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† **WELCOME** †

We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. We invite you not only to worship with us at Mass, 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; 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.

† CHILDCARE †

Childcare is provided for the 9:00AM Sunday Mass. Contact Linda Ivey, 683-0170, for more information.

† 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 27 - 28, 2010 †
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

5:00PM MASS

Altar Servers.....*Logan Cecil, Jacob Cecil*
Lectors..... *Sr. Therese Francis Walker, Bill Goetz*
Min. Brd*Larry Lyon, Gene Lyon, Sr. Monica Seaton*
Min. Cup *Margaret Mills, Martha House, Helen Miles, Sue Gough*
Min. Hosp..... *Doug Hayden, Cheryl Hayden, Chris Carrico,*
Paul Murphy, Daniel Richeson, Charles Payne
Voc. Min*Sr. Monica Seaton*

7:00AM MASS

Altar Server.....*Eddie O'Bryan*
Lectors..... *Rita Roberson, Peggy Howard*
Min. Brd *Lorraine McFarland*
Min. Cup *Glenn E. Thompson, Art Hodde*
Min. Hosp..... *Dennis Weafer, Norman Froehlich, Charles Winstead,*
LaWanna Brand, Lottie Miller, Volunteer
Voc. Min *Benny and Claudine Blandford*

9:00AM MASS

Children Lit.....*Lisa Sullivan, McKenzie Higdon*
Altar Servers.....*Jack Padgett, Alison Kuntz*
Lectors *Jerry Kuntz, Leslie Kuntz*
Min. Brd..... *Laura Mathis, Ron Sullivan, Cissy Sullivan*
Min. Cup. *Sandy Carden, Jill Leigh, Gene Schadler, Mary Helen Nash*
Min. Hosp..... *Barry Hearth, Sharlene Hatfield, Chris Purk, Ray Purk,*
John Kurz, Jordyn Moseley
Voc. Min.....*Tom Ed and Robin Booth Family*

11:00AM MASS

Altar Servers.....*Mary Kate Fullenwider, Taran Wells*
Lectors *Martha Estes, Mary Ford*
Min. Brd..... *Jennifer Fullenwider, Jay Fullenwider, Joan Perry*
Min. Cup..... *Peggy Clark, Susan Higdon, Cecilia Yates, Doug Wathen*
Min. Hosp..... *John Fullenwider, Ben Fullenwider, Stephen Aull,*
Kathy Aull, Gene Higdon, Donna Montalvo
Voc. Min.....*Phil and Cheri Roach Family*

† PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE †

Dear Parishioners,

On Monday and Tuesday I will be in Frankfort participating in the "Catholics at the Capitol" meeting sponsored by the Catholic Conference of Kentucky. This annual two-day event is an opportunity to continue building a network of Faithful Citizens to advocate for public policies that reflect Gospel values and Catholic teachings. Even if you do not attend the meeting in Frankfort, you are invited to participate in the CCK's "Faithful Citizenship Advocacy Network" so that you can communicate with decision-makers on important public policy issues in Washington, D.C. and Frankfort. Bringing Catholic social teaching to lawmakers is the responsibility of all Catholics. I encourage you to register to receive periodic email communications on legislative issues at a time when communicating to lawmakers is critical to advance the common good through public policy. Visit the Conference website at www.ccky.org to sign up.

The Rite of Election is this afternoon at two o'clock. At this Rite, those preparing to join the Church at Easter will join with Bishop Medley for a time of prayer and for the acceptance of the Catechumens as the "Elect." They will spend the remainder of the Lenten season making final preparations for the sacraments of Initiation. Please keep all these men and women in your prayers.

It was good to have Bishop Medley here for Mass on Ash Wednesday and I am happy that he is celebrating the Saturday evening Mass this weekend. At that liturgy, he will confer ministries on three of our seminarians. These ministries of acolyte and lector are steps on the way to diaconate and priesthood. We also welcome Deacon Uwem Enoch who was with us last summer. Uwem was recently ordained a deacon and he will be giving the homily at the 7:00AM Mass, as well as the 10:00AM Mass at Blessed Sacrament.

I pray that Lent has begun well for you. Don't forget that our Mission begins next Sunday evening. I know that Fr. Dorsey will help us enter more deeply into Lent so that it will be a truly enriching season for our parish.

