



# 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

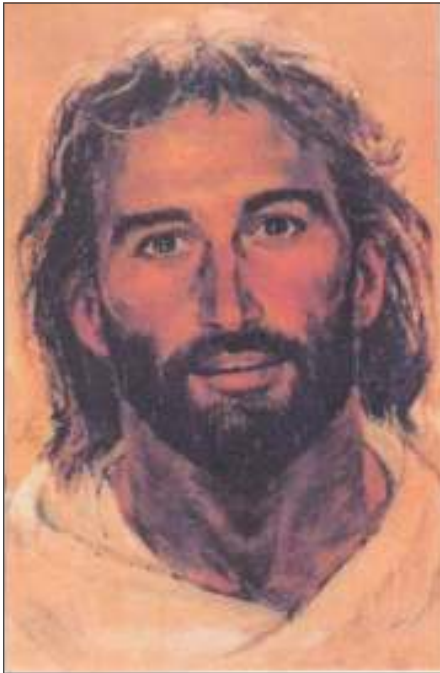
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.  
Contact the Parish Office.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



***“You can not Serve God and mammon”***

***Intention for the Week***

- Monday, 6:30 AM**      **February 28th**  
**Nunez-Solis Family**
- Tuesday, 6:00 PM**      **March 1st**  
**Elisa Graham (b-day)**
- Wednesday, 6:30 AM**      **March 2nd**  
**Elena Maria M. Finley**
- Thursday, 9:00 AM**      **March 3rd**  
**School Mass**  
**Noon**      **Alvina Kindall (dec)**
- Friday, Noon**      **March 4th**  
**Mary Ava Jackson (dec)**
- Saturday 4:00 PM**      **March 5th**  
**Williams-Duncan Family**
- Sunday, 7:00 AM**      **March 6th**  
**Blessed Mother Parish**  
**10:00 AM**      **John A. McCarthy (dec)**  
**5:30 PM**      **Pat Bumm (dec)**

***“Do not worry about tomorrow,  
Tomorrow will take care of itself ”***

**Liturgical Ministers for March 5th & 6th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**SAT 4PM**      Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Janet Ruth, Shirley Kent, Sandra Henry, Cecelia Hamilton, Joyce Pearl, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early

**SUN 7 AM**      Sr. Mary Timothy, Mike Thompson, Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Charlene Baumgarten Darlene Kazlauskas

**Sun 10 AM**      Sabrina Johnson, Scott Johnson, Stephanie Hayden, Christopher Hayden, Lindsey Whitehouse, Richard Whitehouse, Lori Whitehouse, Kim Barnett, Tony Powers

**Sun 5:30 PM**      Michele Linn, Pete Linn, Susan Hale, Pat Hale, Sam Lily, Martha Estes

**Readers**

- Sat 4:00 PM**      Norm Hayden
- Sun 7:00 AM**      Denis Sandefur
- Sun 10:00 AM**      Diane Fulkerson
- Sun 5:30 PM**      David Marshall

**Servers**

- Sat 4:00 PM**      Gabe Fillman, Billy Cason
- Sun 7:00 AM**      Harper Dotsey, Alex Dotsey
- Sun 10:00 AM**      Caroline & John Thomas Hayden
- Sun 5:30 PM**      Emily Marshall, John David Marshall

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

- Sat 4:00 PM**      Debbie Conder
- Sun 7:00 AM**      Jack Murphy
- Sun 10:00 AM**      Camilla Baker
- Sun 5:30 PM**      Ron Robertson

**Children’s Liturgy**

**Preschool** Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young (Asst)  
**K-3rd Grade** Jennifer Hayden, Brittany Murphy (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

Ann Blandford, Donnie Blandford, Darian Boling

**Hillcrest:** Debbie Ward, Donna Powers

**Ministers of Hospitality for March**

- 4:00 PM**      Gerald Coomes, Jack Hamilton  
Jolene White, Jordan White
- 7:00 AM**      Faye Riney, Lynn Hofer  
Jeff Hofer, Michelle Sharp
- 10:00 AM**      Charlie Kase, Janet Kase  
Lindsey Kase, Jim Hagan
- 5:30 PM**      Nick Clark, Aaron Clark  
Austin Clark, Alex Vaughn

## CATHOLIC Q&A

### What are the precepts of the Church?

The precepts of the Church are the *minimum requirements* for living an authentic Catholic life. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* lists five precepts (cf. nos. 2041-2043). I would like to comment on each one.

1. *You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, and rest from servile labor.*

One day a week: it's the least we could do for a God who has given us so much. By "servile labor," the Church means any "work or business that would inhibit the worship to be given to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the due relaxation of mind and body" (*Code of Canon Law*, no. 1247). In other words, try to mow the lawn, clean the dishes, do the laundry, finish your homework, etc. on Friday or Saturday, instead of on Sunday.

2. *You shall confess your sins at least once a year.*

Mortal sins must be forgiven through the sacrament of Confession, and this must be done before one can receive the Eucharist. Of course, we are encouraged to confess our venial sins as well, and to go to Confession much more regularly than once a year. Pastors and spiritual directors usually advise going to Confession **at least once a month**, but you can go more often if necessary.

