

# St. Stephen Cathedral

Most Rev. William F. Medley, Diocese of Owensboro  
Most Rev. John J. McRaith, Bishop Emeritus

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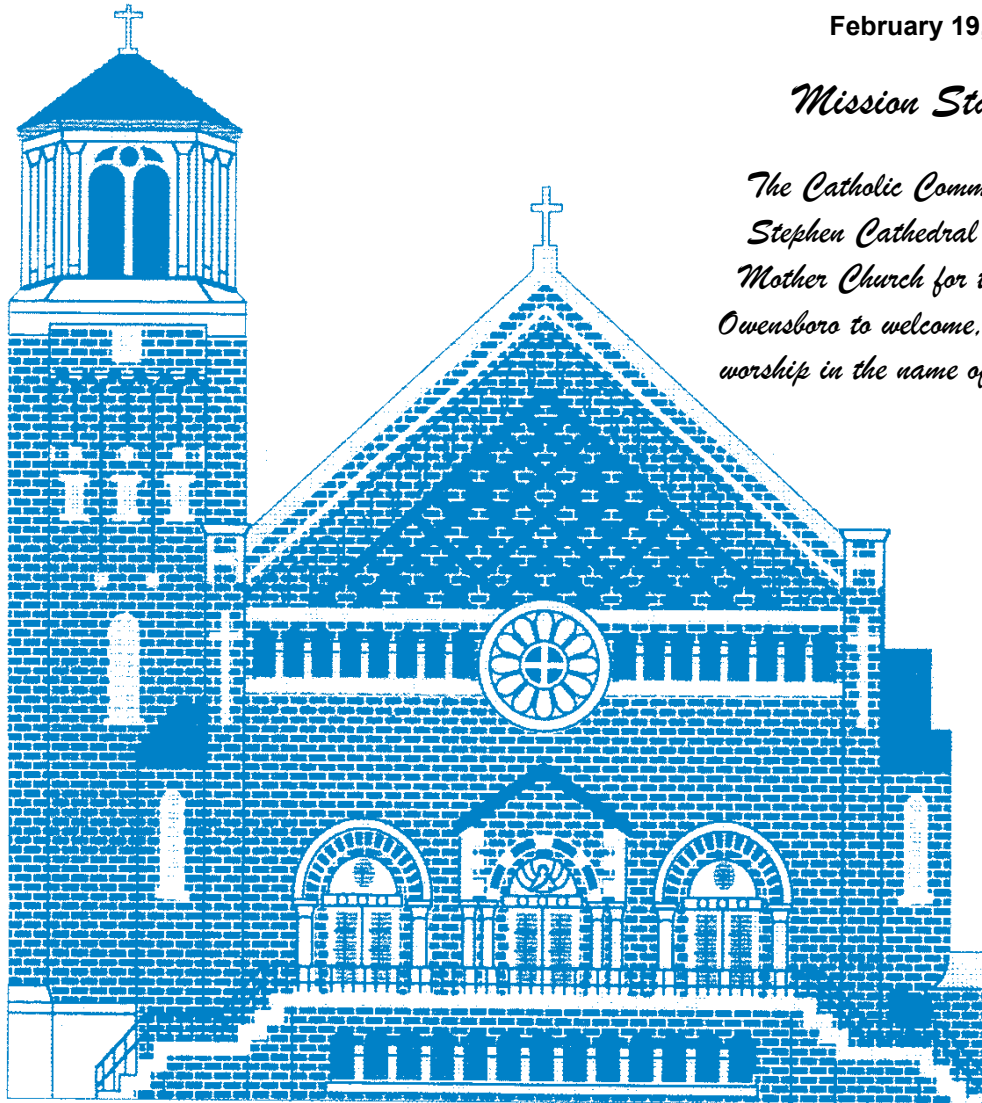
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February 19, 2012

## *Mission Statement*

*The Catholic Community of St. Stephen Cathedral serves as the Mother Church for the Diocese of Owensboro to welcome, evangelize and worship in the name of Jesus Christ.*



### Mass Schedule:

St. Stephen Cathedral  
Daily (At BSC): 7:00AM and 12:05PM Saturday (At CPC): 5:00PM  
Sunday (At CPC): 7:00AM 9:00AM and 11:00AM  
Holy Days (At CPC): 7:00AM and 12:05PM and 6:00PM  
Holy Day Eve (At CPC): 6:00PM  
Blessed Sacrament Chapel (602 Sycamore Street)  
Sunday: 10:00AM

### Membership in Parish:

We give a hearty welcome to all new families moving into our parish. Please register in the Office as soon as possible. Those who plan to move from our parish community are requested to inform us.

