

**“Follow Me”**

**Intention for the Week**

- Monday, June 28**  
6:30 AM **Mary M. Head (dec)**
- Tuesday, June 29**  
6:00 PM **Edward Lemmons**
- Wednesday, June 30**  
6:30 AM **Msr. Bernard Powers**
- Thursday, July 1**  
Noon **Mary Hardesty (dec)**
- Friday, July 2**  
Noon **Wilbur Jones (dec)**
- Saturday July 3**  
4:00 PM **Byron Henry (dec)**
- Sunday, July 4**  
7:00 AM **Carolyn Snyder (dec)**  
10:00 AM **Charlie Wedding (dec)**  
5:30 PM **Blessed Mother Parish**

**“Live by the Spirit”**

**Liturgical Ministers for July 3rd & 4th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**4 PM** Liz Francis, Sandra Henry, David & Jennifer Jones, Jeff Williams, Shirley Kent, Fran & Ethel Watrous, Jeannie Best

**7 AM** Darlene Kazlauskas, Randy & Angie Lee, Mike Thompson, Carolyn Taylor, Don Cecil

**10 AM** Richard & Lori Whitehouse, Becky Hargitt, Pauline Wigginton, Denny Mann, Olivia Osborne, Elaine Williams, Darryl & Carol Murphy

**5:30 PM** Janice Bumm, Lisa Carmon, Sam Lilly, Bobby & Phyllis Bastin, Martha Estes

**Readers**

**4 PM** Rose Clark  
**7 AM** **John Kazlauskas**  
 10 AM Mary Howard  
**5:30 PM** Laura Young

**Servers**

**4 PM** Kyra Vanover, Billy Cason  
**7 AM** Daniel Castlen, Sam Thompson  
**10 AM** Kyle & Megan Alvey  
**5:30 PM** Mason Miller, Logan Buckman

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

**4 PM** Lucy Harpe  
**7 AM** Steve Gillim  
**10 AM** Tim Goetz  
**5:30 PM** Sean Higgins

**Children’s Liturgy**

**Preschool** Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young(Asst)  
**K-3rd Grade** Barbara Cecil, Ben Howard (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

David Graham, Janice Greene, Steve Hagan

**Hillcrest:** Rose Clark, Joan Frey

**Ministers of Hospitality for June**

**4** William Wathen, Thomas Wedding, David Jones, Jackie Russell  
**7** Paul Garner, Machael Wade, Vince Frey, Glenn Woodward  
**10** John Mattingly, Brandon Mattingly, James Mayfield, Luke Williams

**5:30** Michael Bastin, Henley McCormack, Luke Robertson, Alex Vaughn

**Why is the Blessed Virgin Mary sometimes seen standing on a snake?**

Mary is often depicted in this way because her entire life has been one of victory over the devil. In the very beginning of the Bible, in Gen 3:15, God says to the serpent:

*"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."*

A bruise to the head of a serpent is fatal. So, God is saying that the seed, or offspring, of a woman will destroy the devil. In light of the New Testament, we know that this "he" who will bruise the head of the serpent is Jesus Christ. As the Letter to the Hebrews tells us:

*"Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb 2:14).*

What is interesting is that the Douay-Rheims translation (an older Catholic translation of the Bible from 1609 AD) says that "she" will bruise the head of the serpent, not "he". This means that it is **the woman** that will destroy the devil, not her seed.

This is probably where our Marian art finds its inspiration. But, whether it's a "he" or a "she," the fact of Mary's victory over the devil remains. Her "Yes" brought the Savior into the world, and her sinlessness only added insult to Satan's injury.

We see Mary's victory again at the very end of the Bible, in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation. The serpent, angry over the victory of the woman's son, tries to defeat the woman. When that fails, he goes after her offspring, who are "those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus" (Rev 12:17).

That's us! And, of course, we know that when we unite ourselves to Jesus, through Mary, the devil will fail in his pursuit of us as well. The image of Mary, with her heel pressed firmly on the head of the serpent, is a powerful image of the victory that that can be had through a total self-surrender of our lives to the glory of God and the fulfillment of His will.

