

Blessed Mother Catholic Church

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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

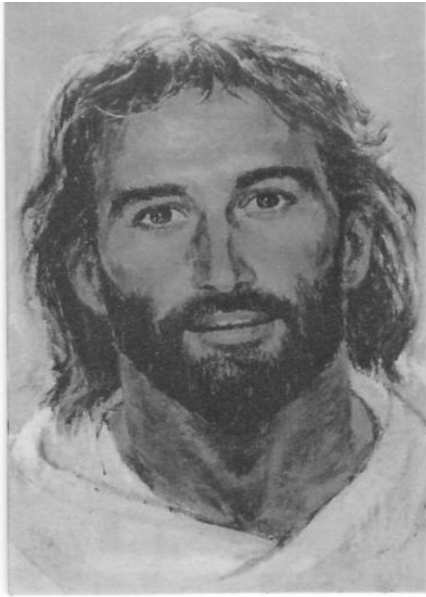
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.
Contact the Parish Office.

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 _____



“The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah”

Intention for the Week

Monday, November 29th
6:30 AM Joe Early (dec)

Tuesday, November 30th
6:00 PM Jean Van Meter (dec)

Wednesday, December 1st
6:30 AM Bill & Janet Schartung

Thursday, December 2nd
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon Bella Coombs (b-day)
(Anointing of Sick)

Friday, December 3rd
Noon Wilbur Jones (dec)

Saturday, December 4th
Eliga Lee Smith (ann of death)

Sunday, December 5th
7:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Felix Roby (dec)
10:00 AM Mildred Clark (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

“So too, you also must be prepared”

Liturgical Ministers for December 4th & 5th

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 4:00 pm Lahoma Stinnett, Janet Ruth, Marjorie Early, Maggie O'Bryan, Joe O'Bryan, Jeff Williams, Lannie Pearl, Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman

Sun 7 AM Don Cecil, Sr. Mary Timothy, Charlene Baumgarten, Carolyn Taylor, Darlene Kazlauskas, Mike Thompson

Sun 10 AM Tony Powers, Jenny Glaser, Brenda Millay, Jerry Millay, Sharon Bell, John Bell, Phil Hagan, Josie Hagan, Kim Barnett

Sun 5:30 PM Janice Bumm, Martha Estes, Lisa Carmon, Dan Thomas, Sandra Thomas, Cliff Russell

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Mike Clark
Sun 7:00 AM Charlie Castlen
Sun 10:00 AM Sandra Rafferty
Sun 5:30 PM Jack Hamilton

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Lauren & Allison Williams
Sun 7:00 AM Brittany & Courtney Estes
Sun 10:00 AM Jacob Johnson, Alex Hyland
Sun 5:30 PM Nicholas Russell, Sara Brown

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Don Mattingly
Sun 7:00 AM Jane Settles
Sun 10:00 AM David Harris
Sun 5:30 PM Carl Goodman

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Kelly Trogden, Molly Aud (Asst)
K-3rd Grade Diane Fulkerson, Stephanie Wall(Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Dorothy Schell, Lou Schultz, William Shelton

Hillcrest: Carol & Darryl Murphy

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...

**November 28th: NO YOUTH GROUP!!
Youth Returning from Conference...
rest up!**

**December 5th: YOUTH GROUP!!
ODYO 7:00—9:00 at Brescia!!**

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

**Cooking Team Up to Bat: THANK YOU!!
November 28th: NO TEAM NEEDED!!
December 5th: NO TEAM NEEDED!!**

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:

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.

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Domenica 'MiMi Kolb. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Rosemary Duncan, (Wife), Cyndi Vaughan (daughter), and Alex Vaughan (grandson) on the death of John Thomas Duncan Sr. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

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
Sun.	Dec 5	Blessed Mother	2pm
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

First Sunday of Advent

“So, too, you must always be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect

The Son of Man will come.” Matthew 24:37-44

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace we might do well to contemplate that moment when we actually meet Jesus face to face. Imagine that you are told that Jesus will come to meet you. You are taken to a vast open field and told that Jesus will approach from a certain direction. You train your eyes on the horizon and wait. Then, in the far distance, you see a figure moving toward you. As the figure gets closer you begin to make out some features, such as height, gait, clothing, and more. As the person steadily walks closer to you can make out hair color and facial features. Suddenly, you realize that you know this person. It is someone you encountered who was in need of your assistance. There are two possibilities. You did help this person or you did not. Knowing it is Jesus who approaches, what do you hope you did? So we must always be prepared, for at an hour we do not expect, the Son of Man will come to us.

Sunday Collections November 14th, 2010

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$23,083	\$21,426	\$25,884	\$22,420

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 Mulli-can, 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 Sul-livan, 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)

Other

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

Anointing of the Sick

First Thursday of the Month
Noon Mass

First Friday Pot Luck

**First Friday, After Noon Mass
Bring a dish and stay for Bunko**



I hope you had a good week. Today is the First Sunday of Advent. We also start a new year of Grace concentrating on the Gospel of Matthew. Since this is the season of anticipation and expectation we are not surprised that Jesus tells us to be prepared for His coming. Let us spend this new season waiting for the coming of Christ.

Youth group DOES NOT meet tonight. Religious Ed DOES NOT meet this morning.

Next week we will 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.

We will try to have more tags for the Giving Tree if we have run out. You all are exceptional when it comes to helping the less fortunate.

Our Advent Penance Service will be next Sunday afternoon, December 5th at 2pm. Other Penance Services are listed elsewhere in this bulletin.

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

ATTENTION PARENTS

If you have a 2nd grader, It is time to prepare for First Reconciliation. There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday Dec.1st, from 7-8pm in the Parish Hall. This is an important meeting that you are highly encouraged to attend. If you have any questions contact:

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

Mon. Mass 6:30 AM
Bunko, 1 PM

Tues. 6:00 PM Mass

Wed. Mass 6:30 AM
Liturgy Committee 6:30 PM
First Reconciliation Mtg 7pm

Thurs. NO 9:00 AM School Mass
Mass 12 Noon (Anointing of sick)
RCIA 7:00PM

Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12:00 Noon
First Friday Pot Luck after Noon Mass

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

Sun. 2nd Sunday of Advent
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
Catch the Spirit Party after 10 AM Mass
NO Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria

Readings for the Week

November 28 through December 5, 2010

Sun: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44

Mon: Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11

Tue: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

Wed: Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

Thur: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27

Fri: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

Sat: Is 30:19-21,23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

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

Daily Bible Reading 683-8524

Visit our website!

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) 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**

GRIEVING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

Grief is a complex process, unique to each individual, based on personality type, circumstances of death, and our relationship with the person who died. There are, however, emotions common to almost all bereaved persons. Understanding is the KEY to the tolerance and patience necessary to accept and integrate loss into our lives.

There will be a bereavement support group for anyone who has experienced a death at any time of his/her life. This group will run every **Monday** for three consecutive weeks and is open to all the public at no charge.

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

THREE CONSECUTIVE MONDAYS—DECEMBER 6, 13 & 20

**WHERE: Catholic Pastoral Center
600 Locust Street**

TIME: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON: Betty Medley (270) 683-1505

December 6 What Grief is Really Like

December 13 Depression, Anger, Guilt

December 20 From Grief to Living Again

Surviving the Holidays – Helpful Hints: Limit your expectations of yourself. Decide the best way for you to survive the holiday season.

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