

# SAINT FRANCIS BORGLIA



## Welcomes Visitors & New Parishioners

Reaffirming our own faith in  
Jesus, the Christ, we gladly  
welcome you into this  
community of faith, enfolding  
you with our love and  
committing ourselves to your care.

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

***FEBRUARY 28***

*Saint Francis Borgia was dedicated on September 30, 1952 by the  
Most Reverend Francis R. Cotton, D.D. Bishop of Owensboro, Ky.*

FAITH, FAMILY & FRIENDS

### **SACRAMENTS**

#### **CONFESSION**

Sunday 8:00 AM - 8:30 And by appointment

#### **BAPTISM**

Preparation Classes required for parents.

Please contact Fr. Ryan early in your pregnancy.

Call the office for more details.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Contact Fr. Ryan or the church office

#### **HOLY MATRIMONY**

Contact Fr. Ryan at least 6 months prior to the proposed  
wedding date.

#### **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

Holy communion is taken to the sick and to the nursing homes  
weekly. Contact the parish office for anyone in need.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>FEB 28</b>	DEANERY WIDE PENANCE SERVICE ST PETERS CHURCH AT 2:00
<b>MARCH</b>	CLOTHING DRIVE—INFO TO FOLLOW
<b>MAR 3</b>	Men's Group Meeting at St Ann
<b>MAR 6</b>	COFFEE & DONUTS
<b>MAR 6</b>	JPII OPEN HOUSE 11:00-1:00
<b>MAR 20</b>	PALM SUNDAY-BEGINS HOLY WEEK
<b>MAR 22</b>	Chrism Mass Owensboro
<b>MAR 27</b>	EASTER SUNDAY MASS HERE AT 10:00 AM

### Our Return to the Lord

**FEBRUARY 21, 2016**

**Attendance ( 106 )**

<b>Tithes</b>	<b>\$ 1579.00</b>
<b>Pastoral Associate</b>	<b>\$ 124.00</b>
<b>Votive Candles</b>	<b>\$ 3.00</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>\$ 51.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>Hall Rental</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1779.00</b>
<b>Fish Fry held 02/12</b>	<b>\$1810.00</b>

### BULLETIN BITE!!!

"For three years I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down! Why should it exhaust the soil?"

Jesus tells of a gardener who pleads to save a fig tree so he can cultivate it and hope to make it productive. In chapters one and two of Genesis God reveals that He created man and woman and gave them dominion over His Garden - all creation. Bishop Robert Morneau poignantly describes how God made us stewards of His garden, and the many gardens he has given to us: the gardens of our faith, our body, our family, our mind, our artistic ability, our many abilities and, most importantly, our ability to reason and our free will. All of the gardens belong to God. "How are we caring for His gardens? Are we being good stewards? Have we cultivated them or let them go fallow. Are they as productive as God intended? If not, it is not too late. The first step is to identify and accept responsibility for the gardens that God has entrusted to our care. Do not be afraid. We have Jesus!

## TODAYS REFLECTION

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today's First Reading. Mindful of His covenant with Abraham (see Exodus 2:24), God came down to rescue His people from the slave-drivers of Egypt. Faithful to that same covenant (see Luke 1:54-55, 72-73), He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today's Psalm tells us. Paul says in today's Epistle that God's saving deeds in the Exodus were written down for the Church, intended as a prelude and foreshadowing of our own Baptism by water, our liberation from sin, our feeding with spiritual food and drink. Yet the events of the Exodus were also given as a "warning" - that being children of Abraham is no guarantee that we will reach the promised land of our salvation. At any moment, Jesus warns in today's Gospel, we could perish - not as God's punishment for being "greater sinners" - but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits. Jesus calls us today to "repentance" - not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. We're called to live the life we sing about in today's Psalm - blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy. The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel (see Jeremiah 8:3; 24:1-10). As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance (see Luke 3:8). Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let "the gardener," Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

### **Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**LIGHT IS ON!!!!**

**FEB 28—DEANERY WIDE SERVICE—ST PETERS 2:00**

**March 2—St Ambrose 7:00 pm**

**March 9—St William 7:00 pm**

**March 16—St Francis 7:00 pm**

### **SAINT ANN'S MEN'S GROUP**

**March 3rd Meeting**

LESSON 48 Heroes/Role Models

READINGS: 1 Samuel 17:51b; Proverbs 27:17

CATECHISM: 1803-1804

## Ministry List / Liturgical Apostolate

### MARCH 2016

**Church Cleaner:** Carol French & Malorey Gray

**Ushers:** Jessie & Bradley James

**Holy Communion to the Sick:** Beth Kemp

**Rosary Leader:** Irene Price (Sunday 8:15 a.m.)

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jama Wells, Beth Kemp,  
& Lita Pfingston

