

"This is My Body...this is the blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many"

# Intention for the Week

Monday, June 15

6:30 AM Ruth & Lucio Nunez (wedding ann)

Tuesday, June 16

6:00 PM Jim Clark (dec)

Wednesday, June 17

6:30 AM Charlie Riney (dec)

Thursday, June 18

**Noon** The Rhinerson Family

Friday, June 19

**Noon** Gerald Stuart (dec)

Saturday, June 20, Immaculate Heart of Mary

**4:00 PM** Jerry Blandford Sr.

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Mike Foster (dec)
10:00 AM Charles Wedding (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

Lord, in the Eucharist we share today you renew our life. Through your Spirit, make file grow strong within us and keep us faithful to you.

Have A Safe



#### Liturgical Ministers for June 20-21 Eucharistic Ministers

**4 PM** Janet Ruth, Lucy Harpe, David Jones, Ruth Bittel-Nunez, Liz Francis, Marian Bennett, Jeff Williams, Mike Clark

**7 AM** Don Cecil, Joy, Bill Bach, Harry, Charlene Baumgarten, Dennis Sandefur

**10 AM** Jenny Glaser, Pauline Wigginton, John Bell Jr., Eric Vaughan, Jim Bittel, Brenda, Jerry Millay, Josie Hagan

**5:30 PM** Michele, Pete Linn, Martha Estes, Janice Bumm, Rachel Thomas, Bobby Bastin

Readers

4 PM Rose Clark
7 AM Charlie Castlen
10 AM Phil Hagan
5:30 PM Greg Cash

**Servers** 

4 PM Matthew Johnson, Gary Faucheux
7 AM Jack Iracane, Will Sandefur
10 AM Caroline, Stephanie Hayden
5:30 PM Simmie, Henley McCormack

**Families to Take Up Gifts** 

4 PM Ricky Aull
7 AM Barry Estes
10 AM Kevin Carrico
5:30 PM Tim West

Children's Liturgy

Heidi Dees, Linda Wahl

**Vocation Cross Family** 

Joe Cecil, Paul Christian, Harold Clark

Hillcrest: Rose Clark, Joan Frey

Ministers of Hospitality for June

4 Keith Best, Larry Franey, Mike Hays, Tom Wedding

7 Clarence Elder, Randy, Angie Lee, PJ Ebelhar

10 Dan Johnson, Bryan Jones, Eddie Jackson, Jim Clark

5:30 Michael Bastin, Nathan Newton, Matt Howard, Jenna Laboy

#### Catholic Q&A

What do we mean when we say in the creed that Jesus "descended into hell"? Did Jesus really go to hell?

While we use the word "hell" today to refer to the place of the damned, where there is fire, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth, the Apostles' Creed is actually referring to a difference place.

The Greek word that we translate as "hell" in the Creed is *hades*, which in Biblical times was the name for the abode of the dead, the place deep in the earth where all souls went when they died (*sheol* is the Hebrew word that refers to the same place). We see from the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:19-31) that, even though all souls went to Hades, their lot was not the same. "Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Laz'arus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish." For the righteous, Hades was a place of comfort, but for the unrighteous Hades was a place of torment (cf. vs. 22 -24).

Note that, while there was some comfort there for the righteous, it still wasn't heaven, it wasn't seeing God face to face, with all the knowledge and joy that comes from that vision. After all, the gates of heaven were closed to mankind once Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden (cf. Gen 3:22-24). So, Hades was also a place of anxious waiting and longing for the day when the righteous souls could be freed from Hades and enter heaven. All of the patriarchs, and prophets, and holy men and women of the Old Testament were essentially stuck in Hades until someone could come and free them. That someone was Jesus.

