



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

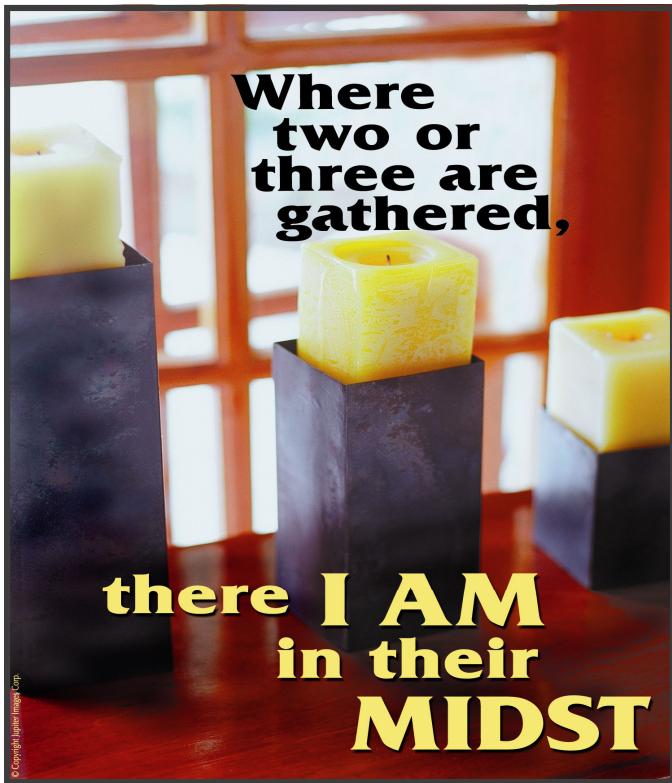
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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

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 _____



Intention for the Week

- Monday,** September 5th (Labor Day)
9:00 AM George & Ruth Hagan (dec)
- Tuesday,** September 6th
6:00 PM Audrey Meister (dec)
- Wednesday,** September 7th
6:30 AM George & Lillian Hagan (dec)
- Thursday,** September 8th
9:00 AM School Mass
Noon Louis Conder (dec)
- Friday,** September 9th
Noon Martha Hayden (dec)
- Saturday** September 10th
4:00 PM Paul Roberts (dec)
- Sunday,** September 11th
7:00 AM Angela Thompson (dec)
10:00 AM W A Mattingly Jr. (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Liturgical Ministers for September 10th & 11th

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Bonnie Snyder, Jeannie Best, Maggie O'Bryan, Joe O'Bryan, Cecelia Hamilton, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early, Janet Ruth, Liz Francis

SUNDAY 7 AM Dennis Sandefur, Charlene Baumgarten, Carolyn Taylor, Darlene Kazlauskas, Randy Lee, Angie Lee

SUNDAY 10 AM Bill Hayden, Sharon Bell, John Bell, Phil Hagan, Josie Hagan, Kerry Riney, Debbie Riney, Ed Higdon, Becky Hargitt

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Leesa Moman, Rick Moman, Phyllis Bastin, Bobby Bastin, Susan Hale, Pat Hale

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Judy Coomes
Sun 7:00 AM	Joy Bach
Sun 10:00 AM	Ann Blanford
Sun 5:30 PM	Greg Cash

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Elizabeth Cason, Billy Cason
Sun 7:00 AM	Collin Higgins, Brendan Higgins
Sun 10:00 AM	JT Hayden, Caroline Hayden
Sun 5:30 PM	Emily Marshall, John David Marshall

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Bea Wooldridge
Sun 7:00 AM	Will Watthen
Sun 10:00 AM	David Calhoun
Sun 5:30 PM	David Marshall

Children's Liturgy

Preschool	Michelle Sandefur, Ruth Schrecker (Asst)
K-3rd Grade	Mary Hayden, Stephanie Hayden (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Joseph Ruth, Dorothy Schell, Lou Schultz

Hillcrest: Rose Clark, Joan Frey

Ministers of Hospitality for September

4:00 PM	Gerald Coomes, Jack Hamilton William Marsh, Martha Marsh
7:00 AM	Jeff Hofer, Lynn Hofer Faye Riney, Michelle Sharp
10:00 AM	Mark Stietler, Russ Hayden Russell Hayden, Joseph Hayden
5:30 PM	Candy Oaks, Pete Linn Jacob Linn, Austin Wood

Catholic Q&A

What is the name of the prayer of the Divine Office that is said at 3 PM?

Before the reform of the "Divine Office" -- also known as the Liturgy of the Hours -- the prayers said at 3 PM were referred to as *None*, which is Latin for "ninth." This was because the first prayers of the Divine Office were said at 6 AM, and 3 PM is nine hours later. With the reform of the Divine Office, *Prime* (6 AM), *Terce* (9 AM), *Sext* (noon), and *None* were consolidated into what is now called "Daytime Prayer."

