



“Follow Me”

Intention for the Week

Monday, April 26

6:30 AM Robert Hurm (dec)

Tuesday, April 27

6:00 PM Paul & Joyce Christian (Wed Ann)

Wednesday, April 28

6:30 AM Edith Johnson

Thursday, April 29

School Mass 9:00 AM

Noon Paul Roberts (dec)

Friday, April 30

Noon Church—Hurm Family (L&D)

Saturday May 1

4:00 PM Chuck Ballard (dec)

Sunday, May 2

7:00 AM WJ & Edith Ward (dec, wed ann)

10:00 AM Clara Quinn (dec, b-day)

2:00 PM First Communion Class

5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

“The Father and I are One”

Liturgical Ministers for May 1, 2

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Joyce Pearl, Lahoma Stinnett, Fran & Ethel Watrous, Jeff Williams, Janet Ruth, Mary Ava Jackson, Shirley Kent, Ruth Bittle-Nunez

7 AM Mike Thompson, Don Cecil, Bill & Joy Bach, Randy & Angie Lee

10 AM Jim Hagan, Eric Vaughan, Raymunda Calhoun, John Calhoun, Russ Hayden, Darryl & Carol Murphy, Josie Hagan, Carol Goedde

5:30 PM Oliva Hardesty, Martha Estes, Dan & Sandra Thomas, Janice Bumm, Cliff Russell

Readers

4 PM Kim Williams

7 AM John Kazlauskas

10 AM Diane Fulkerson

5:30 PM Lindsey Whitehouse

Servers

4 PM Jack Iracane

Nicholas Jackson

7 AM Brittany & Courtney Estes

10 AM Jacob Johnson, Collin Carrico

5:30 PM Sara Brown, Nicholas Russell

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Mike Hays

7 AM Vince Frey

10 AM Kenneth Williams

5:30 PM Ron Robertson

Childrens Liturgy

Preschool Kelly Trogden , Kara Trogden (Asst)

K-3rd Grade Leesa Moman, Ben Howard(Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Gerald Coomes, Paul Coomes, Russell Corley

Hillcrest: Rose Clark, Joan Frey

Ministers of Hospitality for May

4 Ken Terry, Tyler Wells, Gerald Coomes, Jack Hamilton

7 Clarence Elder, Randy Lee, Angie Lee, PJ Ebelhar

10 John Bell Sr., John Bell Jr., Jerry Goetz, Jerry Millay

5:30 Kenny, Aaron, Caleb, Logan Buckman

Welcoming Brunch

April 25th after the 10:00 AM Mass we will have a brunch for all the new members of the Parish.

Please join us in welcoming the new members. All are invited.

Test Your Knowledge

The following “Test Your Knowledge” questions come from a quiz on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which you can find online at the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/catechism/quizzes/index.shtml>

The “Answer Key” is at the bottom of this column. It includes the answer to each question, followed by the paragraph number from the Catechism that you can read to learn more about that question.

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
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1. True or False?: While it is the Spirit who moves us to pray to the Father and Son, we do not pray directly to the Spirit.
2. True or False?: It is legitimate for the Church to entrust her supplications and praises to God to Mary.
3. True or False?: The saints who have died and gone before us have no more need to pray.
4. True or False?: The parish is the first place for education in prayer.
5. True or False?: Since prayer is a spiritual activity, the choice of a place of prayer is inconsequential.
6. Which of the following are ways which the Church proposes to nourish continual prayer on the part of the faithful? (Choose all that apply):
 - a. Grace before and after meals
 - b. The Liturgy of the Hours
 - c. Mass on Sunday
 - d. The feasts of the liturgical year
 - e. Morning and evening prayers
7. True or False?: Vocal prayer is necessary because we are bodily beings who need to involve the senses in our prayer.
8. True or False?: In meditation we seek to remove from our mind all questions.

Answer Key

1.) False; cf. no. 2670. 2.) True; cf. no. 2675. 3.) False; cf. 2683. 4.) False, cf. no. 2685. 5.) False; cf. nos. 2691, 2696. 6.) All of the above, cf. no. 2698. 7.) True; cf. nos. 2701, 2702. 8.) False; cf. nos. 2705, 2706.

Laugh for the Week

“THE BIG FISHERMAN”

A very upset lady walked into the fish market. “I want you to throw me four large fish,” she said to the clerk. “Just toss ‘em to me.”
“But why toss them to you?” the fish-monger asked.
“Can’t I just wrap them and give them to you like everyone else?”
“No sir!” yelled Jan, Just do as I say. So if anyone asks me if I caught any fish today, I can truthfully say, “Sure did. Caught four big ones!!”