### Bulletin Material Deadline:

Monday, 8:00AM, in writing.

### Sacraments:

#### Baptism:

Baptisms are usually celebrated during one of the regularly scheduled Masses on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Parents are encouraged to call the parish office before the birth of their child to make an appointment for instructions.

#### Marriage:

Couples wishing to share their lives with one another in sacramental Marriage are asked to call the Office for an appointment with one of the priests. The first appointment must be scheduled at least six (6) months before the proposed date of marriage.

#### Reconciliation:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated communally two times a year, during Advent and Lent. Other opportunities for reconciliation are Saturdays from 9:00-11:00AM and 4:00-5:00PM on the Thursday before First Friday, and by appointment at anytime.

## † PARISH STAFF †

Pastor..... Fr. John R. Vaughan (john.vaughan@pastoral.org)  
 Associate Pastor ...Fr. Brandon Williams (brandon.williams@pastoral.org)  
 Permanent Deacon..... Dr. Dirck Curry, D.O. (dirck.curry3@gmail.com)  
 Director of Faith Formation..... Sr. Therese Francis Walker, M.S.B.T.  
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Pastoral Associate (*Blessed Sacrament Chapel*) ..... Veronica Wilhite  
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 Support Staff..... Joe Beard

## † PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL †

Garry Pierce, Chair.....926-4694	Sandy Carden .....733-9206	Eddie O'Bryan..... 316-8930
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## † PARISH MINISTRIES and ORGANIZATIONS †

### LITURGY and WORSHIP

Worship Committee	Michael E. Conley	683-6525
Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality	Michael E. Conley	683-6525
Altar Servers	Eddie O'Bryan	684-5872
Gift Bearers	Rosemary Payne	683-7134
Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound	Rose Ann Payne	683-5949
Children's Liturgy	Mary Beth Hurley	684-5211
Vocation Prayer	Michael E. Conley	683-6525
Altar Society	Bettye Aull	315-6465
Church Cleaning	Sheila Calhoun	264-0615
Music Ministries	Michael E. Conley	683-6525

### EDUCATION

Education Committee	Sandy Carden	929-1483
Christian Initiation	Sr. Therese Francis	683-6525
Faith Formation		
*Children	Sr. Therese Francis	683-6525
*Adults	Patty Blair	264-0552
Youth Group	Fr. Brandon Williams	852-8423
Sunday Scripture	Tom and Amy Payne	686-7739
Sharing	Ken Heichelbech	685-2391
"	Rose Ann Payne	683-5949
Sponsor Couples	Fr. John Vaughan	683-6525
School Board Rep	John Wright	685-2550

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

Social Concerns Cmt	Cindy Bornander	688-3563
St. Vincent de Paul	Steve Wathen	926-9658
Giving Tree	Lupe Ellis	685-0990
Unemploy. Sup. Gp	Vicky Connor	683-0147
St. Benedict's Shelter	Joe Welsh	541-1003

### COMMUNITY/FAM ENRICHMENT

Com/Fam Enrh. Cmt	Sarah and Todd Brock	502-413-1956
Parish Health Group	Deacon Dirck Curry	686-1749
Parish Newsletter	Mary H. McFarland	683-7732
"	Lisa Kyle	685-2446
Parish Photographer	Lois Rutigliano	683-4875
Parish Outreach/Cards	Dottie Riney	684-6445
"	Maggie Riney	684-6445
Hospital Outreach	Helen Miles	684-3636
Funeral Meal Support	Sue Gough	684-9104
"	Sharlene Hatfield	684-7634
"	Michael Conley	683-6525
Bereavement Support	Marianna Robinson	926-3032
Welcoming Cmt	Mary Helen	771-4158
Picnic Cmt	Ann/Garry Pierce	926-4694

### ADMINISTRATION

Finance Cmt	Tom Neal	683-6521
Office Assistant	Ruth Ann Carrico	683-6525
Buildings/Grounds	Joe Beard	683-6525

## † CATHOLIC SCHOOLS †

K-3 Campus .....684-7583	Middle School .....683-0480
4-6 Campus.....683-6989	High School .....684-3215



For nationwide Mass times and locations: call Mass Times at 1-410-676-6000 or visit [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org).