Peace of Christ to you,  
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education  
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**"Driving"**

**A teenage son had just passed his driving test and inquired to his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.**

**His father said he'd make a deal with his son: "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study the Bible a little more and get your hair cut, then we'll talk about the car."**

**The boy thought for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.**

**After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."**

**The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my Bible readings that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair....and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair!"**

**The father thought and replied: "You are right son, but did you happen to notice they all walked everywhere they went?!!!!"**

**Picnic Schedule**

July 3	St Mary Magdalene
July 10	St. Alphonsus
July 17	St Peter of Alcantara
<b>July 31</b>	<b>Blessed Mother Parish</b>
Aug 3	St. Martin Parish
Aug 7	Blessed Sacrament Parish

**Parish Picnic July 31, 2010**

**Its not too early to start putting your baskets together for our picnic. They can be filled with just about anything (school supplies, pet supplies, baby supplies, kitchen gadgets, etc.) Auction items are also needed.**

**BLESSED MOTHER PICNIC TICKETS**

**Still available. Please pick them up in the parish office. Your participation in this is greatly appreciated!**

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

### Coming Soon...Check Out These Summer Camps:

**Power Week 2010**~ Summer camp for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. June 21-25 at Brandon Springs. Campers are bussed to camp, leaving from and returning to Lourdes. Cost \$225

**Camp L.I.F.E**~ Summer camp for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders to just graduated seniors. July 4-9 or July 18-23 at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp, Bowling Green. Cost \$250

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

### **REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!**

Registration for VBS will be today after the 10 AM Mass in the Family Life Center. You can also come by the office during office hours.

VBS is **July 19-23, from 9 am to noon**. This year's program is "Cool Kingdom Party: Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus." Children entering **grades K-4** are invited to attend. **Day care will be available** for any younger siblings who would like to join us. Price is only **\$5 per child** for the whole week.

*We still need volunteers to help make VBS a success!*  
Contact Nicholas Hardesty by phone (683-8444, x. 26) or email ([nicholashardesty@gmail.com](mailto:nicholashardesty@gmail.com)).

### **COME & SEE WEEK**

The sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana would like to invite single Catholic women 18-40 who have ever considered being a nun, to come live the life with us for a weeklong experience June 25-July 1. This Come & See Week will give participants an in-depth look at our life. Those who come will experience our prayer, work and recreation. There will also be a retreat day for personal prayer and faith sharing.

For more information or to register online, visit [www.thedome.org/joinus](http://www.thedome.org/joinus) or call Sister Michelle Sinkhorn at 1-800-734-9999.

## Forming Good Stewards

**"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:51-62**

When Elijah calls to Elisha, he hesitated, "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye." Elijah does not prevent him. Then Elisha kills the team of oxen he was driving, uses the wood of the plow to build a fire to burn their flesh and distributes it to the people and follows Elijah. He detaches himself from everything he previously depended on. Paul tells us, "For freedom Christ set us free." Christ teaches us to be free from attachment to things of this world. This freedom is not for selfish pursuits, but "to serve one another in love." Jesus calls us to follow him, but we sometimes hesitate. If we start to follow Jesus but let other attachments distract us, we will never be free to discern God's will for us and respond in freedom to God for all that he has given to us. What are the attachments in our life that keep us from the true freedom that allows us to follow Christ, without hesitation? Make a list. Use the back of the page and more sheets, if necessary.

### **Sunday Collections**

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$24,017	\$21,058	\$24,101	\$22,372

### **Thank You!!!!**

**Words can not express my gratitude to Blessed Mother Parish for the wonderful Retirement send off. Many thanks to Fr. John, Darlene, Russ, Christina, Brett, Nick, Romie, Will, Mikie, The Parish Council, and all those who worked so hard at my reception. Those who made cakes and desserts, the many who came to the reception, the many who sent cards, the gifts, the beautiful words that made me feel truly loved. My 8 years at the school and my 25 years at the parish gave me so many blessings. So many wonderful people have crossed my life, have inspired me, have blessed me in so many ways during these years. You gave me so much more than I could ever begin to give back to each of you. Thank you for the love, the support, and the friendships that you have given me over the years. My life has been changed because of each of you! The trip I was given was just awesome. I have often dreamed of someday going to the Caribbean and you have made that dream a reality! Blessed Mother will always be my Family and I hope to continue to serve the Parish in the years to come! Thank You and God Bless You!**

**Love, Jan**

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

Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, JB Cecil, Joe Cecil, Melody Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce, Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Ann Clark, Clifton Clark, Dennis Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Alice Cole, Jake Conder, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Angela Farmer, Wanda Fellow, Maria Finley, Matt Gabis, Rita Gabis, Lucille Goetz, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Joe Hagan, Donna Hamilton, Mary Hardesty, Jr. Harpe, Ann Havener, Lucy Harpe, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Mildred Howard, Margaret Isbell, Mary Ava Jackson, Betty Jo Johnson, Gertrude Jones, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Sam Lindsey, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Mary Miller, Conner Mills, Dena Montgomery, Roger Morgan, Jayne Morgan, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Ruth Bittel- Nunez, Shirley Olliver, Joann Ogle, Katherine Osowicz, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Joyce Rangel, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Paul Robertson, Darla Robinson, Beck Roby, Larry Roby, Dorothy Schell, Jessica Seymour, Herman, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Joyce Thomas, Angela, Leo Thompson, Betty Thompson, Charles Thompson, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Tammy Tucker, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Deny Wheatley, Katherine Whittinghill, Jack Wilson, Joe Wink, Bea Wooldridge, Bill, Flora Yancy, Randy Zaremba

**Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War.  
Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home soon.**

**Iraq:**

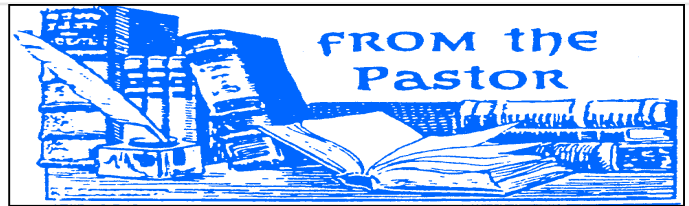
SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards  
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad  
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army  
SPC Jesse Finley, Iraq (grandson of Doris Haragan)

**Afghanistan:**

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)

**Other:**

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May  
Justin Mills, Japan, grandson of Dessie Clark  
SN Jason Bishop, US Navy, son of Linda & Dan Pearl



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Gospel is from Luke again. It talks about following Jesus and the things we have to do or let go of in order to do that. The Gospel is clear. Following the Lord should take precedence over everything.

Christina, our youth minister, is taking a group of our kids on a mission trip the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They are going to be ministering to inner city Nashville. We pray for a safe and rewarding excursion.

Vacation Bible School will be from July 19-23 from 9 till Noon. More information elsewhere in this bulletin.

We pray for the success of our picnic to be held Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you need raffle tickets or haven't gotten yours yet stop by the office.

I am typing this Friday before Power Week. So I can only say on faith that it was a great week. Thanks for all the prayers. I am sure the power of God was evident and that the 90 kids and 47 staff grew in their love for the Lord and the Church.

I will be on vacation starting July 8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Have a good week.

## Words of Life

When Jesus speaks about eternal life, he is referring to real and true life, a life worthy of being lived. He is not simply speaking about life after death. He is talking about authentic life, a life fully alive and thus not subject to death, yet one which can already, and indeed must, begin in this world. ... We have heard Jesus' answer: this is eternal life, that they may know you — God — and the one whom you have sent, Jesus Christ. Much to our surprise, we are told that life is knowledge. This means first of all that life is relationship. No one has life from himself and only for himself. We have it from others and in a relationship with others. If it is a relationship in truth and love, a giving and receiving, it gives fullness to life and makes it beautiful.

— Pope Benedict XVI, homily, Holy Thursday 2010

### Calendar for the Week

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

**Mon. Mass at 6:30 AM  
Bible Study 10AM  
Bunko, 1 PM**

**Tues. Mass 6:00 PM  
Bible Study 7:00PM  
Social Justice 6:30PM**

**Wed. Mass at 6:30 AM**

**Thurs. Mass 12:00 Noon**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration  
Mass 12:00 Noon**

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

**Sun. 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria**

### Readings for the Week

June 27 through July 4, 2010

Sun: 1 Kgs 19:16b,19-21 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 Gal 5:1,13-18 Lk 9:51-62

Mon: Am 2:6-10,13-16 Ps 50:16bc-23 Mt 8:18-22

Tue: Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Wed: Am 5:14-15,21-24 Ps 50:7-13,16b-17 Mt 8:28-34

Thur: Am 7:10-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 9:1-8

Fri: Am 8:4-6,9-12 Ps 119:2,10,20,30,40,131 Mt 9:9-13

Sat: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc,2 Jn 20:24-29

Sun: Is 66: 10-14c Ps 66:1-7,16,20 Gal 6:14-18 Lk10:1-12,17-20

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**[www.blessedmotherchurch.com](http://www.blessedmotherchurch.com)**

### 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.rcdok.org](http://www.rcdok.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 want to volunteer with minors you must complete the Safe Environment Training, and have a current Background Check. If you have any questions, contact Russ at the Parish Office.**

### 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 channel11) 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**

### Catholic Schools News

**OCS Pre-Registration:** Space still available, financial assistance available, anyone needing information may call the Central Office at 686-8896.

### Summer Tutor

1st Grade teacher at K-3 is available for summer tutoring. If interested contact Krystal Smith at 270-993-9804

### Blessing and Thanksgiving

**Give praise to God, who is rich in mercy and who has favored us in wonderful ways. Blessed be God forever.**

**Almighty Father, you are lavish in bestowing all your gifts, and we give you thanks for the favors you have given us.**

**In your goodness you have favored us and kept us safe in the past. We ask that you continue to protect us and to shelter us in the shadow of your wings. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Parish Council Members

Charlie Castlen	683-3426
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Troy Haleman	691-0633
David Jarboe	683-5108
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