When Jesus died and His body was buried, His spirit spent three days in Hades, where "the gospel was preached even to the dead" (cf. 1 Pet 4:6), to "the spirits in prison" (1 Pet 3:19), so that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and *under the earth*" (Phil 2:10). When Jesus descended into Hades, He was not abandoned there (cf. Act 2:27-31). We need not worry about who will raise Him from the abyss (cf. Rom 10:6-8). Jesus *conquered* Hades, and when He rose from the dead, He led with Him a host of captives (cf. Eph 4:8). He holds the keys to death and Hades (cf. Rev 1:17-18), and we have the courage to say, "O death, where is thy victory? O Hades, where is thy sting?" (1 Cor 15:55).

That is what we mean when we say that Jesus descended into hell.

Peace of Christ to you,

Nicholas Hardesty
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# **Forming Good Stewards**

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood

"Then, after singing a hymn, they went to the Mount of Olives"

Thank you! When said sincerely, they are two words they say so much. They acknowledge the existence of someone other than ourselves. They communicate to the other person that we are aware of some act or words that benefit us; some act or words restrained or prevented that might have caused us harm or pain; some act or words of instruction, caution or reprimand that we deserved that have made us a better person. Thank you! Two words that make others feel accepted and appreciated. Yet, they are two words that are often misspoken; that we presume other know we mean or intend without saying them. Tat is so sad because they are two words, when spoken, mean so much to the person who hears them and say so much about the person who speaks them. At the Las Supper Jesus left us a Memorial of His Love for us. He blessed bread and wine and said Thank you! He gave the disciples, and us, His Body and Blood as a New Covenant. He taught us to say Thank You! To God for all He has given to us and to all who love us as He did.

Collection Budget MTD YTD \$27,431. \$20,577. \$27,431. \$21,668.

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

> July 11, 2-6:30pm July 12, 7:30am-2pm

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.

# **Bishops Retirement Picnic**

June 20th
Gasper River
10:30-3:00PM
Please call the office if you plan to attend
683-8444 ext 21

# Attention: Parents of Children in Catholic Schools

If you have children in Catholic Schools, <u>you are required to turn in the Stewardship Form that was mailed to you</u> 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 will be mailed out the first week of July.** 

# Vacation Bible School for Our Youth At Blessed Mother Church Week of July 6-10

Preschool (5 yr. old) thru 4th grade
If you would like to help give Nicholas Hardesty a
call at the office, 683-8444 ext. 26.

# Catholics Returning Home

Do you know of a relative or friend who might be interested in returning to their Catholic Faith? Tell them about "Catholics Returning Home." Call Liz Francis 926-3148 or Josie Hagan 926-1483 for more information. Visit the website: www.catholicscomehome.org

#### Words of Life

As St. John remarks, Christ was to die "to gather into one all the scattered children of god." Sin scatter. Christ unites. The word "diabolical" means "to split asunder." Christ came to "destroy the works of the devil" (1 Jn 3:8) The Eucharist builds up the human family in Christ who says, "Come to me, feed on My Body, become My Body." Abortion, in a reverse dynamic, says, "God away! We have no room for you, no time for you, no desire for you, no responsibility for you. Get out of our way!" Abortion attacks the unity of the human family by splitting asunder the most fundamental relationship between any two persons: mother and child. The Eucharist, as a Sacrament of Unity, reverses the dynamic of abortion.

# **Owensboro Catholic Schools**

Still taking registration for the 2009-2010 School Year. For more information call the consolidated office at 686-8896.

# Corpus Christi Prayer Service & Procession St. Stephen Cathedral Sunday, June 14, 3PM

Fr. Chrispin Oneko will be the speaker, Procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament & Benediction, reception follows in the Undercroft.

# Laugh for the Week

There was a fellow that went to the pet store in search of a singing parakeet. Seems he was a bachelor and his house was too quiet. The store owner had just the bird for him. So the man bought it. The next day the bachelor came home from work to a house full of music. He went to the cage to feed the bird and noticed for the first time that the parakeet had only one leg.

He felt cheated that he'd been sold a one-legged bird, so he called and complained. "What do you want," the store manager responded, "a bird who can sing or a bird who can dance?"

