

“Go into the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature”

Intention for the Week

Monday, May 25, Memorial Day
9:00 AM Jerry Blandford Sr. (ann of death)

Tuesday, May 26, St. Philip Neri
6:00 PM Bob Cecil (dec)

Wednesday, May 27, St. Augustine of Canterbury
6:30 AM Tammy Tucker (health)

Thursday, May 28
9AM School Mass
Noon Lloyd Farmer (dec)

Friday, May 29
Noon Francis Hagman (dec)

Saturday, May 30
4:00 PM John Hartz (dec)

Pentecost Sunday
7:00 AM Phyllis Sehon (dec)
10:00 AM Bill Klee (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

**May the Souls of the Faithful Departed
Through the Mercy of God
Rest in Peace**

**Liturgical Ministers for May 30/31
Eucharistic Ministers**

4 PM Sandra Henry, Shirley Kent, Jeff Williams, Marian Bennett, Bonnie Snyder, Liz Francis, Ruth Bittel-Nunez, David, Jennifer Jones

7 AM Sr. Mary Timothy, Mike Thompson, Carolyn Taylor, Charlene, Harry Baumgarten, Dorothy Aud

10 AM Jim Hagan, Drew, Jeannette Ward, Russ Hayden, Mike Head, Lori, Richard, Parker Whitehouse

5:30 PM Olivia Hardesty, Rachel Thomas, Janice bum, Martha Estes, Pete, Michele Linn

Readers

4 PM Judy Coomes
7 AM Mike Williams
10 AM LaNell Lilly
5:30 PM Kathi Latta

Servers

4 PM Allison, Lauren Williams
7 AM Brittany, Courtney Estes
10 AM Natalie Newton, Daniel Best
5:30 PM Kendall Payne, Emily Linn

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Donnie Blanford
7 AM Jack Murphy
10 AM Doug Dunn
5:30 PM John Judd

Children's Liturgy

Leesa Moman, Molly Aud

Vocation Cross Family

Ruth Bittel-Nanez, David Blanford, Cecelia Boarman

Hillcrest: Shari Newton, Sandra Henry

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

Does the Bible say anything about having priests in the Church?

Yes it does. God told his people through the mouth of Jeremiah, "I will give you shepherds after my own heart who will feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jer 3:15). It was through His holy priesthood that God guided his people and provided for their worship and holiness both in the Old Testament **and** in the New Testament.

In the Old Testament, there was the **high priest** (Aaron, cf. [Exo 28:3](#)), the **ministerial priests** (Aaron's sons, cf. [Exo 28:40-41](#)), and the **universal priests** (Israel, cf. [Exo 19:6](#)). The New Testament priesthood also has three offices: High Priest (Jesus Christ, cf. [Heb 2:17; 3:1](#)), ministerial priests (the ordained bishops and priests, cf. [Rom 15:16; 1 Tim 3:1,8; 5:17; Titus 1:7](#)), and the universal priests (all the faithful, cf. [1 Pet. 2:5,9; Rev. 1:6](#)). The whole of salvation history evidences this hierarchy within the People of God.

Note that there is a high priest and a ministerial priesthood, but there is also a **universal** priesthood. In other words, Catholics affirm a universal, or a "spiritual" priesthood just like Protestants do. The Church teaches that we are **all** incorporated into the priestly office of Christ upon our baptism. We are all priests, called "to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (2 Pet 2:5).

But, the Church also believes that, from among these people, Jesus Christ calls certain individuals to make His authority, His priesthood, His very Person present in the Church in a more profound way. These individuals make up the ministerial priesthood, those special men who God has called to make the sacraments available to us and to "feed" and "tend" the flock of the Lord (Jn 21:15-17).

In Scripture, we are commanded to obey these "elders" (Gk. *presbuteros*, or "priests") of the church (cf. 1 Thes 5:12-13; 1 Tim 5:17; 13:7,17; 1 Pet 5:5), and those who reject their authority are looked down upon and judged harshly (cf. 2 Pet 2:10-12; 1 Jn 4:6; 3 Jn 1:9-11; Jude 1:8-11). After all, God says of his priest that "men should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts" (Mal 2:7).

Peace of Christ to you,

Nicholas Hardesty,
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Prayers for The Ascension Prayer to Live In Union With Christ

*King of Glory,
Your took away the frailty of our flesh.
Scrape away the decay of our guilt and grant us the
dignity of new life.*

*We believe that you truly ascended into heaven and
are the forerunner for us.*

*Never let any of us be separated from your mystical
body, so that we may join you in glory at our death.*

*Eternal priest and minister of the new covenant, you
live forever to make intercession for us.*

*Save your people who cry to you in the throes of
their earthly passage.*

*King of Glory,
From your heavenly seat in glory,
You make perfect those
whom you have sanctified.
Unite us more closely to you
by faith, hope and love,
so that we may be with you in heaven.
Amen.*

Prayer to Live a Full Life

*O Lord,
Your Ascension into heaven marks the culmination
of the Paschal Mystery, and it contains an important
teaching for us. We may live life as an earthly reality
and develop our human
potential to its fullest.*

*We may make use of the results of science to
achieve a better life on this planet. But in our best
moments we know that there must be more than all
of this, a transcending Reality.*

*As Christians, we know that this Reality is your lov-
ing Father who awaits us with you and the Holy
Spirit. Where you have gone, we ultimately will
come –if we are faithful.*

Forming Good Stewards The Ascension

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation. As stewards of this legacy, we too are called to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions; in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives? In what ways do we see ourselves proclaiming the Gospel? In what ways can we do better?

