

"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness"

Intention for the Week

Monday, July 6, St. Maria Goretti

6:30 AM Jerry Blandford Jr. (dec)

Tuesday, July 7

6:00 PM Jim Clark (dec)

Wednesday, July 8

6:30 AM Daniel Dillard (Seminarian)

Thursday, July 9, St. Augustine Zhao Rong

Noon Aline Calhoun (dec)

First Friday, July 10

Noon Scott Johnson (B'day)

Saturday, July 11, St. Benedicty

4:00 PM Charles H. Clark (ann of death).

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Connie Powers (ann of death)

10:00 AM Joseph Christian (dec)

5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers for July 11-12

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Marjorie Early, Jeff Williams, Marian Bennett, Bonnie Snyder, Liz Francis, Ruth Bittel-Nunez, Lucy Harpe, Jay, Susie Fillman

7 AM Darlene Kazlaukas, Dorothy Aud, Carolyn Taylor, Mike Thompson, Charlene, Harry Baumgarten

10 AM Ed Higdon, Sr. Marie Joseph Coomes, Scott, Sabrina Johnson, Daniel Cravens, Lori, Richard, Parker, Whitehouse, Russ Hayden

5:30 PM Bev Payne, Rachel Thomas, Janice Bumm, Martha Estes, Sarah Blanford, Deanna Brasher

Readers

4 PM Cindy McCain

7 AM Mike Williams

10 AM Jim Mattingly

5:30 PM David Marshall

Servers

4 PM Lauren, Allison Williams

7 AM Tricia, Kevin Thompson

10 AM Jacob Johnson, Sam Lilly

5:30 PM Joshua, Jacob Linn

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Kenny Blandford

7 AM Hugh Bittel

10 AM David Calhoun.

5:30 PM David Thompson

Children's Liturgy

Michelle Sandefur, Rachel Aull

Vocation Cross Family

Bernie Dotsey, Marjorie Early, PJ Ebelhar

Hillcrest: Susan Hale, Marian Bennett

Ministers of Hospitality for July

4 Jackee Russell, Bill Wathen, Tony Fiorella, Tom Hobbs

7 Russ Corley, Bernie Dotsey, Jack, Nancy Murphy

10 Chris Pope, Jan, Mark Hubbs, Jim Hagan

5:30 Kenny, Patricia, Ashley Hamilton, Kent McCarthy

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www.blessedmotherchurch.com

July 6-10, Vacation Bible School
At Blessed Mother
9AM-Noon

Catholic Q&A

As with the previous two weeks, the following questions come from submissions to the "Catholicism" category of WikiAnswers (<http://www.wiki.answers.com>).

What should I do to become Catholic?

Call the Director of Religious Education or the Pastor at your local Catholic church and inquire about entering the RCIA process. If you have to wait several months before you can begin the process, then spend that time reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church in order to get the best possible understanding of what the Catholic Church teaches.

Are there any disadvantages to being a Catholic?

Well, the main disadvantage of being Catholic is discrimination by the worldly, by people who reject what we believe or who misunderstand our beliefs and practices. Often times, it seems that anti-Catholicism is the last acceptable prejudice. But, by the grace of God, this becomes not a disadvantage but an opportunity to suffer with Christ and in Christ. Remember the words of Jesus, "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you" (Jn 15:18).

Is there an exact number of Catholics who have been canonized as saints?

I am aware of no exact number. The Patron Saints Index (<http://saints.sqpn.com/>) has 5,950 saints, beati (those who have been beatified), and venerables. It is by far the most exhaustive list available online, so it may give you some indication of how many saints have been canonized over the years.

During Lent, what three things do we do to reflect and prepare for Easter?

The three practices most highly encouraged are fasting, praying, and almsgiving.

Who or What is St. Monica the patron saint of?

St. Monica is the patron saint of abuse victims; alcoholics; alcoholism; Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers; Bevilacqua, Italy; difficult marriages; disappointing children; homemakers; housewives; Mabini, Bohol, Philippines; married women; mothers; victims of adultery; victims of unfaithfulness; victims of verbal abuse; widows; and wives.