Visit our website: [www.ststephencathedral.org](http://www.ststephencathedral.org). The bulletin is posted weekly by 5:00PM Friday.

## † WELCOME †

We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. We invite you not only to worship with us, but to join us in the many ministries that are needed to spread the good news of the Gospel. Come join us!

## † FROM THE EDITOR †

Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing by 9:00AM Monday to [Ruthann.Carrico@pastoral.org](mailto:Ruthann.Carrico@pastoral.org). They should run no more than two weeks consecutively, whether they be a flyer or an article. Deadline is firm. Articles over 150 words must be submitted as a copy-ready flyer. Flyers need prior approval and are published on a first-come, first-published basis.

## † CHRISTIAN INITIATION †

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children is a process by which we share our Catholic way of life. The process begins at the initial contact with us. For more information, please call 683-6525.

## † PRESCHOOL †

St. Stephen Cathedral Preschool is a loving learning center where each child is a special gift. Call 926-1652. Visit [www.cathedralpreschool.com](http://www.cathedralpreschool.com).

## † MINISTRY to the SICK †

**Hospital & Nursing Home...**Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into any hospital or nursing home.

**Anointing of the Sick...**Any parishioner who is ill may request the anointing by calling the Office. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally every six months.

**Communion...**Any homebound parishioner wishing to receive Communion is asked to call the Parish Office at 683-6525.

† LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS for FEBRUARY 25-26, 2012 †  
FIRST SUNDAY in LENT (B)**5:00PM MASS**

Altar Servers..... *Hope Johnson, Paige Hicks*  
Lectors..... *Máire McCormick, Janice Scherm*  
Min. Brd..... *Laurie Hicks, Chris and Vickie Warren*  
Min. Cup..... *Sue Gough, Margaret Mills, Denise Payne, Volunteer*  
Min. Hosp..... *Doug and Cheryl Hayden, Jess and Pete Mattingly,*  
*Eddie and Debbie Byrne*  
Voc. Min..... *Bill and Máire McCormick*

**7:00AM MASS**

Altar Server..... *Eddie O'Bryan*  
Lectors..... *Garry Pierce, Rita Roberson*  
Min. Brd..... *Margie Hill*  
Min. Cup..... *Art Hodde, Glenn E. Thompson*  
Min. Hosp..... *Charles Winstead, LaWanna Brand, Dennis Weafer,*  
*Norman Froehlich, Lottie Miller, Volunteer*  
Voc. Min..... *LaWanna Brand and Rita Roberson*

**9:00AM MASS**

Children Lit..... *Lisa Sullivan, Morgan Goetz*  
Altar Servers..... *Mary Keyton Clemens, Caitlin Sullivan*  
Lectors..... *Jack Padgett, Mike Sullivan*  
Min. Host..... *Sandy Carden, Susan Higdon, John McNulty*  
Min. Cup..... *John Kirby, Sharlene Hatfield, Gene Schadler, Wilma Stallings*  
Min. Hosp..... *Barry Hearth, Danny Payne, Mark Osborne, Matt Steele,*  
*Glenn Calhoun, Mary Helen Nash*  
Voc. Min..... *John and Marla Storm Family*

**11:00AM MASS**

Altar Servers..... *Iona Palmer, Taran Wells*  
Lectors..... *Meghan and Sarah Payne*  
Min. Host..... *Tom, Amy and Will Payne*  
Min. Cup..... *Dodie Keller, Cecilia Yates, Peggy Clark, Haley Riney*  
Min. Hosp..... *Fran and Ryan Rickard, Ray and Ryan Purk,*  
*Chuck Payne, Gene Higdon*  
Voc. Min..... *Dr. Mike and Julie Crowe Family*

## † PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE †

Dear Parishioners,

I have just finished reading a good book that I would like to recommend to you. It is "The Gift of Rest" written by Senator Joe Lieberman of Connecticut. Senator Lieberman is a practicing Jew, and the book concerns the Sabbath observance. The book is not written just for Jews; there is much to be gleaned by everyone. He talks about the importance of a day of rest, a day of family gathering, a day of prayer, and the benefits of such. Check it out, and let me know what you think.