Catholics for Children

Many thanks on behalf of those who may be spared for your generous support to keep the “Billboards for Like” project going and growing. God bless you all for your caring and sharing.

Daughters of Isabella

Card Party/Bunco
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
Tuesday, April 27th, 2010
10:00AM—2:00 PM
\$6.00 Includes Lunch

Bar-B-Que Festival

May 8th

Same location as last year Corner of Frederica and Main. **WORKERS NEEDED.**

Special Times:

10:00 AM Selling Burgoo by the Cup and Sandwiches

1:00 PM Packaging meat

4:00 PM Sales — Meat by the pound

Burgoo by the gallon

Contact: Bob Newman 926-6875

Jan Storm 993-4455

Life Line Screening

Could you be at risk of vascular disease? On Monday, May 10, Life Line Screening will be at Blessed Mother Church in our Hall to offer screening test. There will be 4 life saving tests offered and the cost is reduced to less than \$50 each, (\$129 for all 4). Please call 1-800-679-5609 regarding questions and appointment time.

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

Sunday, April 25th~ ODYO:

Bunco Tourney @ Sts. Joe and Paul. Leaving here @ 6:45 and returning @ 9:00!

Sunday, May 2nd~ SENIOR DINNER!! Right after mass. High school seniors and families welcome. Please RSVP to Christina ASAP! The rest of the Youth Group will be serving!

Questions, concerns, comments:

come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina
Best: bmcyouth@bellsouth.net or 683-8444 Ext. 28

Cooking Teams up to bat: THANK YOU!!

Sunday, April 25th~ ODYO...No Team Needed

Sunday, May 2nd~ Bill & Joy Bach; Laurie Elliot; Eva Birkhead, Ben & Karen Miller; Laura Mattingly, Phyllis Bastin

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!!

If you have a second-grader preparing for First Communion, Nicholas Hardesty needs proof of his/her baptism. You can provide this proof by bringing him a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, or you can tell him when and where your child was baptized and he will contact the appropriate parish. This proof of baptism **must be provided** before First Communion on May 2. For more information, contact Nicholas Hardesty by phone (683-8444, ext. 26) or email (nicholashardesty@gmail.com).

Forming Good Stewards

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me.” John 10:27-30

There are very few family members or friends that we cannot identify by their voice. Jesus tells us that His followers hear His voice. Jesus also says He knows us. Jesus does not need to know our voice. *He knows US!* He knows what we need before we say it. But, do we know the voice of Jesus? And, what do we do when we hear the voice of Jesus? Do we hear the voice of Jesus in prayer, when we stop speaking and listen - listen for God's will for us. Do we hear the voice of Jesus in our family, our friends, and strangers - through the people and events in our lives. Jesus challenges us to be and to do all that God created us to be and do. When we hear ourselves saying “No, I don't want to *love that person* or *take that risk* or *challenge that evil*, we probably just heard from God. How do we respond as stewards of our prayer life and of all that God has given us? Our first response may be “No!” Our final response must be “Yes Lord!”

Sunday Collections

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$19,608	\$21,058	\$21,611	\$22,587

Catholics for Children / Billboards for Life Collection \$3,553.98

1st Friday Brunch

1st Friday Brunch May 7th after noon mass, please bring a dish.

Calling All High School Seniors!!

We will be having a nice dinner to celebrate you and your accomplishment on Sunday, May 2nd at 6:30 in the Parish Hall! Families are welcome to attend with you. Please RSVP with if you will be attending, and how many will be joining you to Christina Best, as soon as possible!

**Remember in prayer those
sick in our community:**

Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, JB Cecil, Joe Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce, Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Ann Clark, Clifton Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Alice Cole, Jake Conder, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Angela Farmer, Maria Finley, Matt Gabis, Rita Gabis, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Donna Hamilton, Mary Hardesty, Jr. Harpe, Ann Havener, Lucy Harpe, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler,, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Thelma Hinton, Mildred Howard, Margaret Isbell, Mary Ava Jackson, Betty Jo Johnson, Edith Johnson, Gertrude Jones, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Mary Miller, Conner Mills, Dena Montgomery, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Shirley Olliver, Joann Ogle, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Paul Robertson, Darla Robinson, Beck Roby, Larry Roby, Joyce Rangel, Dorothy Schell, Jessica Seymour, Herman, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Joyce Thomas, Angela, Leo Thompson, Betty Thompson, Charles Thompson, Martha Tower, Anita Travis, Tammy Tucker, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Hubert Vowels, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Katherine Whittinghill, Jack Wilson, Bea Wooldridge, Bill, Flora Yancy, Randy Zaremba

