



“Do not be afraid any longer”

Intention for the Week

- Monday, August 16**
6:30 AM **Betty Williams**
- Tuesday, August 17**
6:00 PM **Adoree’ Hass (B-day 8/21)**
- Wednesday, August 18**
6:30 AM **Jim Durham**
- Thursday, August 19**
9:00 AM **Opening School Mass**
Noon **Addie Corley (dec)**
- Friday, August 20**
Noon **Wilbur Jones (dec)**
- Saturday August 21**
Blessed Mother Parish
- Sunday, August 22**
7:00 AM **Mildred Clark**
10:00 AM **Herman Thompson**
5:30 PM **Jerry Blandford Jr. (dec, b-day)**

“For where your treasure is there also will your heart be.”

Liturgical Ministers for August 21st, 22nd

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 4:00 pm Lannie Pearl, Edith Johnson, Lucy Harpe, Shirley Kent, Jeannie Best, Mary Ava Jackson Janet Ruth, David Jones, Jennifer Jones

Sun 7 AM Darlene Kazlauskas, Charlene Baumgarten, Harry Baumgarten, Sr. Mary Timothy, Olivia Osborne, Don Cecil

Sun 10 AM Bill Hayden, Tony Powers, Eric Vaughn, Jim Hagan, Josie Hagan, Phil Hagan, Lori, Richard and Lindsey Whitehouse

Sun 5:30 PM Lisa Carmon, Sam Lilly, Michele Linn, Pete Linn, Rick Moman, Olivia Hardesty

Readers

4:00 PM Mike Clark
7:00 AM Barry Hagan
10:00 AM Molly Thompson
5:30 PM Rick Moman

Servers

4:00 PM Brendan & Collin Higgins
7:00 AM Sam Thompson & Daniel Castlen
10:00 AM Collin Carrico & Hayden Riney
5:30 PM John Thomas & Christopher Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

4:00 PM Bea Wooldridge
7:00 AM David Thompson
10:00 AM David Calhoun
5:30 PM Paul Thompson

Children’s Liturgy

Preschool Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young (Asst)
K-3rd Grade Leesa Moman, Ben Howard (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Daniel Johnson, Tommy Johnson, Thomas Johnson

Hillcrest: Judy Coomes, Karen Johnson

Ministers of Hospitality for August

4:00 PM Michael Hayes, Larry Franey, David Jones, Mark Dorth
7:00 AM Jeff Fenwick, Mary Fenwick, Steve Orth, Paul Edge
10:00 AM Steve Frey, Tyler Frey, Haley Frey, Dan Goedde
5:30 PM Kenny Hamilton, Tricia Hamilton, Ashley Hamilton, Kent McCarthy

Catholic Q&A

Since today is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, what follows is a reprint of my column from Dec. 14, '08 on Mary's assumption into heaven.

What does it mean that Mary was "assumed into heaven"? Is there any proof of this in Scripture?

What this means is that Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. When you or I die, our soul goes to heaven, but our body remains in the dirt. Mary was different. God raised her **body and soul** into heaven. Just imagine watching someone float up into the sky and out of sight. It was sort of like that.

Regarding the proof from Scripture, first note that the concept of someone being assumed into heaven is not a new one. Enoch (cf. Gen 5:24; Heb 11:5) and Elijah (cf. 2 Ki 2:11-12; 1 Mac 2:58; Sir 48:4,9) were assumed into heaven. Paul says that a third man may have been as well (cf. 2 Cor 12:2-3) and Matthew speaks of "many bodies of the saints" who were raised from the tomb after Jesus' resurrection (cf. Mt 27:52-53). So, the principle is scripturally sound. We are left only to wonder, "Did this happen to Mary?"

There are several verses that seem to indicate that it did. Space prohibits me from providing the actual passages, so you'll have to look up the references yourself. See Psa 45:9; 132:8; Song of Solomon 8:5; Rev 11:19-12:1; 12:13-14.

Now, I realize that most non-Catholics are skeptical of these passages. "What does that verse have to do with Mary?!?" they say. But, we have to keep in mind that, by the light of Christ and the teaching of the Church, we can often find meanings in Scripture that were intended by God but not necessarily intended by the human author. For example, when Isaiah said, "A virgin shall conceive and bear a son," he was literally referring to the birth of King Hezekiah. But, St. Matthew, inspired by the Holy Spirit, saw in Isaiah's words the intention of God to prophecy the coming of the Messiah. In a similar way, there's no reason to believe that behind the literal meaning of the passages listed above, we do not find the mind of the Lord regarding His mother. There is certainly nothing in Scripture that contradicts this teaching.

That said, I grant that the primary basis for the teaching of the Assumption is in the tradition of the Church, but as Catholics we should not apologize for that. After all, Scripture itself commands us to follow such tradition (cf. 1 Cor 11:2; 2 Thes 2:15; 3:6), and the Church has always believed that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven.

