

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all”

Intention for the Week

Monday, Sept. 21, St. Matthew
 6:30 AM Simon-Haddad-Meredith Families

Tuesday, Sept. 22
 6:00 PM Joseph Christian (dec)

Wednesday, Sept. 23, St. Pio of Pietrelcina
 6:30 AM Ruby Ling (dec b'day)

Thursday, Sept. 24
 9:00 AM School Mass
 Noon Bob Cecil (dec)

Friday, Sept. 25
 Noon Jim Clark (dec)

Saturday, Sept. 26 Sts. Cosmas & Damian
 4 PM Hazel Strobel (dec)

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 7:00 AM Rick Peveler (dec)
 10:00 AM Katie Glasscock (dec)
 5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

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Liturgical Ministers for September 26-27
Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Bonnie Snyder, Liz Francis, Jennifer, David Jones, Lucy Harpe, Jack Wilson, Cecelia Hamilton, Fran, Ethel Watrous

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

10 AM Darryl, Carol Murphy, Pauline Wigginton, John, Sharon Bell, Eric Vaughan, Carol Goedde, Mike Head, Debbie Ward

5:30 PM Lisa Carmon, Sam Lilly, Olivia Hardesty, Martha Estes, David McBride, Connie Morgan

Readers

4 PM Carol Goetz
7 AM David Payne
10 AM Doug Dunn
5:30 PM Kathi Latta



Servers

4 PM Kyra Vanover, Nicholas Jackson
7 AM Alex Johnson, Jack Iracane
10 AM Natalie Newton, Jacob Johnson, & **Hayden Riney**
5:30 PM Emily Marshall, John Marshall

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Donnie Blanford
7 AM Al Thompson
10 AM Nick Clark
5:30 PM Kenny Buckman

Children's Liturgy

Preschool: Pauline Wigginton, Rachel Aull
 Kn-3 Grade: Diane Fulkerson, Nadine Goedde

Vocation Cross Family

John Judd, Charlie Kase, Shirley Kent

Hillcrest: Denny Mann, Charles Zambrano, James Gerald

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

I always hear people speak of Mary's "fiat" and her "magnificat." What are these things?

Mary's *fiat* is found in Lk 1:38. It is her "yes" to God, which she declared once the Angel explained to her that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit. Her specific words were, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord: **be it done** to me according to thy word." In Latin, it is: "Ecce ancilla Domini; **fiat** mihi secundum verbum tuum." The Latin word for "be it done" (or "let it be done") is *fiat*, so that is the name used by scholars to refer to Mary's response to the angel.

Mary's *fiat* is special because it is through this act of humble submission to the will of God that the Son of God makes his entrance into human history, taking on a human nature and becoming one like us in all things but sin. It is an example to us of obedience and a lively faith in the Lord. Just imagine if all people responded to the will of the Lord by saying, "Let it be done!"

The *magnificat*, also called the "canticle of Mary," is the song of praise proclaimed by Mary after Elizabeth rejoiced at Mary coming to visit her. It is from Lk 1:46-55:

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever."

The first few words in Latin are, "**Magnificat** anima mea Dominum . . ." so that is why these words of Mary are referred to as the *magnificat*. This canticle is noteworthy because it is a beautiful example of praise and thanksgiving to God for all that He has done for His people and for those in need. We tend to only pray to God in our down times. We should all learn a lesson from Mary here and redouble our efforts to pray to the Lord in **good times** as well as in bad.

Most people don't know what the *fiat* or the *magnificat* is because they aren't familiar with Latin. But, Latin is a revered language that the Church has been using in her worship and her authoritative documents for many centuries. It is good to know at least a few Latin words, at least for the simple purpose of preserving our Catholic traditions and ways of speaking.

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
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Welcome Committee Fall Brunch, October 4

All are invited to come meet and greet our new parishioners. Brunch will be served after the 10 AM Mass. All new parishioners will be our guests of honor! Great food, and great company!

Forming Good Stewards

"If anyone wishes to be the first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" Mk 9:35

How people respond to the question, "Who wants to be first?" often depends on whether the activity involved is pleasant or unpleasant; a treat or a task; to give or to receive something good or valuable. A teacher with a bag of candy in front of a class of young students who ask "Who wants to be First?" will likely see a sea of wildly waving hands and shouts of "Pick me!" and "Me first!" A teacher who has given an assignment to memorize a chapter of a Shakespearian play who ask the same question is likely not to see any hands at all and eyes looking down at the desk. When we are challenged to be the servant of all and to respond to God's generosity to us by sharing our time, talents, gifts and resources, do we shout "Pick me!" and rush to be first? Or do we turn away or turn on the television; go out to our favorite watering hole and hang with our friends; go fishing or play golf; or spend hours texting our BFF's? Jesus is watching how we react and he can get our phone bills.

	Sept. 13 Collection		
Actual	Budgeted	MTD	YTD
\$18,645.	\$21,058.	\$18,920.	\$20,000.

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The process through which adults enter into full communion with the Catholic Church is starting soon. Our 1st session was **Thurs., Sept. 3, 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...

A BIG THANKS to all of the youth and parents that volunteered their time this past weekend at the Walk for Life, Youth Serve, and the Mount Picnic! Blessed Mother made a big showing at all three events...**you guys rock!**

This weekend from 6:30-8:30...**“Why should I love my enemies?”**

Coming Soon...**Youth group is selling discount cards... \$10.00 each...**lots of great deals!

