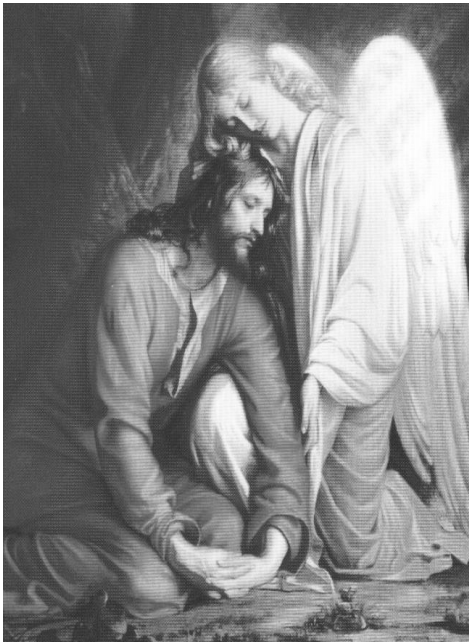


March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent



“..your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”

Intention for the Week

Monday, March 15

6:30 AM Jerry Blandford Sr. (dec)

Tuesday, March 16

6:00 PM John Hartz (ann of death)

Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick

6:30 AM Mary Elizabeth Hill (birthday)

Thursday, March 18

9 AM Mike Roby (dec)

Noon Bea Wooldridge

Friday, March 19, St. Joseph

Noon Thomas & Tiffany Johnson (B'day)

Saturday, March 20

4 PM Regina Ramsey (dec)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM Len Bach (dec)

10:00 AM Agnes Luckett (dec)

5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

**Blessed Mother
Communal Penance Service
Sunday, March 14, 2:00 PM**

Liturgical Ministers for March 20-21

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Jeff Williams, Janet Ruth, Bonnie Snyder, Mary Ava Jackson, Shirley Kent, Lannie Pearl, Cecelia Hamilton, Jack Wilson, Liz Francis

7 AM Mike Thompson, Darlene Kazlauskas, Don Cecil, Carolyn Taylor, Sr. Mary Timothy, Brenda Hagan

10 AM Debbie Ward, Mark Church, Scott, Sabrina Johnson, Mike Head, Kerry, Debbie Riney, Carol Goedde, Jenny Glaser

5:30 PM Sarah Blanford, Bev Payne, Bobby, Phyllis Bastin, Rick, Leesa Moman

Readers

4 PM Judy Coomes

7 AM Mike Williams

10 AM Doug Dunn

5:30 PM David McBride

Servers

4 PM Billy Cason, Kyra Vanover

7 AM Brittany, Courtney Estes

10 AM Chase Trogden, CJ Glaser

5:30 PM Sara Brown, Jabob Linn

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Steve Haynes

7 AM Shelby Thompson

10 AM Camilla Baker

5:30 PM Bill Shelton

Children's Liturgy

Preschool: Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young

Kn-3 Grade: Diane Fulkerson, Jessica Aull

Vocation Cross Family

Mary Aull, Keith Best, Ruth Bittel

Hillcrest: Susan Hale, James Gerald

Ministers of Hospitality for March

4 Keith Best, Jackie Russell, Tony Fiorella, Thomas Hobbs

7 Faye Riney, Jeff, Lynn Hofer, Michelle Sharp

10 Dan Johnson, Bryan Jones, Eddie Jackson, Bill Hamilton

5:30 Michael Bastin, Matt Howard, Ashley, Ken Hamilton

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

Catholic Q&A

Test Your Knowledge

The "Q&A Box" has run dry, as it were, so I thought I'd ask **you** some questions and see how much you know.

For future reference, if you see "Test Your Knowledge" at the top of this column, that means I am quizzing you. If you just see "Catholic Q&A" at the top, then that means I have gone back to answering your questions.

The "Test Your Knowledge" questions come from a quiz on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which you can find online at the USCCB website:

<http://www.usccb.org/catechism/quizzes/index.shtml>

The "Answer Key" will be at the bottom of this column. It will include the answer to each question, followed by the paragraph number from the Catechism that you can read to learn more about that question.

