



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

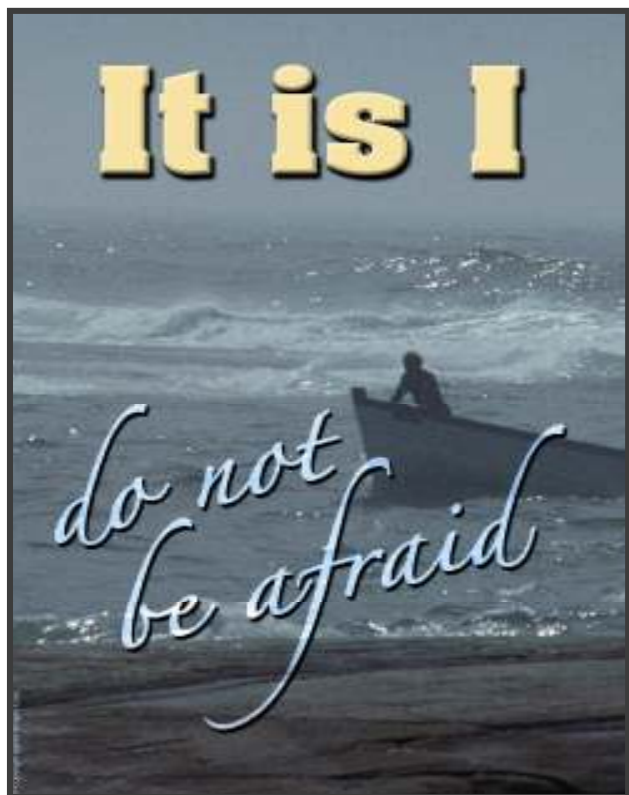
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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, August 8th**
6:30 AM **Helen Payne (dec)**
- Tuesday, August 9th**
6:00 PM **Carolyn Morton**
- Wednesday, August 10th**
6:30 AM **Russell Hayden III (b-day)**
- Thursday, August 11th**
9:00 AM **NO School Mass**
Noon **Bill & Janet Schartung (dec)**
- Friday, August 12th**
Noon **Otto Hayden (ann of death)**
- Saturday, August 13th**
4:00 PM **Bud Clark (dec)**
- Sunday, August 14th**
7:00 AM **Paul Roberts (dec)**
10:00 AM **Jason Terry (dec, b-day)**
5:30 PM **Blessed Mother Parish**

Liturgical Ministers for August 13th & 14th

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Lahoma Stinnett, Jan Storm, Jeff Williams, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early, Shirley Kent, Sandra Henry

SUNDAY 7 AM Sr. Mary Timothy, Don Cecil, Darlene Kazlauskas, Randy Lee, Angie Lee, Mike Thompson

SUNDAY 10 AM John Calhoun, Raymunda Calhoun, Becky Hargitt, Carol Goedde, Ed Higdon, Kim Barnett, Richard Whitehouse, Lori Whitehouse, Pauline Wigginton

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Phyllis Bastin, Bobby Bastin, Katie Brown, Liza Brown, Martha Estes, Bev Payne

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Michelle Mayfield
 Sun 7:00 AM Mike Williams
 Sun 10:00 AM Sandra Rafferty
 Sun 5:30 PM Rick Moman

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Elizabeth Cason, Billy Cason
 Sun 7:00 AM Collin Higgins, Brendan Higgins
 Sun 10:00 AM Jack Dees, Raychel Bahnick
 Sun 5:30 PM Sara Brown, Logan Buckman

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Pat Cason
 Sun 7:00 AM Russell Corley
 Sun 10:00 AM Wendell Sloan
 Sun 5:30 PM John Judd

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Linda Wahl, Molly Aud (Asst)
 K-3rd Grade Diane Fulkerson, Angela Bell (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Maria Overton, Jennifer Patton, Leanne Payne

Hillcrest: Charles & Dana Zambrano

Ministers of Hospitality for August

4:00 PM Will Wathen, Thomas Wedding
 Thomas Hobbs, Tyler Wells

7:00 AM Mary Fenwick, Jeff Fenwick
 Steve Orth, Paul Edge

10:00 AM Kevin Carrico, Collin Carrico
 Pat Hardesty, Perry Hardesty

5:30 PM Lee Miller, Eli Miller
 Bryan Nunley, Stacy Nunley

Catholic Q&A

Instead of the usual Q&A, I would like to use this space to let you know about some things I need your help with

The first thing is **Religious Ed**. This is a program for children who belong to the parish but do not go to Catholic schools. It's an opportunity for the parish to supplement what you are doing at home to ensure that our children grow up with a firm grasp of their Catholic faith.