Silver Jubilee of Fr. Marty Hayes

Fr. Marty served as an associate at Blessed Mother from 1985-1987, He invites all his friends at Blessed Mother to join him in a Mass of Thanksgiving as he celebrates 25 years in the Priesthood. The celebration is June 7, 3:00pm at St. Elizabeth Parish in Clarkson, Ky. (Exit #107 off Wendell Ford/Western Ky. Parkway to Clarkson and cross US 62. Cross the railroad tracks and road turns to the right. Turn left onto Clifty Ave., between the Methodist Church and the old Baptist Church. St. Elizabeth is about 2 blocks on the right side of the street.

Words of Life

The new executive order on embryonic stem cell research is a sad victory of politics over science and ethics. This action is morally wrong because it encourages the destruction of innocent human life, treating vulnerable human beings as mere products to be harvested. It also disregards the values of millions of American taxpayers who oppose research that requires taking human life. Finally, it ignores the fact that ethically sound means for advancing stem cell science and medical treatments are readily available and in need of increased support.

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

Once More With Love

Saturday, June 2, 8:30am-6pm

Catholic Pastoral Center

Call 683-1545 to register

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

June 12-14 In Louisville.

For more info or to register

call Jack & Kathy Gotting at 502-895-8997.

Spring Day of Wisdom for our Seniors

Thursday, May 28th, 9am-2:30pm

Catholic Pastoral Center

Registration deadline May 26th

\$5 per person, please send check to

Ginny Knight-Simon

Catholic Pastoral Center

600 Locust St.

Owensboro, KY 42301

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

**Still time to register for the 2009-2010 School Year
Call the Central Office, 686-8896**

Summer Football Camp

June 16-18, 8AM-Noon

Boys entering grades 4-8

Call OCHS

Laugh for the Week Bible School Stories

Lot's Wife The teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My mommy looked back once while she was driving and she turned into a telephone pole."

Did Noah Fish? A teacher asked, "Kyler, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" Kyler replied, "No, how could he, he only had two worms."

Higher Power A teacher asked her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in the Bible. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me What that is?" One child shouted out, "Aces!"

Moses and the Red Sea Nine-year-old Andrew was asked by his mother what he had learned in Bible School. "Well, mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind Enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a Pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." Now, Andrew, is that really what your teacher told you?" "Well, no, Mom, but, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

Being Thankful Fr. John asked little Matthew, "so your mom says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?" Matthew replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"



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

Remember in prayer those sick in our community:

Tommy Askins, Len Bach, Helen Bellwood, Bernadette Bickwermert, 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, Alice Cole, Addie Corley, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Janice Goins, 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, 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, Phillip, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, 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, 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)

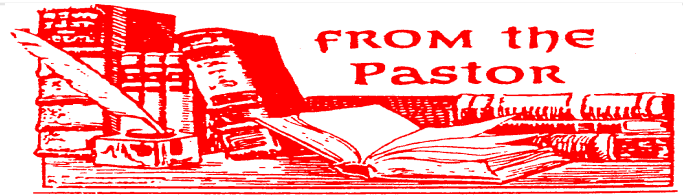
Other

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

Picnics

May 31, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, 11 am
June 6

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Feast of the Ascension. We should be happy that Jesus returned to the Father. This had to happen so He could send the Holy Spirit. Next week is the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon us in a new fresh way. So on this feast we prepare for the next feast. What are the gifts I am in most need of right now? I pray the Holy Spirit will be generous in bestowing His power upon us.

We pray for our high school Seniors as many graduations approach us.

During the last week of June (22nd to 26th) 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.

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

Have a great week.

Vacation Bible School will be July 6-10, in the morning (probably 9AM-Noon), for children in Pre-school to 4th grade. The theme will be: "Marvelous Mystery: the Mass Comes Alive." If anyone is interested in helping out with VBS, **please** contact Nicholas Hardesty, **as soon as possible** so that he can begin organizing the VBS program for this year. You can call him (683-8444, ext 26) or send him an email (nicholashardesty@gmail.com).

Annulments in the Owensboro Tribunal are currently taking a year or less. Contact Fr. John or the Owensboro Tribunal at 683-1545.

Calendar for the Week
Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM
Mon. Memorial Day Mass at 9:00 AM
No Bunko, 1:00 PM
Offices Closed

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. Pentecost Sunday
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

May 24 through May 31, 2009

- Sun: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Eph 1:17-23
Mk 16:15-20
- Mon: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5acd,6-7ab Jn 16:29-33
- Tues Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
- Wed: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36c
Jn 17:11b-19
- Thurs: Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11
Jn 17:20-26
- Fri: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab
Jn 21:15-19
- Sat: Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Ps 11:4-5,7 Jn 21:20-25
- Sun: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1ab,24ac,29bc-30,31,34
1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23

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 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

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 satel-ite can get the Mass on local Channel 25 at 6am.

**Donations may be made to Gideon Productions.,
515 East 22nd St.
Owensboro, Ky. 42303**



Mass at 9:00 AM

You are encouraged to come to Mass to honor all those who have given there lives for our freedom. We pray for all our departed on this day, and in a special way for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us and for our country.

Liturgical Ministers For Memorial Day Mass

Eucharist Ministers: Bill Hayden, Joy, Bill Bach, Marjorie Early, Lahoma Stinnett, Liz Francis, John, Raymunda Calhoun, Cliff Russell

Reader: Barry Hagan

Servers: Nicholas Russell, Daniel Castlen



God Bless our Service Men and Women!