1. True or False?: We could say that the "Our Father" prayer is the summary of the whole gospel.
2. The Lord's Prayer is a part of which of the following? (choose all the options that apply):
 - a. Baptism
 - b. Confirmation
 - c. Eucharist
 - d. Reconciliation
 - e. Liturgy of the Hours
3. True or False?: Both humility and boldness are proper dispositions for one who prays the "Our Father."
4. True or False?: It is blasphemous to refer to ourselves in any way as children of God, for only Jesus Christ is Son of God.
5. True or False?: The "Our Father" reveals us to ourselves.
6. True or False?: Praying to our Father should give us the desire to become like Him.
7. True or False?: "Who art in heaven" refers to a place that is distant from us.

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

Answer Key:

- 1.) True; cf. no. 2759. 2.) a, b, c, e; cf. no. 2776. 3.) True; cf. no. 2778. 4.) False; cf. no. 2782. 5.) True; cf. no. 2783. 6.) True; cf. no. 2800. 7.) False; cf. no. 2794.

Laugh for the Week

Love the Irish

Fr. Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man said, "I do, Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," the man replied. "Then stand over there against the wall" said the priest. Then Fr. Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, "Do you want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father." The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!" Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

Lenten Meditation

Lord Jesus, At this time of year, our thoughts are turned to the ultimate sacrifice you made for us on the cross. Inspire us to make whatever personal sacrifice that will bring us closer to you, and strengthen us in that sacrifice. Pope John Paul II reminded us that "Simplicity, moderation, and discipline, as well as a spirit of sacrifice, must become a part of our everyday life, lest all suffer the negative consequences of the careless habits of a few." May our practice of sacrificial stewardship during this Lenten season lead us to the victory of the Resurrection. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.



Together, Not Torn

St. Patrick's Day Mass for Immigration Reform

Wednesday, March 17 at 5:30 PM, Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish, 609 East 4th St., Owensboro, Ky. Sponsored by Justice for Immigrants Campaign, Catholic Charities of Owensboro.

Home Schooling Catholic?

St. Christopher in Radcliff and St. Helen in Glasgow, sponsoring Catholic Homeschooling Conference, "Shaping Souls for Eternity" with keynote speaker Fr. Shannon Collins on June 5th. Call 270-307-6236, or email kycathhsing@yahoo.com.

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

Sunday, March 14th~ ODYO
(Owensboro Deanery Youth Outing): 4 square/9 square tourney @ Lourdes Leaving: right after mass (about 6:20) and returning @ 8:35 pm!
Sunday, March 21st~ Praying It Up...
Lenten Style!

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, March 14th**~ **NO TEAM NEEDED**
2. **Sunday, March 21st**~ Al & Molly Thompson; Vicki Cash, Jill Hyland

Lenten Communal Penance Services

Mar. 14	Blessed Mother	2:00PM
Mar. 16	Lourdes	6:00PM
Mar. 17	St. Anthony	6:00PM
Mar. 21	St. Stephen	2:00PM
Mar. 21	Sorgho	6:00PM
Mar. 21	Whitesville	2:00PM
Mar. 22	Immaculate	6:00PM
Mar. 22	St. Lawrence	6:00PM
Mar. 25	St. Pius X	6:00PM

How to Help: Chili Earthquake Victims

Phone Catholic Relief Services: 1-877-HELP-CRS
Donate online: www.crs.org
Write a check: Catholic Relief Services
PO Box 17090
Baltimore, Maryland 21203-7090
(memo portion of check: Chile Earthquake)



**Blessed Mother Scouts Cooking Up
Pancake Breakfast, March 21
After 10 AM Mass**

Blessed Mother Church Stewardship
If you still have not turned in your commitment form, please do so this week. 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. Extra Forms are at the Church doors.

Forming Good Stewards

Fourth Sunday of Lent
"My son, you are here with me always.
Everything I have is yours."
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Jesus tells the story of the man with two sons, one who is ungrateful and leaves to squander half of his father's possessions. Despite of his son's ingratitude, the father longs for his son's return. The ungrateful son sinks so low he realizes his mistake and chooses to return to his father to beg forgiveness. The other son is angered by his father's act of love and compassion for the son who abandoned and hurt him. In a similar story in the Talmud the ungrateful son is too ashamed to take the first step to return to his father. His father sends him a note, "Son, come back as far as you can, and I will come the rest of the way!" God has given us all that we have, all that we are and all that we ever will be. Are we sometimes ungrateful for all that God has given to us? Have we failed to use it as God intended? Have we abandoned God's plan for us? Probably!!!! But He longs for our return. If we are reluctant to take the first step, He comes to us. Our God is an Awesome God.