President Obama's revised HHS mandate does not satisfy the concerns of the Catholic Church and many others in our nation. The proposed revision of the Department of Health and Human Services' contraceptive mandate left intact the restrictive definition of a religious entity and would shift the costs of contraceptives from the policyholders to the insurers, thus failing to ensure that Catholic individuals and institutions would not have to pay for services that they consider immoral. We should not have the government deciding what is a ministry or not. We need the administration to revise it, we need the Congress to repeal it or we need the courts to stop it. Our two U.S. Senators, Rand Paul and Mitch McConnell, as well as our Representative, Brett Guthrie, have all signed as co-sponsors of **The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act**. Please contact them to voice your opinion and to thank them for their support of this bill.

Since we have moved out of the Church we have had only one death in our parish family. People occasionally ask what we will do about funerals. I have mentioned this before but it bears repeating. When we are asked to celebrate a funeral for a parishioner, our default position is to have the liturgy at Blessed Sacrament. We are familiar with the church there, we have control of the schedule there and therefore it would be more convenient to have the Mass there. Blessed Sacrament also has a hall where we could have a funeral meal. If, however, the Church is too small, or if a family prefers another specific Church, we can inquire if their schedule would allow for us to have a Mass and if so, we will have the funeral there.

Many thanks to all those who participated in the **Arise** orientation meetings last week. This has the potential to help all of us grow in our faith. I look forward to our parish planning meeting on Monday evening, February 27.

Love, Fr. John



## Mass Intentions for the week

	7:00AM	12:05PM
<b>Mon</b>	Albert Bellew †	Charles Beaven †
<b>Tues</b>	Rose Mary Bender	Betty Royal †
<b>Wed</b>	Right to Life	B. W. Lewis †
	<b>Ash Wed, 6:00PM:</b>	Elsie Jarboe †
<b>Thurs</b>	George Osborne †	Willie Mae Cecil †
<b>Fri</b>	Brittany Damin †	Joe Paul Warren †
<b>Sat</b>	Nan Elizabeth Reeks †	Chester/Agnes Payne †

### Sunday, February 26

<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	Eddie Jaskolski †
<b>Sun 7:00AM</b>	Martha Froehlich †
<b>9:00AM</b>	Jo Ann Roberts †
<b>11:00AM</b>	People of the Parish

### EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION



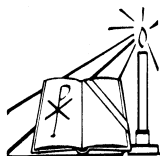
“Where should we start from, from what source, in order to recover and to reaffirm the primacy of God? From the Eucharist; here God makes himself so close that he makes himself our food, here he makes himself energy on the often difficult journey, here he makes himself a friendly presence that transforms. The Law given through Moses was already considered as ‘bread from Heaven,’ thanks to which Israel became the People of God; but in Jesus the ultimate and definitive word of God becomes flesh, comes to meet us as a Person. He, the eternal Word, is the true manna, the Bread of Life (cf. Jn 6:32-35) and doing the works of God is believing in him (cf. Jn 6:28-29).

“At the Last Supper, Jesus summed up the whole of his life in an act that is inscribed in the great paschal blessing to God, an act that he lives as Son in thanksgiving to the Father for his immense love. Jesus broke the bread and shared it, but with a new depth, because he was giving himself. He took the cup and shared it so that all might drink from it, but with this gesture he was giving the ‘new covenant of his Blood,’ he was giving himself.”

*Pope Benedict XVI, “Homily,” September 11, 2011  
Courtesy of V.I.S. - Vatican Information Service*

### A VOCATION VISTA

We are all called to holiness: it is the very measure of Christian living. Let us not be afraid to aim high, for God’s heights; let us not be afraid that God will ask too much of us, but let ourselves be guided by his Word in every daily action, even when we feel poor, inadequate, sinners. It will be he who transforms us in accordance with his love.



## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, February 19—SEVENTH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

#### All Weekend Masses at Catholic Pastoral Center

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM; PSS: III

#### Anointing of the Sick at all Masses

Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM

Sunday Sharing, TBA, 9:45AM

Faith Formation, Preschool, 10:10AM

**GOSEPL EXPLOSION, BSC, 2:00PM**

**SPACE, Office 2:00PM**

**Lenten Adult Faith Formation, BSC Hall, 5:00PM**

Youth Group, Rectory, 5:15PM

### MONDAY, February 20—Weekday, Ordinary Time

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM at Blessed Sacrament Chapel

### TUESDAY, February 21—St. Peter Damian; Shrove Tuesday

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM at Blessed Sacrament Chapel

### Wednesday, February 22—ASH WEDNESDAY

**Fast/Abstain** PSALTER, WEEK IV

Mass at 7:00AM, 12:05PM & 6:00PM at Blessed Sacrament Ch

**Collection for the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica**

Putting the Bible Together, Media Ctr, 10:45AM

### THURSDAY, February 23—Lenten Weekday; St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM at Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday Scripture Sharing, Office, 10:30AM

Sunday Scripture Sharing, Media Ctr, 7:00PM

Catholic Men’s Fellowship, Undercroft, 8:00PM

### FRIDAY, February 24—Lenten Weekday; Abstain

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM at Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Stations of the Cross, BSC, 12:45PM**

**Stations of the Cross, BSC, 6:30PM**

**Preschool Bunco “Fun” Raiser, CPC, 7:00PM**

### SATURDAY, February 25—Lenten Weekday

Masses at 7:00AM & 12:05PM at Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Prayer Group, Office, 8:30AM

Confessions, BSC, 9:00—11:00AM

**Evening Mass for Sunday, CPC, 5:00PM**

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### SUNDAY, February 26—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

#### All Weekend Masses at Catholic Pastoral Center

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM; PSS: I

#### Diocesan Administration Collection

Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM

Sunday Sharing, TBA, 9:45AM

Faith Formation, Preschool, 10:10AM

**Rite of Election, Bowling Green, 2:00PM**

**Lenten Adult Faith Formation, BSC Hall, 5:00PM**



## LENTEN GUIDELINES

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday; this threefold discipline is particularly legislated on Good Friday and is encouraged for Holy Saturday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. "Penance should be not only internal and individual, but also external and social" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, #5).

**Abstinence** from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on **Ash Wednesday** and on all **Fridays of Lent**, including **Good Friday**.

**Fasting** is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18-59 years of age. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal and two smaller meals unless dispensed or excused. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted, unless dispensed.

The special **Paschal fast and abstinence** are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

*Those unable to fast and abstain are urged to practice other forms of self-denial, suitable to their condition.*

**Almsgiving** opportunities are in the Special Collections.

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: CORRECTION

ALL Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Mass times are 7:00AM, 12:05PM and 6:00PM. Bishop William Medley will celebrate the 12:05PM Mass.

## MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Envelopes for Memorial contributions are available at all Mass entrances at the Catholic Pastoral Center or at the office.



## PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED



Please pray for those who have recently, especially **James Kennedy**, brother of **Marybelle Darnell**.

Pray, also, for those who are in the process of dying. May the souls of all our beloved dead rest in God's peace and love.

*(Please call the office when there is a death in your family.)*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11, 23; Mk 9:30-37
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday:</b>	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 9:22-25
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
<b>Saturday:</b>	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
<b>Sunday:</b>	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

