

**“Agape”**

**Intention for the Week**

**Monday, May 3**

**6:30 AM** Cecilia Schartung (dec)

**Tuesday, May 4 Confirmation**

**6:30 PM** Confirmation Students

**Wednesday, May 5**

**6:30 AM** Carolyn Snyder (dec)

**Thursday, May 6**

**School Mass 9:00 AM**

**Noon** Denny & Thelma Clark

**Friday, May 7**

**Noon** Dick & Dorothy Thomas (50th Wed Ann)

**Saturday May 8**

**4:00 PM** Bill & Janet Schartung (dec)

**Sunday, May 9**

**7:00 AM** Mary Hardesty (dec)

**10:00 AM** Rose Cecil (dec)

**5:30 PM** Blessed Mother Parishioners

**Liturgical Ministers for May 8,9**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**4 PM** Marjorie Early, Sandra Henry, Liz Francis, Cecelia Hamilton, Joe & Maggie O'Bryan, Jay & Susie Fillman, Marian Bennett

**7 AM** Bill Bach, Mike Thompson, Sr. Mary Timothy, Carolyn Taylor, Dennis Sandefur, Brenda Hagan

**10 AM** Becky Hargitt, Pauline Wigginton, Denny Mann, Drew & Jeannette Ward, Bill Hayden, Kim Barnett, Katina Hayden, Chris Ford

**5:30 PM** Christina Best, Lisa Carmon, Bev Payne, Sam Lilly, Pat Hale, Susan Hale

**Readers**

**4 PM** Bonnie Snyder

**7 AM** Joy Bach

**10 AM** Ann Blandford

**5:30 PM** Jack Hamilton

**Servers**

**4 PM** Collin Higgins  
Brendan Higgins

**7 AM** Will Sandefur, Kaylin Hagan

**10 AM** Allie Ford, Stephen Hyland

**5:30 PM** CJ Glaser, Caleb Buckman

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

**4 PM** Joe Higdon

**7 AM** Diddy Hagman

**10 AM** Marty Cravens

**5:30 PM** John Judd

**Childrens Liturgy**

**Preschool** Michelle Sandefur, Molly Aud (Asst)

**K-3rd Grade** Jennifer Hayden, Kaley Robertson (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

Marty Cravens, Carroll Dant, Ernie Davis

**Hillcrest:** Diane Fulkerson, Carol Goedde

**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

**“Love One Another”**

**Where are deacons found in Scripture?**

First, it may be helpful to define what a deacon is. Scott Hahn's *Catholic Bible Dictionary* defines a deacon as:

*"An ordained assistant to priests responsible for such ministerial duties as preaching, baptizing, witnessing marriages, distributing Communion, and presiding at funerals (but not saying the funeral Mass). In the modern Church there are two forms of the diaconate: the permanent diaconate (including single and married men) and the transitional diaconate (for those who will eventually be ordained as priests)."*

Sometimes, finding these offices in Scripture can be a little tricky. It's not because the offices didn't exist, it's because, in the apostolic age, the terms used to describe the different positions of leadership in the Church were rather fluid. For example, Paul occasionally describes his work by using the Greek word for "deacon" (*diakonos*, cf. 2 Cor 3:6; Eph 3:7), even though he held the much higher office of "apostle." Peter described himself as a "fellow elder," (1 Pet. 5:1) even though he, being an apostle, also had a much higher office. However, in Scripture we definitely see persons fulfilling the functions that we would today consider to be those of a deacon, and by the second century, there is much more agreement on the terms used to describe the three offices.

Traditionally, Acts 6:1-6 is considered to be the point in Scripture where the establishment of the office of deacon is described. It reads as follows:

*"Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them."*

We see from this that the first task of the deacon was to serve the poor. They had other functions too, such as assisting the bishops (cf. Phil 1:1), preaching (cf. Acts 7:2-53), and administering baptism (cf. Acts 8:38). Paul has high standards for anyone who desires to serve in such a position (cf. 1 Tim 3:8-10).

