

# Blessed Mother Catholic Church

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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. John Meredith, Pastor, phone ext. 22  
Russ Hayden, Administrator, phone ext. 21  
Brett Ballard, Music/Liturgy Director, phone ext. 27  
Roman Osowicz, Maintenance Mechanic, phone ext. 20  
Darlene Quinn, Office Assistant, phone ext. 25  
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Christina Best, Youth Director, phone ext. 28

**OFFICE PHONE:** 683-8444

**OFFICE ADDRESS:** 601 East 23rd Street

**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday at Noon

## **PRAYER LINE NUMBERS:**

E-mail Line: Barbara Cecil - bwcecil@tds.net  
or phone 929-3690

**BAPTISM:** Parents must be registered in the parish and attend the Baptism Class. Call Nicholas Hardesty, the Director of Religious Education to set up an appointment for the Baptism Class. Arrangements for the Baptism may be made at that time.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements must be made six months in advance of the ceremony with Fr. John.

**ADULT CATECHUMENATE:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open for all who would like to inquire into our Catholic Faith. Call the Parish Office.

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME:** A program for returning Catholics  
Contact Josie Hagan, 926-1483

## **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**WEEKEND:** Saturday 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday 7:00 & 10:00 A.M.,  
5:30 P.M.

**WEEKDAYS:** 6:30 A.M. Monday  
6:00 P.M. Tuesday  
6:30 A.M. Wednesday  
Noon Thursday and Friday

**HOLY DAYS:** 6:00 P.M. Vigil Mass  
9:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M.

**ALL FRIDAYS:** Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.  
Any time by appointment.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** In order to meet the spiritual needs of our sick we ask that you please keep us informed of those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or a nursing facility. Our priest visits the hospital on a weekly basis. Arrangements may be made for Communion calls to the homes of our homebound parishioners on First Friday by the priest and/or weekly Communion calls made by lay ministers to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

During the school year for grades Kn-8th

## **BEREAVEMENT DINNERS**

Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.  
Contact the Parish Office.

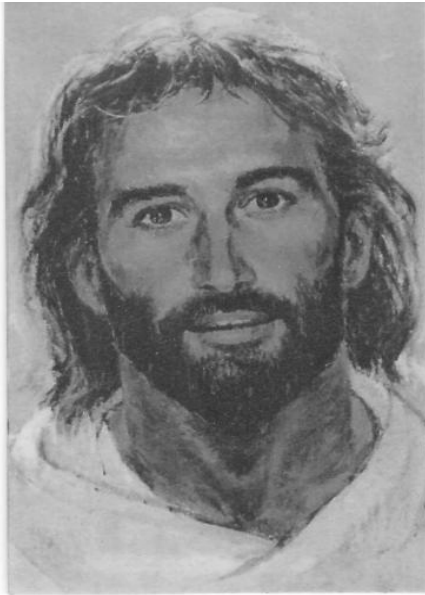
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## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Blessed Mother welcomes all newcomers to our Parish Family. We would be honored to have you as a member. Please fill out this section, cut out, and turn it in or mail it to the Parish Office. We will send you papers for membership and we will also have a member of our Welcoming Committee call you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



**“Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand”  
Intention for the Week**

**Monday, December 6th**  
6:30 AM Carolyn Snyder (dec)

**Tuesday, December 7th**  
6:00 PM Wilbur Jones (dec)

**Wednesday, December 8th (Holy Day)**  
6:30 AM Immaculate Conception  
Simon, Haddad, Meredith Families

9:00 AM School Mass  
12:00 Noon Blessed Mother Parish

**Thursday, December 9th**  
9:00 AM NO School Mass  
Noon Robert Hagan (dec, b-day)

**Friday, December 10th**  
Noon Edith Riney (dec)

**Saturday, December 11th**  
Bill & Janet Schartung

**Sunday, December 12th**  
7:00 AM Bernard Cecil (dec)  
10:00 AM Rose Cecil (dec)  
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

**“Prepare the way of the Lord  
Make straight his paths”**

**Liturgical Ministers for December 11th & 12th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Sat 4:00 pm** Katina Hayden, Shirley Kent, Jeannie Best, Bonnie Snyder, Marian Bennett, Cecelia Hamilton, Sandra Henry, Susie Fillman, Jay Fillman