What does the word "catechism" mean?

A catechism is a summary or compendium of doctrine about faith and morals. Catholic catechisms are usually organized in 4 parts (Creed, Sacraments, Morality, Prayer) and may or may not be in question and answer format. The word "catechism" comes from the Greek word *katekhein*, which means "to resound" or "to echo down." This is fitting because that's what a catechism does: it takes the teaching of Christ and the apostles that has "echoed down" through these many generations and passes it on to us.

What is the name of the place where the priest lives?

This building is commonly referred to as a "rectory."

Why does the bishop tap the person to be confirmed on the cheek or ear?

Since the reform of the Rite of Confirmation in 1971, this is no longer done. In the older rite, the bishop would strike each candidate on the cheek, symbolizing that the Christian is now a soldier for Christ and must endure suffering and the persecution that comes from conflict with the world. This was supposed to be done *gently*, although I'm sure there are many parents and grandparents among us who may recall a rather robust "reminder" by the bishop of the trials of the Catholic life!

Why did the priest face away from the congregation before Vatican II?

The orientation of the priest in the Latin Mass is not "away from the congregation" but *towards the Lord*. When the entire liturgical assembly -- both priest and people -- are facing in the same direction, this communicates the reality that, in the Mass, we are all together offering our praise and worship and all that we have to the Father, and the priest is offering the Sacrifice of Christ to the Father on our behalf.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

Sept. 4: Labor Day Weekend- No Youth Group!!

Saturday, Sept. 10: WALK FOR LIFE... begins 9:30 @ Lourdes Catholic Church. Come alone or bring family and friends, and join us in a walk to support life!

Sept. 11: Bible Scavenger Hunt

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

PLEASE NOTE: To sign up for the 2011-2012 Cooking Teams call Christina. Please consider ministering to our youth in this way. Usually only comes to 2 or 3 hours 3-4 times a year. But the service speaks volumes to the youth!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR RELIGIOUS ED

Registration: It's not too late to register! Come by the office during office hours.

Parent Meeting: Wed., Sept. 7 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. You will receive the Rel. Ed. Handbook, and other important information. Please don't miss it!

First day of class: Sunday, Sept. 11 after 10 AM Mass.

I NEED YOUR HELP WITH RCIA!!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) has already begun. The first session was on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 7 PM in the St. John Bosco Room (the "Youth Room") in the Family Life Center. But, **it's not too late for inquirers to join the process!**

Do you have a friend, co-worker, or family member who has a lot of questions about Catholicism or who might be interested in becoming Catholic? Please have them contact me! With your help, we can introduce more people to the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith!

Laugh for the Week

“The New Baby Sitter”

A young man agreed to baby-sit one night so his neighbors could have an evening out. At bedtime he sent the youngsters upstairs to bed and settled down to watch football.

One child kept creeping down the stairs, but the young man kept sending him back to bed.

At 9:00PM the doorbell rang, it was the next-door neighbor, asking whether her son was there. The young man replied, “NO”

Just then a little head appeared over the banister and shouted, “I’m here, Mom, But he won’t let me go home!!”

From Death to New Life

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Molly Willet and her family on the death of her father, Ernest Lee Elliot. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Rudy Reeder and his family on the death of his wife, Betty Pauline Reeder. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Steve Roberts and his family on the death of his mother, and Marjorie Early and her family on the death of her sister, Mary Jane Clements Roberts. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Mary “Bobbie” Head and her family on the death of her husband, Hayden. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Becky Franey and her family on the death of her mother, Kathy Cook Lancaster. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in
heaven.”

Gospel Mt 18:15-20

Superman is a fictional character that started as a hero in the comic genre that graduated to the television, then to the movie screen. He has served as an icon for the moral truth that with great power comes great responsibility to choose to use such power for good or evil. Happily, for many generations of Americans, Superman has chosen to use his powers for good. Although we may not be able to fly faster than a speedy bullet or leap tall buildings with a single bound, we all possess great power. Each of us has the awesome power to forgive sins - the sins of commission and omission that others commit directly or indirectly against us. God has given us the ability to say to others, “I forgive you.” Unless we are a priest we have not been given the power to forgive sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But we are stewards of our own ability to forgive. Jesus assures us that if we turn to our heavenly Father in prayer He will be with us and help us to forgive.

August 21st, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$24,337	\$23,558	\$23,453	\$22,633

August 28th, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$21,097	\$23,558	\$22,856	\$22,458

SAINT RAPHAEL FARM LEASE

The Saint Raphael Farm Lease expires September 30, 2011. This lease is for a three year period. If you are interested in submitting a bid for leasing the 138 tillable acres of this farm, you may pick up a bid form from the Catholic Pastoral Center, at 600 Locust Street between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM M-F. If you would like the form sent to you please call (270-683-1545 ext 360 and leave your mailing or e-mail address. All bids must be sealed and are due at the Catholic Pastoral Center by noon on Monday, 10/3/11.

