



# Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street  
Owensboro, KY 42303

## Our Mission Statement

Blessed Mother catholic church is a faith-filled community inspired by the Holy Spirit. Our parish family worships and grows together to accomplish the same God-given mission as Jesus through evangelization and active concern for all.

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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  
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education ext. 26  
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  
6:00 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

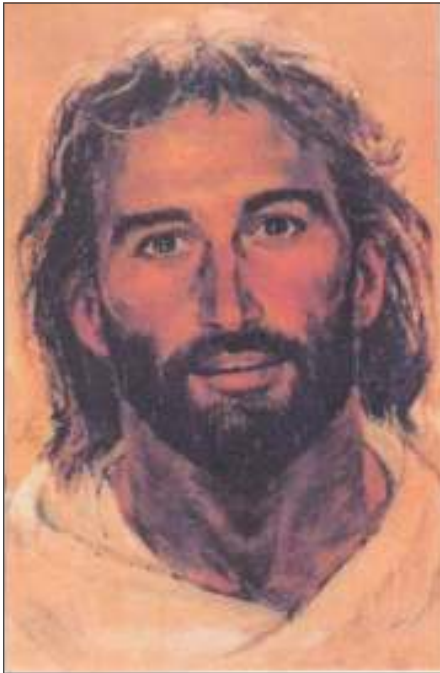
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.  
Contact the Parish Office.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



**“Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst”**

**Intention for the Week**

- Monday, 6:30 AM** April 4th  
**NO MASS**
- Tuesday, 6:00 PM** April 5th  
**NO MASS**
- Wednesday, 6:30 AM** April 6th  
**NO MASS**
- Thursday, 9:00 AM Noon** April 7th  
**NO School Mass**  
Stewart Schrecker (dec)  
(Anointing of Sick)
- Friday, Noon** April 8th  
Lou Davis
- Saturday 4:00 PM** April 9th  
Kenny & Wanda Ward  
(61st Wedding Ann)
- Sunday, 7:00 AM** April 10th  
**Blessed Mother Parish**  
**10:00 AM** Larry Clem (dec)  
**5:30 PM** The Boteler Family



**Stations of the Cross  
Every Friday Night  
During Lent  
6:30 PM**

**Liturgical Ministers for April 9th & 10th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**SAT 4PM** Marjorie Early, Shirley Kent, Janet Ruth, Liz Francis, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Bonnie Snyder, Jeannie Best, Lahoma Stinnett

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

**SUN 10 AM** Tony Powers, Debbie Riney, Kerry Riney, Lori Whitehouse, Richard Whitehouse, Jim Hagan, Sabrina Johnson, Scott Johnson, Ed Higdon

**SUN 5:30 PM** Janice Bumm, Jessica Carmon, Bev Payne, Deanna Brasher, David McBride, Katie Mattingly

**Readers**

- Sat 4:00 PM** Mike Clark
- Sun 7:00 AM** John Kazlauskas
- Sun 10:00 AM** Raymunda Calhoun
- Sun 5:30 PM** David McBride

**Servers**

- Sat 4:00 PM** Matthew Johnson, Lauren Williams
- Sun 7:00 AM** Sam Thompson, Kaylin Hagan
- Sun 10:00 AM** Will Hyland, Stephen Hyland
- Sun 5:30 PM** Collin Higgins, Caleb Buckman

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

- Sat 4:00 PM** Steve Haynes
- Sun 7:00 AM** Dick Vincent
- Sun 10:00 AM** LaNell Lilly
- Sun 5:30 PM** Kenny Buckman

**Children’s Liturgy**

**Preschool** Kelly Trogden, Kara Trogden (Asst)  
**K-3rd Grade** Diane Fulkerson, Angela Bell (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

Gerald Coomes, Paul Coomes, Russell Corley

**Hillcrest:** Carol Murphy, Darryl Murphy

**Ministers of Hospitality for April**

- 4:00 PM** Tim Goetz, Josh Goetz  
Eric Goetz, Rebecca Goetz
- 7:00 AM** Russell Corley, Bernie Dotsey  
Alex Dotsey, P.J. Ebelhar
- 10:00 AM** Jerry Goetz, Billy Hamilton  
Bruce Martin, Jerry Millay
- 5:30 PM** Kenny Buckman, Aaron Buckman  
Caleb Buckman, Logan Buckman

## CATHOLIC Q&A

**During Mass last Sunday, Fr. John started the “scrutinies” for the people in the RCIA process. Can you explain a little more about what the scrutinies are?**

The RCIA book has a very helpful summary of the scrutinies in its treatment of the rites belonging to the “Purification and Enlightenment” period of the RCIA process. It reads:

**141** The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

**142** Because they are asking for the three sacraments of initiation, the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance.

