

***“I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me.”***

Intention for the Week

Monday, May 4

6:30 AM Edith Johnson

Tuesday, May 5

6:00 PM Virginia Hagan (dec)

Wednesday, May 6

6:30 AM Jerry Blandford Jr. (dec)

Thursday, May 7

9AM School Mass

Noon Robert Hurm (dec)

Friday, May 8

Noon Memorial Mass of Ioma Evans

Saturday, May 9

4:00 PM Patrick Glenn (dec)

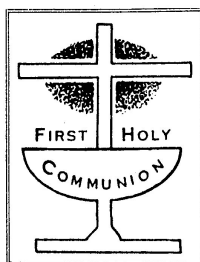
Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00 AM Patsy VanMeter

10:00 AM Delores & Tom Hartz (dec)

5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

***Congratulations, to Our First
Communion Class***



Liturgical Ministers for May 9/10

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Cecelia Hamilton, Lucy Harpe, Ruth Bittel-Nunez, Liz Francis, Bonnie Snyder, Marian Bennett, Jeff Williams, Shirley Kent, Janet Ruth

7 AM Darlene Kazlauskas, Joy, Bill Bach, Dorothy Aud, Harry, Charlene Baumgarten

10 AM Carol Goedde, Bill Hayden, Ed Higdon, Brenda, Jerry Millay, John, Sharon Bell, Kerry, Debbie Riney

5:30 PM Janice Bumm, Rachel Thomas, Olivia Hardesty, Connie Morgan, Michelele, Pete Linn

Readers

4 PM Pal Fitzhugh

7 AM Charlie Castlen

10 AM Barbara Cecil

5:30 PM Melinda Thompson

Servers

4 PM Gary Fauchaux, Matthew Johnson

7 AM Alex, Harper Dotsey

10 AM Elizabeth Cason, Olivia Cason

5:30 PM Nicholas Russell, Mason Robertson

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Hayden Head

7 AM Bernie Dotsey

10 AM Diane Fulkerson

5:30 PM Karen Dueker

Children’s Liturgy

Stephanie Frey, Ben Howard

Vocation Cross Family

Mary Aull, Ricky Aull, Bill Bach

Hillcrest: Susan Hale, Marion Bennett

Ministers of Hospitality for May

4 Jordan, Jolene White, David Jones, Bill Wathen

7 Jeff, Mary Fenwick, Steve Orth, Glenn Woodward

10 Jim Mattingly, Carl Hamilton, Chris Glasser, David Graham

5:30 Luke Robertson, Alex Vaughan, Mason, Ben Miller

Catholic Q&A

Does the Bible support the Catholic belief that, in the Mass, bread and wine becomes the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ?

It certainly does! Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper when he said of the bread, "Take, eat, **this is my body**," and of the wine, "Drink of it, all of you, for **this is my blood** of the covenant" (Mt 26:26-27). The bread **is** His Body, the wine **is** His Blood. St. Paul reflects this same understanding when he says that the bread and the wine are a participation in the Body and Blood of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 10:16). He goes on to say that whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning **the body and blood of the Lord**, and that anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself (cf. 1 Cor 11:27-29). This can only be if the bread and wine are the actual Body and Blood of Christ.

In John 6, Jesus unceasingly demands this understanding of the Eucharist:

"...the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." (vs. 51)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you;" (vs. 53)

"he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (vs. 54)

"For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed." (vs. 55)

"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." (vs. 56)

"As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me." (vs. 57)

The crowd obviously understood him as speaking literally. They disputed among themselves, objecting to such a "hard saying" (cf. vs. 52, 60). Despite their grumbling, Jesus did nothing to correct their understanding or to give them the indication that He was speaking of anything other than His very own Body and Blood. He desired that we consume His very self, that He could come to dwell within us. When he told the Apostles, "Do this in remembrance of me," He gave to them and to every priest who came after them the power to make that consumption and that indwelling a reality.

The Eucharist is truly an amazing gift.

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
nicolashardesty@gmail.com

May Crowning May 2, 4 PM Mass

Mary will be crowned our Mother, Patroness of our Church Saturday at the 4:00 PM Mass.