**Sun 7 AM** Don Cecil, Angie Lee, Randy Lee, Joyce Pearl, Brenda Hagan, Dennis Sandefur

**Sun 10 AM** Bill Hayden, Richard Whitehouse, Lori Whitehouse, Mark Church, Carol Goedde, Mike Head, Katie Mattingly, Darryl Murphy, Carol Murphy

**Sun 5:30 PM** Rick Moman, Susan Hale, Pat Hale, Jessica Carmon, Bobby Bastin, Deanna Brasher

**Readers**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Judy Coomes  
**Sun 7:00 AM** Barry Hagan  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Karissa Riter  
**Sun 5:30 PM** Renee Howard

**Servers**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Billy Cason, Gabe Fillman  
**Sun 7:00 AM** Jack Iracane, Will Sandefur  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Oliva Cason, Elizabeth Cason  
**Sun 5:30 PM** Jacob Linn, Logan Buckman

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Mike Clark  
**Sun 7:00 AM** Steve Gillim  
**Sun 10:00 AM** David Hyland  
**Sun 5:30 PM** Sean Higgins

**Children’s Liturgy**

**Preschool** Ellen Hayden, Beth Allen (Asst)  
**K-3rd Grade** Heidi Dees, Angela Bell( Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

Bonnie Snyder, Rose Stepp, Lahoma Stinnett

**Hillcrest:** Denny Mann, Charles Zambrano

**Ministers of Hospitality for December**

**4:00 PM** Jackie Russell, William Shelton  
Keith Best, Tony Fiorella

**7:00 AM** Angela Lee, Randy Lee  
Jack Murphy, Nancy Murphy

**10:00 AM** David Graham, Chris Glaser  
Paul Coomes, John Hayden

**5:30 PM** Pete Linn, Jacob Linn  
Josh Linn, Matthew Howard

## Catholic Q&A

### **What is Advent?**

The *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, by Fr. John A. Hardon, tells us that Advent is:

“A period of prayer in preparation for Christmas, including four Sundays, the first nearest the feast of St. Andrew, November 30. It is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year (Etym. Latin *adventus*, a coming, approach, arrival.)”

Advent is a time of preparation for and anticipation of the coming of the Lord that we celebrate on Christmas Day. It is an opportunity to place ourselves in the shoes of the Jewish people who waited so long for the coming of the Messiah. It is an opportunity to renew our appreciation for the Incarnation, the moment when the Son of God became man, one like us in all things but sin.

Advent takes on a somber tone, similar to Lent, because our minds are focused on what life is like without Christ, without God's entrance into our world. Of course, in waiting for this coming of the Lord, Advent takes on an eschatological tone as well since, as Christians, we also await the Second Coming, when Jesus will come again and make all things new.

Unfortunately, the same world that God so desired to save can often squelch the spirit of Advent that we are called to embrace. If we are anxious it is not for the coming of the Lord, it is because traffic to the mall is backed up, Wal-Mart is all out of Nintendo Wii's, and the kids are yelling in the back seat because they want to go see Santa Claus. It's easy in times like this to forget what Christmas is really all about.

This is where Advent comes in. Once we understand Advent for what it is truly meant to be, it can be the antidote to the stress that often accompanies the holiday season. Advent calls us to refocus our minds back to what is important and to remember again the true reason for the season.

Over 2,000 years ago, God asked a virgin a simple question: “Will you let me use you to bring my Son to the world? Will you give me your flesh, your life, your time, your entire being?” In a sense, this is the same question that God asks us today, and Advent is a time to prepare ourselves so that when God wishes to come through us, we like Mary, will be able to say “Yes” to Him.

Let us also remember that with Advent's past significance (in the Incarnation) and future significance (in the Second Coming) is also a **present** reality. Jesus comes, here and now, whenever the Eucharist is celebrated. In a sense, every Mass is a new Advent, and it only makes sense that, during this time of preparation, we should remain close to Christ in the Eucharist. It is in **that** advent that He is preparing us for the advent that awaits the end of time.