3. *You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.*

There's no better time to receive the Eucharist than during the season in which we commemorate Jesus' offering of himself to the Father (and to us) for our salvation. Of course, we are encouraged to receive the Eucharist any time that we are properly disposed to receive it -- meaning, we have no mortal sin on our soul, we have observed the one-hour fast before Communion, and we believe that what we are receiving is truly Christ.

4. *You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church*

All Fridays of the year are days of penance. However, only on Fridays **in Lent** are Catholics, aged 14 and older, bound to abstain from meat. On all other Fridays, Catholics in the U.S. are permitted to substitute abstinence with some other act of penance or charity. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, moreover, Catholics aged 18 to 59 inclusive, are bound to fast, which means, at the least, having one full meal during that day and two smaller meals, with no snacking between.

5. *You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.*

This is important so that the Church has available to it "those things which are necessary for divine worship, for apostolic and charitable work and for the worthy support of its ministers" (*Code of Canon Law*, no. 222).

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

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

### Coming Soon...

**February 27<sup>th</sup>: SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOLLOWED BY DODGE-BALL!!!!**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>: ODYO Mardi Gras Party!! @ St. Pius—Meet @ Blessed Mother @ 6:15. Returning at about 9:00 pm.**

**YOUTH 2000~ March 11-13 @ Brescia University (Ages 13+), Cost=\$40...If you need a chaperone, turn forms in to me by Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available at the office.**

**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!!

**Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>~ Al & Molly Thompson, Sharon McPherson,**

**Diane Hoffman**

**2. March 6<sup>th</sup>~ ODYO...NO TEAM NEEDED!**

### Boston Butt and Rib Cook

March 5th the Owensboro Catholic Softball team will be cooking Boston Butt, Ribs, and Chicken. See any OCHS softball player to place your order, or contact Blessed Mother Parishioner Chuck Brown 993-1115.

### Scripture Study for the Season of Lent

We will be doing a 5-part study examining the Scriptural basis of Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ*. **First meeting is Tues., March 15, from 7-8:30 PM in the Parish Hall.** We will meet every Tues. night up to Apr. 12. Price is only \$10. Please include your name, phone #, and email address w/ your payment. For more info., call Nicholas Hardesty at 683-8444, ext. 26.

*From Death to New Life* 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Fr. Leonard Francis Reisz. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

## Laugh for the Week

### “Remodel”

**The crumbling old church desperately needed remodeling, so the preacher made an impassioned appeal, obviously directed at a particular man. At the end of the message, the man stood up and announced, “Pastor, I will contribute \$1,000.**

**Just then, a chunk of plaster fell from the ceiling and struck the man on the shoulder. He promptly stood again and shouted, “Pastor, I will increase my donation to \$5,000.” Before he could sit back down, plaster fell on him again, and again he virtually shouted, “Pastor, I will double my last pledge.”**

**As he sat down, a larger chunk of plaster fell, hitting him on the head. He stood once more and hollered, “Pastor, I will give \$20,000!”**

**At this a deacon shouted “Hit him again, Lord! Hit him again!!”**

## 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.*

Have you ever wondered why we sit for the first two readings at Mass but stand for the Gospel? This is one of several ways that the liturgy indicates the special significance of the portion of the Bible that is found in the four gospels. We believe, of course, that Christ speaks to us in all the readings. Because he is the Word of God made flesh, whatever God says to us comes to us through Christ. Yet there is still something special about those four books that give us most of our information about Jesus himself. The gospels reveal him to us, recounting his teaching and his miracles, his journeys and his encounters with people of his time, his death and his resurrection. It is in the four gospels that we find the fullest picture of Jesus and his meaning for our lives. Through the gospel, Christ challenges us to imitate him and to walk in his ways. That’s why the liturgy treats it with such solemnity and reverence.

### Religious Education Calendar For February and March

February 20th	Class
February 27th	Class
March 6	Class
March 13	Class
March 20	Class

## Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

February 27, 2011

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot serve God and *mammon*.”

Matthew 6:24-34

Who or what is *mammon*? It can mean several things: our desire for physical pleasures, financial wealth, political power, the admiration and adulation of others, the unconditional love of the person or people we claim to love. Jesus tells us not to worry [obsess] about these things. His wise words seem contrary to message we received from our family and friends, culture, and the barrage of advertising that constantly assaults us. He clearly speaks of values that are the polar opposite of the modern standard: “The one who dies with the most things wins.” G. K. Chesterton said, “The things that we cannot do without we do not possess, they possess us.” That is a clever way of rephrasing the wisdom of Jesus that “You cannot serve God and *mammon*.” The more attached we become to all the things God created for us, the harder it is for us to stay attached to the Creator of all things. Every day we must choose between God and *mammon*. Our eternal happiness depends on what we choose.

