

**“...no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father”**

**Intention for the Week**

**Monday, August 24, St. Bartholomew**  
 6:30 AM Ruby Ling (dec)

**Tuesday, August 25, St. Louis and Joseph Calasanz**  
 6:00 PM Joanita Cooksey (dec b'day)

**Wednesday, August 26**  
 6:30 AM Hazel Strobel (dec)

**Thursday, August 27, St. Monica**  
 Noon Regina Ramsey (dec)

**Friday, August 28, St. Augustine**  
 Noon Anna Marie Davis (ann of death)

**Saturday, August 29, Martyrdom of John the Baptist**  
 4 PM Gerald Stuart (dec)

**22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 7:00 AM Rick Peveler (dec)  
 10:00 AM John & Geneva Connor (dec)  
 5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

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**Liturgical Ministers for August 29-30**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**4 PM** Lahoma Stinnett, Pat, Susan Hale, Ruth Bittel-Nunez, Ethel, Fran Watrous, Sandra Henry, David Jones, Mike Clark

**7 AM** Don Cecil, Angie, Randy Lee, Dorothy Aud, Joy, Bill Bach

**10 AM** Jenny Glaser, Carol, Darryl Murphy, Pauline Wigginton, John Bell Jr. Mark Church, Lori, Richard, Lindsey Whitehouse

**5:30 PM** Sarah Balnford, Deanna Brasher, Sandra, Dan Thomas, Bobby, Phyllis Bastin

**Readers**

**4 PM** Rose Clark  
**7 AM** Mike Williams  
**10 AM** Diane Fulkerson  
**5:30 PM** Laura Young

**Servers**

**4 PM** Allison, Lauren Williams  
**7 AM** Kevin, Tricia Thompson  
**10 AM** Megan, Kyle Alvey  
**5:30 PM** Kendall Payne, Mason Robertson

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

**4 PM** Jackee Russell  
**7 AM** Bernie Dotsey  
**10 AM** Tom Johnson  
**5:30 PM** Karen Dueker

**Children's Liturgy**

Preschool: Michelle Sandefur, Beth Allen  
 Kn-3 Grade: Barbara Cecil, Brittany Murphy

**Vocation Cross Family**

Hayden Head, Mike Head, Joe Higdon

**Hillcrest:** Diane Fulkerson, Julie Hayden

**Ministers of Hospitality for August**

4 Steve, Adam Haynes, Gerald Coomes, Bill Shelton

7 Paul Edge, Tom Foster, Ed Hoskins, Joe Higdon

10 John, Christopher Hayden, Dan, Michael Goedde,

5:30 Amie Walters, Alex Bumm, Pat, Isaac Hardesty

**Coffee and Donuts**  
**Starts This Week After 10 AM Mass**  
**Sign up to Help With This Ministry**  
**Sign Up Sheet in Hall This Week**  
**More Information**  
**Call Sally Cravens 684-7787**

## Q&A

*What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?*

The “Glossary” in the back of the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines **mortal sin** as:

A grave infraction of the law of God that destroys the divine life (or “sanctifying grace”) in the soul of the sinner, constituting a turn away from God. For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must be present: grave matter, full knowledge of the evil of the act, and full consent of the will.

On the other hand, **venial sin** is:

Sin which does not destroy the divine life in the soul, as does mortal sin, though it diminishes and wounds it. Venial sin is the failure to observe necessary moderation, in lesser matters of the moral law, or in grave matters acting without full knowledge or complete consent.

See the difference? Mortal sins are always very serious in nature. Typically, any sin that directly breaks one of the Ten Commandments is a serious sin. If you commit such a sin with full knowledge that what you are doing is sinful and if you freely choose it (as in, nothing is forcing you to do it), then you commit a mortal sin. If the act is sinful but it doesn't fulfill *all three* of the above requirements, then it is a venial sin.

Most of the sins that we commit every day are venial sins. These can be forgiven through an Act of Contrition (or some other prayer that shows God we are sorry for our sin and we desire His forgiveness) or by going to Confession. Venial sins are also forgiven whenever we receive the Eucharist. If we die with venial sins on our soul, we can still go to heaven because venial sins do not destroy the divine life within us, they simply wound it. However, that does not mean that we should have a cavalier attitude towards it. We should strive to avoid *all* sin, including the lesser ones. Venial sins too can be dangerous because the more we sin venially, the more likely we are to commit more serious sins. We know that sin leads to death; it is better to not even go down that road.