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

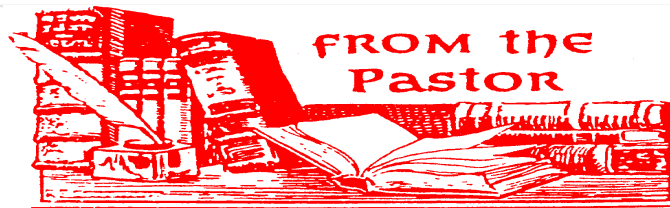
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
Ryan Hofmann, Iraq (grandson of Al & Joan Hofmann)
SPC Jesse Finley, Iraq (grandson of Doris Haragan)

Afghanistan

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)
1st Lt William Cory Newton (grandson of Dorothy Schell)

Other

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May
CSSR Justin Mills, Japan, grandson of Dessie Clark
SN Jason Bishop, US Navy, son of Linda & Dan Pearl



I hope you had a good week. Happy Easter season to you. We will be rejoicing for several weeks up to Pentecost on May 23. Today in the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Unofficially it is Good Shepherd Sunday because every year we hear an excerpt from John's gospel chapter 10 about the Good Shepherd. We want to be faithful sheep who follow the Lord to green pastures. May we try to follow His voice in all that we do.

We welcome all our newcomers who joined the parish in the last six months. Hopefully you can join us for the brunch after the 10 AM Mass today.

On Saturday the 8th of May we will have our May crowning ceremony at the 4pm Mass. Catherine Roberts has graciously consented to do the crowning.

We pray for all the workers gearing up for the Barbecue Festival on Mother's Day weekend.

We pray for our young people as two sacraments approach – First Communion on May 2nd and Confirmation on May 4th.

Power Week is just around the corner – June 21st to 25th. Girls slots are almost full so we will start a waiting list and boys are a little over half so there is still plenty of room yet for guys. That too won't take long to fill up so don't wait.

Jan Storm's farewell reception will be on May 23rd after the 10:00am Mass. All are invited to attend.

First Communion

Sunday May 2, 2010 at 2:00 pm Blessed Mother Parish will celebrate First Communion Reception following in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation

Tuesday May 4, 2010 at 6:30 pm Blessed Mother Parish will celebrate Confirmation. Reception following in the Parish Hall.

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524

Calendar for the Week	
Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM	
Mon.	Mass 6:30 AM Bible Study 10AM Bunko, 1 PM Choristers Practice, 4:30 PM Cherubs Practice, 5:15 PM
Tues.	Mass 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00PM
Wed.	Mass at 6:30 AM
Thurs.	School Mass 9:00 AM Mass at Noon
Fri.	Eucharistic Adoration Mass at Noon
Sat.	Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM Mass 4 PM
Sun.	Fourth Sunday of Easter Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM First Communion 2:00PM Religious Ed Classes 11 AM Youth Group, 6:30-8 PM AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria

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 Background checks must also be done before you are eligible to work with the youth of our parish.**

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**

Catholic Schools News

OCS Pre-Registration: Space still available, financial assistance available, anyone needing information may call the Central Office at 686-8896.

Hospice in need of Volunteers

For information call 926-7565

Readings

April 25 through May 2, 2010

- Sun: Acts 13:14,43-52 Ps 100:1-2,3,5 Rv 7:9,14b-17 Jn 10:27-30
- Mon: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10
- Tue: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30
- Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Jn 12:44-50
- Thur: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27 Jn 13:16-20
- Fri: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6
- Sat: Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14
- Sun: Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a,34-35

Marian Observance

Carmel Home
May 7, 2010
7:00 PM

Speaker: Deacon Bob Imel
“Virgin Mary, Mother of all Priest”

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Parish Council Members

Charlie Castlen	683-3426
Charlotte Cecil	683-0499
Tim Goetz	684-8275
David Graham	683-4665
Troy Haleman	691-0633
David Jarboe	683-5108
Rick Moman	683-6555
Darryl Murphy	683-8437
Phil Riney	926-8945
Darlene Kazlauskas	684-3891
Tony Powers	926-1803
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