Love, Fr. John



Mass Intentions for the week

	7:00AM	12:05PM
Mon	Right to Life	Nancy Brey
Tue	Larry R. Payne Family	Mary Fulkerson
Wed	Cindy Thompson	Andy Boarman
Thurs	Bob Steele	Jerome Fenwick
Fri	Mary Merrimee	Mary W. O'Bryan
Sat	Lillian Calhoun Family	Stan Yeiser/Marty Robbins

Sunday, February 28

Sat 5:00PM	David Payne
Sun 7:00AM	Paul Meisenhelder
9:00AM	People of the Parish
11:00AM	Tom Wilkerson



EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

“Let us live Lent, as a ‘Eucharistic’ time in which, welcoming the love of Jesus, we learn to spread it around us with every word and deed. Contemplating ‘him whom they have pierced’ moves us

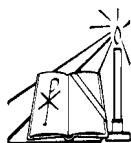
in this way to open our hearts to others, recognizing the wounds inflicted upon the dignity of the human person; it moves us in particular to fight every form of contempt for life and human exploitation and to alleviate the tragedies of loneliness and abandonment of so many people.

“May Lent be for every Christian a renewed experience of God's love given to us in Christ, a love that each day we, in turn, must ‘re-give’ to our neighbor, especially to the one who suffers most and is in need. Only in this way will we be able to participate fully in the joy of Easter. May Mary, Mother of Beautiful Love, guide us in this Lenten journey, a journey of authentic conversion to the love of Christ.”

*Pope Benedict XVI, “Message for Lent, 2007,” November 21, 2006
Courtesy of V.I.S. - Vatican Information Service*

A VOCATION VISTA

It is not by sidestepping or fleeing from suffering that we are healed, but rather by our capacity for accepting it, maturing through it and finding meaning through union with Christ, who suffered with infinite love....The true measure of humanity is essentially determined in relationship to suffering and to the sufferer.



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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, February 21—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM PSS I
COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM
 Sunday Sharing, Undercroft, 9:45AM
 Faith Formation, Undercroft, 10:10AM
Black Catholic Film, BSC, 11:30AM
Rite of Election, Church, 2:00PM
 SPACE, Undercroft, 2:30PM
Holy Family Adoration, Church, 6:30PM; Social: 7:30PM

MONDAY, February 22—THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM
Lenten Meal, Undercroft, 5:30PM
Lenten Devotion, Church, 6:00pm

TUESDAY, February 23—Lenten Weekday; St. Polycarp,

Bishop, Martyr

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM
 Sunday Scripture Sharing, Office, 10:30AM

WEDNESDAY, February 24—Lenten Weekday

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM
 Book of Sirach Scripture Study, Media Ctr, 10:30AM
 Choir (Adult), Church, 6:00PM
 RCIA Team, Office, 6:00PM

THURSDAY, February 25—Lenten Weekday

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM
 Sunday Scripture Sharing, Media Ctr, 7:00PM
 Catholic Men’s Fellowship, Undercroft, 8:00PM

FRIDAY, February 26—Lenten Weekday

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM
Stations of the Cross, Church, 12:45PM
“Eyes on the Prize,” BSC, 6:30PM

SATURDAY, February 27—Lenten Weekday

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM
Parish Council Workshop, Undercroft, 8:00AM
 Prayer Group, Office, 8:30AM
 Confessions, Church 9:00—11:00AM
Evening Mass for Sunday, Church, 5:00PM

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SUNDAY, February 28—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM PSS II
PARISH MISSION BEGINS
COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN AFRICA
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM
 Sunday Sharing, Undercroft, 9:45AM
 Faith Formation, Undercroft, 10:10AM
Confirmation Class, Undercroft, 4:30PM
Lenten Mission w/Holy Family Adoration, Church, 6:00PM



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
Living and Giving Gratefully

This Week's Stewardship Moment

"Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given us."

Offering to God the very best of what God has provided for us is at the heart of stewardship. Do we offer the best of ourselves, or do we offer what is left over? Probably we've all done both at one time or another. However, if we strive to offer our best, we will undoubtedly actually do this more times than not.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offertory)

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of \$9,300.71 in the Sunday Offertory for the Weekend of February 13 and 14, which included \$25.51 from "Kids Care." Our parish also received \$3,236.83 in Electronic Fund Transfers on February 16.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (7/1/09 – 2/14/10)

Goal for Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$522,000.00
Amount Donated:	\$546,719.28
Amount Over Needed Goal:	\$ 24,719.28

Thanks for Living and Giving Gratefully!