### February 13, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$21,277	\$21,426	\$23,724	\$23,946

### Catholics Returning Home

An open door for Returning Catholics from Blessed Mother Parish. Would you be interested in returning to your faith but don’t know how to begin that journey home? Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again? No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Blessed Mother Parrish will be sponsoring a six week session March 10, 2011 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. During this Lenten season you can find a renewal of faith and a closer walk with the Lord. Call 926-1483 or 926-3148 for more information. All messages will be returned.

### Server Training

**If your child would like to be an alter server and is at least in the 4th grade, please see Brett for training.**

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

Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Brigglin, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, 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, 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, Janice Hobbs, Jennifer Howard and baby, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, 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, Joseph (Jack) Millay, 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 Bittel-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, Herman, Mary Simmons, 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, 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.**

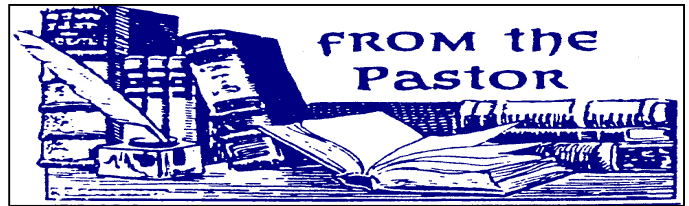
**Iraq:** SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards  
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad  
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

**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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Jesus tells us not to be anxious about anything for God will always provide for us.

Religious Ed does meet today and youth group meets tonight.

Our annual stewardship drive is in full swing. This is commitment Sunday. If you did not receive your stewardship packet please call the office. If you did not bring your forms to Mass this weekend simply drop them by the office or mail them in. Thanks.

I would like to thank all the witnesses on our video this past weekend. Your testimonies were very rewarding. I would like to thank Cliff Russell for the many hours in preparing the video for us.

It's hard to believe that we are planning for summer already but Power Week plans are in full swing. I have to be away Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March for a workshop. I have to be certified every year in order to be a facilitator for the low elements course at Brandon Spring Camp. Fr. Phil Riney will be here in my place.

Liturgy committee meets this Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Lent is just around the corner. We continue to hold our RCIA candidates in prayer as they journey towards Easter. This year I would like to try to have stations of the cross at 6:30pm every Friday during Lent.

The Rome trip is fast approaching. We have the capacity for 45 participants and currently have 16 signed up. I will keep a running tally for you so you know when it is filling up. We leave July 11<sup>th</sup> and return the 20<sup>th</sup>. Brochures are in the office.

**Roman Missal Workshops**

Here are the remaining dates for the Roman Missal workshops (all times are 10-12 noon):

Saturday, February 26 Holy Name

School Hall, Henderson

Saturday, March 5 Christ the King, Madisonville

(rescheduled from Feb. 5 because of snow)

The Social Justice Committee has a thought for you to ponder during the month of February. Unity is not an Option. John Paul II in his encyclical THAT ALL MAY BE ONE SAID: "The quest for Christian unity is not a matter of choice, but a duty which springs from the very nature of the Christian community. It extends to everyone, faithful and clergy alike, according to the ability of each."

The Social Justice Committee meets every third Tuesday. We welcome new members.

The prayer blanket meets every second Wednesday. New members are 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**

**Wed. Mass 6:30 AM**

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

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration  
Mass 12 Noon  
First Friday Lunch**

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

**Sun. 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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

February 27, 2011 through March 6, 2011

Sunday	Is 49:14-15 Ps 62:2-3,6-9 1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34
Monday	Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2,5-7 Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday	Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8,14,23 Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	Sir 36:1,4-5a,10-17 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Mk 10:32-45
Thursday	Sir 42:15-25 Ps 32:2-9 Mk 10:46-52
Friday	Sir 44:1,9-13 Ps 149:1-6a,9b Mk 11:11-26
Saturday	Sir 51:12c-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mk 11:27-33
Sunday	Dt 11:18,26-28,32 Ps 31:2-4,17,25 Rom 3:21-25,28 Mt 7:21-27

**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**

## Owensboro Catholic Elementary School Open House

An Open House will be held at the Elementary K-3 Campus and the Elementary 4-6 Campus for all current and prospective families on Thursday, March 10 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Information about daily faith formation, curriculum, and extracurricular activities and the athletic programs will be available, as well as a chance to meet the teachers and staff. Be sure to attend!

The Elementary K-3 Campus is located at 4017 Frederica Street, behind Our Lady of Lourdes church and the Elementary 4-6 Campus is located at 525 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street next to Blessed Mother church.

For more information about the Owensboro Catholic Schools, please log onto:

[www.owensborocatholic.org](http://www.owensborocatholic.org)

## Chili Supper

The Right to Life of Owensboro Chili supper will be March 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Pius X.

Serving time begins at 5:00 pm and ends at 7:00 pm. There will be a silent auction as well.

Ticket prices will be as follows: ages 3 and under are free, ages 4 to 12 are \$5.00, and 13 and up are \$7.00.

Tickets will be available for purchase after Masses on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets will also be available at the event. Donations of cakes and pies would be appreciated.

For more information, please contact the Right to Life office at 685-4922

### 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