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

*While shopping in a food store, two nuns happened to pass the beer cooler, "Wouldn't a nice cool beer taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?" The second nun answered "Indeed it would Sister, but I wouldn't feel comfortable buying beer, I think it would cause a scene at the check-out." "I can handle that with out a problem" the other replied as she picked up a six-pack, and headed to the check out. The cashier had a surprised look on his face when they arrived with a six pack of beer. "Don't worry sir we use beer for washing our hair" she said, "A shampoo of sorts, if you will." Without blinking an eye the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks and placed them in the bag with the beer,. He then looked them straight in the eye, smiled and said, "The curlers are on the house!"*

**Bar-B-Que Festival**

**May 8th**

Same location as last year Corner of Frederica and Main. **WORKERS NEEDED.**

Special Times:

- 10:00 AM Selling Sandwiches
- 1:00 PM Selling Burgoo by the cup and Packaging meat
- 4:00 PM Sales — Meat by the pound Burgoo by the gallon

Contact: Bob Newman 926-6875  
 Jan Storm 993-4455

**Life Line Screening**

Could you be at risk of vascular disease? On Monday, May 10, Life Line Screening will be at Blessed Mother Church in our Hall to offer screening test. There will be 4 life saving tests offered and the cost is reduced to less than \$50 each, (\$129 for all 4) . Please call 1-800-679-5609 regarding questions and appointment time.

**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.

*From Death to New Life* 

The family of Lauren Girten would like to thank everyone for being so kind and thoughtful and wanted you to know how much your thoughtfulness meant.

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

***Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>~ SENIOR DINNER!! Right after mass. High school seniors and families welcome. Please RSVP to Christina ASAP! The rest of the Youth Group will be serving!***

***Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>~ MOTHER'S DAY!! No Youth Group!! Spend Some Time With Mom!!***

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

**Cooking Teams up to bat: THANK YOU!!**

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>~** Bill & Joy Bach;  
Laurie Elliot; Eva Birkhead  
Ben & Karen Miller;  
Laura Mattingly, Phyllis Bastin

**Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>~ Mother's Day-No Youth Group...**

### Confirmation

Tuesday May 4, 2010 at 6:30 pm Blessed Mother Parish will celebrate Confirmation. Reception following in the Parish Hall.

## Forming Good Stewards

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I give you a new commandment: love one another.

As I have loved you, so you should also love one another." John 13:31-35

Jesus reminds us of the command God gave to the Israelites through Moses to *Love your neighbor as yourself.* (Leviticus 19:18 / Luke 10:27). Next, Jesus tells us to *Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you.* (Matthew 5:43, Luke 6:27). Psychologists only recently discovered that we must love ourselves in order to be able to love others. That is how God created us. Sadly, many of us do not love ourselves enough to feel that we can be loved by others, or by God. And there is a risk that the only one that we love will be ourselves. Jesus takes love to a whole new dimension. *Love one another as I have loved you - unconditionally; without a precondition of recognition; without expectation of being loved in return.* God made us stewards of His love - for ourselves and for others. Are we ready to give an account of our stewardship - to answer the question, "What have you done with My love?"

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### Sunday Collections

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$18,361	\$21,058	\$20,798	\$22,489

### 1st Friday Brunch

1st Friday Brunch May 7th after noon mass, please bring a dish.

## Calling All High School Seniors!!

We will be having a nice dinner to celebrate you and your accomplishment on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 in the Parish Hall! Families are welcome to attend with you. Please RSVP with if you will be attending, and how many will be joining you to Christina Best, as soon as possible!

