



“Receive the Holy Spirit”

Intention for the Week

Monday, June 1, St. Justin

6:30 AM Will Thompson, Joseph Markin
(seminarians)

Tuesday, June 2, Sts. Marcellinus & Peter

6:00 PM Robert Freeman (dec)

Wednesday, June 3, St. Charles Lwanga

6:30 AM Evette Duke (dec)

Thursday, June 4

Noon John Hartz (dec)

First Friday, June 5, St. Boniface

9:00 AM Closing School Mass
Blessed Mother Parish Students
Noon Aline Calhoun (ann of death)

Saturday, May 6, St. Norbert

4:00 PM Connie Powers (dec)

Trinity Sunday

7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parishioners
10:00 AM Ioma Evans (dec)
5:30 PM Sally Owen (dec)

**“Come Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your faithful,
enkindle in us the fire of your love”**

Liturgical Ministers for June 6-7

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Lucy Harpe, Pat, Susan Hale, Maggie, Joe O'Bryan, Ethel, Fran Watrous, Susie, Jay Fillman

7 AM Dorothy Aud, Bill, Joy Bach, Darlene Kazlauskas, Don Cecil, Brenda Hagan

10 AM Carol Goedde, Raymunda, John Calhoun, Elaine Williams, Mark Church, Chris Ford

5:30 PM Janet Ruth, Rick Leesa Moman, Garrett Smith, Bev Payne, Connie Morgan

Readers

4 PM Barry Hagan

7 AM John Kazlauskas

10 AM Sr. Marie Joseph

5:30 PM Ashley Brocato

Servers

4 PM Gabe Fillman, Mahalia Smiley

7 AM Kaylin, Kendra Hagan

10 AM Chase Trogden, Allie Ford

5:30 PM Christopher Hayden, Jack Iracane

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Don Mattingly

7 AM Al Thompson

10 AM Tim Goetz

5:30 PM Kenny Buckman

Children's Liturgy

Laura Cecil, Brittany Murphy

Vocation Cross Family

Darian Boling, Marty Bumm, John Calhoun

Hillcrest: Debbie Ward, Donna Powers, Carol Goedde

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 is Pentecost?

Most people only know Pentecost as a Christian holiday, one that commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit fell on the apostles and disciples of Christ as they gathered in the Upper Room after the Ascension. While the apostles and disciples remained in Jerusalem out of obedience to Christ (cf. Acts 1:4-5), Scripture tells us that Jews from many different nations were also present in Jerusalem (cf. Acts 2:5, 9-11). **They** were present for a different reason: The Jewish Feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost is originally a Jewish holiday. Along with Passover and Tabernacles, it is one of the three Great Feasts of the Jewish calendar. The word "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word which means "fiftieth." The feast takes this name because it occurs **fifty days** after the second day of the Passover.

To the Jewish people, Pentecost has historical and agricultural significance. Historically, Pentecost commemorates the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Since God accommodated his Law to an agricultural people, it enjoins upon the Jews various grain offerings. So, agriculturally, Pentecost also commemorates the time when the first fruits of the wheat harvest were harvested and brought to the temple in the form of two cakes of leavened bread (cf. Lev 23:17).

As Christians, we may ask ourselves what significance there is to the fact that Jesus decided to pour out His Holy Spirit upon the Church on this Jewish Feast. I think there are many instances in which the Christian celebration of Pentecost proves to be a sort of fulfillment of the Jewish Feast.

The Jewish Feast celebrates the beginning of the wheat harvest by offering the first of the harvested wheat to the Lord. In the Christian Feast, we celebrate the beginning of the Christian Church, when Jesus harvested 3000 souls who were cut to the heart by Peter's teaching and were baptized. Jesus Christ Himself is the first fruit ("of those who have fallen asleep," cf. 1 Cor 15:20), and we too are a kind of first fruits by the grace He has given us (cf. Jas 1:18). Finally, the Spirit that the Church received on that day guides us into all truth and knowledge of God's Will in a way that far surpasses what was given in the Torah.

So, in many ways, the Jewish feast of Pentecost was the perfect day to set in motion the Church that God had in mind from the very beginning.

Peace of Christ to you,

Nicholas Hardesty
Director of Religious Education
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Prayer For The Gifts of The Holy Spirit

Holy spirit, Sanctifier blest, deign to grant us: *the gift of fear* which make us shun all sins; *the gift of piety* which makes us respect and love the Three Divine Persons, our parents and children, as is proper for true children of God; *the gift of knowledge* which makes us judge eternal and temporal things as God judges them; *the gift of fortitude* which makes us bear all hardships for the love and greater glory of God; *the gift of counsel* which makes us be guided, and guide others, in the Way of Truth, of Christlike Life; *the gift of understanding* which makes us penetrate deeply into what you, Holy Spirit, have deigned to reveal; *the gift of wisdom* which makes us relish all that is right and is in line with Eternal Wisdom. This we ask you to grant us, Gift of God Most High, who live in perfect unity of Love with the Father and the Son.