**143** In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first scrutiny), the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the second scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the third scrutiny). From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

**144** In the rite of exorcism, which is celebrated by a priest or a deacon, the elect, who have already learned from the Church as their mother the mystery of deliverance from sin by Christ, are freed from the effects of sin and from the influence of the devil. They receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and they open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Savior.

A quick note about the “exorcism” that takes place. This is a *minor exorcism*, so the intention is not to expel a demon or cure someone who is possessed, but instead to simply bless the elect and protect them from sin and the power of Satan.

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

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

**Coming Soon...**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>: NO YOUTH GROUP—  
Spring Break!!**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>: Movie Night!! “How to  
Train Your Dragon”**

**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!!**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>~ No Team Needed!**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>~ Michele Linn, Phyllis  
Bastin, Katie Ballard**

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Vouchers are required at registration. These will be mailed out. If you have children in the Catholic School System we ask that you complete and turn in your stewardship form before a voucher is released.

### All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry

Friday starting March 11th through April 15th  
At the Knights of Columbus Hall 3540 E 10th ST. Serving begins at 6:00 PM. Carry outs available. Adults \$8.00 Children 12 and Under \$4.00. Menu includes Catfish Fiddlers and Filets, Baked Beans, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, Corn Bread, Ice Tea and Coffee.

*From Death to New Life* 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Kathryn Gordon Wilkerson, (Wife), and Louis Wilkerson (son) and their families on the death of Robert Louis “Tooter” Wilkerson. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

## Laugh for the Week

“ACTING UP”

A young boy was acting up during the morning mass. His parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew, but they were losing the battle.

Finally, the father had all he could stand and grabbed the boy and began carrying him toward the exit. Just before reaching the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, “Y’all pray for me now!!”

## New Roman Missal

*On Sunday, November 27 of this year, Catholics in the United States will begin worshiping with the newly-translated texts of the third edition of the Roman Missal.*

The Mass begins first with the Introductory Rites and then the Liturgy of the Word. Immediately following is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, beginning with a short transitional rite called the preparation of the gifts. During this rite, members of the assembly bring forward the gifts of bread and wine that will become for us the body and blood of Jesus. Many of us revert to a language from a previous era and call this the “offertory” of the Mass. The new translation of the Roman Missal tells us that this is more accurately called the “preparation of the gifts”. This is not the time in the Mass when the gifts are “offered” but when they are prepared for an offering that comes later in the Mass. As the Roman Missal notes, the offering occurs later during the Eucharistic prayer. Thus, in Eucharistic Prayer III, the priest says “Therefore, O Lord, we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.”

### What does it mean to “fast” and to “abstain.” When do we do these things? Who is required to do them?

To “fast” means, at minimum, eating one regularly-sized meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking in between. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all Catholics age 18 - 60 yrs old.

To “abstain” is to refrain from eating meat. This abstinence is obligatory on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and every Friday during Lent for all Catholics age 14 and up.

### Religious Education Calendar For April

April 3	No class (Spring break)
April 10	No class (Spring break)
April 17	Class
April 24	No class (Easter Sunday)

## Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?” John 9:1

Jesus answered: “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” Blindness or birth defects were thought to be punishment for either the disabled person or the parents. Most disabled people had to beg. In parts of the world they still do. Jesus cured the man’s blindness, which caused fear among the Jewish leaders. They realized Jesus was demonstrating that the man’s blindness was not a sign of his sin or his parents, but that his need to beg was a sign of the sin of the many people, particularly the Jewish leaders, who refused to share God’s gifts to them to help the blind man. Jesus has an unpleasant encounter with the Pharisees and concludes by saying, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.” They suffered from a self inflicted spiritual and moral blindness. **There are none so blind as those who will not see.** Now, do we see?????

### March 27, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$23,222	\$21,426	\$22,985	\$23,845

### Important Dates for First Communion

#### March 30: Parent Meeting

(call Nick if you missed the meeting)

**April 16: Mini-Retreat**, 11 AM - 3 PM, Parish Hall

**May 14: Practice**, 11:15 AM - 12 PM, Blessed Mother  
**Parent Meeting**, 12 - 12:15 PM, Blessed Mother

**May 15: First Eucharist Mass**, 2 PM, Blessed Mother  
(arrive 20 min. early for group picture)

For more information about any of these events, contact Nicholas Hardesty, 683-8444, ext. 26.