## Please Pray For All The Sick

Mary Kay Adams	Becky Goetz	Nancy Murphy
<b>Luis Aju'</b>	Gail Goetz	<b>Lucy Neal</b>
Fr. Leonard Alvey	Dove Haire	James O'Bryan
Margaret Anderson	George A. Hagan	<b>Paul O'Bryan</b>
Lois Aud	Bryce Hancock	Mary O'Harrow
Richard Aud	Lindsey Hardy	Shirley Oliver
Bettye Aull	Lydia Haycraft	Mary Osborne
Alice Bagot	Joe Hendricks	Dorothy Niehaus
Joe Beard	Carl Hester	Bill/Geraldine Payne
Catherine Beaven	John Hicks	Chas/Margaret Payne
William Blandford	Joe Hoffman	Chuck Payne
Jim Bill Boarman	Bertha Horrell	Joyce Payne
Susan Bonner	Betty Houston	Wanda Payne
Sam Booth	Betty Howard	Ed/Grace Pickett
Michael Bouchard	Jennie Howard	Martha Poole
Fr. Ed Bradley	Mary Hudson	Shirley Poole
Opal Brown	Barbara Huff	Rhonda Rafferty
Eric/Erica Brown	Pam Huff	Joan Ragala
Virginia Brown	Jim Hundley	Theresa Ray
William P Brown	Joseph Jarboe	Martha Rayman
Helen Bumm	Colene Jennings	Marvin Reynolds
John Ralph Calhoun	Louise Johnson	Tom Riney
Jean Carpenter	Lou Jones	Judy Roberts
Rebecca Carrico	Mary Jones	Martha Jo Ross
Ann Cecil	Zachary Judd	Maurice Schaefer
Gloria Cecil	Joseph M. Kavolus	Doris Schwartz
Dennis Cecil	Brenda Kelley	Patty Sharp
Jenell Cecil	James Kelly	Charles M Shoemaker
Michelle Wood Clark	Anna Klein	Mary Ruth Shoemaker
Nancy Clark	Betty Klein	Fred Sikes
Jamison Clouse	Guy/Cinda Kost	Iona Simon
Julie Clouse	Josanna Lamastus	Roger Simon
Richard Clouse	Patricia Lancaster	Fred Smith
Louis Conder	Nathan Landrum	Helen Staples
David Condra	Danissa Lewis	Paul Staples
Betty Coomes	Regina Lewis	Sierra Storm
Mary S. Coomes	Phillip Loehr	Mary Taylor
Shirley Coomes	Patsy Logsdon	Louise Thompson
Martha Crisp	Hallie Lott	Mary Thompson
Mary Alice Crowe	Lennie Lott	Beverly Velotta
Patrick Cureton	Louisa Lovett	Bill Walker
Charles Danhauer	Henry Luckett	Dianne Walsh
Rylan Daughtery	Larry P. Lyons	Beverly Wathen
Mary Dawson	Emma Lou Marrett	Bob Weikel
Dorothy Draeger	Margaret Mattingly	Joan Wells
Russell Ebelhar	Mildred McCarthy	Ed Welsh
Peggy Falloway	Jim McCormack	Larry Whittaker
Wilma Fenwick	Bishop John McRaith	Jim Wieder
Lucille Fischer	Jeb Medley	Mel Windle
Dick/Chris Flaherty	Kay Meisenhelder	John W. Wright
Amy Fulks	Randy Montgomery	John Yates
Dorothy Fulton	James Morris	Mike Yates
Helen Galloway	Joan Moss	Ruth Zackery
Leslie Gard	Louise Mudd	
Norman Gentry, Sr.	Sue Mudd	

- Names in bold are those currently in the hospital.
- Please let us know when a name may be removed.

## PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES

**Carmel Home**-Dora Peak, Virginia Carrico, Mary C. Kelley, Leon Keller, Edna Kavolus, Ray Coomes, Martha Sims, Rosalia McPherson, Sally Johnson, Teresa Townsley, Mary Elsie O'Bryan, Margaret Smith, Helen Bumm, Mary Howell. **Fern Terra**-Lorraine Payne. **Owensboro Place**-Charles B. Payne, Margaret Payne. **Hillcrest**-Susan Ward, Josephine Sanchez. **Wellington Parc**-Marie Richardson, Paul Higdon, Hazel McMahan. **Bishop Soenneker**-Cecil Barnett, Robert Danhauer, Freddie Payne, Betty Wimsatt. **Bon Harbor**-Dorothy Lanham. **Rosedale**-Ursula Coogan; **Heartland Villa**-Aloysius Williams. **One Park Place**-Margaret Bonner, Martha Rayman. **Western KY Veteran's Center**-Joe Murphy.

**REGULAR COLLECTIONS  
vs TOTAL EXPENSES  
Fiscal Year July 2011 - June 2012**

**Month-to-Date @ 2-5-12**

	Actual	Budget	Needed to Meet Budget
Income	\$ 25,128.05	\$ 22,500.00	\$ (2,628.05)
Expenses	\$ 35,214.21	\$ 19,209.60	
Over/Under	\$ (10,086.16)		

	Year to Date @ 2-5-12	Year to Date @ Month-end Feb	Needed to Meet Budget
Income (Parish)	\$ 541,393.32	\$ 586,680.00	\$ 45,286.68
Expenses (Parish)	\$ 655,074.86	\$ 672,336.00	
Over/Under	\$ (113,681.54)		
Income (Preschool)	\$ 104,347.37	\$ 160,190.00	\$ 55,842.63
Expenses (Preschool)	\$ 110,216.94	\$ 127,369.00	
Over/Under	\$ (5,869.57)		

