday, Jan. 10th~ Keith & Jeannie Best;
Kenny & Tricia
Buckman



Laugh for the Week

A sales rep, an administration clerk, and the manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out. The Genie says, "I'll give each of you just one wish." "me first, me first!" says the admin clerk. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Puff! She's gone.

"Me next, Me next!" says the sales rep . "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina coladas and the love of my life!" Puff! He's gone.

"Ok, you're up," the Genie says to the manager. The manager says, "I want those tow back in the office after lunch."

Forming Good Stewards

January 3, 2010

The Epiphany of the Lord

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.” Matthew 2:1-12

The Feast of the Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church and is celebrated in the Roman Rite as the Manifestation of the Lord to Astrologers [Magi] from Persia [present day Iran]. The astrologers made the long and difficult journey to Bethlehem to pay homage to a newborn Jewish child. For us the Feast of the Epiphany is another opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of the Birth of Christ - God Incarnate - and how He is manifested in our lives. It is an opportunity to ponder: During Advent and the celebration of Christmas did we grow in our understanding and appreciation of God present among us? Did we make an effort equivalent to the Magi to present a gift to the Child Jesus - the gift of our time and a commitment to contribute more of our talents and resources to the mission of the Church through greater involvement in our parish faith community? If not, it is not too late. Those gifts abound in our lives. Are we willing to share them with others? Are we willing to manifest Jesus [make Him present] to others?

Collection for Dec. 20

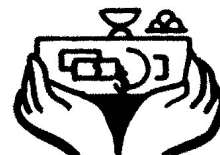
Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$31,928.	\$21,058.	\$28,283.	\$21,824.

Collection for Dec. 27

\$29,454.	\$21,058.	\$28,101.	\$22,118.
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The Time of Stewardship

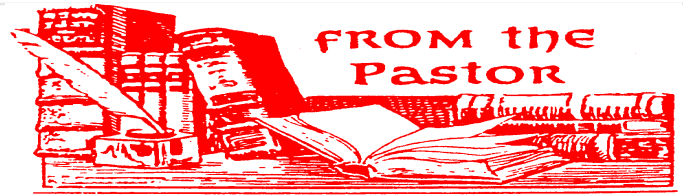
An Irish saying affirms, "When God made time, He made plenty of it." Surely some of it is best invested in Him. With concerns for justice and fairness, God exhorted the Old Testament prophet Hosea with the following words: "It is time to seek the Lord." And, in Ecclesiastes wrote, "There is an appointed time for everything and a time for everything under the heavens." Time for practice and time for games. Time for work and time for play. Time for others, but also time for God. Time for quiet reflection and time for prayer. Time is a passing. As a good steward of all His gifts, please make time for their Eternal Creator.



Christmas Flower Memorial

This Christmas Season we remember our loved ones and we pray for them!

