



“RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT”

Intention for the Week

- Monday, May 24**
6:30 AM Diddy Hagman
- Tuesday, May 25**
6:00 PM Jerry Blandford Sr. (ann of death)
- Wednesday, May 26**
6:30 AM Edward Lemmons
- Thursday, May 27**
School Mass 9:00 AM
Noon Lilian Hagan
- Friday, May 28**
Noon Lucille Adkins (dec)
- Saturday May 29**
4:00 PM Francis Paul Hagman (ann of death)
- Sunday, May 30**
7:00 AM Addie Corley (dec)
10:00 AM Bill Ratliff (dec b-day)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parishioners

**“THOSE WHO BELIEVE
RECEIVE”**

Liturgical Ministers for May 29th, 30th

Eucharistic Ministers

4 PM Fran & Ethel Watrous, Janet Ruth, Mary Ava Jackson, Bonnie Snyder, Joe & Maggie O'Bryan, Cecelia Hamilton, Liz Francis

7 AM Don Cecil, Brenda Hagan, Darlene Kazlauskas, Bill & Joy Bach, Sr. Mary Timothy Bland

10 AM Darryl & Carol Murphy, Raymunda Calhoun, John Calhoun, Eric Vaughn, Jim Hagan, Darlene Church, Tony Powers, Elaine Williams

5:30 PM Christina Best, Dan & Sandra Thomas, Martha Estes, Bobby Bastin, Phyllis Bastin

Readers

4 PM Mike Clark
7 AM Mike Williams
10 AM Sr. Marie Joseph Coomes
5:30 PM David McBride

Servers

4 PM Billy Cason, Kyra Vanover
7 AM Harper Dotsey, Alex Dotsey
10 AM Raychel Bahnick, Chase Trogden
5:30 PM Christopher & John Thomas Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

4 PM Tim West
7 AM Vincent Dick
10 AM Nick Rinaldi
5:30 PM Gary Smith

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Ellen Hayden, Alex Linn
K-3rd Grade Barbara Cecil, Jessica Aull

Vocation Cross Family

Henry Estes, Angela Farmer, Jay Fillman

Hillcrest: Darryl & Carol Murphy

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

Catholic Question and Answer

Laugh for the Week

What is Pentecost?

Most people only know Pentecost as a Christian holiday, one that commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit fell on the apostles and disciples of Christ as they gathered in the Upper Room after the Ascension. While the apostles and disciples remained in Jerusalem out of obedience to Christ (cf. Acts 1:4-5), Scripture tells us that Jews from many different nations had also gathered in Jerusalem (cf. Acts 2:5, 9-11). **They** were present for a different reason: The Jewish Feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost is originally a Jewish holiday. Along with Passover and Tabernacles, it is one of the three Great Feasts of the Jewish calendar. The word "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word which means "fiftieth." The feast takes this name because it occurs **fifty days** after the second day of the Passover.

To the Jewish people, Pentecost has both historical and agricultural significance. Historically, Pentecost commemorates the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Since God accommodated his Law to an agricultural people, it enjoins upon the Jews various grain offerings. So, agriculturally, Pentecost also commemorates the time when the first fruits of the wheat harvest were harvested and brought to the temple in the form of two cakes of leavened bread (cf. Lev 23:17).

As Christians, we may ask ourselves what significance there is to the fact that Jesus decided to pour out His Holy Spirit upon the Church on this Jewish Feast. I think there are many instances in which the Christian celebration of Pentecost proves to be a sort of fulfillment of the Jewish Feast.

The Jewish Feast celebrates the beginning of the wheat harvest by offering the first of the harvested wheat to the Lord. In the Christian Feast, we celebrate the beginning of the Christian Church, when Jesus harvested 3000 souls who were cut to the heart by Peter's teaching and were baptized. Jesus Christ Himself is the "first fruit", the first and greatest offering ("of those who have fallen asleep," cf. 1 Cor 15:20), and we too are a kind of first fruits by the grace He has given us (cf. Jas 1:18). Finally, the Spirit that the Church received on that day guides us into all truth and knowledge of God and His Will in a way that far surpasses what was given in the Torah.