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
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Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF~ AUGUST 15TH: BEGINS AFTER 5:30 MASS AND CONCLUDES @ 8:30. YOU WILL GET WET AND MESSY!! WEAR OLD CLOTHES!! PARENTS, PLEASE DROP IN TO FILL OUT A FORM!

ODYO Kick-off~ August 22nd: WATER WARS @ St. Pius...leaving after mass and returning around 9pm... *drivers needed!!*

Questions, concerns, comments: come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina Best: bmcyou-outh@bellsouth.net or 683-8444 Ext. 28

SIGN-UPS FOR THE 2010-2011 COOKING TEAMS WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND MINIMAL TIME REQUIREMENT FOR THIS SERVICE...ABOUT 5:30-7:30, USUALLY ONLY 3 TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR... PLEASE HELP OUT IF YOU CAN!!

Help Needed!

Do you have any interest in helping out with the youth group? Volunteers are ALWAYS needed to help out each week. As drivers/chaperones, for special occasions, or on the fundraising team. There are many ways to get involved and we could really use YOUR help! If you are interested, contact Christina Best @ 683-8444 ext 28 or bmcyou-outh@bellsouth.net

YOUR DRE NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

I need one or two new Religious Ed. teachers for the upcoming year. If you love your faith and you love children, then you're a perfect candidate. If you are interested **at all**, contact Nicholas Hardesty by phone (683-8444 x 26) or email.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR REL. ED:

Sun., Aug. 22: Rel. Ed. Registration after 10 AM Mass
Sun., Aug. 29: Rel. Ed. Registration after 10 AM Mass
Wed., Sept. 1: Catechist Meeting
Wed., Sept. 8: Parent Meeting
Sun., Sept. 12: First day of Rel. Ed.

You can also pick up a Registration Form in the office during office hours.

Laugh for the Week

“The Bible Answer”

Last week the minister from a large town was headed to an appointment and was afraid he was going to be late because he could not find a parking spot. So he parked his car in a no-parking zone. He put a note under his windshield wiper that read: “I have circled the block 100 times. If I don’t park here, I’ll miss my appointment.

“FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.”

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note. “I’ve circled this block for 10 years. If I don’t give you a ticket, I’ll lose my job.

“LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.”

When does the Hurting Stop Bereavement Program—Four Sessions

There will be a bereavement support group for anyone who has experienced a death at any time of his/her life. This group will run every Monday for four consecutive weeks and is open to the public at no charge.

August 9th What Grief is Really Like
August 16th Depression
August 23rd Anger/Guilt
August 30th From Grief to Living Again

Where: Catholic Pastoral Center
600 Locust Street
Owensboro Ky
Time: 6:00 pm — 8:00 pm

If you have any questions or need additional information contact:

Charlotte Hedges 270-683-1545 ext 346

Picnic Schedule

Aug 21 St Columbia (Lewisport)
Sept 12 Mount St. Joseph
Sept 18 St. Stephen Cathedral
Sept 18 Immaculate Conception
(Hawsville)
Sept 19 St Lawrence/ St Williams
Sept 25 Immaculate Parish
Sept 26 St Mary of the Woods

Forming Good Stewards Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

“Blessed are you among women and
blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:39-56

On November 1, 1950 Pope Pius XII, in his Encyclical Letter *Munificentissimus Deus*, proclaimed, declared and defined to be divinely revealed dogma that “. . . the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” Some ask why, how, and when, and where? Those are fair questions. The simple answer is “It’s a mystery!” But it is more important to ask, “Why not?” Why would Jesus not want to honor the young girl who accepted God’s call to be his mother [at great risk to her life], who carried him in her womb and gave birth to him in a cave, who watched him grow and was with him when he died on a cross and who rejoiced at his Resurrection by assuming her uncorrupted body to be with him in heaven for eternity? The world would be a much better place if we all honored our parents, family, friends and strangers who often do so much for us that we do not appreciate? Once again Jesus reveals to us that gratitude is the beginning of generosity.

Sunday Collections August 1st

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$22,284	\$21,426	\$21,707	\$21,679

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Doris Clark and her family, Robert Goetz and his family, and Tom Goetz and his family on the death of their mother Lucille Goetz. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Our Prayers and Sympathy are extended to Helen Matheny and her family on the death of her sister Margaret Mary Wooldridge Fulkerson. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

We pray for the repose of the soul of Lorena Elizabeth Stephen who buried from our parish this past week. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

**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, Melody Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce, Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Ann Clark, Clifton Clark, Dennis Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Alice Cole, Jake Conder, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Mickie Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Angela Farmer, Wanda Fellow, Maria Finley, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Joe Hagan, Donna Hamilton, Mary Hardesty, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler,, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Jennifer Howard and baby, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Carol Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Mary Ava Jackson, Betty Jo Johnson, Gertrude Jones, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Sam Lindsey, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Mary Miller, Conner Mills, Dena Montgomery, Roger Morgan, Jayne Morgan, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Ruth Bittel-Nunez', Shirley Olliver, Joann Ogle, Katherine Osowicz, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Joyce Rangel, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Paul Robertson, Beck Roby, Larry Roby, Lucille Russell, 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 Towery, Anita Travis, Tammy Tucker, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Dery Wheatley, Katherine Whittinghill, Jack Wilson, Joe Wink, 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.**