Religious Ed classes are on Sundays during the school year. After the 10 AM Mass, the children and their families gather in the Parish Hall, where they have about 10 or 15 minutes to grab a donut and some juice. Then I dismiss them from there to the various classrooms. Class is from 11:15 AM to Noon. Parents go to the classroom to pick up their children.

The cost is \$50 for one child, \$65 total for two children, and \$75 total for three or more. If you need financial assistance, please let me know. We will make it work.

There are three important items to add to your calendar:

-- **Registration** for Religious Ed is after the 10 AM Mass on Aug. 7, 14, and 21 in the Family Life Center.

-- There is an important **Parent Meeting** on Wed., Sept. 7th in the Family Life Center. We will be going over the calendar for the year and addressing other points of concern for parents.

-- The **first day of class** for the 2011-2012 school year is Sunday, Sept. 11.

The next item of importance is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or **RCIA**. This is for any non-Catholic adult who has questions about Catholicism or who might be interested in becoming Catholic. ***I rely on you heavily to bring to me individuals for this process.***

Please take the time, on the way home from Mass today, to consider as a family who you might want to invite to join the RCIA process. You could even make a list of your non-Catholic friends, relatives, and co-workers, and then divide up the names among yourselves. The Holy Spirit could be waiting on you to extend that initial invitation so that He can light that spark of faith that grows into a heart that is burning with love for Christ and His Church.

RCIA begins on Thurs., Sept. 1 at 7 PM in the "Youth Room" in the Family Life Center.

If you have questions about any of this, just let me know.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF: AUGUST 7th!!
Water Games...bring old clothes to get wet in and clothes to change into!! See you there!

August 13: Parish Picnic!! Please Volunteer to help somewhere throughout the day. Youth group booth could use more volunteers as well. Please contact Christina if interested!!

August 14: MOVIE NIGHT!! Come relax after a busy day at the picnic and join us for a movie!

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

PLEASE NOTE: Sign ups for the 2011-2012 Cooking Teams will take place this weekend. 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!

Picnic Week Schedule

Monday Turn in Raffle Tickets to Office
Tuesday: Pray for Good Weather
Wednesday: Pray for Good Weather
Thursday: Set up Stands, Pits, 5:30PM, bring your tools, and bring a buddy
Friday: Make Potato Salad in the Family Life Center Kitchen 9:00am
Cut up vegetables for burgoo 5:30 PM
Saturday: Debone meat for burgoo, 6:00AM
Burgoo and Meat Cooks on site 7:00 AM
Set Up Canopies 9:00 AM
Booths open 3:00PM
Dinner stand opens 4:00PM
Auction begins 5:00PM
Raffle drawings 6:30PM
CLEAN UP GROUNDS BEGIN!!
Mass of Thanksgiving Follows!!!

Laugh for the Week
"A Visiting Pastor"

One Sunday afternoon, the pastor's friend dropped into an easy chair saying, "Man, am I ever exhausted! I really need a nap."

The pastor looked over at him and said, "I am the one who had to deliver two special messages last night and three today, for a total of five sermons. Why are you so tired?"

"Father," he replied "I had to listen to all of them!!!"

Parish Picnic August 13th, 2011

Items in need

Canned Drinks, Liter Drinks (Regular & Diet)
BOTTLED WATER!!!!
Bags of hard wrapped candy
Individual wrapped chips

Filled Baskets for the Paddle Wheel (use your imagination (Lotions, Golf Balls, dish towels, candles, bath sets, kitchen gadgets, school supplies, baby supplies.

Cleaned stuffed animals

Cakes: Cakes will be needed the week of the picnic for the cake wheel.

Items for Auction
 We are in need of new items for Auction, (Pictures, Furniture, Lamps, Lap Quilts, Crafts, Bird Houses, ect...

Workers: If you have not signed up to work and need an area please call the office and we will place you in an area in need!

5th –12th Graders:
 The dinner stand is in need of drink servers
 If you would like to serve please contact the office.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets are still available!!!!!! Please be sure to pick your tickets up and return them by Monday, August 8th. You do NOT have to sign for them this year, laws have changed.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!