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 or 683-8444 Ext. 28

Cooking Teams up to bat: THANK YOU!!

Sunday, Sept. 20~~Team 1: Diane Hoffman, Michele Linn, Katie Ballard, Sharon McPherson

Sunday, Sept. 27~~Team 2: Keith and Jeannie Best, Kenny and Tricia Buckman

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. It is illegal for anyone, including those with handicapped stickers to park in the striped areas.

Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to: Amelia Hinton on the death of her mother;

Alexandra and Mahalia on the death of their grandmother.

Libby & Kirk Griggs on the death of their nephew, Billy

Mary Abell Watkins on the death of her husband, Ken

May they rest in the love and the peace of the Lord!

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

Thank You!

- To Camilla Baker for washing the Altar Server robes!
- To Steve Block for donating a digital keyboard to the music ministry.
- To ALL the kind parishioners who gave of their time to work at the Mount Picnic, Awesome Job!

Laugh for the Week

A woman in a grocery store happens upon a grandfather and his poorly behaved 3 year old grandson. It's obvious to her that Gramps has his hands full with the child screaming for candy and cookies and anything else he sees. Meanwhile, Gramps is working his way around, saying in a controlled voice, "Easy, Albert, we won't be long—easy boy. Another outburst and she hears Gramps say, "It's ok Albert, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy" At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart, and Gramps again in a controlled voice says, "Albert, relax buddy, don't get upset...we'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, Albert. Very impressed, the woman goes outside where Gramps is loading his groceries and the boy in the car. "You know, sir, it's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time, you kept your composure, no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be ok. Albert is very lucky to have you as a grandpa." "Thanks, lady," said Gramps. "I'm Albert—the little terrors names is Steve."

Catholic Schools News

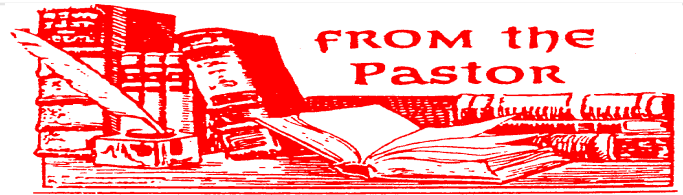
OCHS will have Parent-Teacher conferences on Tues., Sept. 22 and Wed., Sept. 23 from 5:30-7:30pm. Parents should have received a scheduler form in the mail with book fees. If not, please call the school @ 684-3215.

OCHS Grandparents Mass Thurs., Sept. 24, 10:30 am in the OCHS large gym. Luncheon follows. Please RSVP to OCS Office 686-8896.

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.

Priesthood Sunday Celebration
Sunday, Oct. 11
Brunch served 11 AM
Come, let us celebrate the Gifts of Fr. John!



Remember in prayer those sick in our community:
Lillian Ambs, 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, Angela Farmer, 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, Betty Jo Johnson, 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, 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, Dorothy Schell, 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, Randy Zaremba

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

55 or older? Low income wanting to work? The Senior Community Service Employment Program may have training and employment opportunities for you. For info call 686-1666, Audubon Area Community Services, Inc.

I hope you had a good week. Today is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus calls us to be servants. Whoever wishes to be first must be the last of all. We have to be simple like children to enter the kingdom of God.

Thanks to everyone who helped represent us at the Mount picnic – people working the dinner stand – the youth that helped clean up – and anyone else. I am sure the Ursulines are very grateful as well.

On Wednesday evening September 30th 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 homebound.

On Thursday, October 1st, 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 3rd and 4th, the Welcoming Committee will host a brunch for newcomers after the 10am Mass. Everyone is invited.

The weekend of October 10, 11 we will celebrate Priesthood Sunday (two weeks early). On the regular weekend for this, the last weekend of October, I will be away attending the wedding of our DRE, Nick. Nick is getting married to Amy on the 24th of October in Portland, Maine. There will be a brunch after the 10am Mass on Sunday the 11th. Pope Benedict XVI has declared this year the Year of the Priest. SO we want to thank the Lord especially this year for the gift of priesthood to the Church.

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**

Picnics

Sept. 19, St. Stephen, 11am
 Sept. 20, St. Lawrence, 11:30 am
 Sept. 20, St. Meinrad, 10 am, Chicken Dinner
 Sept. 26, Immaculate, 3pm
 Sept. 27, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, 11am
 Oct. 24, Carmel Home

Pro-Life Corner

"But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly, "Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand." We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget—"I will not forget you". And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us." Mother Teresa Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979

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!

Fall Frolic Reverse Raffle

Friday, Oct. 9, Lourdes Parish Hall, 6:30 PM
 Tickets \$25, only 240 printed, Tickets available in Danny's office at Lourdes. Call 684-5369.

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

Thurs. School Mass 9:00 AM
 Noon Mass

Fri. Noon Mass

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

Sun. 26th 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 20 through September 27, 2009

Sun: Wis 2:12,17-20 Ps 54:3-4,5,6-8 Jas 3:16-4:3
 Mk 9:30-37

Mon: Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

Tues: Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21

Wed: Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2-4,6-8 Lk 9:1-6

Thurs: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1-6,9 Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-13
 Lk 9:43b-45

Sun: Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8,10,12-14 Jas 5:1-6 Mk
 9:38-43,45,47-48

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
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