

“ASCENSION OF THE LORD”

Intention for the Week

Monday, May 17

6:30 AM Rita McGovern

Tuesday, May 18

6:00 PM Charles M. Crowe (dec,b-day)

Wednesday, May 19

6:30 AM Marie L. Wedding (dec)

Thursday, May 20

School Mass 9:00 AM

Noon Bob Goetz (dec)

Friday, May 21

Noon Robert Hurm (dec)

Saturday May 22

4:00 PM Charles Wedding (dec, b-day)

Sunday, May 23

7:00 AM John Hartz (dec)

10:00 AM Rose Cecil (ann of death)

5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers for May 22nd,23rd

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Marjorie Early, Sandra Henry, Jeff Williams, Shirley Kent, Ruth Bittle-Nunez, Lannie Pearl, Jay & Susie Fillman, Jeanne Best

7 AM Don Cecil, Harry & Charlene Baumgarten, Carolyn Taylor, Angie Lee, Randy Lee

10 AM Brenda Millay, Jerry Millay, John & Sharon Bell, Debbie Riney, Kerry Riney, Mark Church, Ed Higdon, Jenny Glaser

5:30 PM Oliva Hardesty, Bobby Bastin, Pete & Michele Linn, Rick & Leesa Moman

Readers

4 PM Ruth Bittle-Nunez

7 AM Dennis Sandefur

10 AM Barbara Cecil

5:30 PM David Marshall

Servers

4 PM Gabe Fillman, Matthew Johnson

7 AM Sam Thompson, Daniel Castlen

10 AM CJ Glaser, Neil Mattingly

5:30 PM Jack Iracane, Stephanie Wall

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Don Mattingly

7 AM Al Thompson

10 AM Richard Hayden

5:30 PM Kenny Buckman

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Katie Oborski, Beth Allen (Asst)

K-3rd Grade Laura Cecil, Brittany Murphy

Vocation Cross Family

Bernie Dotsey, Doug Dunn, Marjorie Early

Hillcrest: Susan Hale, James Gerald

Ministers of Hospitality for May

4 Ken Terry, Tyler Wells, Gerald Coomes, Jack Hamilton

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

10 John Bell Sr., John Bell Jr., Jerry Goetz, Jerry Millay

5:30 Kenny, Aaron, Caleb, Logan Buckman

Test Your Knowledge

The following "Test Your Knowledge" questions come from a quiz on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which you can find online at the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/catechism/quizzes/index.shtml>

The "Answer Key" is at the bottom of this column. It includes the answer to each question, followed by the paragraph number from the Catechism that you can read to learn more about that question.

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
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1. True or False?: Prayer is a battle against ourselves.
2. True or False?: A way to overcome distractions in prayer is to turn one's attention to them so they can be recognized and overcome.
3. True or False?: One solution to our complaint of not being heard in prayer is to ask ourselves about the conformity of our prayer with the desires of the Spirit.
4. True or False?: All prayers united to Jesus in trust are answered, in that we receive the Holy Spirit, who contains all gifts.
5. True or False?: The Church sees the biblical admonition to "pray always" as applying only to religious orders.
6. True or False?: The prayer of the "hour" of Jesus (at the Last Supper and in the garden) fulfills all the petitions of the Lord's prayer.
7. True or False?: This prayer of Jesus is called the "priestly" prayer because it is the prayer of our High Priest and is inseparable from his sacrifice.
8. True or False?: The Anointing of the Sick is to be given only at the point of death.
9. True or False?: Anointing of the Sick may be given more than once during the same illness.
10. True or False?: In time of imminent danger of death when no priest is present, any believer may give the Anointing of the Sick.

Answer Key

- 1.) True; cf. no. 2725. 2.) True; cf. no. 2729. 3.) True, cf. no. 2736. 4.) True, cf. no. 2741. 5.) False; cf. no. 2743. 6.) True; cf. no. 2750. 7.) True, cf. no. 2747. 8.) False; cf. no. 1514. 9.) True, cf. no. 1529. 10.) False; cf. no. 1530.

