



Happy Mother's Day!

Intention for the Week

Monday, May 11
6:30 AM Casey Caton (seminarian)

Tuesday, May 12
6:00 PM Anna Marie Davis (dec)

Wednesday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima
6:30 AM Tammy Tucker (health)

Thursday, May 14, St. Matthias
9AM School Mass
Noon Thelma & Dennis Clark

Friday, May 15, St. Isadore
Noon Church/Hurm Family (L&D)

Saturday, May 16
4:00 PM Paul Wedding (dec)

Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:00 AM Simon-Haddad-Meredith Family
10:00 AM Evette Duke (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

**God Bless All Our Mothers!
Thank you for the beauty and love that
you bring into our world!**

Liturgical Ministers for May 16/17

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Fran, Ethel Watrous, Jay, Susie Fillman, Mike Clark, Sandra Henry, Jack Wilson, Joe, Maggie O'Bryan

7 AM Carolyn Taylor, Mike Thompson, Sr. Mary Timothy Bland, Don Cecil, Brenda Hagan

10 AM Herman Barr, Jim Bittel, Eric Vaughan, Josie Hagan, Richard, Lori Whitehouse, Camilla Baker, Pauline Wigginton, Jenny Glaser

5:30 PM Bev Payne, Garrett Smith, Bobby Bastin, Leesa, Rick Moman, Sarah Blanford

Readers

4 PM Michelle Mayfield
7 AM Charlie Castlen
10 AM Diane Fulkerson
5:30 PM Renee Howard

Servers

4 PM Taylor Wells, Nicholas Jackson
7 AM Kaylin Hagan, Daniel Castlen
10 AM CJ Glaser, Daniel Fulkerson
5:30 PM Jacob, Joshua Linn

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Mike Hays
7 AM Vince Frey
10 AM Karissa Riter
5:30 PM Ron Robertson

Children's Liturgy

Tina Wolken, Angela Bell

Vocation Cross Family

Camilla Baker, Brett Ballard, Harry Baumgarten

Hillcrest: Carol & Darryl Murphy

Ministers of Hospitality for May

4 Jordan, Jolene White, David Jones, Bill Wathen

7 Jeff, Mary Fenwick, Steve Orth, Glenn Woodward

10 Jim Mattingly, Carl Hamilton, Chris Glasser, David Graham

5:30 Luke Robertson, Alex Vaughan, Mason, Ben Miller

Catholic Q&A

Is the Rosary “vain repetition”?

As you know, the praying of the rosary requires the repetition of several prayers. As such, some non-Catholics assert that Jesus condemned prayers like the rosary when He said, “And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words” (Mt 6:7). The King James Version says, “But when ye pray, use not **vain repetitions** ...” But, they misunderstand this passage.

For one, the context reveals that Jesus was not condemning repetition as such, but **vain** repetition, that is, saying words over and over so that you can be seen and heard by men and receive their praise. Jesus is speaking against those people who pray, not out of humility and adoration of God, but so that they can be known for their so-called piety.

The rosary, however, is not **vain** repetition. It’s not repetition for the sake of repetition, and it’s not meant to garner the praise of men. Saying the “Hail Mary” ten times has the positive effect of focusing the mind and allowing one to enter into a meditative state as one contemplates the lives of Jesus and Mary. Surely there is nothing wrong with that!

If Jesus was condemning all forms of repetition in prayer, then we must charge Jesus Himself with praying incorrectly. After all, He repeated the same prayer three times in the Garden of Gethsemane:

And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.” ... Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done.” ... So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words (Mt 26:39,42,44)

Ever read the Psalms? They are **filled** with repetitive prayer. Psalm 136 repeats the phrase “his steadfast love endures forever” 26 times! Worship in heaven is also repetitious: “day and night they never cease to sing, ‘Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!’” (Rev 4.8).

The fact is, Jesus was only condemning **vain** repetition. As long as you pray the rosary with pure motivations you are fine.

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

Class of 2009 Mass & Dinner

Blessed Mother will honor our students with a special Mass next Sunday, May 17, at 5:30 PM, a Dinner for the Seniors and their families will follow in St. Joseph Hall. Caps and gowns may be worn. Students are asked to gather at the main entrance and process in with Fr. John.



Please RSVP by calling Jan by Wednesday, May 13, @ 683-8444 ext. 21.