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

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

### Coming Soon...

**December 5<sup>th</sup>: ODYO—JINGLE FEST @ Brescia University. Leave Blessed Mother after mass (about 6:15 pm) and returning @ 9 pm.**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>: DODGEBALL!!**

**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 Team Up to Bat: THANK YOU!!**

**December 5<sup>th</sup>: NO TEAM NEEDED!!**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>:** Kate Abney, Joan Berndsky, Gail Williams, Lahoma Stinnett

### **Clean Bikes Needed**

**The Social Justice Committee is collecting good clean used bikes for the Owensboro Refugee Ministry. Bikes will be used for transportation to work and other needs. For more information, or if you have a bike you would like to donate contact:**

**LIZ FRANCIS 926-3148**

### **Catch The Spirit Party**

**It is hard to believe Advent is upon us! On Sunday December 5th after the 10 AM Mass our Parish will celebrate the coming season. Mark your calendar and come on over to the Parish Hall and join in the celebration.**

## Laugh for the Week

### “Getting to Heaven”

The Pastor was just ending his children’s sermon about getting to heaven. After he prayed with them he asked, “So kids, where do you want to go?”

“HEAVEN!” “HEAVEN!” all the kids yelled.

“And what do you have to be to get there?” asked the pastor.

“DEAD!” shouted the little voice in the back row.

## THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree went up Thanksgiving Day making our tradition of our Giving Tree 22 years old. We ask that you take a tag from the tree, fill the order and then return the gift with the tag. The tags are coded and let us know what family or organization the gift belongs to. Your generosity has help many people over the years. Please return the gift with the tag no later than December 17th. The gifts will be delivered the week of Christmas. Anyone wishing to help deliver please contact Russ at the Parish office.

## Christmas Flower Memorial

You can honor your loved ones this Christmas by giving flowers in their memory. Envelopes are in your packets. Be sure to write in the names of those you wish to remember. Your loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the season.

### Advent Penance Services

Wed.	Dec 1	St. Anthony, Browns Valley,	6pm
Thur	Dec 2	Trinity High, Whitesville	9am
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>Blessed Mother</b>	<b>2pm</b>
Thur	Dec 9	Mary Carrico, Knottsville	9am
Sun	Dec 12	St. Pius X First Recon	2pm
Mon	Dec 13	St. Williams Knottsville	6pm
Wed	Dec 15	St Pius X	6pm
Thur	Dec 16	St Marys, Whitesville	9am
Thur	Dec 16	St Lawrence Knottsville	6pm
Sun	Dec 19	St Marys, Whitesville	2pm
Mon	Dec 20	St Joe & Paul	6pm

## Forming Good Stewards

December 5, 2010

Second Sunday of Advent

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand.” Matthew 3:1-12

To properly prepare to celebrate the Incarnation of Christ and the birth of Jesus in a cave in the hills of Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago it is helpful to recall our Baptism. We received the Holy Spirit and were presented with a candle that represented the Light of Christ that we are charged to “keep burning brightly!” With our Baptism came the responsibility to know Christ so we can imitate Christ and be Christ to all we encounter. In a season when so many gifts are being bought, wrapped and given, we should recall that the greatest gift we can give to others at Christmas, or any other time of the year, is not the latest electronic device or the newest fashion in clothes. The greatest gift we can give is ourselves: all that we are, all that God has given to us, and all that we will ever become. Glitzy games will soon be outdated and fancy jeans go out of style. But the gift of self will last forever for both the person who receives the gift and the giver of the gift.

## Sunday Collections

November 21st, 2010

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$26,600	\$21,426	\$26,083	\$22,619

November 28th, 2010

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$21,798	\$21,426	\$25,012	\$22,581

## END OF YEAR GIVING

We are all busy finding that perfect gift for everyone on our list during this season of joy. Please remember to put your Church on your giving list. Not only is your gift Tax Deductible, but most of all you are helping spread The Kingdom of God on earth. Parish Christmas Envelopes are in your packets.