What does the prophet Nahum's name mean?

According to Hitchcock's *Bible Names Dictionary*, **Nahum** means "comforter" or "penitent."

How many times is the word "church" used in the letters of Paul?

In the Revised Standard Version, the word "church" is found 45 times in the Pauline epistles, including the Letter to the Hebrews. Excluding this letter, the word appears 43 times.

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
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**Blessed Mother Church
Vacation Bible School Week
This Monday-Friday
9AM-Noon**

Vatican International Exhibit Eucharistic Miracles of the World Coming to Blessed Mother Church

July 11, 2-6:30pm

July 12, 7:30am-2pm

In His Mercy, God has shown us the flesh and blood of Jesus through Eucharistic miracles. This exhibit includes the stories of 126 Vatican authenticated miracles associated with faith in and worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic miracles inspire in us a deeper awareness and more ardent love of our Lord's Real Presence.

For more information on the exhibit visit:

www.bodyofchristoutreach.org/exhibit2.htm.

Forming Good Stewards

Today, the Gospel reveals that Jesus is amazed that 6th century people in his hometown of Nazareth do not accept his teaching and ministry; he is amazed at their lack of faith. Good stewards recognize and participate in Christ's teaching, reconciling and healing presence in their community. Are we good stewards of our family of faith? Do we value and support the ministries that take place in Christ's name? Are we attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our parish and encourage those who work to enhance our life of faith?

Parish Picnic August 8, 2009

It is not too early to start putting your baskets together for our picnic. They can be filled with just about anything (school supplies, pet supplies, baby supplies, kitchen gadgets, etc.) Auction items are also needed. If you run across something for this

A Lady of Virtue

Presented by Olivia Osborne, OCHS Class of 2008

Come join a group of young women and discover the mystery of **Our Lady's Ten Virtues** (according to St. Louis de Montfort), their practicality, and their usefulness in fulfilling a young woman's mission to reflect Jesus Christ through her femininity. This program is for ladies entering sophomore year of high school through the Class of 2009. Classes at The Carmel Home, Tuesdays, 7-8pm, July 7 - July 21. No charge for the program. Contact Olivia Osborne at 925-2204

Young Disciples

Coming Soon...

Sunday, July 12th: BOBBY BISHOP the Rapper will be at Our Lady of Lourdes FREE concert 7 PM!! ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!!

Sunday, July 26th: H2O WARS – Let's get a Blessed Mother Team together! Stay Tuned for more details!

If interested in either of these events: come by, call, or e-mail me @:
Christina Best: 683-8444 Ext.28,
bmc youth@bellsouth.net



Attention: Parents of Children in Catholic Schools

If you have children in Catholic Schools, **you are required to turn in the Stewardship Form that was mailed to you** before you can obtain a voucher for the 2009-2010 School Year. You must be in good standing with the Parish according to the commitments that you made. **Vouchers have been mailed to those who have returned the forms that were mailed out.**

Words of Life

As the People of Life living amidst a culture of death, we are all prophets who declare that the only appropriate response to life at all stages, especially when most vulnerable, is a generous and loving "Yes." We are prophets as we teach our children about the dignity of life; we are prophets when we share the pro-life message with friends and co-workers, with the community. We are prophets when we enter the voting booth, as we have the obligation to do at each election, and elect candidates who are committed to protect the unborn.

Laugh for the Week

From the Mouths of Elders: An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally asked, "What is the name of the flower you give someone you love, you know the one that's red and has thorns?" The man replied, "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one." Then he turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug. 14-16, call 683-1545 ext. 357. Web site: www.retrouvaille.com

Cathedral Preschool

Still a few openings in the classes for 3,4, and 5 years old. The preschool, located at the Pastoral Center, 600 Locust St. is a loving, learning center serving Owensboro families since 1986. The program is designed to complement the role of Christian parents in providing for the development of their child. Children are gifted with unique potential which develops at his or her own rate. The goal is to help each child feel loved and respected, thus gaining a positive self image. Classes are offered 2 day, 3 day or 4 day. Call 926-1652 for more information about enrollment for the fall or check the website at: www.stseepencathedral.org

Adorers Needed At The Carmel Home

Wednesdays 2-3 AM

Fridays 1-2 AM

Saturdays 1-2 and 2-3 AM

Sundays 3-4 AM

Call Marti Castlen, 683-9627

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Sonny Hayden (son), and Jennifer Riney (granddaughter) on the death of Martine Barnett. May she rest in the love and the peace of the Lord!