### Lenten Penance Schedule

Blessed Mother	Sunday	March 27, 2:00PM
St. Anthony’s	Wed	March 30, 6:00PM
Mary Carrico	Thursday	March 31, 9:00AM
Our Lady of Lourdes	Thursday	April 7, 6:00PM
Immaculate	Tuesday	April 12, 6:30PM
St. Joseph & Paul	Wed	April 13, 6:00PM
St. Martins	Wed	April 13, 6:30PM
St. Stephen Cathedral	Friday	April 15, 6:30PM

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

Camillia Baker, Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Briggan, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Carri-  
rico, Maria Castlen, 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, Don Cooper, 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, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Joe Hagan, Donna Hamilton, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Phil Hayden, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler,, Mary Elizabeth Hill, William Hinton, Janice Hobbs, Jennifer Howard and baby, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Sam Lindsey, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, Dale Mattingly, 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, Gertrude Nalley, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Ruth Nunez', Shirley Olliver, Katherine Osowicz, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Judy Peak, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Joyce Rangel, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Paul Robertson, Beck Roby, Larry Roby, Lucille Russell, Dorothy Schell, Juanita Sessman, Jessica Seymour, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, Jill Tanner, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Ray 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, Denny 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.**

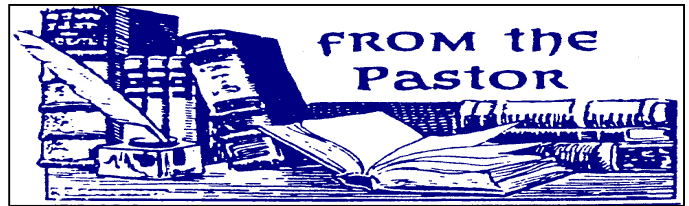
**Iraq:** SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards  
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad  
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

**Afghanistan**

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)  
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark  
PVT Benjamin Sexton (grandson Margie Ashworth)

**Other**

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



I hope you had a good week. Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent. We hear the story of the man born blind. Jesus declares himself to be light of the world. May He touch our blindness and give us light as we journey through this season of sacrifice.

Religious Ed does NOT meet today and youth group does NOT meet tonight .

Thank for returning your stewardship forms. Just drop them by the office or mail them in as soon as you can.

Please note the regulations on fasting and abstinence for the Lenten season. Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 6:30pm. They last about 20 – 25 minutes so come out and pray with us.

Holy Week is fast approaching. The Chrism Mass will be Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the sportcenter. Everyone is invited to the celebration in which the bishop blesses the oils used in the sacraments for the coming year.

We continue to hold our RCIA candidates in prayer as they journey towards Easter.

We continue to celebrate the scrutinies with them.

Please note the Mass schedule for the week. I will be out a few days the first of the week.

March is Severe Weather Preparedness month. In case of tornados and the like, we will use the hallway of the parish hall for our shelter.



### Calendar for the Week

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

**Mon. NO Mass 6:30 AM  
Bunko, 1 PM**

**Tues. NO 6:00 PM Mass  
Scripture Study 7:00PM**

**Wed. NO Mass 6:30 AM**

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

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration  
Mass 12 Noon  
Stations of Cross 6:30PM**

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

**Sun. 4th Sunday of Lent  
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM  
NO Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass  
NO BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria**

### Readings for the Week

**April 3, 2011 through April 10, 2011**

Sunday 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Ps 23:1-6  
Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

Monday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,  
13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9  
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,  
17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23  
Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 34:17-21,23  
Jn 7:1-2,10-25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3,9b-12  
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45

**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 channel 11) 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**

### OCS Pre-Registration Going on Now!

**The Owensboro Catholic Schools pre-registration will be held for the 2011-2012 school year beginning on March 14. If you are interested in pre-registering please visit any OCS school site, contact the OCS office at 686-8896 or online at [www.owensborocatholic.org/admissions](http://www.owensborocatholic.org/admissions)**

### Congratulations to the following Students:

**Daniel Castlen (Blessed Mother)  
Michael Thompson (Blessed Mother)  
Michael Crowe (St. Stephen)  
Stephanie Dooper (Our Lady Of Lourdes)**  
All were presented with certificates and cash awards for their essays in the Marine Fleet Reserve Essay Contest.

### Homemakers

**Homemakers meet at Blessed Mother on the 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 AM. All are welcome. If interested please contact Ann McIntyre 684-4105.**

### 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	684-2120