**RESTORATION AND RENEWAL  
Balances @ 2-5-12**

Checking:	\$ 59,240.13
Savings:	\$ 756,694.89
	\$ 815,935.02

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2-5-12**

Maintenance & Repair	\$ 593.00
Children's Collection	\$ 48.19
Candles	\$ 99.06

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISH MEMBERS**

- 2/19: Cynthia Galloway, Julia Hartz, Theresa Potts, Lois Warren  
 2/20: Donald Axley, Jennifer Welch  
 2/21: Rose Bender, Jim Boarman, Brenden Evans, Phillip Head, Jackie Jones  
 2/22: Mary Horn, John Lyon, Katrina Wardrip  
 2/23: Susan Fulkerson, Kathleen Lanz, Sheryl Lott, Rick West  
 2/24: Gertrude Cagle, Ruth Anna Cureton, Ann Pierce, Mary Jane Rafferty  
 2/25: Leann Lyon  
 2/26: Doreen Harney, Chris Seaton, Kathy Warren, John Young.

**Faith Formation for Children****MEETING WITH BISHOP MEDLEY**

Parents of students in Faith Formation: Your child was given a note for you regarding the special and important time with Bishop Medley. Please return the bottom of the note with your response by February 19. Thank you.

**SUNDAY LENTEN FORMATION**

During the season of Lent, we will have an opportunity to do several good things. Each Sunday, you can pick up a two-sided paper with the heading LENT 4.5. Please take it home, read it, reflect on it and discuss it with your family; yes, children included. See how we, as good Christians, can embrace Gospel justice, protect God's creation and, at the same time, nurture our spiritual/moral life. Each week presents a different topic. It takes only a few minutes to read, but a life-time to live. These same papers will be the basis of our Sunday Lenten gatherings for prayer, soup supper and discussion at Blessed Sacrament hall, beginning at 5:00PM.

**CATHEDRAL PRESCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION**

Registration forms for the 2012-2013 school year may be found under "Enrollment and Requirements" at [www.cathedralpreschool.com](http://www.cathedralpreschool.com), or call the office at 270-926-1652. Please consider the Cathedral Preschool for your 3, 4 or 5-year old. The Cathedral Preschool is a loving learning center where each child is a special gift.

**BISHOP MEDLEY TO HAVE SPECIAL MASS**

Bishop Medley would like to celebrate Mass and meet the students who do not attend Catholic schools. The Mass is scheduled for Sunday, March 4, 2:00PM, at Immaculate Parish. Parents are invited; but the bishop's focus will be the children. The collection at the Mass will go to a local shelter. The children can make a Lenten sacrifice for needy people in our neighborhood.

**WORD OF LIFE**

We recognize that we humans are at our best when we give ourselves away in selfless love, and live no longer for ourselves, but for another. This is what Pope John Paul the Great calls the law of the gift.

And nothing obeys the law of the gift more than a baby; nothing changes a life more than a baby; nothing transforms from selfishness to selflessness more than a baby; nothing calls us from narcissistic self-absorption in a universe of one to a world of solidarity more than a baby.

And nothing threatens a culture of civility, a civilization of love, a society of virtue and justice, nothing trespasses the law of the gift more, than a culture of death bolstered by laws which threaten rather than protect the unborn baby.

*Cardinal Timothy Dolan, January 24, 2012*

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

The first annual Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky exceeded expectations, both in terms of the number of participants as well as their enthusiasm. Including the visiting priests and seminarians, we had 325+ men from over 25 parishes throughout the diocese and beyond attend the conference. The three Catholic evangelist speakers, two of whom were converts to the Catholic faith, captured everyone's attention with their straight talk about pertinent issues impacting our Church, as well as practical advice to meet the challenges that men face as brothers, husbands, sons, fathers and leaders in our secular world. Over a dozen priests were available for confession during the lunch hour, and the day finished with Mass celebrated by Bishop Medley. The group organizers, largely from the St. Stephen Cathedral Men's Group, will convene in the next week or so to review the day and make plans for next year's Conference.

*Ray Purk, PPC*

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

*February 19: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
 that, always pondering spiritual things,  
 we may carry out in both word and deed  
 that which is pleasing to you.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Our next Youth Group will be Sunday, February 19, at the Cathedral rectory. Fr. John and Fr. Brandon will host the youth for a formal dinner that evening, plus priesthood/vocations reflection and discussion. Please dress up in your Sunday best! If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Fr. Brandon by calling him directly at 852-8423 or emailing him at [brandon.williams@pastoral.org](mailto:brandon.williams@pastoral.org).