2011 Barbecue Schedule

Sept 11th	Mount Saint Joseph
Sept 17th	Immaculate Conception (Hawesville)
Sept 17th	St. Stephen Cathedral
Sept 18th	St. Lawrence / St. Williams
Sept 24th	Immaculate
Oct 1st	St. Mary of the Woods

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

Frances Ballard, Harry Baumgarten, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Briggin, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Kellie Burch, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, Joe Cecil, Melody Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Dennis Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Alice Cole, Jake Conder, Jeff Connor, 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, Elena Maria Finley, Damon Gillim, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Joe Hagan, Donna Hamilton, Wilhemenia Newton Hamilton, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Phil Hayden, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Jim Henry, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Janice Hobbs, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Mike Koger, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Kathlene Leming, 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, 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, Marge Slack, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, Jill Tanner, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Billy Thomas, Joyce Thomas, 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, Kamren White, Katherine Whittinghill, Joe Wink, Bill, Flora Yancy, Randy Zaremba

**Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War.
Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home
soon.**

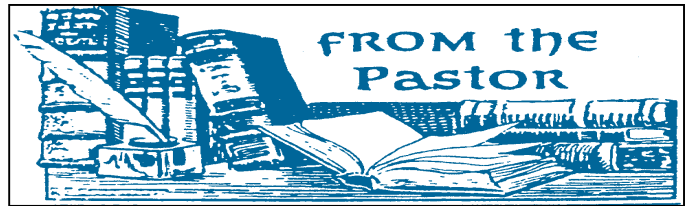
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of
Russell & Virginia Corley)

Afghanistan

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark
PVT Benjamin Sexton (grandson Margie Ashworth)
CPL Whitney Corley (Marines) (granddaughter
Russell & Virginia Corley)
Nicholas Sandefur (Army) (grandson, Dessie Clark)
PFC-NG-NGB Justin McDuffie (grandson
Clarence & Carmen Elder)

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 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus talks about agreeing in prayer and that He hears us when we do so. Let us agree to pray for one another and for this great parish.

Monday is Labor Day so the office will be closed. Mass will be at 9am.

Liturgy committee meeting Wednesday evening at 6:30.

RCIA has begun. If you know anyone who might be interested in the Catholic faith call the office and we will contact them. We meet every Thursday at 7pm in the youth room.

Next weekend is Disciple Response Fund weekend. There will be a bulletin insert and extra envelopes in the pews for your convenience.

The last heavy rain found us putting buckets in church at one spot. The roof needs repairing. The valleys all have to be redone. The whole roof is over 17 years old so we are getting estimates on replacing the whole thing. More info later.

Many of you know that there is a terrible famine in Somolia. The Holy Father has asked all parishes to help alleviate the suffering there. So we will have a second collection for famine relief the weekend of the 11th of September.

I have a new emergency number at the rectory. 663-1398. I was using the Gideon Productions number but that was confusing to people so now I have a separate line.

Workers Needed!

**Workers are still needed for the
Mount St. Joseph Picnic
September 11, 2011
If you are able to help please
contact Steve Simms 316-2962**

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

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

Tues. Mass 6:00 PM

**Wed. Mass 6:30 AM
Liturgy Committee Mtg 6:30 PM
Religious Ed Parent Mtg 7:00 PM**

**Thurs. 9:00 AM School Mass
Mass 12:00 Noon
RCIA 7:00 PM**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12 Noon**

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

**Sun. 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, Parish Hall**

Readings for the Week

Monday: Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 -- 28:9; Ps 103;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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) 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 Registration

**The Owensboro Catholic Schools Registration:
Space still available for the 2011-2012 school year.
For more information about OCS or to inquire about
tuition assistance, contact Karen Gross at 686-8896
or log on to the website at:
www.owensborocatholic.org**

Football T-Shirt Spirit Night Bleeding Green and White!

OCHS Football Spirit Night will be celebrated at the OCHS vs Butler County football game on Friday, September 23.

Purchase an 'OCHS Football Spirit' t-shirt and wear it to the game! Orders are due by September 2. Show your spirit and order one!

http://owensborocatholic.org/documents/fb_tshirt_night.pdf

Acette Dance Camp

**Mon 9/5 thru Wed 9/7 3:30—4:30 Preschool,
Kindergarten, 1st Grade
Mon 9/5 thru Wed 9/7 4:00—5:00 Grades 6,7,8
Mon 9/5 thru Wed 9/7 5:00 — 6:00 Grades 2,3,4,5
Thurs 9/8 5:00 — 6:00 ALL AGE GROUPS
Performance will be Sept 9 at Halftime OCHS Game
Cost is \$30. Registration deadline is August 28th.
All registration forms can be turned into OCHS Athletic office or your school office.**

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