

**“He makes the deaf hear  
and the mute speak”**

**Intention for the Week**

**Monday, Sept. 7, Labor Day**

9:00 AM Mae Hamilton (dec)

**Tuesday, Sept. 8, Nativity of Mary**

6:00 PM Bill Young (SI)

**Wednesday, Sept. 9, St. Peter Claver**

6:30 AM Bob Cecil (dec)

**Thursday, Sept. 10**

9:00 AM Margie Sloan (dec)

Noon Paul Roberts (dec)

**Friday, Sept. 11**

Noon In Memory of those who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001

**Saturday, Sept. 12**

4 PM Regina Ramsey. (dec)

**24th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM Judy Garvin (ann of death)

10:00 AM Rose Cecil (dec)

5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

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**Liturgical Ministers for September 12-13**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**4 PM** Liz Francis, Bonnie Snyder, Marian Bennett, Maggie, Joe O'Bryan, Mary Ava Jackson, Lannie Pearl, Marjorie Early, Shirley Kent

**7 AM** Dorothy Aud, Don Cecil, Randy, Angie Lee, Brenda Hagan, Darlene Kazlauskas

**10 AM** Ed Higdon, Russ Hayden, Debbie Ward, Brenda Millay, Denny Mann Debbie, Kerry Riney, John, Raymunda Calhoun

**5:30 PM** Janice Bumm, Rachel Thomas, Bev Payne, Rick, Leesa Moman

**Readers**

**4 PM** Cindy McCain

**7 AM** Barry Hagan

**10 AM** Diane Fulkerson

**5:30 PM** Jack Hamilton

**Servers**

**4 PM** Billy Cason, Matthew Johnson

**7 AM** Jack Ebelhar, Kaylin Hagan

**10 AM** Daniel, Drew Fulkerson

**5:30 PM** Christopher, John Hayden

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

**4 PM** Mike Hays

**7 AM** Diddy Hagman

**10 AM** David Graham

**5:30 PM** John Judd

**Children's Liturgy**

Preschool: Katie Oborski, Alexandria Lynn

Kn-3 Grade: Leesa Moman, Rachel O'Nan

**Vocation Cross Family**

Tim Honadle, Mary Ava Jackson, David Jarboe

**Hillcrest:** Susan Hale, Marian Bennett

**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

**No Religious Ed Classes or  
Coffee & Donuts this Sunday**

**God Bless America!**

## Catholic Q&A

*What is a prophet?*

In the Old Testament, a prophet was someone who brought the word of God to the people by the power of the Holy Spirit. "He has spoken through the prophets," as we say in the Nicene Creed.

Sixteen books in the Old Testament (the "prophetic books") are by or about these prophets. The four "major prophets" are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. The 12 "minor prophets" are Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Of course, Moses, the greatest Old Testament prophet, is traditionally regarded as the author of the first five books of the Bible. There are also many noteworthy prophets who did not contribute to the canon of the Bible, such as Samuel, Nathan, and Elisha. There were female prophets too: Miriam, Deborah, Huldah, Anna, and Philip's four daughters.

Sometimes, in speaking for God, a prophet would foretell the future, and the legitimacy of his prophetic office was confirmed when his prophecies came true. Often his role was to convict the Israelites of their sin and to implore them to return to the Lord and remember the covenants He established with them. A prophet would also interpret current events in light of God's plan for his people and warn them of His impending judgment (which usually came by way of the Israelites being conquered by their enemies). After the exile, when all the nations of Israel were scattered, the prophetic message was one of accepting the justice of God's punishments and preparing for the coming Messiah.

A genuine Old Testament prophet was always directly called by God Himself, and he received the message he was to deliver by way of visions, dreams, and audible encounters. The prophets always spoke the "hard truths" that no one wanted to hear, and as a result they were often persecuted by their own people. The last and greatest of the prophets was John the Baptist, who was the immediate precursor of the Messiah and paved the way for Him with his message of repentance.

Jesus, of course, is **the** Priest, Prophet, and King *par excellence*, and in Baptism we are empowered to participate in that three-fold ministry of Christ. We are prophets today whenever we speak the truth with boldness, convict people of their sin, bring people to Christ, or share the teachings of His Church with others. Such actions often require sacrifice, just as they did in Old Testament times, but it is a calling that we all have been given and that we must undertake.

Peace of Christ to you,

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## Stewardship....Live It!

Jesus observed the needs and hurts of the people of his day and he responded with help and healing. He cured people of their afflictions and obsessions. He did not seek notoriety or accolades. In fact, he tried to prevent and avoid publicity for his generous acts. A simple "thank you" is all he expected, but often he did not receive any sign of gratitude. God has graciously and freely given each of us a vast array of gifts. When we share God's gifts to us with others, do we expect acknowledgement and praise? Do we want our left hand (and everybody else's hands) to know what our right hand has done? Do we expect and desire applause and rewards? The truly generous person gives and does not seek recognition or reward, except the knowledge that they have done the right thing. The true measure of our generosity is the good that we do for others that no one knows about—except God.

	Aug. 30th Collection		
Actual	Budgeted	MTD	YTD
\$17,625.	\$21,058.	\$19,632.	\$20,240.