Laugh for the Week

Caught in the "Acts"

Sister Rose had just returned home from Sunday evening service when she was startled by a burglar. With great biblical authority she yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38!" which implies "Turn from your sin."

The thief stopped dead in his tracks. Then sister calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man, he asked the burglar, "Why did you stop your burgling? All she did was yell a Bible verse at you."

"BIBLE VERSE!" replied the crook. "she said she had an ax and two .38's!"

Blood Drive

Blessed Mother Social Justice Committee will sponsor a Blood Drive Monday, May 17th, 2010 from 1:00PM to 7:00 PM. It will be located in the parish hall. A T-shirt and cholesterol test will be given to a participants.

"Gone Fishing!!!!!"



Please join us

The Parish Council and Staff of Blessed Mother Parish will be hosting a reception in honor of Jan's retirement on Sunday May 23rd after the 10:00AM Mass. Come and celebrate with Jan as we show our appreciation for all her hard work and dedication for the past 25 years. All are welcome.

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

Sunday, May 16th~ Last ODYO of the year @ St. Mary Magdalene: Cook-Out, Concert, Games outside. Leaving @ 6:40 pm and returning around 9:00 pm.

Sunday, May 23rd~ YEAR END BASH!! Last meeting until August! Food and Games from 6:30-8:30 in the Parish Hall!

Questions, concerns, comments: come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina Best: bmey-outh@bellsouth.net or 683-8444 Ext. 28

Cooking Teams up to bat: THANK YOU!!

Sunday, May 16th~ ODYO-No Team Needed...
Sunday, May 23rd~ Mike & Gail Williams, Terri LaHugh, Charlie Dees

Thank You

Thanks to all those who brought cookies for the First Communion and Confirmation. A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up, serve and clean up for those special occasions.

Retirement Reception

For Harold Staples
Thursday, May 20, 2010, 5-7 PM
OCHS Small Gym (Handicap Accessible)
All are invited to come out and thank Harold for his 39 years of dedication and service to OCHS

Vacation Bible School 2010

VBS is coming up soon! Mark your calendars for **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. Any questions? Contact Nicholas Hardesty by phone (683-8444 x 26) or email (nicholashardesty@gmail.com).

Forming Good Stewards Seventh Sunday of Easter

"Jesus prayed: Holy Father, I pray not only for them,

but for those who will believe in me through their word." John 17:20-26

Jesus knew that his disciples who witnessed his life, death and resurrection; who learned from his actions; and who listened to his teachings, would one day pass away. Other generations would believe in Him through the word of the eye witnesses. Jesus also knew others would only believe the witnesses if their words matched their actions. Jesus intended that each generation be the custodian and steward of faith in Him, and that each generation accept the responsibility to *pass on that faith by word and action, by what they say and do*. To pass on a true faith we must know our faith. To know our faith we must study and learn more each day. That takes time and effort. Do we know and live our faith in such a way that we are passing it on to future generations as Jesus intended? Are we being good stewards of our faith? When is the last time we made an effort to learn more about our faith? If you have to stop and think, its been too long.

Sunday Collections

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$24,213	\$21,058	\$23,105	\$22,516

OCHS Athletic Summer Camps:

OCHS Summer Football Camp

June 15th—16th
Contact Coach John Edge
John.Edge@owensborocatholic.org

OCHS Basketball Camp

June 7th-11th
Contact Ben Murphy at BMurphy@dcps.org

OCS Elementary Soccer for Fall of 2010

OCS is sponsoring an Elementary Soccer League open to all boys and girls entering 1st through 4th grade for the fall of 2010. This league will be open to all OCS students and students who attend a parish religious education program.

