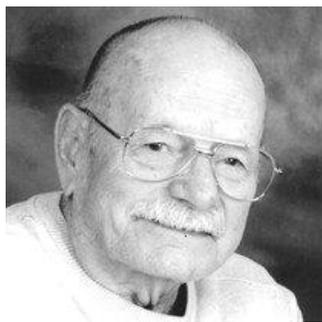


Sympathy: We offer our prayers to Therese and Chris Bennett and their children, Maddy, Molly and Ben at the death of Therese's father, Charles F. Collins. Charlie passed away on Wednesday, September 25th at the age of 83. He was born to the late Hugh and Virginia Collins on October 22, 1935 in Owensboro. He graduated from



Owensboro Catholic as a star football player (#59) and was a member of the Marine Corps Reserves during high school. After graduating from OCHS he was drafted into the US Army Corps of Engineers where he proudly served his country. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joan Marie Riddle Collins. Charles

and Joan wed at Ft Ord, California on July 2, 1959. After his honorable discharge from the Army, they returned to Owensboro where Charles went to work for his father at Collins Sheet Metal. He eventually retired from Harmon Brothers Sheet Metal. Charles, a humble and modest man, was admired and loved by his family, especially his and Joan's four daughters ("the girls"), who always knew he could fix anything. If Charles was unable to fix it then it was time for the trash. For his girls, he attended many OCHS band concerts and marching competitions, softball and basketball games, track meets and graduations.

His legacy is kept alive by his wife, Joan, and four daughters, Marie (Scott) Collins Hesperen of St. Charles, MO; Dr. Carol (Brian) Collins-Carriveau of Memphis, TN; Gail (Bobby) McBride of Owensboro; and Therese (Christopher) Bennett of Hopkinsville, KY. He was a doting PopPop to 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Barbara (the late, Mort) Murphy and Mary Ann (Gilbert) Sims all of Owensboro, a brother, David (Sandra) Collins of Cadiz, brothers and sisters-in-law LeRoy (AJ) Riddle of Rome, GA and George (Brenda) Riddle of Owensboro, many nieces, nephews, and friends. Charlie's Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, September 28th at Blessed Mother Catholic Church in Owensboro with burial to follow at Resurrection Cemetery with Military Honors. Let us lift up in prayer the Bennett and Collins families as we pray "May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

Pastoral Care Dealing with Pornography: The Diocese of Owensboro is making efforts to help confront the problem of pornography in our society. It has launched a website—www.cleanheartinitiative.org—to provide helpful, if modest, resources for adults, parents, families,

etc., to protect against and to find deliverance from the current scourge. A small working group in our parish is cooperating with the Diocese to help implement the resources available at this site and to prepare to have materials here to assist. At some point in the future we



hope to have information presentations for parishioners at large as well as for parents. This is a careful first step to confront a very difficult and sensitive predicament afflicting our families and our society. We invite you to check out and to explore the website. Spanish language components are included but still being built. Suggestions for the site's further development are welcome.
Fr. Richard

Raffle: Congratulations to Imelda Gorman as she won the SEIKI 50-inch Smart TV Raffle sponsored by the Guadalupe Committee. This winning ticket was pulled at our parish picnic last Sunday. Congratulations Imelda!

With Joy we are continuing our Weekly Food Donations to the Aaron McNeil Center. The food item this week is Jelly. All items can be placed in the barrel in the coat closet near the restrooms. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Reporting Abuse

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597- 2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380, or Nuria Elizondo, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information.

We have been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good and the failure to do so has eternal consequences.

In today's Gospel from Luke we see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use. Our Lord tells a rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference to the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out, and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.



Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. This is made clear to us in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000-year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves, but there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives - in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, and the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to God.

Diocese of Owensboro Trip to March for Life 2020

The Diocese of Owensboro is in the beginning stages of offering an adult and family oriented trip to the 47th annual March for life in Washington DC on January 24, 2020 to be the voices for the voiceless unborn and advocate for the sanctity of human life. ***You are invited to be part of this trip.*** ... We depart from Owensboro on January 22, 2020 at 8:00 pm, spend two days in Washington DC at the Hotel where the convention will be held. While there we plan to go to the "Vigil Mass for Life" at the National Basilica on January 21st, attend the March For Life on January 24th, and depart for home on January 25th. Estimated price per person is \$325. A \$50 registration deposit is required by October 25, 2019. For complete information, please contact Richard Murphy in the Diocesan office at 270-683-1545



Garden Ministry: We have several "garden spots" available on our campus that need adoption. This is the time of year that we clean out the dead plants from the summer blooming season and prepare the soil for the winter. If you or your family may be interested in adopting a spot, please stop by the parish office to see what is available.



Let us not forget the loved ones of our deployed military personnel. Pray without ceasing.

Upcoming Canonizations: According to the Vatican City – Catholic News Source, Pope Francis will declare Blessed John Henry Newman, the 19th century British cardinal, a saint on **Sunday, October 13**. The British theologian will be canonized during a Mass at the Vatican along with a Swiss laywoman, an Indian nun, an Italian nun and a nun known as the "Mother Teresa of Brazil." The date for the canonization Mass was announced July 1 during an "ordinary public consistory," a meeting of the pope, cardinals and promoters of sainthood causes that formally ends the sainthood process. Tune in to EWTN for live coverage of this Canonization.



Prayer for Our Church

Heavenly Father, In every age, you have been our refuge. Yet again and still, we stand before you asking for your protection on your holy Church.

- For the victims of abuse and their families, pour out your healing and your peace.
- For the Bishops of this country, continue to inspire their decisions, and guide them with your Spirit.
- For the thousands of good and faithful priests, who have followed your call to serve you and your people in holiness, sustain them by your grace.
- For the faithful who are angry, confused, and searching for answers, embrace them with your love, restore their trust, console them with your clear Gospel message, and renew them with your sacraments.

We place our Church in your hands, for without you we can do nothing. May Jesus, our High Priest and true compass, continue to lead her in every thought and action – to be an instrument of justice, a source of consolation, a sacrament of unity, and a manifestation of your faithful covenant.

Grant this through that same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

God has created me to do him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission; I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I have a part in a great work; I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling. *Cardinal John Henry Newman*