First Communion Mass May 3, 2:00 PM

Please pray for all our little children who will receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist!

Catholic Q&A's

All of the Catholic Q&A's are now online! Go to our parish website (<http://www.blessedmotherchurch.com>) and look under the "Religious Ed" section. Make sure you tell your friends!

Laugh for the Week

A Ky boy walked into a bank in New York City and asked for the loan officer. He told him he was going to Bakersville on business for two weeks and needed to borrow \$5,000 and that he was not a depositor of the bank. The bank officer told him that the bank would need some form of security for the loan, so the Redneck handed over the keys to a new Ferrari. The loan officer agreed to keep the car as collateral for the loan and apologized for having to charge 12% interest. The bank officers had a good laugh at the Redneck for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral for a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank drove the car to the bank's parking garage. Two weeks later, the Redneck returned, repaid the \$5,000 and the interest of \$23.07. The loan officer said, "Sir, we are very happy to have your business but we are a little puzzled. When we checked you out we found that you are a multimillionaire. What puzzles us is, why would you brother to borrow \$5,000?" The Ky boy replied, "Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$23.07 and expect it to be there when I return?" His name was Bubba.

Forming Good Stewards

The next time you feel like God can't use you, just remember....Noah was a drunk, Abraham was too old, Isaac was a daydreamer, Jacob was a liar, Joseph was abused, Leah was ugly, Moses had a stuttering problem, Gideon was afraid, Samson had long hair and was a womanizer, Rahab was a prostitute, Jeremiah and Timothy were too young, David had an affair and was a murderer, Elijah was suicidal, Isaiah preached naked, Jonah ran from God, Naomi was a widow, Job went bankrupt, Peter denied Christ, The disciples fell asleep while praying, Martha worried about everything, The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once, Zaccheus was too small, Paul was too religious, Timothy had an ulcer, and Lazarus was dead! Now, no more excuses! God can use you to your full potential. Besides you aren't the message, you are the messenger.

Collection	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$16,087.	\$20,577.	\$20,278	\$21,195.

Bar-B-Que Festival on the River May 9, 2009

Our booth this year will be at 2nd and Frederica St. We are in need of workers on Saturday!!!!!! Come on down and join in the fun! We need workers especially around 11 AM on Saturday when we begin to sell our burgoo by the cup and mutton sandwiches. We also need extra help around 1 pm when we package our meat to sell by the pound. Come down and support our wonderful cooking team. We won first place all round last year, and we need your support in protecting our title. Meat by the pound and burgoo by the gallon sales begin at 4:00 PM.



Words of Life

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. This theme is found also in the story of the Good Samaritan. On the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, a man fell in with robbers. A priest and a Levite came by, but did not stop to help. Despite their knowledge of the Law and Prophets, they walked right by, Why? One of the reasons may be they were afraid. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho is a dangerous road. Because of its numerous steep curves, it lends itself to attacks by robbers who can easily hide not too far from their victims. Perhaps the priests and Levites who passed by that man asked themselves, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me? Maybe the robbers who attacked him are still here." Sometimes we ask the same question. If I speak up too loudly about the victims of abortion, what will happen to me? Will I face persecution, will I encounter opposition, will I lose popularity if I get involved in a cause like this? The Good Samaritan asked, "If I do not help this man, what will happen to me? What will happen to him?" And that's the question for us. If I do not address this evil, what will happen to the unborn, and to the vulnerable, and to the oppressed, and to the elderly and the sick.

From Death to New Life

Our Prayers and Sympathy are extended to: Judy DeHart, Debbie Riney and their families on the death of their mother, Ethel Sauers.

To the Dorothy Davis Family. May they share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Catholics Returning Home

If you have been away from the Catholic Church, we invite you to take another look. Visit this website: www.catholicscomehome.org

Bishop McRaith Retirement Celebration
Sunday, May 3, St Stephen Cathedral
Mass at 2 PM followed by reception
Blessed Mother Parish is responsible for bringing
Vegetable and Fruit Trays
If you can donate a tray,
please call Cathy Graham
@ 683-4665

Catholic Schools News
Grandparents Mass/Reception, May 7, 9 am Blessed Mother Parish Hall All Grandparents invited

Daviess County School News
Congratulations to **Julia Payne**, daughter of Judge David Payne and Laura Payne, was named a Kentucky Governor's Scholar for the year.