An information meeting will be held Thursday, May 20th at 6PM at the OCHS Soenneker Hall. If you have any questions please contact Coach Durand Engineer at Durand.engineer@owensborocatholic.org

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

Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Helen Bellwoord, 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, 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, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, Margaret Mattingly, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Mary Miller, Conner Mills, Dena Montgomery, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Ruth Bittel-Nunez', Shirley Olliver, Joann Ogle, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Lawrence Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, 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 Tower, Anita Travis, Tammy Tucker, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, 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.**

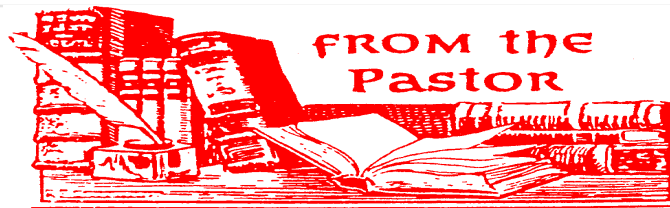
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
Ryan Hofmann, Iraq (grandson of Al & Joan Hofmann)
SPC Jesse Finley, Iraq (grandson of Doris Haragan)

Afghanistan

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)
1st Lt William Cory Newton (grandson of Dorothy Schell)

Other

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



I hope you had a good week. We are still in the Easter season. Today is the Feast of the Ascension. This is the day we celebrate Jesus' return to the Father in glory and taking His seat at the right hand of God. Last week's Gospel said we should be glad He returned so He could send the Spirit. It is not surprising then that we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost next weekend. Let us prepare our minds and hearts for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

I want to thank all those who had a part in our success at the Barbecue Festival. It takes a lot of people and a lot of hard work to represent the parish at this event. And we do such a good job. You all make us proud.

This is the last Sunday for Religious Ed. I want to thank all our volunteers – teachers and aides – who worked so hard this past year. We couldn't have done it without you. Next Sunday is the last youth group meeting before summer break.

Power Week is just around the corner – June 21st to 25th. Girls slots are almost full so we will start a waiting list and boys are a little over half so there is still plenty of room yet for guys. If anyone would like to donate a scholarship for a kid to go to camp the amount is \$225 a child. Any amount will help. There are always a few kids who need financial assistance.

Jan Storm's farewell reception will be Next Sunday May 23rd after the 10:00am Mass. All are invited to attend.

VATICAN SPLENDORS: A Journey through Faith and Art

On May 15th the exhibition Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art will open at the Missouri History Museum. The exhibit contains approximately 200 objects from the Vatican, many that have never been on display before, including personal items from both His Holiness Pope Benedict and the late Pope John Paul II.

Our parish is registered for the Parish Advantage program. Which allows you to reserve admission before the general public and receive a \$2 discount on admission. The discount is only offered for tickets purchased before June 30, 2010. Tickets may be purchased at the Missouri History Museum box office or by phone at 1-877-282-8422. When ordering please mention our Parish Name.

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524

Calendar for the Week	
Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM	
Mon.	Mass 6:30 AM Bible Study 10AM Bunko, 1 PM Choristers Practice, 4:30 PM Cherubs Practice, 5:15 PM Blood Drive 1:00 — 7:00 PM
Tues.	Mass 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00PM
Wed.	Mass at 6:30 AM Social Justice 6:30 PM Parish Council 6:30 PM
Thurs.	School Mass 9:00 AM Mass 12:00 Noon
Fri.	Eucharistic Adoration Mass 12:00 Noon
Sat.	Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM Mass 4 PM
Sun.	6th Sunday of Easter Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM Religious Ed Classes 11 AM Jan's Reception—After 10:00 AM Mass

Readings for the Week

May 16 through May 23, 2010

Sun:	Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53
Mon:	Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3b,4-5acd,6-7b Jn 16:29-33
Tue:	Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
Wed:	Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36b Jn 17:11b-19
Thur:	Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Jn 17:20-26
Fri:	Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b Jn 21:15-19
Sat:	Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Ps 11:4-5,7 Jn 21:20-25
Sun:	Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23

Visit Our Web Site
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.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**

Catholic Schools News

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

Hospice in need of Volunteers

For information call 926-7565

Wanted—Parish Ecumenical Advocates

Do You have an interest in promoting greater unity among Christians? You can help by serving as an ecumenical advocate for our parish. Training will be provided by the diocese in each deanery. Advocates agree to (1) pray for the visible unity of the Church. (2) increase awareness of the need for ecumenism in their parish and (3) reach out to other Christian churches in their geographic area. If you or someone you know would be interested please contact Fr. Tony Bickett at ftonyb@yahoo.com or call 270-756-2356 for more information.

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