Forming Good Stewards
Sunday Collections

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
 "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Matthew 14:22-33


Fear, disbelief, amazement and reassurance are just some of the emotions the disciples would have experienced when they saw Jesus walking toward their boat on the wind tossed waters of the Sea of Galilee. Peter speaks to the person on the water. Notice he says, "If it is you . . ." Obviously, he is not sure. But at least he has the courage to ask. Then he says, "command me to come to you . . ." Peter hopes it is Jesus, and he may even have believed it was Jesus. He wants to go to Jesus. But he does not want to take the responsibility for stepping out of the boat in the event he is wrong. He wants Jesus to "command" him so if he fails it is Jesus' fault. Before we judge Peter and the other disciples too harshly we should reflect on our reaction when we sense Jesus is calling us, through his presence in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty, to step out of our comfort zone into a strange or risky situation. Do we have the faith, hope and courage to do so without being "commanded" by Jesus? Are we willing to be responsible for our faith?

July 25th, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$24,198	\$23,558	\$21,858	\$21,858

2011 Barbecue Schedule

Aug 13th	Blessed Mother
Aug 27th	St., Columbia (Lewisport)
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

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Bill Hayden and his family on the death of his wife, Martha. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

**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, 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, 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, Laura Payne, Mary Payne, Judy Peak, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Joyce Rangel, Pauline Reeder, 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 Tower, 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.**

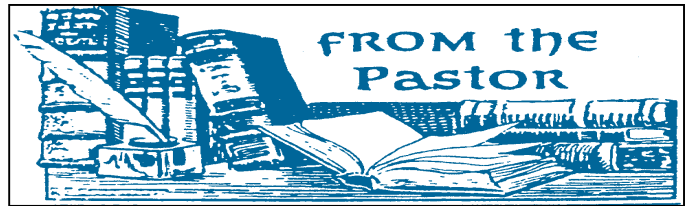
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of
Russell & Virginia Corley)

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)

Other

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



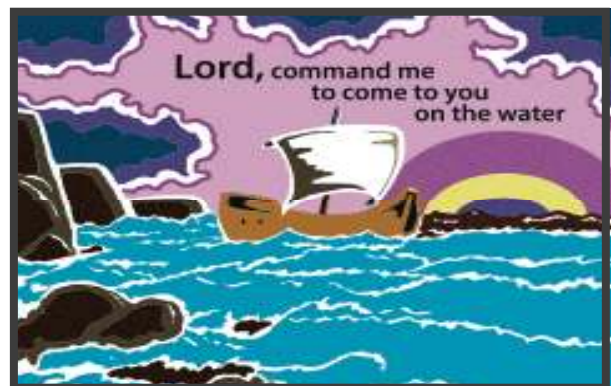
I hope you had a good week. Today is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We have in the Gospel of Matthew a great story of faith. We become afraid so often like Peter. Let us cry out to the Lord as he did, "Lord save me." May our faith in the Lord to always come to our aid continue to grow.

This coming Saturday we have our annual picnic. Your raffle tickets are at the doors. Please consider selling some for the success of our picnic. We pray for great weather and even greater sense of church family as we work together in this special ministry. If you need a place to serve at the picnic call the office please.

Next weekend is also Brescia University weekend. We always give generously to this special gift to our diocese. We welcome all Brescia alumni who join us for our celebrations.

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.

This month we will pick new parish council members. A candidate has to be in good standing with the Church; if married, married in the Church if single, living the faithful Christian life. Please call the office if you would like to be considered or if you have a suggestion of someone to be considered.



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

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

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12 Noon**

**Sat. PARISH PICNIC
NO Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM
Mass After Picnic**

**Sun. Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
NO Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Hall**

Readings for the Week

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Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17;
Mt 18:21 -- 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67; Mt 15:21-28
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;

**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 Date

The Owensboro Catholic Schools will have registration on Tuesday, July 26 from 12:00 Noon—6:00pm in the Catholic High Small Gym. 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 onto www.owensborocatholic.org

News from Cathedral Preschool

Registration for 3, 4, and 5 year-olds is currently in progress for the 2011-2012 school year. The preschool offers a Christ-centered atmosphere for children of all faith traditions. It provides private yet affordable early childhood education in preparation for kindergarten. Spaces are filling fast so please call 926-1652 to request a registration packet.

Help Office

The Help Office is in current need of the following for the food Pantry: Toilet Paper (urgent need), Canned Fruit, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Soap, Paper Towels, Cereal, P-Nut Butter, Jelly, Deodorant, Cooking Oil (in small containers), Dry Milk, Kroger Cards for Perishable Items (eggs, milk, butter, etc...) If you are able to help with any of these needs please take them to the Help Office or drop off at the parish office, and we will get it to them. **Thank you for your support.**

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