"Kids Care" Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 1,810.85
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Some of the Gifts from the Other Half
of our Stewardship

Diocesan/Other Collections	February 13-14	Total
"St. Stephen Cathedral Restoration & Renewal"	\$6,302.00	\$953,894.69
Maintenance & Repairs Fund	\$ 138.00	\$ 6,130.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$ 380.00	\$ 17,186.08
Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica	\$ 256.00	\$ 256.00

Please Pray For All The Sick

Mary Kay Adams	Ruth Hagan	Ed/Grace Pickett
Lois Aud	Bryce Hancock	Martha Poole
John Aud	Janet Haynes	Shirley Poole
Richard Aud	Joe Hendricks	Theresa Ray
Betty Aull	Beverly Heppler	Margaret W. Roberts
Alice Bagot	Bertha Horrell	Martha Jo Ross
Catherine Beaven	Betty Houston	Joe Rudy
William Blandford	Betty Howard	Maurice Schaefer
Jim Bill Boarman	Jennie Howard	Melba Schemmel
Sam Booth	Mary Hudson	Alberta Schrecker
Whitney Bowlds	Barbara Huff	Doris Schwartz
Ann Bresler	Janie Jackson	Charles M. Shoemaker
Opal Brown	Elsie Jarboe	Mary Ruth Shoemaker
Don Brown	Eddie Jaskolski	Fred Sikes
Eric Brown	Colene Jennings	Marie Simmons
William P Brown	Lou Jones	Iona Simon
Robert Calhoun	Zachary Judd	Roger Simon
Jean Carpenter	James Kelly	Dorothy Sims
Ann Cecil	Anna Klein	Martha Sims
Gloria Cecil	Betty Klein	Fred Smith
Dennis Cecil	Bill Knott	Laura Abel Smith
Rose T. Cecil	Viola Kruta	Helen Staples
Susan C. Cecil	Sarah Kuntz	Mary Taylor
Willie Cecil	Phillip Loehr	Louise Thompson
Cliff Clark	Patsy Logsdon	Margaret Tyler
Julie Clouse	Henry Luckett	Beverly Velotta
David Condra	Larry P. Lyons	Bill Walker
Betty Coomes	Jim McCormack	Dianne Walsh
Mary S Coomes	Margaret Mattingly	Tyler Ward
Thomas Coomes	Jeb Medley	Bob Weikel
James Crisp	Martin Millay	Joan Wells
Patrick Cureton	Cleo Miller	Ed Welsh
Charles Danhauer	Frank Molnar	Larry Whittaker
Jerry/Dorothy Draeger	Randy Montgomery	Aloysius Williams
Wilma Fenwick	Joan Moss	Vicki Wink
Margaret Ferguson	Sue Mudd	Beverly Wood
Lucille Fischer	Nancy Murphy	John W. Wright
Dick/Chris Flaherty	Lloyd Nash	John Yates
Sherry Fulkerson	Frances O'Bryan	Mike Yates
Amy Fulks	James O'Bryan	Mary Josephine Young
Helen Galloway	Joseph O'Bryan	Ruth Zachery
Becky Goetz	Mary O'Harrow	
Gail Goetz	Joann Ogle	
Hallie Graham	Shirley Oliver	
Carrie Grant	Mike Osborne	
Dwayne Hagan	Bill/Geraldine Payne	
George Hagan	Wanda Payne	

- Names in bold print 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, Gladys Thompson, Edna Kavolus, Margaret Roberts, Ray Coomes, Lucille Tong, Margaret Tyler, Martha Sims, Rosalia McPherson, Sally Johnson. **Fern Terra**-Lorraine Payne. **Owensboro Place**-Charles B. Payne, Mary Bopp. **Hillcrest**-Susan Ward, Jim O'Bryan, Albert Bellew. **Wellington Parc**-Mary Guinn, Marie Richardson. **Heritage Park**-Marie Simmons. **Bishop Soenneker**-Aloysius Williams, Cecil Barnett, Robert Danhauer, Freddie Payne. **Bon Harbor**-Betty Wimsatt, Dorothy Lanham. **Rosedale**-Ursula Coogan; **Hermitage**-Bobby Ford. **Medco (Hardinsburg)**-Janie Jackson.

THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS

The pastor's task is not limited to individual care of the faithful. It extends by right also to the formation of a genuine Christian community. However, no Christian community is built up which does not grow from and hinge on the celebration of the most Holy Eucharist. From this, all education for community spirit must begin.