When a person does commit a mortal sin, then the divine life in him is destroyed. He no longer has God's saving grace. If he were to die in this state, then he could not go to heaven. His only recourse is the Sacrament of Confession. If you have a mortal sin on your soul, then you cannot receive the Eucharist until you go to Confession.

Some people deny that there is even a difference between mortal and venial sin. They say that all sins are equal in the eyes of God. Scripture clearly refutes this (cf. 1 Jn 5:16-17) as does common sense. After all, I think we all intuitively know that killing someone is not quite the same as picking on your brother.

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

## Forming Good Stewards

In today's Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus' followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the Twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus. A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just “along for the ride?” Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?

Faith is a gift and a choice. Living as a steward likewise is a choice. It is a lifestyle of making daily choices in the use of our time and resources, and also believing and trusting in a good and gracious God. “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Stewardship is about living a Christ centered life.

	<b>Aug. 16th Collection</b>		
<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>\$20,326.</b>	<b>\$21,058.</b>	<b>\$19,839.</b>	<b>\$20,502.</b>

### **Thanks to Our Business Donators**

Many thanks to the businesses who contributed to our picnic: Tony Clark Realtors, Knights of Columbus #817, Steve Baker Builders, Four Seasons Heating and Cooling, Rusher Construction, Briarpatch Restaurant, Ernie Davis Mechanical, Welborn Florist, Diane's Bakery, Holiday World, Dairy Queen, Pet Food Center, Glenn Funeral Home, Haley McGinnis Funeral Home, Davis Funeral Home, Beach Bend Park, Big Lots, Beverly Zoggleman, Lucy Harpe-Avon, Sabrina Johnson-Mary Kay, Centruary 21, Don Moore, Roberts Motor, Shelby Tire, Purcell Tire, Malco, New Walmart, Ryans, Denny's, Barrett Fischer, Elizabeth's Formal Wear, Independence Bank, Republic Bank, National City Bank, Pizza Hut

**Looks like we will net somewhere around \$18,000 on our picnic. Thanks to all for all the hard work!**

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

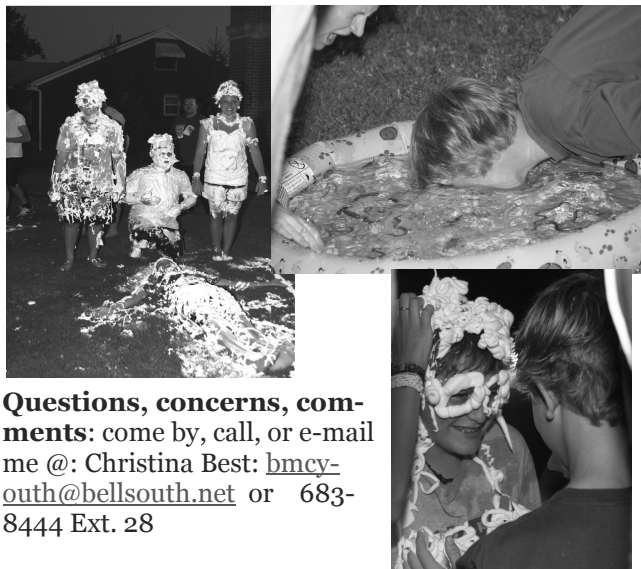
The process through which adults enter into full communion with the Catholic Church is starting soon. Our 1st session is **Thurs., Sept. 3, from 7PM - 8:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Room in the Family Life Center.** Do you know someone who has a lot of questions about Catholicism or who would be interested in becoming Catholic? The first stage is for inquirers and there is no obligation to join the Church. If you know someone who would be interested, please have them contact Nicholas Hardesty by phone or email.

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

August 23<sup>rd</sup>: Youth Night—Walking in the Dust

August 30<sup>th</sup>: ODYO Kick-Off – Food and Games @ Panther Creek Park! Drivers Needed!

Parents, if you were unable to fill out forms Sunday night, please come by This weekend or contact me at the office!



**Questions, concerns, comments:** come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina Best: [bmcyouth@bellsouth.net](mailto:bmcyouth@bellsouth.net) or 683-8444 Ext. 28

### Interested in helping out with the youth group??

If you missed the meeting, but are still interested in helping out, please feel free to contact me!