**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, Vincent Cecil, Joyce, Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Ann Clark, Clifton 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, Thelma Hinton, 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.**

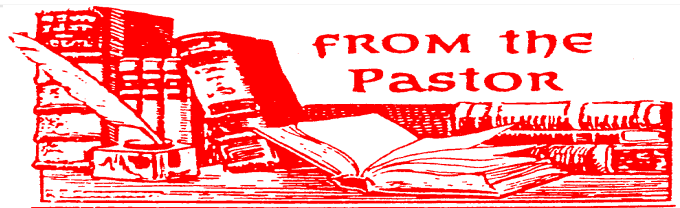
**Iraq:** SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards  
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad  
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army  
Ryan Hofmann, Iraq (grandson of Al & Joan Hofmann)  
SPC Jesse Finley, Iraq (grandson of Doris Haragan)

**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. Happy Easter season to you. We will be rejoicing for several weeks up to Pentecost on May 23. Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. We find ourselves still in the Gospel of John and back at the Last Supper. And Jesus tells us to love one another. Guess which word for love He uses. Agape – to lay down one's life for one's friends. Let us work toward a more perfect love for our neighbors.

We pray for our second graders today as they make their First Communion this afternoon at 2pm. May the Bread of Life always be a source of nourishment for them.

We welcome Bishop Medley who visits us Tuesday for Confirmation. Congratulations to our students receiving the final sacrament of initiation. Mass will be at 6:30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to Reverend Mister Matthew Hardesty who grew up at Blessed Mother parish.. He is the son of Perry and Jan Hardesty. Matthew was ordained a deacon this past Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. He will be serving in the Archdiocese of Louisville. God willing in one year he will be ordained to the Priesthood. Matt is the twin brother to our DRE Nick.

Thanks to Phyllis Bastin and everyone who helped with the brunch – and all the people who prepared food – there was a lot, thanks. Welcome to our new families.

On Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May we will have our May crowning ceremony at the 4pm Mass. Catherine Roberts has graciously consented to do the crowning.

We pray for all the workers gearing up for the Barbecue Festival on Mother's Day weekend.

Power Week is just around the corner – June 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. 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. That too won't take long to fill up so don't wait.

Jan Storm's farewell reception will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:00am Mass. All are invited to attend.

**First Communion**

Sunday May 2, 2010 at 2:00 pm Blessed Mother Parish will celebrate First Communion Reception following in the Parish Hall.

**Daily Bible Reading 683-8524**

Calendar for the Week	
<b>Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM</b>	
<b>Mon.</b>	Mass 6:30 AM Bible Study 10AM Bunko, 1 PM Choristers Practice, 4:30 PM Cherubs Practice, 5:15 PM Confirmation Practice 6:30PM
<b>Tues.</b>	Mass 6:30 PM Confirmation Bible Study 7:00PM
<b>Wed.</b>	Mass at 6:30 AM
<b>Thurs.</b>	School Mass 9:00 AM Mass 12:00 Noon
<b>Fri.</b>	Eucharistic Adoration Mass 12:00 Noon
<b>Sat.</b>	Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM Mass 4 PM
<b>Sun.</b>	6th Sunday of Easter Mothers Day Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM Religious Ed Classes 11 AM NO Youth Group, 6:30-8 PM AA Meeting, 7:30pm, school cafeteria

### Readings

May 2 through May 9, 2010

- Sun: Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a,34-35
- Mon: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14
- Tue: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b,21 Jn 14:27-31a
- Wed: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8
- Thur: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3,10 Jn 15:9-11
- Fri: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10,12 Jn 15:12-17
- Sat: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2,3,5 Jn 15:18-21
- Sun: Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Rv 21:10-14,22-23 Jn 14:23-29

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### 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](http://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](http://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

### Marian Observance

Carmel Home

May 7, 2010

7:00 PM

Speaker: Deacon Bob Imel  
"Virgin Mary, Mother of all Priest"

### Parish Council Members

Charlie Castlen	683-3426
Charlotte Cecil	683-0499
Tim Goetz	684-8275
David Graham	683-4665
Troy Halemam	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