

**December 27, Feast of The Holy Family**



**“His mother kept all these things  
in her heart”**

**Intention for the Week**

**Monday, Dec. 28, Holy Innocents**  
No 6:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday, Dec. 29, St. Thomas Becket**  
No 6:00 PM Mass

**Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
No 6:30 AM Mass

**Vigil of Holy Day, Mary, Mother of God**  
6:00 PM Jean Van Meter (dec)

**Holy Day, Mary, Mother of God, New Year’s Day**  
10:00 AM Blessed Mother Parishioners

**Saturday, Jan. 2**  
4 PM Gerald Stuart (dec)

**The Epiphany**  
7:00 AM Bernard Cecil (dec)  
10:00 AM Letha Watrous (ann of death)  
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners



**Liturgical Ministers for Jan. 2/3**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**4 PM** Lahoma Stinnett, Marian Bennett, Jack Wilson,  
Liz Francis, Bonnie Snyder, Ruth Bittel-Nunez,  
Marjorie Early, Susie, Jay Fillman

**7 AM** Carolyn Taylor, Joy, Bill Bach, Angie, Randy  
Lee, Brenda Hagan

**10 AM** Jim Hagan, Becky Hargitt, Elaine Williams,  
Tony Powers, Jeannie Best, Ed Higdon, Bill Hayden,  
Mike Head, Jenny Glaser

**5:30 PM** Deanna Brasher, Katie Mattingly, Pat, Susan  
Hale, Bobby, Phyllis Bastin

**Readers**

**4 PM** Mike Clark  
**7 AM** David Payne  
**10 AM** Nicole Elder  
**5:30 PM** David McBride



**Servers**

**4 PM** Billy Cason, Gabe Fillman  
**7 AM** Kaylin, Kendra Hagan  
**10 AM** CJ Glaser, Alex Hyland  
**5:30 PM** Christopher, John Thomas Hayden

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

**4 PM** Hayden Head  
**7 AM** Vince Frey  
**10 AM** Paul Trogden  
**5:30 PM** Ron Robertson

**Children’s Liturgy**

Preschool: Pauline Wigginton, Molly Aud  
Kn-3 Grade: Leesa Moman, Angela Bell

**Vocation Cross Family**

Mike Ward, Fran Watrous, Tim West

**Hillcrest:** Diane Fulkerson

**Ministers of Hospitality for January**

**4** Larry Franey, Mike Hays, Tom Wedding,  
Mark Dorth

**7** Paul Garner, Mike Wade, Vince Frey, Glenn  
Woodward

**10** Mike, Zach Wolford, Mark Steitler, Alex  
Lashbrook

**5:30** Pete, Jacob, Josh Linn, Eric Vaughn

## Catholic Q&A

Below is a collection of Q&A's that I recently completed. Do you have a question about Catholicism? If so, send me an email and I will try my best to answer it.

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### Which days other than Sundays are Catholic obliged to attend Mass?

Besides Sundays, Catholics are also obliged to attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. In the United States, the Holy Days of Obligation are:

- *January 1*, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God;
- *Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter*, the solemnity of the Ascension;
- *August 15*, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
- *November 1*, the solemnity of All Saints;
- *December 8*, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception;
- *December 25*, the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.

### Which early Church father is commonly referred to as the "Doctor of Grace"?

"Doctor of grace" is a title commonly attributed to St. Augustine, because of his many brilliant works on the subject of grace.

### How could the souls in Purgatory be assisted?

The Catholic Church teaches that the souls in purgatory are assisted by our prayers for them, and by our works of penance, or other good works, on their behalf.

### Why do some people kneel on one knee in front of the Eucharist but other times they kneel on both knees?

The gesture of reverence depends on the degree of presence: the greater the presence, the more profound the gesture. When the Eucharist is in the tabernacle, you genuflect on one knee, since the Eucharist is present, but you can't see it. However, when the Eucharist is exposed in a monstrance, then you *can* see it, so you kneel on both knees (and even bow with your face to the ground). As an aside, this also explains why we make a reverent bow (bending slightly at the waist) when we walk past the altar. The altar too is a symbol of the presence of Christ because it is there where the Sacrifice of the Mass — His sacrifice — takes place. But, Jesus is not as profoundly present in the altar as He is in the tabernacle or when the Eucharist is exposed for adoration, so that's why we bow to the altar instead of genuflecting or kneeling.