Joshua Allen McCarty
And Daniel Christian Dillard
Invite you to their Ordination to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, the Thirtieth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord 2009 at ten o'clock in the morning at St. Stephen's Cathedral.

National Day of Prayer
May 7, 2009
Theme for the National Day of Prayer this year is;
Prayer! America's Hope
Prayer/Worship Service at the Courthouse at Noon

Congratulations to Our Confirmation Students!
Madeline Barnett, Beth Buntin, Collin Carrico, Daniel Castlen, Aaron Clark, Austin Clark, Leah Cravens, Allie Dees, Gary Fauchaux, Haley Frey, Daniel Fulkerson, Bryce Girtin, C.J. Glaser, Michael Goedde, Rebecca Goetz, Rebecca Greenwell, Steven Hall, Molly Higgins, Katy Holland, Sam Howard, Elizabeth Hyland, Lainey Johnson, Tanner Johnson, Jamie Lanham, Sam Lilly, Preston Lynn, Neil Mattingly, Mason Miller, Brittany Murphy, Cassidy Payne, Claire Payne, Ron Ramsey, Will Sandefur, Alexandria Smiley, Hayden Thompson, Kevin Thompson, Stephanie Wall, Lauren Zambrano

One Day Marriage Preparation Day
Saturday, June 13, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM
Registration Fee \$100
Includes breakfast, lunch, and materials
Call the Catholic Pastoral Center, 683-1545

Attention All Second Graders!!

First Communion will be on Sunday, May 3, Group Pictures at 1:30PM, Mass begins at 2:00 PM with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Any Questions? Call Nicholas Hardesty, 683-8444, ext 26 or send him an email: nicholashardesty@gmail.com.

Remember in prayer those sick in our community:

Len Bach, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Liz, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, JB Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce, Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Ann Clark, Clifton Clark, Dorothy Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Kevin Coakley, Alice Cole, Arnold Conder, Addie Corley, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Matt Gabis, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, George A. Hagan, Dottie Hamilton, Mary Hardesty, Martha Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Ron Henry, Beverly Heppler,, Peggy Hicks, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Mildred Howard, Margaret Isbell, Mary Ava Jackson, Gertrude Jones, Debbie Koenig, John Krusick, Minnie Martin, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Conner Mills, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Joann Ogle, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Laura Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Paul Payne, Lannie Joe Pearl, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Isabella & Isaiah Ratliff, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, , Paul Robertson, Larry Roby, Linda Rouse, Cecelia Schartung, Janet Schartung, Herman, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Angela, Leo Thompson, Betty Thompson, Charles Thompson, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Tammy Tucker, Glynda Turner, Jean Van Meter, David Vasterling, Joyce Ventrees, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Katherine Whittinghill, Ellen Wolford, Bea Wooldridge, Steve Woolen, Bill, Flora Yancy

Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War. Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home soon. Iraq:

SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Matthew Hoffman, US Army, Baghdad (great nephew of Camilla Baker)
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
Cpt. Michael Stock (son of Carol & Rick Stock), Baghdad
In Afghanistan

Sidney Hoffman, National Guards (great niece of Camilla Baker)

Other

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May
CSSR Justin Mills, Japan, grandson of Dessie Clark



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This is unofficially Good Shepherd Sunday. Every year regardless of the cycle of readings we have a passage in the Gospel from John chapter 10 – the Good Shepherd chapter. Jesus is the Good Shepherd that lays down His life for His sheep. We are part of those sheep that experience the love and care of the chief shepherd.

We pray for our 19 children that will be receiving their First Communion this Sunday afternoon May 3rd at 2pm. May their First Eucharist be a lasting source of strength for them.

I want to thank the ladies who submitted their names to be chosen to crown Mary. The crowning ceremony is this Saturday May 2nd at the 4pm Mass.

I want to thank the Welcoming Committee for the great brunch for our new members last Sunday. Thirty-two families have signed up since last October.

This coming Saturday is the annual Barbecue Festival. Blessed Mother always has a good showing at the festival. I want to thank everyone who has a hand in bringing this about.