Laugh for the Week

A little boy opened the big family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. “Momma, look what I found,” the boy called out. “What have you got there, dear?” his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy’s voice, he answered: “I think it’s Adam’s suit!”

Forming Good Stewards Fifth Sunday of Easter

“I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit.” John 15:108

Anyone who plants and grows vines that produce fruits and vegetables, such as grapes and tomatoes, understand the importance that every vine plant and every branch on every vine produce at its maximum possibility. If a branch is not producing or dies it is just wasting space. It should be pruned or pulled up and replaced with a live plant. Jesus tells us that the Father is the vine grower, he is the vine and we are the branches. In concrete terms God gives to each human being a vast array of talents, abilities and gifts that He is entitled to expect we will discover, accept, develop and use to the best of our ability for our own benefit and the benefit of others. If we fail to do that we are like the unproductive branch or the dead vine. We are just wasting space. As we continue to celebrate Easter and the Resurrection, the sacrifices of Jesus and the joy of our hope for eternal life, we should ask, “Am I being a productive branch?”

Collection	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$23,401	\$20,577.	\$23,401.	\$21,245.



Today, we pray for all our moms. We thank God for all the little things that they do for us. We thank God for their patience, their love, and their understanding. We thank God for all they have done to mold us into the loving persons we have become. We thank them for never giving up on us. We thank them for the faith they have witnessed to us. We ask God to continue to bless them all the days of their lives and to grant eternal rest to our moms who now share in the Resurrection of our Lord.

**Bar-B-Que Festival on the River
May 9, 2009**

Thank you to all who gave their time to come and work and support Blessed Mother Parish on the River! Our cooks are always #1 and we love them and the job they do!!!!!!

Words of Life

The Lord says we must "bear fruit." what is this fruit? It is the fruit of love, concretely visible in a life of self-giving, as the commandments specify. The fruit that is to be visible in the community is that we welcome and serve all—born and unborn, healthy and sick, convenient and inconvenient. Mothers in particular demonstrate this kind of love, with an unconditional welcome of their children. We can't do it on our own power. That is why we have to stay united to the vine. It is the power of His love in us that makes it possible for us to love as he has commanded, with the very same love that led Christ to the cross and to the glory of the Resurrection.

Catholics Returning Home

If you have been away from the Catholic Church, we invite you to take another look. Visit this website: www.catholicscomehome.org

One Day Marriage Preparation Day

Saturday, June 13, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM
Registration Fee \$100
Includes breakfast, lunch, and materials
Call the Catholic Pastoral Center, 683-1545

First Communion and Confirmation
Special thanks to our ladies who worked so hard decorating and serving at our Receptions
You are Wonderful!!!!!!

**Joshua Allen McCarty
And Daniel Christian Dillard**

Invite you to their Ordination to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, the Thirtieth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord 2009 at ten o'clock in the morning at St. Stephen's Cathedral.

Catholic Schools News

Soccer Camp, May 18-22, 25-29, 3:30-5:30pm, grades 1-6, at OCHS soccer field, Fee \$55/caomper, + \$20 sibling, call 686-8896.

Owensboro High School News

Congratulations to **Jessica Foster**, daughter of Stacy and Mike Foster, granddaughter of Tom and Janice Foster, for being chosen as an Ambassador to Owensboro Senior High School!

**National Day of Prayer
May 7, 2009**

Theme for the National Day of Prayer this year is; Prayer! America's Hope
Prayer/Worship Service at the Courthouse at Noon

**Congratulations to
Our First Communion Class~!**



Tommy Clark, Henry Dotsey, Elizabeth Ford, Sebastian Fulkerson, Grace Goedde, Justin Goetz, Matthew Graviss, Emily Haleman, Jayden Hall, Lindsey Hargitt, Isabel Higgins, Mary Kelly Hyland, Paul Iracane, Grace Millay, Kevin Ralph, Bobbie Sandifer, Jacob Shelton, Sydeny Smith, Hannah Trogden

Remember in prayer those sick in our community:

Len Bach, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Liz, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, JB Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce, Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Ann Clark, Clifton Clark, Dorothy Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Kevin Coakley, Alice Cole, Arnold Conder, Addie Corley, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Matt Gabis, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, George A. Hagan, Dottie Hamilton, 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, Minnie Martin, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Mildred McCarthy, Chris McRoy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Conner Mills, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Joann Ogle, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Laura Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Paul Payne, Lannie Joe Pearl, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Isabella & Isaiah Ratliff, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, , 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, Ellen Wolford, 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)