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

*Len Bach, Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, JB Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce, Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Ann Clark, Clifton Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Alice Cole, Jake Conder, Addie Corley, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Andrew Dotsey, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Angela Farmer, Matt Gabis, Rita Gabis, Lauren Girten, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Mary Hardesty, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Mildred Howard, Margaret Isbell, Mary Ava Jackson, Betty Jo Johnson, Gertrude Jones, Anna Kemper, Joann Knott, 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 Mullican, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Shirley Oliver, Joann Ogle, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Paul Payne, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Joyce Rangel, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Susan Rice, Paul Robertson, Darla Robinson, Beck Roby, Larry Roby, Cecelia Schartung, Janet Schartung, 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, Katherine Whittinghill, 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

Bill Boyd, Iraq (husband of Julie, son-in-law of Al & Joan Hofmann)

### Afghanistan

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)

### Other

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May

CSSR Justin Mills, Japan, grandson of Dessie Clark

## Daily Bible Reading 683-8524

## End of the Year Giving

Please remember to put your Church on your giving list. Not only is your gift tax deductible, but most important you are helping to spread The Kingdom of God on earth. Parish Christmas Envelopes are in your packets

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

1. There will be NO YOUTH GROUP on the 27<sup>th</sup>! Have a wonderful New Year!!
2. Monday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>~ 5:00-7:00 pm. If you're bored and need something to do, come on out to the ice arena. Cost is \$2 for skates, and any food money you want!
3. Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>~ Traveling Epiphany Dinner. After mass we will be traveling to various churches for fun and food! We will return to Blessed mother around 9:15 pm. Parents, if you have not been able to fill out forms, please contact me at the office or catch me Sunday night!

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

Cooking Teams up to bat: THANK YOU!!  
Sunday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>~ NO TEAM NEEDED!!  
Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>~ NOT TEAM NEEDED!!

## Laugh for the Week

*New Years Resolutions for Pets*

- Try to understand that the cat is from Venus and I am from Mars
- I will no longer be beholden to the sound of the can opener
- Decide for myself how much food is TOO much
- Get out of the castle more, maybe swim counter-clockwise this year
- I will NOT chase the stick unless I see it leave his hand
- Call PETA and tell them what they really do to us at the Pet Hospital
- Kill the sock! Must kill the sock!
- Get that squeaker out of that toy—Save the toy! Save the toys!

## Blessed Mother Social Justice Committee

Christmas is not just a time for giving gifts; let us remember the poor and lonely—give of yourselves. Pray for us St. Francis of Assisi.



**Wishing You a  
Blessed New  
Year!  
Fr. John, Jan,  
Darlene, Brett,  
Nicholas, Chris-  
tina, Romie, and  
Will**

## Mary, Mother of God Schedule Liturgical Ministers

### Vigil Mass

**6:00 PM EM:** Bobby, Phyllis Bastin, Rose Clark, Sr. Marie Joseph, Rick & Leesa Moman, Bonnie Snyder, Janet Ruth, Joyce Pearl

**Reader:** Sabrina Johnson **Gifts:** Jeff Williams

**Servers:** Paris Wedding, Lauren Williams

**Ushers:** Tony Fiorella, Jackee Russell, Bill Wathen, Jack Hamilton

### Jan. 1, 10 AM

**EM:** Darlene Kazlauskas, Mike Thompson, Marian Bennett, Carolyn Taylor, Marjorie Early, Phil, Josie Hagan, Debbie, Kerry Riney

**Reader:** Phil Hagan **Gifts:** Bernie Dotsey

**Servers:** Kyle, Megan Alvey

**Ushers:** Luke Robertson, Alex Vaughan, Mason, Ben Miller

## Forming Good Stewards

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"He went down with them to Nazareth and obedient to them . . ." Luke 2:41-52