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LENLEN DEVOTIONS AND PARISH MISSION

We have our Lenten devotions on the Mondays of Lent. At 5:30PM we will first gather in the Undercroft for a "lite" meal and then re-gather in the church for prayer at 6:00PM. During the second week of Lent, we will not have a regular devotional evening because of the Parish Mission Sunday, February 28-Wednesday, March 3. Each of those evenings, we will meet at 6:00PM. The presenter for our mission is Glenmary priest, Fr. Dan Dorsey. He will be speaking to us about the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MEET FATHER DAN DORSEY, GHM

Glenmary Father Dan Dorsey, a native of St. Louis, is currently serving in his second four-year-term as president of Glenmary Home Missioners, a Catholic mission society founded and headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was ordained in 1978 and later served as pastor of two Glenmary missions in south-east Arkansas before coming to leadership in 1999 as vice-president. In his years of home mission ministry, Father Dorsey has also served in Cincinnati as Glenmary's director of novices, and in Morehead, KY, as associate pastor of a Glenmary mission serving six rural counties. He holds a master of arts degree in theology from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., a licentiate in sacred theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and is the author of a 1983 master's thesis on the charism of Father William Howard Bishop, Glenmary's founder.

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for those who have recently died, especially, *Bob Cecil*, brother of *Denise Payne*; and *Herbert Johnson*, uncle of *Ruth Allene Hagan*.



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

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a,4-6 Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISH MEMBERS

- 2/21: Rose Bender, Jim Boarman, Phillip Head, Jackie Jones
- 2/22: Mary Ford, Tala James, John Lyon, Katrina Wardrip
- 2/23: Susan Fulkerson, Kathleen Lanz, Sheryl Lott, Rick West
- 2/24: Dakota Adams, Gertrude Cagle, Matthew W. Carman, Caitlin Cooper, Ruth Anna Cureton, Phillip Huff, Ann Pierce, Mary Jane Rafferty
- 2/25: Leann Lyon
- 2/26: Steve Aull, Doreen Harney, Chris Seaton, Kathy Warren, John Young
- 2/27: Debbie Van Bussum, Isabella Wardrip
- 2/28: Alice Boone, Sue Cooper, Bill Goetz, Sylvia Heflin, Bill McCormick, Rachel Simmons
- 2/29: Jacquelyn Tretter.



Youth 2000

March 5,6,7 - Brescia University
Contact Fr. Joshua for more information - 852-8423

ATTENTION, YOUNG PEOPLE!

This year, St. Stephen Cathedral is taking a group of youth, ages 13-30, to YOUTH 2000. We are hoping for a large turnout from our parish. Please fill out the forms and return them to Fr. Joshua McCarty at the parish office. Make your check payable either to St. Stephen or the Marian Shrine Committee. If you don't have the forms yet, please look in the back of St. Stephen Cathedral or see Fr. Joshua. Its going to be a great retreat!

Yours,
Fr. Joshua



LENTEN GUIDELINES

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. 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 listed elsewhere in the bulletin.

WORD OF LIFE

Chastity makes the personality harmonious. It matures it and fills it with inner peace. This purity of mind and body helps develop true self-respect and at the same time makes one capable of respecting others, because it makes one see in them persons to reverence, insofar as they are created in the image of God and through grace are children of God, re-created by Christ.



PARENT/CHILD MEETING TIME CHANGE

Due to our parish mission, the next parent/child meeting for First Communion has been rescheduled for Monday, March 15, and make-up on Tuesday, March 16, at 6:30PM, in the Undercroft. Please note the new dates.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

On Sunday, February 28, Confirmation Candidates will have a class at 4:30PM in the Undercroft.

BEATIFICATION OF BLACK AMERICAN WOMAN

Next month, the files will be opened to consider Henriette De-lille for sainthood. Henriette is a New Orleans native who founded the Order of the Sisters of the Holy Family, black nuns who ministered to the slaves, and today to their ancestors, in schools and in nursing homes. This is a special occasion for all American Catholics, especially Black Catholics, to think that someday there will be another American saint.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- March 5-7 (Friday-Sunday) Youth 2000
 - March 19 (Friday) Bowling – 6:30-8:00PM
- Call Fr. Joshua if you have any questions or if you would like to help: 270-852-8423.*

HOLY FAMILY ADORATION

Sunday, February 21

6:30PM Holy Hour 7:30PM Social
Excellent Music Free Child Care
Talks from our own youth

For families and youth and adults and people of all ages.
This is a weekly event!



