

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY: As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 53)



Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

Bake Sale: Saints Peter and Paul Parish Assistance Program will be offering a Bake Sale on Saturday, May 25th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, May 26th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass just in time for your Memorial Day Celebrations. Let them help you provide desserts for your family gatherings. Your donations, through this bake sale, help with those who come to us in need – whether for medication, utility bills, etc. Let us continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in Hopkinsville, Christian County.



High School Graduation Mass –As a parish we will honor our high school graduates on Sunday, May 26th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. A reception for our graduates and their families will follow in the narthex. If you would like to assist with this reception, please see Libby.



*Graduates don't forget to bring to the parish office a picture (one wallet size for a bulletin insert – needed by Tuesday, May 21st and a 5 X 7 or larger by Friday, May 24th for display in the narthex). More information is being mailed to you this week. The graduates we have include: *Shelby Adams, Camryn Barefield, Natalie Barrios, Maria Bautista, Maddy Bennett, Haley Berghammer, Joey Chaudoin, Shane Ethridge, Dalton Folz, Rileigh Greenwell, Anna Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Muki Kunnmann, Jude Langhi, Gabriel Price, Matthew Ramos, Cole Stevens, Landry Thomas and Alma Valdez.* Please

help us. If you have a graduate and their name is not included, please let Libby know as soon as possible.

Religious Education Classes 2018-2019



PSR – Pre-School thru 5th Grade: PSR Classes will not be held this Sunday, May 5th as it is First Communion Sunday. Classes resume next Sunday, May 12th for this last class before Summer break.

May Schedule – Sundays, 9:00-10:15 a.m.:

May 5 - No Class; First Communion Sunday
May 12 - Last Class

Youth Ministry

Our Middle School and High School Youth program continues this Wednesday, May 8th. We will begin as usual with Mass at 5:30 p.m., continue with dinner and then class. Classes conclude at 8:00 p.m.

May Schedule

May 8 - Class
May 15 - Class
May 22 - Class – Game Night

Gasper River Catholic Retreat Summer Camps: A combination of Catholic faith, thrilling adventures and old and new friends leads to a deeper understanding and appreciation of our life-long relationship with God.



Learn more; register online: gasperriverretreatcenter.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Gasper River Camp office at (270) 781-2466. Brochures are available at the adoration table and parish office.

NCYC: The National Catholic Youth Conference will take place November 21-23, 2019 in Indianapolis at the Lucas Oil Stadium. The theme is "*Blessed, Broken, Given*". NCYC is for any youth, freshmen in high school to age 17 by November 2019. By June 1, we need to have a \$100.00 deposit from any youth planning on attending NCYC. The total cost is \$490.00 per person and this includes conference registration fee, housing for 3 night, transportation (coaches), breakfast, lunch on Thursday, t-shirt, insurance, and night security at the hotel. **We will be holding an information meeting for youth and parents on Sunday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room.** We will be talking about paperwork, logistics, costs, fundraising, etc. Please plan on attending.

Dear Lord, Prepare me for the coming week. Take away my worries and my regrets.

Recharge my soul and renew my hope. Please go before me, clear the way and protect me. Bring the right people into my life. Help me to look for and always see the good in others. Guide me with Your love and give me Your joy. Bless my family and friends and be with them this week. In your name, I pray. Amen.



Bible Quiz for All Ages

- Who is the "Mother of all the Living" in Genesis 3:20?
a) Mary, b) Eve, c) Mother Teresa
- In what town did Mary give birth to Jesus?
- Where did the angel encounter Mary to Announce the coming birth of Jesus?
a) Bethlehem, b) Nazareth, c) Galilee
- To whom was Mary engaged at the time of the Annunciation?

Bible Quiz Answers (see questions – opposite column)

- b) Eve; 2. Bethlehem (Luke 2:4); 3. b) Nazareth (Luke 1:25); 4. Joseph (Par 488-CCC)

Diocesan Activities

Called and Gifted Workshop - Saturday, May 18 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Hosted at Parish of the Immaculate; Owensboro: The Diocese of Owensboro is pleased to bring a specialized version of the *Called & Gifted™* program through an introductory workshop by the Catherine of Siena Institute. This *Called & Gifted* workshop provides an opportunity to begin a journey to discover the unique call God has for you, and the gifts He gives you to fulfill your mission in life. It all starts with this workshop. A teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs will offer the introductory *Called & Gifted* workshop. Everyone is invited to participate. We are requiring online payment for this workshop, which costs \$35 for lunch and materials.

Gennesaret Retreat: Are you or a loved one living with a chronic or serious illness? Have you ever wanted to make a retreat but have been unable because of illness or disability? We invite you to consider the Gennesaret Retreat held at Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center at Maple Mount, KY. The retreat is May 24-26, 2019 and there is no cost to you. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis and to focus on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. The retreat staff includes experienced medical professionals to help with your individual needs. To register or receive more information about this wonderful weekend, please contact Amy and Tom Payne, retreat coordinators, at 270-316-0403 or by email, apayneat2251@hotmail.com.

In Theaters: *Unplanned* is a movie based on a true story. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, Abby Johnson was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women on their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything.

Here is a note from Fr. John Vaughn about this movie:

A couple of weeks ago, I saw the movie "Unplanned" and it was a powerful experience. As you may know, the movie is based on the book by Abby Johnson, a former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic, who eventually

left Planned Parenthood and became a strong pro-life advocate. The movie is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America because of several graphic scenes of an abortion procedure. To my mind, that rating is an acknowledgement of the violence that is abortion. As one person observed, it is ironic that a fifteen year old can have an abortion without parents' permission but cannot see this movie without adult supervision. Hollywood may have hoped that the R rating would stifle interest in the movie but in fact, it has had the opposite effect by giving the film more publicity. We must continue to do all we can to oppose abortion and promote greater reverence and respect for the dignity of all human life - born and unborn.

Women: The following is something we found and wanted to share it with the women in the parish.



Risen Lord,
The angel that announced your rising
Spoke to an audience of but a few women from Galilee.
And then you appeared,
Risen in the body,
But first only to Mary of Magdala.

We look back on all the centuries of your Church
Born of this small, faithful band,
Nurtured through the ages so often by the
special grace given to women.

Lord, teach us to honor women, in body and in spirit.
For these great disciples have taught us to heal the sick,
To feed the poor
To sow mercy and justice.
To make peace.
And we call on them now to pray for us,
As we take up the cross ourselves.

As we feed the hungry, St. Clare of Assisi ...
*** ... pray for us.
As we give drink to the thirsty, St. Brigid of Kildare ...
*** ... pray for us.
As we clothe the naked, St. Margaret of Cortona ...
*** ... pray for us.
As we shelter the homeless, St. Elizabeth of Hungary ...
*** ... pray for us.
As we comfort and care for the sick, St. Marianne Cope ...
*** ... pray for us.
As we visit the prisoner and ransom the captive,
St. Hedwig of Silesia ...
*** ... pray for us.
As we care for the dying and bury the dead,
Blessed Teresa of Kolkata ...
*** ... pray for us.
As we do all the works of Christ in this world, Blessed
Virgin Mary and all you holy women of God ...
*** ... pray for us.