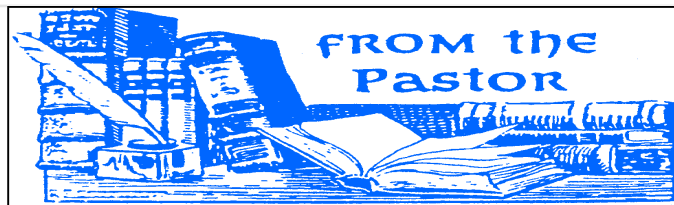
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SPC Jesse Finley, Iraq (grandson of Doris Haragan)

Afghanistan

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)

Other

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



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Feast of the Assumption (since August 15th falls on Sunday this year.) Mary is given the gift of glory immediately upon her passing away. It is called her going to sleep – her dormition> She did not undergo decay but went immediately to heaven in a glorified state. This is the gift we will all receive at the end when it is time for our reward. May Mary's prayers help us work toward this end.

Today is our Parish Feast Day as well. Hopefully you can join us for a treat after the 10am Mass in the parish hall.

Tonight is also the kick-off for the youth group for the year. We are looking forward to a great year of fun and growth in the Kingdom.

Parish Council will meet this Wednesday evening at 6:30. New members are asked to be present.

Religious Education will begin the Sunday after Labor Day. RCIA will start up the first Thursday in September.

The following people have submitted their names to be considered for a three year term. I will pull three out of a "hat." And then one member is to be appointed. Please pray for the following people: (In alphabetical order) Camilla Baker, Marian Bennett, Jeanie Best, Liz Francis, Steve Frey, Scott Hargitt, David Higdon, Sharon Johnson, Pete Linn, David Marshall, Keith Murphy, Dan Thomas. I plan to do this the weekend of our feast day.

Next summer I will be taking a group to Rome Italy for a tour. We will leave July 11 and return July 20th. We will visit Florence and Pisa, Siena and Assisi as well as 4 nights in Rome. The contact person for this trip is Suzanne Russell and you can phone her for more information at 685-4793 (leave a message) or email her at smrusismk@bellsouth.net. There are also brochures in the office with price and itinerary.

**AUGUST 15th, Parish Feast Day
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin**

**Parish Celebration after the 10 AM Mass
Ice Cream and Cake Social in the
St Joseph 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**

**Tues. 6:00 PM Mass
Bible Study 7:00PM
Social Justice 6:30PM**

**Wed. Mass 6:30 AM
Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM**

**Thurs. Mass 9:00 AM Opening School Mass
Mass Noon**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12:00 Noon**

**Sat. Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM
Mass 4:00 pm**

**Sun. 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria**

Readings for the Week

August 15 through August 22, 2010

Sun: Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Ps 45:10-12,16
1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

Mon: Ez 24:15-23 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 19:16-22

Tue: Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-28,30,35cd-36b
Mt 19:23-30

Wed: Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16

Thur: Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15,18-19 Mt 22:1-14

Fri: Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40

Sat: Ez 43:1-7b Ps 85:9ab,10-14 Mt 23:1-12

Sun: Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1-2 Heb 12:5-7,11-13
Lk 13:22-30

RCIA Coming Soon!

The first session for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is **Thurs., Sept. 2, at 7 PM in the Youth Room**. Do you know a family member, friend, or co-worker who has questions about Catholicism or who may be interested in joining the Church? Have them contact Nicholas Hardesty by phone (683-8444 x 26) or email (nicholashardesty@gmail.com)

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.rcdok.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 want to volunteer with minors you must complete the Safe Environment Training, and have a current Background Check. If you have any questions, contact Russ at the Parish Office.**

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 channel11) 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 Registration: Space still available, financial assistance available, anyone needing information may call the Central Office at 686-8896.

Cathedral Pre-School

Located at 600 Locust Street, has served Owensboro families since 1986. Their program is designed to complement the role of Christian Parents in providing for the development of their child. Classes offered are 2, 3, 4 day. There are a few openings left for 3 and 4 year old children. Call 926-1652 for more information or check out website at www.ststephencathedral.org

OCHS FOOTBALL FEVER

Friday Sept. 24th, OCHS vs. Henry County, at Steele Stadium. Purchase a "OCHS Football Fever" t-shirt for just \$10.00 and wear it to the game. All sizes available. Pre-order forms are available at each school location or can be downloaded @ http://owensborocatholic.org/documents/football_fever.pdf. Mail or drop off your form and payment at the OCHS athletic office or any OCS location. Show your spirit and order one! All orders are due by Sept.3rd. Questions, please contact Michele Linn @ (270)231-0782.

Parish Council Members

Charlie Castlen	683-3426
Charlotte Cecil	683-0499
Tim Goetz	684-8275
David Graham	683-4665
Troy Halem	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
Nancy Byrum	729-4362