



**“Take up your cross and follow me”**

**Intention for the Week**

**Monday, Sept. 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
6:30 AM Fr. Al Powers

**Tuesday, Sept. 15, Our Lady of Sorrows**  
6:00 PM Carl Hamilton (Thanksgiving)

**Wednesday, Sept. 16, Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian**  
6:30 AM Ruby Ling (ann of death)

**Thursday, Sept. 17, St. Robert Bellarmine**  
9:00 AM School Mass  
Noon Lillian Coomes (B'day)

**Friday, Sept. 18**  
Noon Mr. & Mrs. Felix Roby (dec)

**Saturday, Sept. 19, St. Januarius**  
4 PM Gerald Stuart. (dec)

**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
7:00 AM John Hartz (dec)  
10:00 AM Anna Marie Davis (dec)  
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

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[www.blessedmotherchurch.com](http://www.blessedmotherchurch.com)  
**All Q&A's Are Online!**

**Liturgical Ministers for September 19-20**  
**Eucharistic Ministers**

**4 PM** Joyce Pearl, Janet Ruth, Rose, Mike Clark, Sandra Henry, Susan, Pat Hale, Lahoma Stinnett, Jeff Williams

**7 AM** Darlene Kazlauskas, Bill, Joy Bach, Charlene, Harry Baumgarten, Brenda Hagan

**10 AM** Jeannette, Drew Ward, Becky Hargitt, Scott, Sabrina Johnson, Brenda, Jerry Millay, Elaine Williams, Sr. Marie Joseph

**5:30 PM** Dan, Sandra Thomas, Deanna Brasher, Sarah Blanford, Bobby, Phyllis Bastin

**Readers**

**4 PM** Kim Williams  
**7 AM** Charlie Castlen  
**10 AM** LaNell Lilly  
**5:30 PM** Renee Howard



**Servers**

**4 PM** Kyra Vanover, Gabe Fillman  
**7 AM** Kaylin, Kendra Hagan  
**10 AM** Stephen, Will Hyland  
**5:30 PM** Jacob, Joshua Linn

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

**4 PM** Joe Higdon  
**7 AM** Jack Murphy  
**10 AM** Bob Bahnick  
**5:30 PM** Ben Miller

**Children's Liturgy**

Preschool: Ellen Hayden, Emily Ward  
Kn-3 Grade: Linda Wahl, Hunter Boling

**Vocation Cross Family**

Betty Jo Johnson, Dan Johnson, Tommy Johnson

**Hillcrest:** Carol & Darryl Murphy

**Ministers of Hospitality for September**

**4** Keith, Daniel Best, Ken Terry, Merritt Hobbs

**7** PJ Ebelhar, Randy, Angie Lee, Clarence Elder

**10** Chase Carrioc, David Jarboe, Ken Keller, Ed Higdon

**5:30** Kenny, Aaron, Caleb, Logan Buckman

## Q&A

*What does Gen 3:15 mean when God says that he will place "enmity" between the serpent and the woman?*

In order to answer this question, we need to know what "enmity" is, as well as the identities of the "serpent" and the "woman." First, some background information.

So, Eve has been persuaded by the serpent to disobey God and eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil; Adam has done likewise. This is the "original sin" that we all inherit and that brought sin and suffering into the world. God responds by declaring certain punishments. Here are God's words to the serpent, once Eve tells Him that she was tricked by the serpent:

**Gen 3:14-15** *The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all cattle, and above all wild animals; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

Let's dissect what is going on here. First, the word "enmity": it refers to deep-seated, mutual hatred or animosity, as might be felt for an enemy. The serpent, of course, is the devil. He is "a murderer from the beginning . . . a liar and the father of lies" (Jn 8:44). He is "that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world" (Rev 12:9).

The identity of the woman is a little trickier. Since Scripture can have several layers of meaning, the woman can take on different identities. Some say the woman is Eve. Others say she is the nation of Israel, or more generally, the people of God. Catholic scholars often say that the woman is Mary. Each interpretation is correct in its own way. I would like to address the Marian interpretation.

Scholars say that this woman is Mary for many reasons. Jesus referred to His mother as "woman" at the wedding at Cana (cf. Jn 2:4) and as He hung on the Cross (cf. Jn 19:26). Also, it is her seed, Jesus, who ultimately defeats the devil. He bruised the devil's head (which, to a serpent, is a lethal blow) when He conquered sin and death with His own death and resurrection.

If the woman is indeed Mary, then the enmity between her and the devil is seen in her own protection from original sin. It is in that way that Mary and the devil are utterly opposed. The devil breeds nothing but sin and destruction. But, since God protected Mary from inheriting original sin and thus committing any sin in her life, the devil was not able to wound her with his poison, as he does the rest of mankind. We see in Rev. 12 that, no matter how hard he tries, the devil cannot overtake the woman. This is a frustration that he will take to his grave.