Chris Redd, Stewart Schrecker, Betty Johnson Family, Bernard and Dorothy Clark Family, Charles M. Wedding, Jerry Blandford Sr., Jerry Blandford Jr., Robert May, Joe Carr, McIntyre-Hagan Family, Joyce Ramos, Paul Edge Family, Matt, Alice Settles, Paul and Carol Hodskins Family, Clara Alvey, Louis and Lloyd Clements, Johnnie Payne, Lloyd & Anita Travis Family, Sandra Henry Family, John McCarthy, Joey Aull, Charles H. Clark, Remuis Clark, Mary McDaniel, Joanna Allen, Winifred & Parker Fulton and Family, Robert Gratzer, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Gratzer, Deceased Infants, Mitchell Long Sr., Adeline Mehlbauer, Richard & Mary Frances Murphy, Drusic & Herman Coomes, Charles, Marguerite Settles, Frank, Alice Murphy, Ebelhar Family, Glenn Woodward Family, Frances Feldpausch Meunier, Jack Feldpausch Sr. Family, Gene Frey Sr. Family, Estil Wooldridge, Glenn Wooldridge, David Hall, Nick Elder, Larry Taylor Family, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Millay Family, Charles Hamilton Family, Agnes & Robert Lockett, Robert & Lynn Pope Family, Coy Howard, Mary Ellen Howard, Wallace Johnson, David Boardman, Gertrude Cravens, Robert, Audrey and Bernard Fischer, Philip & Ada Hodgkins, Mary & Le Roy Hayden, Bob and Patt Hayden, Jim Screiner, Grandparents of Mark & Sandi Rafferty, Robert Lee, Louis, Evelyn Payne, Vincent Cecil & Family, Roger & Dodie Conder Family, Bessie Fogle, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Payne, Bruni Gerdes, David Finley, Reesie Hill, Diddy Hagman Family, Early-Clements Families, Otto Hayden, Letha Watrous, Aloysius & Eliza Lee Smith, Elbert & Mary R. (Smith) McDaniel, Debbie (Ward) Terry, Leo & Marie Payne, Maddi Cash Family, Helen Bowman, Stacy Bellwood, Oswiicz Family, Mom & Dad Hester, Joseph Fendel Jr. Family, Florence Roby Family, Marvin Reynolds Jrl, Leona Wright, Aggie Thomas, Lucy Schell, Mary Gratzer, Mark & Laurie Elliott, Raphael Hagan, Paul Thompson Family, Pat Glenn, Pauline Woods, Stinnett-Arnold Families, Cletus & Mildred Bittel, Bittel-Wedding Family, Nunex-Solis Family, Hurm-Leibfried Family, Megan Clark, Tom & Dolores Hartz, Brenda Jones, Debbie Conder Family, Larry & Becky Franey Family, Rita Fillman, Urban Wooldridge, Vincent Wooldridge, John Medley Family, Howard-Wooldridge Family, David Hall, Larry O'Bryan, Shirley Hurter, Raymond M. Smith, Opal Smith, Kevin Rhodes, Bill Hamilton, Elizabeth Dorth, Robert Dunbar Family, Jessie Mattingly, Jane Mitchell, Robert Hurm & Family, Bernard Church & Family, Jim Jackson, Millard, Louise Haynes, J.M. Haynes, Jack & Catherine Hagan, Joy Martin, Cyrille & Marguerite Howard, Darrell Howard, Ida Mae Allen, Bill, Curtis Ratliff, David & Margaret Peugeotson, Nonnie Owens, Ward & Mildred Pedley Family, Virginia Arnold Family, Frank & Lola Spurrier, Jess & Essis Caysinger, Charlie Speaks Family, Joe O'Bryan Family, O'Bryan Family, Lanham-Harpe Families, Pat Vaught Family, Fiorella Family, Dennis, Margaret Hardesty, Ron Rogier, Shaw Family



I hope you are having a great Christmas. As you know the season lasts until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 10th. Today is the Feast of the Epiphany when the Magi bring gifts to the Christ Child. It is a feast of revelation. The Savior is made known to everyone not just the Israelites. We share in that great revelation.

I want to thank everyone who helped in any way to bring such beautiful Christmas liturgies to us. The Church is beautiful so we thank all those who participated in decorating. And special thanks to the ministers who helped serve. The music was uplifting and inspiring as usual. Thanks to everyone!

I am also very grateful for all the kind wishes and cards and gifts that you so kindly gave me for Christmas. You are indeed a loving generous people of God.

The annual clergy convocation at Barkley State Park will be from the 11th of January to the 14th. So pray for all the priests as we gather for continuing education efforts.

It will soon be time for the NET team. The college age students that come to the parish every year for our Confirmation students. They will be here starting the 16th. Our specific retreat is on the 17th from 1-5pm in the parish hall.

We pray for Bishop-Elect William Medley as he prepares for ordination on February 10th at 2pm at the Sportcenter.

Have a great week.



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

Thurs. Mass at Noon

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass at Noon**

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

**Sun. Baptism of Jesus
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. 4-10

Mon. 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tues. 1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44

Wed. 1 Jn 4-7 Mk 6:45-52

Thurs. 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22

Fri. 1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 4:14-22

Sat. 1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30

Sun. Is 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16,21-22

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**

Scrap-a-thon

Put on my Owensboro Mothers of Multiples is Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010 frin 8 am-6pm at Immaculate Parish Hall. Cost is \$30. come create and reflect on your memories while supporting OMOM's! Food and drinks included! Door prizes drawn every hour. Call Mary Katherine Wathen for more info: 859-321-0248 or Christy Hayden: 684-2537

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Pro-Life Corner

"There are international campaigns afoot to reduce birth-rates, sometimes using methods that respect neither the dignity of the woman, nor the right of parents to choose responsibly how many children to have; graver still, these methods often fail to respect even the right to life. The extermination of millions of unborn children, in the name of the fight against poverty, actually constitutes the destruction of the poorest of all human beings." Pope Benedict XVI

Volunteers Needed—Opportunities for Life

Pro-life ministry training sessions begin for 2010. It consist of in-home reading and workbook materials and concludes with a weekend training session. For more information call 1-888-496-3638.