

SAINT FRANCIS BORGIA



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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 6

*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

MAR 6	COFFEE & DONUTS
MAR 6	JPII OPEN HOUSE 11:00-1:00
MAR 16	POLISH THE BRASS 9:00 am
MAR 20	PALM SUNDAY-BEGINS HOLY WEEK
MAR 21	Fr. Ryan's Birthday
MAR 22	Chrism Mass Owensboro
MAR 27	EASTER SUNDAY MASS HERE AT 10:00 AM
APRIL	CLOTHING DRIVE MOVED TO APRIL DUE TO THE BUSY MONTH OF THE EASTER HOLIDAY

Our Return to the Lord

FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Attendance (99)

Tithes	\$ 1397.00
Pastoral Associate	\$ 90.00
Votive Candles	\$ 4.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 15.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 1556.00
Fish Fry held 02/12	\$1690.00

BULLETIN BITE!!!

My son, you are here with me always. Everything I have is yours."

Jesus tells the story of the man with two sons, one who leaves his father and squanders his 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 an 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 take the first step, He comes the rest of the way to us. Our God is an Awesome God

TODAYS REFLECTION

In this week's Gospel reading we hear the story of the Prodigal Son. Here, Christ provides a reflection on the nature of love and our relationship with God. God gives us gifts; we must receive them and give them back. Only when we accept grace freely and give it away will we live in a proper relationship with God. The parable of the prodigal son is a portrait of God's gracious love and two negative responses to that love. Both sons, in their own ways, indicate the disposition of the soul in estrangement from God.

Our second reading for Mass this weekend is one of the most beautiful and oft-quoted in the Biblical tradition: Paul's hymn to love in the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. Love--willing the good of the other--must undergird everything else in Christian life. Even the strongest faith, if it is unformed by love, is nothing; even the greatest pastoral outreach, if it is not for the sake of love, means nothing; even the most spectacular spiritual gifts, if they don't conduce toward love, are worthless. In light of this reading, we have the criterion by which to assess the quality of our lives.

The world of grasping, competition, violence, and egotism is the "real" world, right? And if I were to suggest that we can live in radical non-violence, love, compassion, and forgiveness, you would probably suggest that I am a utopian dreamer. But what Jesus shows is precisely the illusory, phony quality of the supposedly "real" world that we inhabit, and what he calls for is an immersion in the new universe that he calls "the Kingdom of God." His strategy: spiritual shock therapy. "Hate your mother and father, your children, your wife, your very self," he says to the uncomprehending crowds--and to us. His purpose is to shake us out of our complacency and into a whole new way of thinking, acting, and being. Fr. Robert Barron



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**Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
LIGHT IS ON!!!!**

March 9—St William 7:00 pm

March 16—St Francis 7:00 pm

Mary Thornsbury's Address

**1707 West Desert Hill Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85086-8399**

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: Denise Moman Family
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 the Poor: Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.

MARCH Anniversaries

Tony & Lita Pfingston 49 years



MARCH Birthdays

Barbara Gorman	02/28	Shawna Wolfe	03/08
Henry Hina	02/28	Barbara Wells	03/10
George Belt	03/01	Jessi Gibson	03/12
Sydney Thomas	03/01	Jennifer Wright	03/14
Joe Thomas	03/05	Rick Turner	03/19
Emma Wright	03/07	Fr. Ryan	03/21
Jimmy Curtis	03/08	Sharon Russelburg	03/24

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Saturday, March 5, violet, Vigil FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	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
Monday, March 7, violet <i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i>	7:00 a.m. St. Francis Borgia Confession following Mass <i>Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54</i>	Mike Krueger, health By Mary Holt
Tuesday, March 8, violet <i>Saint John of God, Religious</i>	7:00 a.m. St. Francis Borgia Confession following Mass <i>Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16</i>	Amber Chandler, health Greg & Marie Little
Wednesday, March 9, violet <i>Saint Frances of Rome, Religious</i>	12:00 noon St. Ambrose Confession following Mass <i>Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30</i>	Father Phil Rhiney, RIP
Thursday, March 10, violet	12:00 noon St. William Confession following Mass <i>Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47</i>	Debbie Hagan RIP
Friday, March 11, violet	NO MASS <i>Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30</i>	NO MASS
Saturday, March 12, violet, Vigil SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	5:30 p.m. St. Ambrose Confession 4:00-5:00 p.m. <i>(Sat rdgs) Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53</i>	Richard Sheffer, RIP By Joker & Jo Sheffer
Sunday, March 13, violet, SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00 a.m. St. Francis Borgia Confession 8:00-8:30 a.m. <i>Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11</i>	Parishioners
Sunday, March 13, violet, SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	11:00 a.m. St. William Confession following Mass <i>Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11</i>	Bill Bolanos RIP Paul & Susan Binkis Jr