### Religious Ed

#### Calendar for November and December

11/14: Class  
11/21: Class  
11/28: No class (Thanksgiving break)  
  
12/5: No class (“Catch the Spirit” party)  
12/12: Safe Environment Training  
12/19: No class (Winter break)  
12/26: No class (Winter break)

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

Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Megan Briggin, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Car-rico, 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, Mickie Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Angela Farmer, Maria Finley, Damon Gillim, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Joe Hagan, Donna Hamilton, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler,, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Jennifer Howard and baby, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Carol Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, 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, Katherine Osowicz, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Joyce Rangel, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Paul Robertson, Beck Roby, Larry Roby, Lucille Russell, 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, Billy Thomas, Joyce Thomas, Angela, Leo Thompson, Betty Thompson, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Tammy Tucker, Lucille Vowels, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Deny Wheatley, Katherine Whittinghill, Alli Williams, 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

**Afghanistan**

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)  
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark

**Other**

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May  
SN Jason Bishop, US Navy, son of Linda & Dan Pearl

**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8TH  
IN OBSERVENCE OF THE HOLY DAY**



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. Oddly enough we meet John the Baptist in the Gospel story. He wants us to prepare for the coming of Jesus through repentance. But it is the adult Jesus. And we wait for the child. Not to be confused though, the adult Jesus is always waiting for us to let Him in our hearts.

Come join us for the Catch the Spirit party after the 10am Mass. Some good food will be had. And as always a visit from St. Nicholas whose feast day is the 6<sup>th</sup> of December.

Today we welcome our RCIA candidates for the Rite of Acceptance. Let us pray for all those people on this journey of faith that the coming Christ will sustain them with His love.

Last chance for the giving tree. Gifts with tags need to be back in the office by the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our Advent Penance Service is this afternoon, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Other Penance Services are listed elsewhere in this bulletin.

Wednesday we are blessed with a Holy Day of Obligation, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Vigil Mass Tuesday at 6pm; Wednesday 9am school Mass with the Bishop and then parish Mass at noon. The office will be closed for the Holy Day.

Special thanks to the families who are bringing up our Advent candles this season.

**The Social Justice Committee**  
Has a thought for you for the month of December. **PRAYER IN COMMON:**  
**The Second Vatican council Decree on Ecumenism states that "prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement".**

**The Social Justice Committee meets every third Tuesday of the month. We would like new members. The prayer Blanket committee meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month. New Members Welcomed.**

### Calendar for the Week

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

**Mon. Mass 6:30 AM  
Bunko, 1 PM**

**Tues. 6:00 PM Mass Holy Day Vigil**

**Wed. Mass 6:30 AM  
9:00 AM School Mass  
Mass 12:00 Noon**

**Thurs. NO 9:00 AM School Mass  
Mass 12 Noon  
RCIA 7:00PM**

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

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

**Sun. 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM  
Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass  
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria**

### Readings for the Week

December 5 through December 12, 2010

Sun: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17  
Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

Mon: Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

Tue: Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14

Wed: Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

Thur: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

Fri: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

Sat: Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sun: Is 35:1-6a,10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11

**Daily Bible Reading 683-8524**

**Visit our website!**

<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 **7 am 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**

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Wednesday December 8th

Vigil Mass Tuesday December 7th 6pm  
Masses on Wednesday 6:30 AM, 9AM School Mass  
And 12:00 Noon

### Liturgical Ministers:

**Vigil Mass, Tuesday December 7th 6 PM**

**Reader :** Mary Howard

**EM:** Darryl Murphy, Carol Murphy, John Bell, Sharon Bell, Tony Powers, Eric Vaughn, Rick Moman, Leesa Moman, David McBride

**Server:** Sam Thompson, Daniel Castlen

**Immaculate Conception December 8th Noon Mass**

**Reader:** Sr. Marie Joseph

**EM:** Fran Watrous, Ethel Watrous, Russ Hayden, Liz Frances, Edith Johnson, Sabrina Johnson, Bill Hayden, Lahoma Stinnett, Shirley Kent

**Server:** Cliff Russell

### Parish Council Members

Camillia Baker	729-9094
Nancy Byrum	729-4362
Charlie Castlen	683-3426
Charlotte Cecil	683-0499
Liz Francis	926-3148
Tim Goetz	684-8275
David Graham	683-4665
David Higdon (Chair)	852-5321
Rick Moman	683-6555
Darryl Murphy	683-8437
Tony Powers	926-1803
Dan Thomas	681-2120