If anyone would like to sponsor a child for summer camp, Power Week is a good way to do that. The price is \$225.00. There are always a few kids who need financial help. Make your check to Power Week Summer Camp.

We continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the choice of our next bishop.

Have a great week.

Congratulations, Marjorie Early! Marjorie was picked out of the basket to crown Mary!

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

Mon. Mass at 6:30 AM
Bunko, 1:00 PM

Tues. Mass at 6:00 PM

Wed. Mass at 6:30 AM

Thurs. Grandparents Day 4-6 Center
Noon Mass

Fri. Noon Mass

Sat. Bar-B-Que Festival on River
Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM
Mass 4 PM

Sun. Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
Religious Ed Classes, 11:15 AM
Coffee and Donuts after 10 AM Mass

Readings for the Week

May 3 through May 10, 2009

- Sun: Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29
1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18
- Mon: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10
- Tues: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30
- Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Jn 12:44-50
- Thurs: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27
Jn 13:16-20
- Fri: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6
- Sat: Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14
- Sun: Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27,28,30,31-32
1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

Parish Council Members

Sharon Bell	729-4270
Marty Bumm	926-6443
Charlie Castlen	683-3426
Charlotte Cecil	683-0499
Tim Goetz	684-8275
David Graham	683-4665
Troy Halem	691-0633
David Jarboe	683-5108
Ben Miller	685-2143
Rick Moman	683-6555
Darryl Murphy	683-8437
Phil Riney	926-8945
Elaine Williams	684-5116
Darlene Kazlauskas	684-3891

Safe Environment

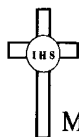
Copies of the Diocese of Owensboro's policy dealing with sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable person is available in the Parish Office and on the Diocesan web site (www.Owensborodio.org) The Bishop and Diocesan Review Board want to help anyone who has been abused in the past or is currently suffering from abuse. You may phone the Pastoral Center, 683-1545, to report an allegation of abuse. **If you need to attend a Safe Environment Workshop, contact Jan at the Parish Office. You may now take the training online at www.shieldthevulnerable.org**

TV Mass

Mass will now air on Channel 72 at 10:30 am. If you have Time Warner's digital cable the Mass can also be seen at 11am on Channel 311. It also broadcasts from News 25 (cable chaneel11) at 6am. All those with satellite can get the Mass on local Channel 25 at 6am.

Donations may be made to Gideon Productions.,
515 East 22nd St.
Owensboro, Ky. 42303

Worldwide Marriage Encounter June 12-14 In Louisville. For more info or to register call Jack & Kathy Gotting at 502-895-8997.



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St Paul of Tarsus

Sts Joseph & Paul Parish Center
609 E. Fourth Street, Owensboro, Kentucky

Saturday, May 16th 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Marian Shrine Committee
www.marianshrinesociety.org

For more information call: Joy or Bill Bach at 270-685-3743 or 683-4665



Fr. Noel Mueller, O.S.B., a monk at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, has an MA in English Literature and a Master of Divinity. He has worked in hospital ministry, Marriage Encounter, seminarian formation, and with youth and disabled persons. He spent 10 years in the Peruvian Andes at Saint Meinrad's mission there and taught 13 years in the seminary college at Saint Meinrad. For 8 years he was Director of the Sabbatical Program at St. Meinrad School of Theology, and has been a popular retreat master and spiritual director over his 40 years of priesthood. Presently, he is the Archabbot's personal secretary.

YEAR OF ST. PAUL

Celebrate with Word, Meditation, Reconciliation, Eucharist and the opportunity for a Plenary Indulgence

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fr. Noel Mueller, O.S.B.

- Talks are: **"Rabbi Paul: The Jewish Background"**
"The Apostle Paul: Itinerant Missionary"
"Paul's Ecclesiology: The Body of Christ"
"Paul the Mystic"

Reconciliation Available
Mass at 4:30 p.m. at Sts Joseph & Paul Catholic Church

Registration Form

Please Duplicate for each attendee

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Fr., Sr., Deacon, or Br., _____

Registration Fee \$20.00 per person
Includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch

Must be Pre-paid by May 12

Number of people attending _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

No charge for Priests or Religious

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