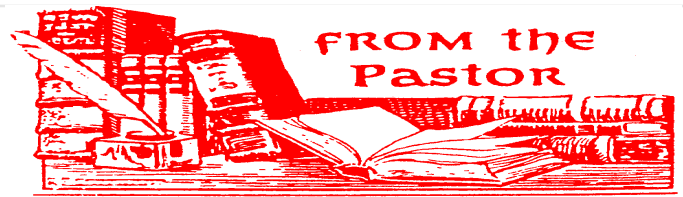
The one story in the Gospels about Jesus from his birth to his public ministry tells of an embarrassing incident when Jesus was twelve and his parents leave him behind in Jerusalem after the Passover. They find him with the Jewish rabbis and learned men who daily taught and debated on the steps of the Temple [equivalent to a modern university] who were amazed by his questions and answers. Yet, Mary chides Jesus for staying behind. Surely there must have been more positive stories of Jesus in his youth. But then we learn the reason for the story. The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity returns to Nazareth and is obedient to his human parents. Mary and Joseph submitted to the will of God to become the parents of Jesus, then God Incarnate submitted to the will of his human parents. Free will is our greatest gift from God. Are we willing to give God our free will by doing God's will. Now that would be a great Christmas gift for Jesus. And we do not have to wrap it.

## Christmas Flower Memorial

This Christmas Season we remember our loved ones  
and we pray for them!

Chris Redd, Stewart Schrecker, Betty Johnson Family, Bernard and Dorothy Clark Family, Charles M. Wedding, Jerry Blandford Sr., Jerry Blandford Jr., Robert May, Joe Carr, McIntyre-Hagan Family, Joyce Ramos, Paul Edge Family, Matt, Alice Settles, Paul and Carol Hodskins Family, Clara Alvey, Louis and Lloyd Clements, Johnnie Payne, Lloyd & Anita Travis Family, Sandra Henry Family, John McCarthy, Joey Aull, Charles H. Clark, Remuis Clark, Mary McDaniel, Joanna Allen, Winifred & Parker Fulton and Family, Robert Gratzer, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Gratzler, Deceased Infants, Mitchell Long Sr., Adeline Mehlbauer, Richard & Mary Frances Murphy, Drusic & Herman Coomes, Charles, Marguerite Settles, Frank, Alice Murphy, Ebelhar Family, Glenn Woodward Family, Frances Feldpausch Meunier, Jack Feldpausch Sr. Family, Gene Frey Sr. Family, Estil Wooldridge, Glenn Wooldridge, David Hall, Nick Elder, Larry Taylor Family, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Millay Family, Charles Hamilton Family, Agnes & Robert Lockett, Robert & Lynn Pope Family, Coy Howard, Mary Ellen Howard, Wallace Johnson, David Boarman, Gertrude Cravens, Robert, Audrey and Bernard Fischer, Philip & Ada Hodgkins, Mary & Le Roy Hayden, Bob and Patt Hayden, Jim Screiner, Grandparents of Mark & Sandi Rafferty, Robert Lee, Louis, Evelyn Payne, Vincent Cecil & Family, Roger & Dodie Conder Family, Bessie Fogle, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Payne, Bruni Gerdes, David Finley, Reesie Hill, Diddy Hagman Family, Early-Clements Families, Otto Hayden, Letha Watrous, Aloysius & Eliza Lee Smith, Elbert & Mary R. (Smith) McDaniel, Debbie (Ward) Terry, Leo & Marie Payne, Maddi Cash Family, Helen Bowman, Stacy Bellwood, Osowiicz Family, Mom & Dad Hester, Joseph Fendel Jr. Family, Florence Roby Family, Marvin Reynolds Jr, Leona Wright, Aggie Thomas, Lucy Schell, Mary Gratzler, Mark & Laurie Elliott, Raphael Hagan, Paul Thompson Family, Pat Glenn, Pauline Woods, Stinnett-Arnold Families, Cletus & Mildred Bittel, Bittel-Wedding Family, Nunex-Solis Family, Hurm-Leibfried Family, Megan Clark, Tom & Dolores Hartz, Brenda Jones, Debbie Conder Family, Larry & Becky Franey Family, Rita Fillman, Urban Wooldridge, Vincent Wooldridge, John Medley Family, Howard-Wooldridge Family, David Hall, Larry O'Bryan, Shirley Hurter, Raymond M. Smith, Opal Smith, Kevin Rhodes, Bill Hamilton, Elizabeth Dorth, Robert Dunbar Family, Jessie Mattingly, Jane Mitchell, Robert Hurm & Family, Bernard Church & Family, Jim Jackson, Millard, Louise Haynes, J.M. Haynes, Jack & Catherine Hagan, Joy Martin, Cyrille & Marguerite Howard, Darrell Howard, Ida Mae Allen, Bill, Curtis Ratliff, David & Margaret Peugeason, Nonnie Owens, Ward & Mildred Pedley Family, Virginia Arnold Family, Frank & Lola Spurrier, Jess & Essis Caysinger, Charlie Speaks Family, Joe O'Bryan Family