So, in many ways, the Jewish feast of Pentecost was the perfect day to set in motion the Church that God had in mind from the very beginning.

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
nicholashardesty@gmail.com

'HONEST PRAYING'

"So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper. Haven't been selfish, grumpy, nasty, or overindulgent. I'm really glad about that.

"However in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

"Thank you. In Jesus' name, amen."

"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.

From Death to New Life 

Our Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Bea Wooldridge on the death of her sister Rosalia Harper May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord! Also to the family of Liz Francis on the death of her brother Jim Durham. May he also share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Young Disciples

(Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

“LAST MEETING OF YEAR”

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: bmeyouth@bellsouth.net or 683-8444 Ext. 28

Cooking Teams up to bat: THANK YOU!!

Sunday, May 23rd~ Mike & Gail Williams, Terri LaHugh, Charlie Dees

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 Pentecost Sunday

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”
1Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

It has been seven weeks and one day since Easter Sunday. It is Pentecost [from the Greek word for “fiftieth”], the day on which the Holy Spirit encourages the Apostles to proclaim Jesus Christ to people from many nations, cultures, languages and religious beliefs. Each person heard the Apostles in their own tongue. Amazing! Even more amazing is that people with a variety of religious beliefs came to believe in Jesus. Later Paul writes to Christians in Corinth, a seaport city with people from many nations, cultures, languages and religious beliefs. He tells them something so obvious we often forget it: Each of us is a person with a unique array of talents, abilities and gifts that God has given to us to use for ourselves and for others. Material wealth, intelligence, artistic talent, athletic ability, the gift of music, and many others - God intends for us to enjoy them ourselves and to share them with others. How are we doing with that? One day God will ask.

Sunday Collections

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$17,966	\$21,058	\$21,292	\$22,417

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.**

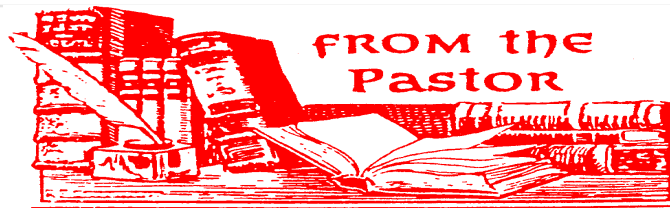
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
Ryan Hofmann, Iraq (grandson of Al & Joan Hofmann)
SPC Jesse Finley, Iraq (grandson of Doris Haragan)

Afghanistan

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)

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. Happy Birthday to the Church on this great feast of Pentecost. We pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be renewed in us in deeper ways. Today is the day that the Holy Spirit brought the new Christians together in heart and mind for the first time forming the Church in earnest.

The next two Sundays are the Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi then back to Ordinary Time.

We thank and honor Jan Storm today after the 10am Mass for 25 years of faithful service to the parish. She has touched too many lives to be counted and we want her to know we are grateful. So stop by the parish hall and say thanks.

It is time to bring back the baby bottles for Birthright.

This is the last Sunday for Youth Group for the summer. There are youth activities occurring just no Sunday night meetings for awhile. Thanks to all the helpers this year. It was a great one.

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.

**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
Tues.	Mass 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00PM
Wed.	Mass at 6:30 AM Social Justice 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.	9th Sunday of Easter Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM Religious Ed Classes 11 AM Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria

Readings for the Week

May 23 through May 30, 2010

Sun:	Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23
Mon:	1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2,5-6,9,10c Mk 10:17-27
Tue:	1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31
Wed:	1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Mk 10:32-45
Thur:	1 Pt 2:2-5,9-12 Ps 100:2-5 Mk 10:46-52
Fri:	1 Pt 4:7-13 Ps 96:10-13 Mk 11:11-26
Sat:	Jude 17,20b-25 Ps 63:2-6 Mk 11:27-33
Sun:	Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

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 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.

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