**PEWS**  
There are still some longer pews available for sale. The dimensions are: 180”L x 32.5”H x 21”D. Call the parish office at 683-6525.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT "THE BOOK OF RUTH"

Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU, will lead a women's retreat, "Seasons of a Woman's Life: Lessons from the Book of Ruth" March 23-25 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The biblical Book of Ruth has it all: age, youth, grief, romance, loyalty, separation, risk, disappointment, financial ruin, marriage, widowhood, living as a foreigner in an alien country, childbirth and second chances. The retreat begins 6:00PM Friday and ends 1:00PM Sunday. Cost is \$175 (retreat materials/meals/overnight accommodations) or \$120 for commuters (materials/meals). Ten percent discount if paid in full by February 23. For scholarship information, contact Sister Ann McGrew, 229-4103 ext. 801. To register, contact Kathy McCarty, 229-4103 ext. 802 or e-mail [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org). Visit [www.msjcenter.org](http://www.msjcenter.org).

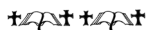
### CATHEDRAL PRESCHOOL BUNCO

The Cathedral Preschool invites you to a Bunco "Fun" Raiser and refreshments in the Catholic Pastoral Center basement on February 24, at 7:00PM. There will be food, fun and cash prizes. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Preschool Office or by calling 926-1652. Everyone is welcome. Bring friends, family and neighbors. (Adults only please.)

### BLACK HISTORY AND WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTHS

The Diocese of Owensboro, Brescia University, and several other sponsors are bringing the *Core Ensemble* to Brescia University. They will be performing the chamber music theatre work, *Ain't I a Woman!*, which celebrates the life and times of four powerful African-American women. The event is in Brescia's Taylor Lecture Hall on Sunday, February 19, at 4:00PM. It is free and open to the public.

### THE WORD OF GOD



The word  
of God  
is at work  
in you



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Possessions, pleasure and power show themselves sooner or later to be incapable of fulfilling the deepest yearnings of the human heart. In building our lives, we need solid foundations which will endure when human certainties fail. Truly, since "for ever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens" and the faithfulness of the Lord "endures to all generations" (*Ps* 119:89-90), whoever builds on this word builds the house of his life on rock (cf. *Mt* 7:24). May our heart be able to say to God each day: "You are my refuge and my shield; I hope in your word" (*Ps* 119:114).

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### THE SERVICE OF ALTAR SERVERS

Looking for a way to answer the call of Time, Talent and Treasure? Consider being an altar server. Contrary to what you might have thought, there is no real age limit for this important service. Contact Eddie O'Bryan at 316-8930.

### OUR LENT MAKES POSSIBLE THEIR EASTER

For the tenth year, the Ash Wednesday collection, February 22, will be for our Sister Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. With our giving to the upcoming Mandeville Collection, our Lent makes possible their Easter. Your kindness and generosity provides for services that otherwise would not be available to our brothers and sisters there. Please consider responding with generosity again this year. Thank you.

### THE MARRIAGE YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED

Due to the parish construction project, the Adult Faith Formation Committee was unable to have a married couples dinner for Valentine's day. Instead, all married couples and those considering marriage are invited to join us on a trip to Paducah for a conference on "The Marriage You've Always Wanted" by Dr. Gary Chapman. The conference, sponsored by St Jerome Catholic Church, will be held at the Expo Center, 9:00AM to 3:30PM, March 24. Cost is \$35 a person. Bus travel for a large group may be arranged, or a smaller group can travel by caravan. If interested, please call Deacon Curry or his wife Chona at 686-1749.

### GASPER RIVER CATHOLIC CAMP INFO

Registration is open for the 2012 summer camp season for young people just entering the third grade to young adults. Find dates, forms and info on the CAMPS link at [www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org). Young adults, one year removed from high school, are invited to serve as a summer staff; check out the JOBS link. Adults, 21 years or older (Safe Environment Training needed) are invited to serve as a volunteer counselor and to participate in all the camp activities. There is no cost for this position. Nurses, nursing students, doctors or EMTs are invited to contact our office, 270-781-2466, for volunteer opportunities. Receive a camper scholarship for an immediate family member or friend. Call 270-781-2466.