**Lector:** Barbara Wells

**Gift Bearers:** David Wright Family

**Sacristan:** Reburn Collins

**Coffee & Donuts:** Don & Beth Kemp—March 6

**Servers:** March 6—Reece Wilson & Jaden Fulkerson  
March 13—Kady Fulkerson & Steven Little  
March 20—Emma Wright, Sydney Thomas  
& Steven Little  
Easter—Steven Little, Jaden Fulkerson  
& Reece Wilson

### APRIL 2016

**Church Cleaner:**

**Ushers:** Ken Farr & Don Kemp

**Holy Communion to the Sick:** Lisa Jones

**Rosary Leader:** Irene Price (Sunday 8:15 a.m.)

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Emily James, Marcie James  
& Bradley James

**Lector:** Tony Pfingston

**Gift Bearers:** Bob & Faye Greenwell

**Sacristan:** Irene Price

**Coffee & Donuts:** Jessie & Marcie James—April 3

**Servers:** April 3—Jaden Fulkerson, Sydney Thomas  
April 10—Steven Little, Emma Wright  
April 17—Jaden Fulkerson, Steven Little  
April 24—Reece Wilson, Kady Fulkerson

### Stewardship in the New Year: Making Commitments to the Lord

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in this example: (a new example will be listed each week)

**Stewardship of Neighbor:** Resolve to be a person of hospitality and mercy. Make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention or an affirming gesture on your part.

### **MARCH Anniversaries**



### **MARCH Birthdays**

Barbara Gorman	02/28	Shawna Wolfe	03/08
Henry Hina	02/28	Barbara Wells	03/10
George Belt	03/01	Jarrold Gibson	03/12
Sydney Thomas	03/01	Jennifer Wright	03/14
Joe Thomas	03/05	Rick Turner	03/19
Emma Wright	03/07	Sharon Russelburg	03/24
Jimmy Curtis	03/08	Ava Arnett	03/24

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ginny Alder	Andy Downs	Peggy French	Jesse James	Larry Shouse
Alayna Baxter	Marie Downs	Vickie Gilland	Darrel Jones	Mary Thornsberry
Francis Berry	Bernadette Farr	Kayla Gilland	Bernice Kampf	Jeanette Willett
Royce Bickett	D'Ann Farr	Rick Gilland	David Lewis	Jerry A. Willett
Clayton Brantley	Jim Fortman	Herman Greenwell	Eric Livers	
Lisa Brown	Christopher French	Edith Greer	Jamie Payton	
Amber Chandler	Denny French	Kassandra Hinton	Cletus Russelburg	

# WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Saturday, Feb 27, violet, Vigil <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	5:30 p.m. St. Ambrose Confession 4:00-5:00 p.m. <i>(Sat rdgs) Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32</i>	Geneva Scates RIP Jerry and Ellen Day
Sunday, Feb 28, violet <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9:00 a.m. St. Francis Borgia Confession 8:00-8:30 a.m. <span style="float: right;"><i>Ex</i></span> <i>3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 -34/Mk 9:2-10</i>	Parishioners
Sunday, Feb 28, violet <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	11:00 a.m. St. William Confession following Mass <i>Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 -34/ Mk 9:2-10</i>	Debbie Blazina Hagan Brad and Lisa Dossett
Monday, Feb 29, violet	7:00 a.m. St. Francis Borgia Confession following Mass <i>2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30</i>	Dan Minter, RIP By Francis J. French
Tuesday, March 1, violet	7:00 a.m. St. Francis Borgia Confession following Mass <i>Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35</i>	Meg Holt, Birthday Mary Holt
Wednesday, March 2, violet	12:00 noon St. Ambrose Confession following Mass <i>Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19</i>	Richard Sheffer, RIP By Joker & Jo Sheffer
Thursday, March 3, violet <i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i>	12:00 noon St. William Confession following Mass <i>Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23</i>	James & Cecil Fitzsimmons RIP Emily Teaters(RIP) & Shirley Fox
Friday, March 4, violet <i>Saint Casimir</i>	NO MASS <i>Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34</i>	NO MASS
Saturday, March 5, violet, Vigil <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	5:30 p.m. St. Ambrose Confession 4:00-5:00 p.m. <i>(Sat rdgs) violet Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14</i>	Parishioners
Sunday, March 6, violet <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9:00 a.m. St. Francis Borgia Confession 8:00-8:30 a.m. <i>Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (33)</i>	Bernice Kampf, Health By Karolyn Farr
Sunday, March 6, violet <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	11:00 a.m. St. William Confession following Mass <i>Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (33)</i>	Terry McKinney RIP Billy & Paula Belt