Peace of Christ to you,  
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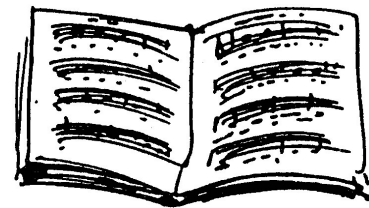
## Forming Good Stewards

The debate about faith versus works as the source of salvation has occupied Christians for centuries, despite the fact that St. James answered the question in the First Century: "Demonstrate your faith to me without works and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." (James 2:18). We can do good works without faith. We can even do good works without trying or knowing that we have done them. But if we have true faith in Jesus Christ, and respond to god's love for us, we are obligated to do good works. Our faith is revealed by the good works that we do. And the lack of good works in our life is a symptom of a lack of faith and a lack of understanding of the love that god has for us. If we lived alone on a deserted island it may be possible to have faith and not do good works for others. But our struggle to stay alive would be a good work. James has it right. We do demonstrate our faith through our good works.

	Sept. 6 Collection		
Actual	Budgeted	MTD	YTD
\$19,194.	\$21,058.	\$19,194.	\$20,136.

### Attention All Parish Children Grades K-6 It's time to sing!

Beginning Monday, Sept. 14th, we will have rehearsals for our children's choirs. The Choristers (grades 3-6) will meet from 4:30-5:10, and the Cherubs (grades K-2) will meet from 5:15-5:30. We will meet in the Children's Liturgy room so as not to disturb the Rosary Group. Call Brett 683-8444 ext. 27 if you have any questions.



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The process through which adults enter into full communion with the Catholic Church has already begun. We meet every **Thursday, from 7PM - 8:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Room in the Family Life Center.** Do you know someone who has a lot of questions about Catholicism or who would be interested in becoming Catholic? The first stage is for inquirers and there is no obligation to join the Church. If you know someone who would be interested, please have them contact Nicholas Hardesty by phone or email.

## **Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)**

**Coming Soon...**

**1. NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING AT CHURCH THIS WEEK!! Come help out at the Mount Picnic if you can. If you are around for clean-up, when finished, we will all walk over to St. Alphonsus for drinks, snacks, and hang-out with other youth groups. Parents can pick up at St. Alphonsus around 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!**

**Parents, if you have not been able to fill out forms, please contact me at the office or catch me Sunday night!**

**Questions, concerns, comments:** come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina Best: [bmcyouth@bellsouth.net](mailto:bmcyouth@bellsouth.net) or 683-8444 Ext. 28

### **Handicapped Parking**

Our parking lot, now paved and looking spiffy, still reserves parking spots for those in need. It has come to our attention that several people are taking the spots reserved for those needing the spots, especially the one by the flag pole. We understand that the parking is not the best but we ask you to please observe the handicapped parking spaces.

### **Eucharistic Minister Training**

**Sept. 30, 6:30 PM, Church**

**For All Present Ministers Serving At Mass, Taking Communion to the Sick, and also Hillcrest Ministers. Also for anyone interested in training to serve the Church in any of these ministries.**

### **Catholic Schools News**

OCHS will have Parent-Teacher conferences on Tues., Sept. 22 and Wed., Sept. 23 from 5:30-7:30pm. Parents should have received a scheduler form in the mail with book fees. If not, please call the school @ 684-3215.

### **Rosary Rally**

Join the Public Square Rosary Rally at Moreland Park Parrish Avenue side Oct. 10th @ Noon. We must stop the secularist advance and pray to God for help. He will hear us if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother.

## **Catholics Returning Home**

October 1—November 5

6:30-8 pm

Family Life Center

If you or someone you know wants to come back to the Catholic Faith, but don't know how to begin the journey, these sessions will walk you through. Call Josie Hagan 926-4183 or Liz Francis 9263148

### **Laugh for the Week**

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a couple of blocks and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on.... You don't even know the way to the Post Office."

### **Mount St. Joseph Picnic, Sept. 13**

- Booths open at 10:30 am.
- Barbeque chicken, mutton and pork served from 11:30 am to 2 pm.
- Burgoo and sandwiches also available.
- Grand prize \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500, a quilt, wall mirror, and a ham. Grand raffle tickets \$2.
- All kinds of booths, silent auction, yard sale, inflatables, games, fun!

### **Fall Frolic Reverse Raffle**

Friday, Oct. 9, Lourdes Parish Hall, 6:30 PM  
Tickets \$25, only 240 printed, Buffet Style Dinner (Pork loin, salads, rolls, beer and wine provided). Reverse Raffle—\$2000 grand prize, plus 7 other cash drawings, Live Auction, 42" Plasma TV, 26" HDTV, Wireless Printer, Toshiba Laptop, Netbook, MP3 Players, Ping Pong and Foosball Tables, many more. Silent auction items—gift certificates, go kart passes, gift baskets, etc. Tickets available in Danny's office at Lourdes. Call 684-5369.