**Weekend of August 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 30<sup>th</sup> will hold sign ups for youth group cooking teams. If you can spare some time here and there on a few Sunday nights, please sign-up in the back of Church!**

### Thank You From Fr. Mike Crump

I wish to extend my sincere Thanks to Fr. John, Jan, Brett, and all the parishioners at Blessed Mother for your warm and gracious welcome on my home visit following my Ordination to the priesthood. It was an honor to come home to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with you all on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, and to visit with many of you at the reception afterwards. My parents, Ben and Thelma, were delighted to have the opportunity to see so many of you there. I want to thank the parish for the beautiful statue of Our Blessed Mother which I will have in my office in Texas as a special remembrance of you. Thank you all for your prayers, cards, gifts, and kind words of support. You will be remembered in my Masses and prayers.

Fr. Mike Crump, SOLT

## Congratulations New Parish Council Members Tony Powers and Nancy Byrum!

### Laugh for the Week

“Anyone with needs to be prayed over, come forward, to the front of the altar,” Fr. John says. Leroy gets in line to be anointed and when it’s his turn, Fr. John asks: “Leroy, what do you want me to pray about for you.” Leroy replies: “Father, I need you to pray for my hearing.” Father anoints Leroy and then places one finger on Leroy’s ear, and the other hand on Leroy’s head and prays. After a few minutes, Father removes his hands, stands back and asks, “Leroy, how is your hearing now?” Leroy says, “I don’t know, Father, the hearin ain’t til next Wednesday.”

### General Intercessions for Christian Unity

The Second Vatican Council, in its *Decree on Ecumenism*, called Prayer “the soul of the ecumenical movement.” In praying for visible unity among Christians, we echo’s Jesus’ own prayer, “that they may all be one” (John 17:21) The intercession we will use for August : That the Blessed Sacrament, the source and summit of the Church’s unity, will lead us to that oneness for which Christ prayed. We pray to the Lord. On January 25, 2004, on the feast of the Conversion of the Apostle Paul, Pope John Paul II stated, “The unity of Christians has been a constant desire of my pontificate and it continues to be a demanding priority of my ministry.”

### When Does the Hurting Stop?

There will be a bereavement support group for anyone who has experienced a death at any time of his/her life. This group will meet the 2nd & 4th Wed. of each month beginning Sept.9 from 3:30pm-5 pm and is open to the public at no charge. This will be held in the lounge at the Catholic Pastoral Center, Locust Street. For more info call Betty Medley at 683-1545 ext. 357.

### Pre-Cana One Day Marriage Prep Program

Catholic Pastoral Center, Sat., Sept. 19, 8:30am-4pm. Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 11. Registration Fee: \$100 and includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials. To register call 683-1545.

**Scouts Car Wash  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30-3pm  
Ritsy’s on Frederica  
Come support our Scouts!**

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

Len Bach, Herman Barr, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Liz, Tony Brown, Susan Byars, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, JB Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce, Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Ann Clark, Clifton Clark, Dorothy Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Linda Clark, Alice Cole, Addie Corley, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Andrew Dotsey, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Janice Goins, Robert Hagan, Robert Hagan, Mary Hardesty, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler,, Peggy Hicks, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Mildred Howard, Margaret Isbell, Mary Ava Jackson, Gertrude Jones, Anna Kemper, Debbie Koenig, John Krusick, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Charlie Mayfield, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Conner Mills, Dena Montgomery, Mary Morton, Alma Mulligan, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Joann Ogle, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Paul Payne, Phillip, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Susan Rice, Haley Riney, Paul Robertson, Larry Roby, Linda Rouse, Cecelia Schartung, Janet Schartung, Herman, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, 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, Alli Williams, 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

**In Afghanistan**

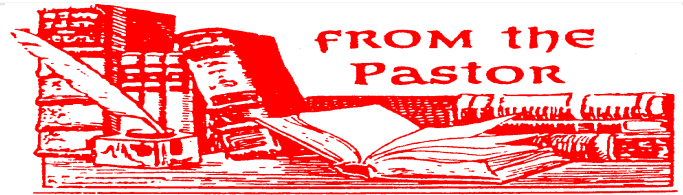
Sidney Hoffman, National Guards (great niece of Camilla Baker)