Forming Good Stewards

Pentecost Sunday

"Receive the Holy Spirit" John 20:19-23

Seven weeks ago we celebrated the Joy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. We recalled the tremendous love of God to create us, to give us all that we have, the intelligence to discern God's will for us and the free will to choose to do his will. We celebrated the sacrifice and passion of Jesus for us. We gathered with family and friends that we may not have seen since Christmas and some of us had a special meal at home or at a fine restaurant. We ate foods and consumed drinks we had given up for Lent. Since Easter we learned of the disciples efforts to understand what they had seen and heard. On Pentecost Sunday they accepted the "Peace of Christ" and "The Advocate, The Holy Spirit" and stepped out into the streets of Jerusalem to boldly proclaim their faith in Jesus as Messiah and Lord and then demonstrated their faith by imitating Jesus. Do we boldly proclaim Jesus as Messiah and Lord where we live and by the way we live?

| Sunday Collection | Budget | MTD | YTD |
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| \$19,185.50 | \$20,577. | \$19,673. | \$21,070. |

Bishops Retirement Picnic

June 20th

Gasper River

10:30-3:00PM

Please call the office if you plan to attend
683-8444 ext 21

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Joe Cecil on the death of his mother, Rose Cecil. May she rest in the love and the peace of the Lord!

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.

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 6, 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.

Vacation Bible School for Our Youth At Blessed Mother Church Week of July 6-10 Preschool (5 yr. old) thru 4th grade

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

**First Communion Pictures At Main
Entrance of Church, Please pick up**

Catholic Schools News

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

Congratulations, Ky Governor's Scholars

Kathryn Dueker, daughter of Karen Dueker
Kaley Robertson, daughter of Ron & Lanita Robertson
Melinda Thompson, daughter of Al & Molly Thompson

Laugh for the Week Bible School Stories

The Lord Is My Shepherd: A teacher asked her class to memorize Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task—but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the plate and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

Prayer Stories

Say A Prayer: Little Katie and her family were having Sunday dinner at her Grandma's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Katie received her plate, she started eating right away. "Katie, please wait until we say our prayers." Katie replied, "I don't need to." Her mother insisted, "Of course, you do. We always pray before eating at our house." Katie replied, "I know. That's at our house, but this is grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

Time to Pray: Fr. John asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night. "Yes, Father," the boy replied. "And do you always say them in the morning, too?" asked Fr. John. "No, Father, I ain't scared in the daytime."

Untimely Answered Prayer: During Father's sermon last Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Kyler's dad was horrified as he looked at him. After church, the boy's dad asked, "Whatever made you do such a thing in church?" Kyler answered soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle and He did!"



Remember in prayer those sick in our community:

Tommy Askins, Len Bach, Helen Bellwood, Bernadette Bickwermer, 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 Kru-sick, 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, Philip, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, , Paul Robertson, Larry Roby, Linda Rouse, Cecelia Schar-tung, 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, Mar-tha 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

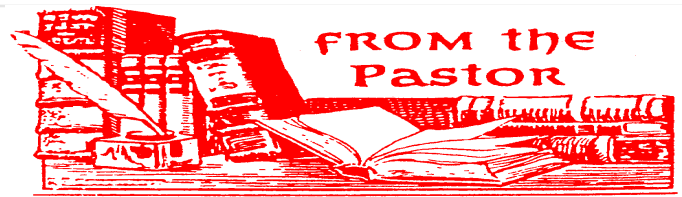
In Afghanistan

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 great Feast of Pentecost and the birthday of the Church. We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all of us that we may know the truth and follow it. For the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth as the Gospel from John says today. The Holy Spirit has faithfully kept the Church on track these many centuries and will continue to do so.

We are grateful to God for two new priests for our diocese – Fr. Josh McCarty and Fr. Daniel Dillard. May the Lord reward them with many years of faithful service to the Church.

INTRODUCING: our new youth minister – Christina Best. She is the daughter of Keith and Jeanie Best of our parish. She just graduated from Brescia with a degree in Lay Ministry and I believe will be a great asset to our parish family and the faith life of our young people. Welcome Christina!

We pray for our high school Seniors as many graduations are upon 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.

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. Feast of The Holy Trinity
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 31 through June 7, 2009

- Sun: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1ab,24ac,29bc-30,31,34
1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23
- Mon: Tb 1:3;2:1a-8 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 12:1-12
- Tues: Tb 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2,7-9 Mk 12:13-17
- Wed: Tb 3:1-11a,16-17 Ps 25:2-9 Mk 12:18-27
- Thurs: Tb 6:10-11;7:1bcde,9-17;8:4-9a Ps 128:1-5
Mk 12:28-34
- Fri: Tb 11:5-17 Ps 146:2,7-10 Mk 12:35-37
- Sat: Tb 12:1,5-15,20 (Ps) Tb 13:2,6-8 Mk 12:38-44
- Sun: Dt 4:32-34,39-40 Ps 33:4-6,9,18-20,22
Rom 14-17 Mt 28:16-20

Parish Council Members

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| 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 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

- May 31, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, 11 am
June 6, Precious Blood, 4 pm
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 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

Pentecost Sunday

Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission in the world. Pentecost Sunday reminds us that our lives are filled with the Holy Spirit and God has accomplished creative things in us through this gift. We have been entrusted with this great gift of the Holy Spirit. Now is a good time to ask: Are we being good stewards of this gift? What creative things have we done to glorify God's accomplishments in us?