# Power Week Catholic Summer Camp June 22-26

Power Week is a five day camping experience written and sponsored by the staff of Lourdes and Blessed Mother for the purpose of providing an experience of the power of God's love in the lives of young people (those entering 7th and 8th grade). It is intended to foster a greater appreciation of the Catholic faith in a recreational environment. Youth will be transported to Brandon Springs by a charter bus. Parents are responsible for getting their child to Lourdes Church on Monday, June 22 at 12:15pm and picking them up on Friday at 4pm. Cost is \$225. for the week.

# OCS Elementary Volleyball Camp

6th Grade & Under boys and girls
Owensboro Catholic High, Mon, June 29-Thurs, July 2
5pm-8:30pm, Fee \$40 (includes t shirt)
Registration will be at first day of camp

# Blue Star Basketball Camps Boys and Girls Ages 6-15 June 22-26, July 6-10

Day Camp directed by Brescia University's John Swickrath, held at Owensboro Catholic High, \$100. To register or for information call 270-231-2777.

Remember in prayer those sick in our community: Tommy Askins, Len Bach, Herman Barr, Helen Bellwoord, 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, Laura 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 Schartung, Janet Schartung, 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 Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi. We honor the Eucharist in a post-Easter celebration. The Gospel of Matthew gives us the institution account with Jesus saying "This is my body," and "This is my blood." We take time to thank the Lord for giving us His very self as food for eternal life.

There will be a celebration today on the Feast of Corpus Christi – procession and benediction – at St. Stephen's beginning at 3pm.

The parish council meeting for the month of June will be this coming Tuesday (not the usual Wednesday) after the 6pm Mass.

And it is time to rotate parish council members who have served their time. If you would like to be considered for a position on the council please call the office and submit your name. A candidate must be in good standing in the Church (married in the Church) and practicing his or her faith on a regular basis, attending Mass and participating in the Sacraments. A parish council member must be willing to sit on other committees as well as the council. We thank those retiring, Sharon Bell, Ben Miller, Marty Bumm and Elaine Williams for their service on the council.

During the last week of June (22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>) there will be no Masses because that is the week of Power Week Summer Camp and I will be away. So we plan to have the parking lots repaired and sealed and striped during those days. Just giving everyone a heads up.

If anyone would like to sponsor a child for summer camp, Power Week is a good way to do that. The price is \$225.00. There are always a few kids who need financial help. Make your check to Power Week Summer Camp.

Vacation Bible School is coming up – July 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars.

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

Have a great week

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

Mon. Mass at 6:30 AM Bunko. 1:00 PM

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. 12th 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

June 14 through June 21, 2009

Sun: Ex 24:3-8 Ps 116:12-13,15-18 Heb 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16,22-26

Mon: 2 Cor 6:1-10 Ps 98:1-4 Mt 5:38-42

Tues: 2 Cor 8:1-9 Ps 146:2,5-9a Mt 5:43-48

Wed: 2 Cor 9:6-11 Ps 112:1-4,9 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thurs: 2 Cor 11:1-11 Ps 111:1-4,7-8 Mt 6:7-15

Fri: Hos 11:1,3-4,8c-9 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Eph 3:8- 12,14-

19 Jn 19:31-37

Sat: 2 Cor 12:1-10 Ps 34:8-13 Lk 2:41-51

Sun: Jb 38:1,8-11 Ps 107:23-26,28-31 2 Cor 5:14-

17 Mk 4:35-41

#### **Parish Council Members** Sharon Bell 729-4270 Marty Bumm 926-6443 Charlie Castlen 683-3426 Charlotte Cecil 683-0499 684-8275 Tim Goetz David Graham 683-4665 Troy Haleman 691-0633 David Jarboe 683-5108 Ben Miller 685-2143 Rick Moman 683-6555 Darryl Murphy 683-8437 Phil Riney 926-8945 Flaine Williams 684-5116 Darlene Kazlauskas 684-3891

#### 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**

June 13 St. Pius X, 4pm

June 20 Our Lady of Lourdes, 3pm

June 27, Mary Magdalene, Sorgho, 4pm

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

### Enjoy the Beauty God Has Gifted to You!