Call Fr. Joshua if you have any questions or if you would like to help: 270-852-8423.

CRUCIBLE, GUARANTEE, DRIVING FORCE



“Prayer is a *crucible* in which our expectations and aspirations are exposed to the light of God’s Word, immersed in dialogue with the One who is the Truth, and from which they emerge free from hidden lies and compromises with various forms of selfishness (cf.

Spe Salvi, n. 33). Without the dimension of prayer, the human ‘I’ ends by withdrawing into himself, and the conscience, which should be an echo of God’s voice, risks being reduced to a mirror of the self, so that the inner conversation becomes a monologue, giving rise to self-justifications by the thousands.

“Therefore, prayer is a *guarantee* of openness to others: whoever frees himself for God and his needs simultaneously opens himself to the other, to the brother or sister who knocks at the door of his heart and asks to be heard, asks for attention, forgiveness, at times correction, but always in fraternal charity. True prayer is never self-centered, it is always centered on the other. As such, it opens the person praying to the ‘ecstasy’ of charity, to the capacity to go out of oneself to draw close to the other in humble, neighborly service.

“True prayer is the *driving force* of the world since it keeps it open to God. For this reason, without prayer there is no hope, but only illusion. In fact, it is not God’s presence that alienates man, but his absence: without the true God, Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, illusory hopes become an invitation to escape from reality. Speaking with God, dwelling in his presence, letting oneself be illuminated and purified by his Word introduces us, instead, into the heart of reality, into the very motor of becoming cosmic; it introduces us, so to speak, to the beating heart of the universe.”

Pope Benedict XVI, “Homily for Ash Wednesday,” February 6, 2008
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LENTEN ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- February 21: Diocesan Administration
- February 28: Church in Africa
- March 7: Sick and Infirm Priests
- March 14: Catholic Relief Services
- March 21: TBA
- March 28: TBA
- April 1: Operation Rice Bowl
- April 2: Holy Land
- April 4: Seminarians

CHILI SUPPER AND AUCTION



Right to Life is holding its 35th annual Chili Supper/Auction on Saturday, February 27, at St. Pius Tenth Parish Hall. Serving will begin at 5:00PM. Tickets for a bowl of chili, a hot dog, a drink and a dessert are \$5. Donations of cakes and pies are needed. Interested in helping or need more information? Call 685-4922.

2010 GASPER RIVER YOUTH CAMP SCHEDULE

The 2010 Summer Camp Schedule at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp is set and ready to go. Bring a friend with you if you’d like, and be prepared for an adventure like none other. Visit www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org to find all the forms to register for camp. For any questions about camp or to schedule a visit to the camp to see ahead of time what the camp offers, call 270-781-2466.

FINANCIAL AID FORMS AVAILABLE

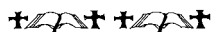
The Owensboro Catholic Schools are preparing for the 2010-2011 school year. Financial aid forms for the upcoming school year are available. Any family interested in enrolling their child is encouraged to fill out the financial aid forms. Contact the Central Office at 686-8896. Information is also available at owensborocatholic.org

ELEMENTARY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SIGNUPS

Any girl in grades 3, 4, 5, or 6 who attends Owensboro Catholic Schools or who attends religious education classes is eligible to play volleyball in the OCES League. Signups will be February 21, 1:00-3:00PM and February 22, 5:30-7:00PM in the K-3 Campus Gym. Fees are \$35 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child, payable to OCES Booster Club. Registration forms are at www.owensborocatholic.org/documents/Volleyball_Sports_Application.pdf.

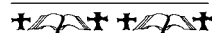
CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

A Parent Information Night and Student Open House for all current and prospective families interested in Owensboro Catholic Middle School will be held on Thursday, February 25, at 6:30PM. Scheduling information and extracurricular information will be available, as well as a chance to meet the teachers and staff. Mrs. Ann Flaherty, OCMS Principal, will be available to answer questions.



THE WORD OF GOD

The word of God is at work in you



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At the beginning of time, God created the cosmos with his Word (cf. *Gn* 1:1) and sealed creation with his wisdom for which everything is his voice (cf. *Sir* 46:17; *Ps* 68:34). In a special way, the *human person*, because created to the image and like-

ness of God (cf. *Gn* 1:26), remains for all time the sure sign and wise interpreter of his Word.