**Other**

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

**Right to Life of Owensboro  
Annual Walk for Life**

The 29th annual Walk for Life fundraiser is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 13 beginning at Lourdes. Muffins, juice and registration begin at 9am and the 3 mile walk down Frederica begins at 10am. People of all ages are welcome! Tshirts will be awarded to those who have collected \$50 or more, plus other prizes youngest & oldest, most money collected. The group that raises the most will be awarded a trophy to keep for a year, among other prizes. New this year is a Tshirt contest for grades K-12. All youth get your thinking caps on! Show your creativity and stand up for the unborn by designing a pro-life tshirt. The winner of the design will be our tshirt for next year's walk. For collection forms, waivers, or more info contact 685-4922, or 689-9101.



I hope you had a good week. Today is the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is our last time in chapter 6 of John's Gospel. Because of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist, that the Bread of Life is truly His flesh and blood, many can't accept it and leave His company. We pray for an increase of faith that we may accept His words and stay in His company.

Thanks to all who helped put on our parish feast day celebration.

Religious Ed begins this weekend after the 10:00am Mass.

Last Sunday was the kick-off for our youth program for the year. We had 74 students sign in for the festivities. Christina had a great night planned. Youth Group meets this Sunday night after the 5:30 Mass.

We congratulate Tony Powers and Nancy Byrum for accepting the parish council positions. I want to thank all those who submitted their names.

RCIA starts the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. If you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith have them call Nick at the office or you call and give us their name and we will contact them.

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

Have a great week.

**Daily Bible Reading 683-8524**

**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](http://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](http://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**

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**Picnics**

Sept. 13, Mount St. Joseph, 11:30am  
 Sept. 19, St. Stephen, 11am  
 Sept. 26, Immaculate, 3pm  
 Sept. 27, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, 11am  
 Oct. 24, Carmel Home

**4th Annual Pumpkinfest Bake Off**

Sponsored by the Glenmary Sisters is Sunday, Sept. 27. to enter the Bake Off call 685-2614 or go to [www.owensboropumpkinfest.org](http://www.owensboropumpkinfest.org). Deadline for entries is Sept. 18.

**OCHS Football/Gold Rush Night**

The OCHS Aces will face off against the Apollo Eagles, Friday, Sept. 18 at Steel Stadium for our Gold Rush Night. How impressive it will be to look up in the stands and see nothing but OC gold! T-shirts are \$10 each and range in sizes from children’s 2-4 to adult 3X. Pre-order forms are available at each OCS site, the OCHS Athletic Office and online [owensborocatholic.org/Documents/Gold\\_Rush.pdf](http://owensborocatholic.org/Documents/Gold_Rush.pdf). Last day to order is Aug. 28, so please get your orders in soon! Questions call Michele Linn @ 691-9589.

**OCMS**

Looking for someone to help **coach** girls basketball. Season begins mid-October thru January. If interested please contact, Mark Woodward, OCMS Athletic Director, 683-0780.

**Abortion Clinics in Louisville and Lexington**

The EMW Womens’s Surgical Center (downtown Louisville at 2nd/Market) performs most of Ky’s abortions. Richard Murphy from the Catholic Pastoral Center is taking a group on Sept. 5 to pray in front of the clinic. If you would like to participate, stand in front of the clinic, and pray, please call the office for more info 685-4922.

**Calendar for the Week**

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

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

**Tues. Mass at 6:00 PM**

**Wed. Mass at 6:30 AM**

**Thurs. Noon Mass**

**Fri. Noon Mass**

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

**Sun. 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM**  
**Religious Ed Classes Begin, 11 AM**  
**Coffee and Donuts, 11 AM**  
**Youth Group, 6:30-8:30PM**  
**AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria**

**Readings for the Week**

August 23 through August 30, 2009

Sun: Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b Ps 34:2-3,16-23  
 Eph 5:21-32

Mon: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13b,17-18 Jn 1:45-51

Tues: 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3,4-6 Mt 23:23-26

Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12 Mt 23:27-32

Thurs: 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-4,12-14,17 Mt 24:42-51

Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,10-12 Mt 25:1-13

Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1,7-9 Mk 6:17-29

Sun: Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18,21b- 22,27  
 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

<b>Parish Council Members</b>	
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