Sunday Collections

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$29,729.	\$21,058.	\$29,729.	\$22,816.

The Primal Evil

"While there are many evils rampant in our time, many threats to human life and dignity, and while we must be concerned about them all, I remain convinced that abortion can rightly be called the primal evil of our time.

It is always gravely immoral. Its victims are among the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. Since Roe v. Wade, 47 million human lives have been destroyed before birth or during the birth process.

Hundreds of thousands of women have been traumatized by abortion. Many men grieve because they could not protect an unborn child they helped to bring into being. Abortion is the most striking and profound symptom of the abyss into which the ethics of much of the United States, indeed, the world, has fallen" – Bishop Richard Malone, Diocese of Portland, ME - January 13, 2007

**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, Jeannette Dick, 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, Edith Johnson, Gertrude Jones, Wilbur 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 Mulligan, 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 Tower, 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 Zarembo

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

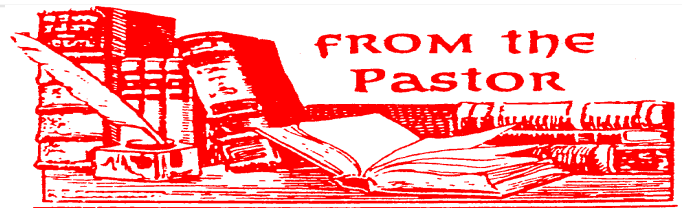
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
Ryan Hofmann, Iraq (grandson of Al & Joan Hofmann)

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



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. During this time of Lent, when the RCIA candidates are present, it is permissible to use the readings from Year A for Mass. I compromise and just use the Gospel from Year A. The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent is the story of the man born blind from John. Jesus declares Himself to be light of the world and proves it by restoring sight. He wants to shed light into our minds and hearts as well. As we pray the second scrutiny let us be open to what the Lord wants to reveal to us.

Last week we interviewed eight people for the position of parish administrator (Jan is leaving at the end of April). After much prayer and consideration I have offered the job to Russ Hayden, Jr. and he has accepted. I appreciate those who submitted to the interview process and I want to thank Darlene Kazlauskas, Darlene Quinn, Phil Riney and Chuck Brown for assisting me with the interviews. I have asked Russ to introduce himself next weekend at all the Masses.

Our Penance Service is this Sunday afternoon at 2pm. Several others in town are listed in the bulletin for your convenience.

Many thanks to all those who have turned in their stewardship commitment forms for this year. There is still time. Mail them in or drop them off at the office. We will need volunteers soon for the phone-a-thon.

Fridays of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross. Stations will be at 6:30.

A heads-up – we will have the special Easter Mass Schedule again this year: the Vigil on Saturday evening at 8pm and then Easter Sunday morning Masses at 7, 9, and 11am. No evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

Have a good week.

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524

Calendar for the Week	
Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM	
Mon.	Mass 6:30 AM Bible Study 10AM Bunko, 1 PM Choristers Practice, 4:30 PM Cherubs Practice, 5:15 PM
Tues.	Mass at 6:00 PM Bible Study 7 PM
Wed.	Mass at 6:30 AM
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.	5th Sunday of Lent Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM Penance Service, 2 PM Religious Ed Classes 11 AM Coffee and Donuts, 11 AM Youth Group, 6:30-8 PM AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria

Readings

March 14 through March 21, 2010

- Sun: Jos 5:9a,10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3,11-32
- Mon: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b Jn 4:43-54
- Tues: Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 5:1-16
- Wed: Is 49:8-15 s 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18 Jn 5:17-30
- Thurs: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47
- Fri: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a
- Sat: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7: 2-3,9b-12 Jn 7:40-53
- Sun: Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

From Death to New Life

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Sabrina Johnson and family on the death of her grandmother, Rose Roberts

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

Visit Our Web Site www.blessedmotherchurch.com

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

Congratulations Becca Greenwell-3rd Region Player of the Year! Congratulations Kaley Robertson named Honorable Mention.

OCS Pre-Registration Begins Monday, March 15-26

Any family not receiving pre-registration information may call the Central Office at 686-8896.

Soccer Trivia Night Mar. 20, St. Joe & Paul, Call 270-860-5768 or 270-925-5434.

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.

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!

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