### Mass on Labor Day is at 10 AM

**Liturgical Ministers:** EM Marjorie Early, Dorothy Aud, Bill, Joy Bach, Bill Hayden, Mary Howard, Cliff Russell, Fran, Ethel Watrous **Reader** Martha Estes  
**Servers** Nicholas Russell, Logan Buckman



#### Labor Day

God, Our Father, by the labor of man and woman you govern and guide to perfection the work of creation. Hear the prayers of your people and give all men and women work that enhances their human dignity and draws them closer to each other in the service of their brothers and sisters. Bless all those who work to support families, especially bless all those who have lost their jobs and help them find work

### 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 is **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...**

**September 12-13<sup>th</sup>: Youth Serve-Service Oriented Retreat for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders...Cost is \$15. Begins at 9:30 am on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> @ Lourdes lasting until 8:00 pm that night. Then from 8 am to 7 or 8 pm serving at the Mount picnic. If interested, please contact me ASAP!**

**Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>: There will be NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING. Help out at the Mount picnic if you can... after clean up at the picnic, there will be snacks and talks with the other youth groups at St. Alphonsus until 7 or 8 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: [bmcy-outh@bellsouth.net](mailto:bmcy-outh@bellsouth.net) or 683-8444 Ext. 28

**THANK YOU: To everyone who signed up to prepare meals for the youth group! The response was great, and we really appreciate all of your help! It's not too late if you missed the sign-ups, but would like to help. Contact me!**

### **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.**

## **Right to Life of Owensboro Annual Walk for Life**

The 29th annual Walk for Life fundraiser is scheduled for Sat., **Sept. 12** beginning at Lourdes. Muffins, juice and registration begin at 9am and the 3 mile walk down Frederica begins at 10am. People of all ages are welcome! Tshirts will be awarded to those who have collected \$50 or more, plus other prizes youngest & oldest, most money collected. The group that raises the most will be awarded a trophy to keep for a year, among other prizes. New this year is a Tshirt contest for grades K-12. All youth get your thinking caps on! Show your creativity and stand up for the unborn by designing a pro-life tshirt. The winner of the design will be our tshirt for next year's walk. For collection forms, waivers, or more info contact 685-4922, or 689-9101.

### **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**

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharge. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said, "she's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

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Just before a man was deployed to Iraq, he sat down his 8 year old son and broke the news to him. "I'm going to Iraq." "Why" he asked, Don't you know there's a war going on over there?"

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

Raffle tickets will be sold at Blessed Mother next weekend after all the Masses. Thousands attend the annual picnic, hope you can be one of them. 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!

**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, 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, 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 Sim-mons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, Teresa Taucher, Larry Tay-lor, 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

**Welcome Home Matt Hoffman!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**In Afghanistan**

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

**Other**

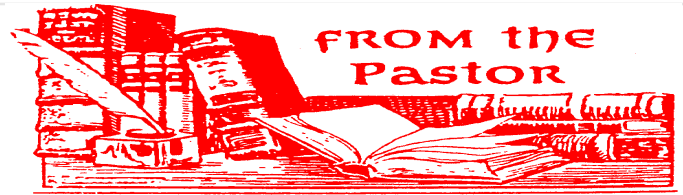
AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May  
CSSR Justin Mills, Japan, grandson of Dessie Clark

**When Does the Hurting Stop?**

There will be a bereavement support group for anyone who has experienced a death at any time of his/her life. This group will meet the 2nd & 4th Wed. of each month beginning Sept.9 from 3:30pm-5 pm and is open to the public at no charge. This will be held in the lounge at the Catholic Pastoral Center, Locust Street. For more info call Betty Medley at 683-1545 ext. 357.

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

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



I hope you had a good week. Today is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are “traveling” in the Letter of James for a few weeks and this week James challenges us to show no partiality between rich and poor. It may have been a problem in the church com-munity to which he is writing (perhaps he is writing to a lot of churches at one time also). We believe all are equal in the sight of the Lord.

Mass on Monday – Labor Day – is at 9:00am.

Finance meeting Tuesday after Mass at 6:30. Stewardship Committee meets Wednesday evening at 6:30 as well.

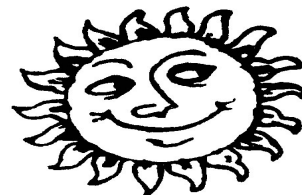
**NEW ITEM:** On Wednesday evening Sep-tember 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, we want to have a work-shop in church for all Eucharistic Ministers – including those who serve at Mass, minister to Hillcrest, or visit the homebound.

Religious Ed is NOT in session today. Youth group meets Sunday night at the regular time.

RCIA started this past week. If you know any-one 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 satel- lite 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. 26, Immaculate, 3pm
- Sept. 27, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, 11am
- Oct. 24, Carmel Home

**Pro-Life Corner**

Let us pray for all health care providers that their work in service to the blind, the lame, and all the sick may be animated by a spirit of charity in truth so as to bring God’s healing to both body and soul and promote a culture of life.

**Rest In Peace**

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the Bill Hayden family on the death of their great-grandson. Also we remember in prayer, Fr. Joe O’Donnell, a Glenmary Priest who died last week. May they rest in the love and the peace of the Lord!

**OCHS Baseball Alumni Weekend Sept. 11-13**

All alumni are invited to the Alumni Weekend Activities. To RSVP to the events, please contact Allen Cox or Mitchell Sims at OCHS 684-3215.

**Calendar for the Week**

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**  
**Mon. Labor Day, Mass 9 AM**  
**NO Bunko, 1:00 PM**  
**Offices Closed**

**Tues. Mass at 6:00 PM**  
**Finance Meeting, 6:30 PM**

**Wed. Mass at 6:30 AM**  
**Stewardship 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. 24th 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 6 through September 13, 2009
- Sun: Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37
- Mon: Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7,9 Lk 6:6-11
- Tues: Mic 5:1-4a Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16,18-23
- Wed: Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3,10-13 Lk 6:20-26
- Thurs: Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1-6 Lk 6:27-38
- Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14 Ps 6:1-2,5,7-8,11 Lk 6:39-42
- Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1-7 Lk 6:43-49
- Sun: Is 50:5-9a Ps 116:1-6,8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

**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
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