Remember in prayer those sick in our community:

Tommy Askins, 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, 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, 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, Debbie Koenig, John Krusick, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Conner Mills, Dena Montgomery, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, 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, Paul Robertson, Larry Roby, Linda Rouse, Cecelia Scharung, Janet Scharung, 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, 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

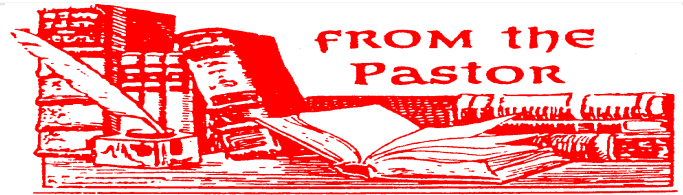
In Afghanistan

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

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524



I hope you had a good week. Today is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Last week Jesus works two miracles and this week He can hardly do anything because of the people's lack of acceptance of Him. We find Him in His home town and it seems the townspeople can't get passed their original impression they had of Him. Sometimes we have people in our lives that can't accept us because of the way we used to be or their perception of the way we used to be.

Thank you for your patience with the heat in church. We have been having trouble with the north unit. We had it checked out this week again and hopefully is working now this weekend. If not rest assured the problem is being fixed.

I have been asked to remind everyone that handi-cap seating is available down front in the areas that have no pew in front of them about the third pew back from the front on both sides. There is room for wheel chairs on the sides where the extra pews are sitting against the walls.

Vacation Bible School starts this Monday from 9-12 in the parish hall.

Power Week is behind us now. Thank you for all your support and prayers. God sent us beautiful weather (though hot). And 85 kids experienced the POWER of Jesus' love for them.

On this 4th of July weekend, we thank God for our religious freedom and give thanks as well for those who have fought for our independence.

I will be on vacation starting the week of the 12th of July (probably after Mass on the 15th) and returning the week of the 26th of July (possibly that Thursday evening). I will give more specific dates as time gets closer. Fr. Andy Garner will be here the first weekend I'm gone to speak about vocations. He is the Vocation Director for the Diocese. And Fr. Phil Riney will be here the second weekend I'm gone.

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

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**

Picnics

- July 11, St. Alphonsus, 4pm
- July 14, St. Paul, Tell City, 11am
- July 18, St. Peter. Stanley, 4pm
- Aug. 1, Blessed Sacrament, Noon
- August 8, Blessed Mother, 4 pm,
booths open at 2pm**
- 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

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM
Mon. Mass at 6:30 AM
Bible School Week, 9-Noon
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
Mass 4 PM

Sun. 15th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
No Coffee and Donuts until Fall
No Youth Group in summer
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria

Readings for the Week

July 5 through July 12, 2009

- Sun: Ez 2:2-5 Ps 123:1-4 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6a
- Mon: Gn 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-4,14-15 Mt 9:18-26
- Tues: Gn 32:23-33 Ps 17:1-3,6-8,15 Mt 9:32-38
- Wed: Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a Ps 33:2-3,10- 11,18-19 Mt 10:1-7
- Thurs: Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5 Ps 105:16-21 Mt 10:7-15
- Fri: Gn 46:1-7,28-30 Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40 Mt 10:16-23
- Sat: Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a Ps 105:1-4,6-7 Mt 10:24-33
- Sun: Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14 Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13

Parish Council Members

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Tim Goetz	684-8275
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Troy Haleman	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



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Thank you, Lord, for making us a free nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all!