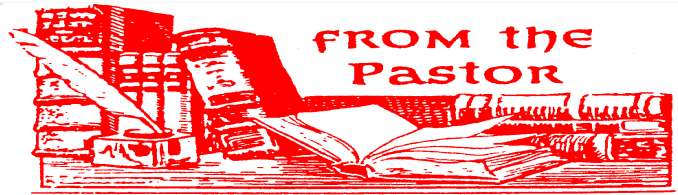
Other

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

Picnics

May 16, Carmel Home, 11 am
May 31, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, 11 am

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Today we have the famous verses about the vine and the branches. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches if we stay connected to Him. We pray for our new members who have recently joined the vine or become more closely attached through profession of faith with us.

We ask God's blessing on our mothers today on Mother's Day. May the love of the Lord Jesus strengthen them to continue to answer the call to love. We ask the special intercession of Mary our Mother on all Moms as well.

I want to thank Bob Newman and everyone who helped in any way at our booth at the Barbecue Festival this year. I am writing this early so there is no word as of now how we placed in the competition. Also it will be interesting to see how everyone likes the new location.

Congratulations is in order for our DRE Nick Hardesty who is graduating from Franciscan University this weekend with a Master's Degree in Catechetics.

There will be a dinner for our high school Seniors after the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday May 17th.

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.

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
Finance Meeting, 6:30 PM

Wed. Mass at 6:30 AM

Thurs. Noon Mass

Fri. Noon Mass

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

Sun. Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
No Coffee and Donuts until Fall
Class of 2009 Mass/Dinner 5:30 PM
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria

Readings for the Week

May 10 through May 17, 2009

- Sun: Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27,28,30,31-32
1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8
- Mon: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-5,15-16 Jn 14:21-26
- Tues: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab,21
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wed: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8
- Thurs: Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17
- Fri: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-12 Jn 15:12-17
- Sat: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:2,3,5 Jn 15:18-21
- Sun: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 Ps 98:1-4
1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

Parish Council Members

Sharon Bell	729-4270
Marty Bumm	926-6443
Charlie Castlen	683-3426
Charlotte Cecil	683-0499
Tim Goetz	684-8275
David Graham	683-4665
Troy Halem	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

Safe Environment

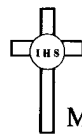
Copies of the Diocese of Owensboro's policy dealing with sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable person is available in the Parish Office and on the Diocesan web site (www.Owensborodio.org) The Bishop and Diocesan Review Board want to help anyone who has been abused in the past or is currently suffering 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**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter June 12-14 In Louisville. For more info or to register call Jack & Kathy Gotting at 502-895-8997.



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St Paul of Tarsus

Sts Joseph & Paul Parish Center
609 E. Fourth Street, Owensboro, Kentucky

Saturday, May 16th 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Marian Shrine Committee

www.marianshrineky.org

For more information call: Joy or Bill Bach at 270-685-3743 or 683-4665



Fr. Noel Mueller, O.S.B., a monk at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, has an MA in English Literature and a Master of Divinity. He has worked in hospital ministry, Marriage Encounter, seminarian formation, and with youth and disabled persons. He spent 10 years in the Peruvian Andes at Saint Meinrad's mission there and taught 13 years in the seminary college at Saint Meinrad. For 8 years he was Director of the Sabbatical Program at St. Meinrad School of Theology, and has been a popular retreat master and spiritual director over his 40 years of priesthood. Presently, he is the Archabbot's personal secretary.

YEAR OF ST. PAUL

**Celebrate with Word, Meditation,
Reconciliation, Eucharist and the
opportunity for a Plenary Indulgence**

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fr. Noel Mueller, O.S.B.

Talks are: "Rabbi Paul: The Jewish Background"
"The Apostle Paul: Itinerant Missionary"
"Paul's Ecclesiology: The Body of Christ"
"Paul the Mystic"

Reconciliation Available

Mass at 4:30 p.m. at Sts Joseph & Paul Catholic Church

Registration Form

Please Duplicate for each attendee

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Fr., Sr., Deacon, or Br., _____

**Registration Fee \$20.00 per person
Includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch**

Must be Pre-paid by May 12

Number of people attending _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

No charge for Priests or Religious

Mail your tax deductible donation to:
Marian Shrine Committee
4213 Spring Bank Drive
Owensboro, KY 42303