Any names submitted after Dec. 13 will appear in next week's bulletin.



I hope you had a great Christmas. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. We look to the example that Jesus, Mary and Joseph give us that we too may live holy and blessed lives. As we approach a new calendar year, may we resolve to grow in holiness this coming year. The prayers of the Holy Family will help us.

I want to thank everyone who helped in any way to bring such beautiful liturgies to us. The Church is beautiful so we thank all those who participated in decorating. And special thanks to the ministers who helped serve. The music was uplifting and inspiring as usual. Thanks to everyone!

Please note the Mass Schedule for the week. The next Mass will be Thursday New Year's Eve at 6pm. New Years Day is a holy day of obligation – the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Mass will be at 10 am on that day. There is no Religious Ed or Youth Group this week or next. Everyone returns on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January – feast of the Epiphany.

As we come to the end of a calendar year many people need ideas for year-end contributions. There are a lot of worthy causes. Personally, I would ask you to remember the TV Mass – Gideon Productions in your charitable giving.

Some of our neighbors on 22<sup>nd</sup> street have asked for a consideration. When attending an event at the church or gym or school, please fill up the church parking lot before parking in front of the houses on the street that have no front entrance. Sometimes the residents have trouble finding a place to park in those instances when an event is going on.

We pray for Bishop-Elect William Medley as he prepares for ordination on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Sportcenter.

Have a great week.

**Calendar for the Week**

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

**Mon. No Mass 6:30 AM  
Bunko, 1:00 PM**

**Tues. No Mass at 6 PM**

**Wed. No Mass at 6:30 AM**

**Thurs. Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass 6 PM**

**Fri. Holy Day Mass, 10 AM  
No Eucharistic Adoration**

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

**Sun. Feast of The Epiphany  
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM  
NO Religious Ed Classes 11 AM  
NO Coffee and Donuts, 11 AM  
NO Youth Group, 6:30-8 PM  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria**

**Readings for Dec. 28—Jan. 3**

Mon. 1 Jn 1:5 –2:2 Mt 2:13-18

Tues. 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

Wed. 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

Thurs. 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

Fri. Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Sat. 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

Sun. Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-6 Mt 2:1-12

**Soup Kitchen Cooks  
Still Needed for 2nd Sat. of each month  
Call Josie Hagan 926-1483**

**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
Nancy Byrum	729-4362

**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) 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**

**Scrap-a-thon**

Put on my Owensboro Mothers of Multiples is Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010 frin 8 am-6pm at Immaculate Parish Hall. Cost is \$30. come create and reflect on your memories while supporting OMOM's! Food and drinks included! Door prizes drawn every hour. Call Mary Katherine Wathen for more info: 859-321-0248 or Christy Hayden: 684-2537

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**All Q&A's Now online!**

**Pro-Life Corner**

"By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II GS22) This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only son" (Jn 3:16) but also the incomparable value of very human person.

**Volunteers Needed—Opportunities for Life**

Pro-life ministry training sessions begin for 2010. It consist of in-home reading and workbook materials and concludes with a weekend training session. For more information call 1-888-496-3638.