### **Training Session from Big Rivers Red Cross**

Training sessions will begin on Monday, Sept. 28. You must pre-register if you are interested in any of the classes. Call the Big Rivers office at 683-2438. Check out [www.redcorss.org/flash/course01\\_vol](http://www.redcorss.org/flash/course01_vol)

**Remember in prayer those sick in our community:**

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, Dennis Clark, Dorothy Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Linda Clark, Alice Cole, Jake Conder, Addie Corley, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Andrew Dotsey, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Lauren Girten, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Janice Goins, Robert Hagan, Robert Hagan, Mary Hardesty, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye 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, Anna Kemper, Debbie Koenig, John Kru-sick, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Charlie Mayfield, 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, Melida Payne, Paul Payne, Phillip, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Susan Rice, Haley Riney, Paul Robertson, Larry Roby, Linda Rouse, Cecelia Schartung, Janet Schartung, Jessica Seymour, Herman, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, 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, Alli Williams, 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  
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

**In Afghanistan**

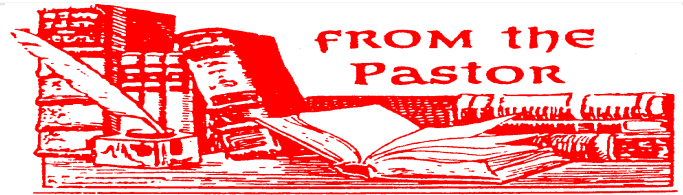
Sidney Hoffman, National Guards (great niece of Camilla Baker)

**Other**

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

**Pre-Cana One Day Marriage Prep Program**

Catholic Pastoral Center, Sat., Sept. 19, 8:30am-4pm. Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 11. Registration Fee: \$100 and includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials. To register call 683-1545.



I hope you had a good week. Today is the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus challenges us to follow Him by taking up our crosses just as He did. We pray for the grace of self denial that we may serve.

This is Disciples Response Fund weekend. There is information in the pews and you should have received a mailing in this regard. I know you will be as generous as possible.

Thanks to everyone who helped represent us at the Mount picnic. I am sure the Ursulines are very grateful as well.

On Wednesday evening September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, we want to have a workshop in church for all Eucharistic Ministers – including those who serve at Mass, minister to Hillcrest, or visit the home-bound.

On Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will begin a six week session of Catholics Returning Home. No matter how long you have been away from the Church and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship. Meetings are at 6:30pm in parish center.

The weekend of October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, the Welcoming Committee will host a brunch for newcomers after the 10am Mass. Everyone is invited.

Religious Ed is in session today. Youth group meets Sunday night at the regular time.

RCIA is in full swing. If you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith have them call Nick at the office or you call and give us their name and we will contact them.

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

Have a great week.

**Daily Bible Reading 683-8524**

**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** Background checks must also be done before you are eligible to work with the youth of our parish.

**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**

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**Picnics**

- Sept. 13, Mount St. Joseph, 11:30am
- Sept. 19, St. Stephen, 11am
- Sept. 20, St. Lawrence, 11:30 am
- Sept. 26, Immaculate, 3pm
- Sept. 27, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, 11am
- Oct. 24, Carmel Home

**Pro-Life Corner**

From the Catechism C2270 Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person — among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you” (Jer 1:5) “My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth” (Ps 139:15).

**Rest In Peace**

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to: Kenny Williams on the death of his sister, Lois Williams, May she rest in the love and the peace of the Lord!

**Pumpkins & Mums**

Glenmary Guild will be selling pumpkins and mums at the Sunday morning Masses on Oct. 10-11. All proceeds go to the Glenmary Sisters’ Missions. We appreciate your support!

**Calendar for the Week**

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**  
**Mon. Mass 6:30 AM**  
**Bunko, 1:00 PM**  
**Tues. Mass at 6:00 PM**  
**Wed. Mass at 6:30 AM**  
**Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM**  
**Thurs. School Mass 9:00 AM**  
**Noon Mass**  
**Fri. Noon Mass**  
**Sat. Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM**  
**4 PM Mass**  
**Sun. 25th Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM**  
**Religious Ed Classes 11 AM**  
**Coffee and Donuts, 11 AM**  
**Youth Group, 6:30-8:30PM**  
**AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria**

**Readings for the Week**

September 13 through September 20, 2009

- Sun: Is 50:5-9a Ps 116:1-6,8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35
- Mon: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1-2,34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
- Tues: 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1-3,5-6 Jn 19:25-27
- Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35
- Thurs: 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Lk 7:36-50
- Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10,17-20 Lk 8:1-3
- Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 8:4-15
- Sun Wis 2:12,17-20 Ps 54:3-4,5,6-8 Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37

**Parish Council Members**

- Charlie Castlen 683-3426
- Charlotte Cecil 683-0499
- Tim Goetz 684-8275
- David Graham 683-4665
- Troy Haleman 691-0633
- David Jarboe 683-5108
- Rick Moman 683-6555
- Darryl Murphy 683-8437
- Phil Riney 926-8945
- Darlene Kazlauskas 684-3891
- Tony Powers 926-1803
- Nancy Byrum 729-4362