

Blessed Mother Catholic Church

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PRAYER LINE NUMBERS:

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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
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

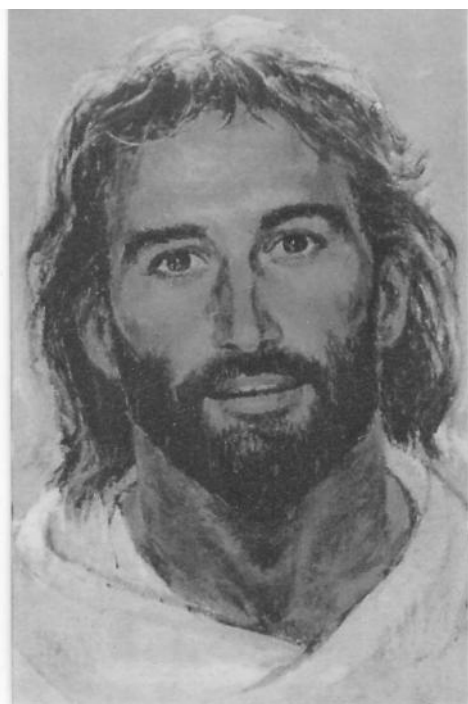
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.
Contact the Parish Office.

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 _____



“Your light must shine before others”

Intention for the Week

Monday, February 7th
6:30 AM Tony Powers (b-day)

Tuesday, February 8th
6:00 PM Vincent Cecil & family

Wednesday, February 9th
6:30 AM Wedding-Leibfried family

Thursday, February 10th
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon Alvina Kendall (dec)

Friday, February 11th
Noon Charlie Wedding (ann of death)

Saturday, February 12th
4:00 PM Joe Stinnett (ann of death)

Sunday, February 13th
7:00 AM Carol Roby (dec)
10:00 AM Jason Terry (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

*“that they may see you good deeds and
Glorify your heavenly Father”*

Liturgical Ministers for February 12th & 13th

Eucharistic Ministers

SAT 4PM Lahoma Stinnett, Janet Ruth, Joyce Pearl, Rose Clark, Sandra Henry, Cecelia Hamilton, Jeanie Best, Shirley Kent, Liz Francis

SUN 7 AM Brenda Hagan, Randy Lee, Angie Lee, Darlene Kazlauskas, Don Cecil, Sr. Mary Timothy

Sun 10 AM Darlene Church, Jenny Glaser, Sharon Bell, John Bell, Phil Hagan, Josie Hagan, Mary Howard, Sr. Marie Joseph, Ed Higdon

Sun 5:30 PM Michele Linn, Pete Linn, Bev Payne, Janice Bumm, Rick Moman, Rachel Thomas

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Kim Williams
Sun 7:00 AM John Kazlauskas
Sun 10:00 AM Sandra Rafferty
Sun 5:30 PM Lindsey Whitehouse

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Lauren Williams, Ally Mattingly
Sun 7:00 AM Kaylin Hagan, Sam Thompson
Sun 10:00 AM Alex Hyland, Allie Ford
Sun 5:30 PM Christopher & John Thomas Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Darrell Payne
Sun 7:00 AM John Kazlauskas
Sun 10:00 AM Phil Riney
Sun 5:30 PM Laura Young

Children’s Liturgy

Preschool Stephanie Frey, Rachel Aull (Asst)
K-3rd Grade Heidi Dees, Stephanie Hayden (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Bill Bach, Camilla Baker, Brett Ballard

Hillcrest: Denny Mann, Charles & Dana Zambrano

Ministers of Hospitality for February

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

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

10:00 AM Dan Goedde, Donna Powers
Tony Powers, Blake Powers

5:30 PM Kenny Hamilton, Patricia Hamilton
Ashley Hamilton, Ken McCarthy

Catholic Q&A

Sometimes, when I go to certain Catholic churches, no one kneels during the Eucharistic Prayer. When that happens, should I kneel or just remain standing like everyone else?

First, I should say that only the bishop can speak authoritatively on this matter. I can only share my personal thoughts as a student of the liturgy and the Church.

That said, it might help to define what the "Eucharistic Prayer" is. Basically, this is the period of the Mass when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of our Lord. This is when the Sacrifice of Christ, together with our own sacrifices, is offered to the Father for the salvation of souls. It begins after the gifts are taken up to the altar and the priest prays over them. It ends after the "Great Amen", when we stand to pray the "Our Father."

There is a reason why we are called to kneel during this time. As the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (or "GIRM") tells us, the Eucharistic Prayer is "the center and summit of the entire celebration" (no. 78). This is when a great miracle takes place. It is in the midst of the Eucharistic Prayer that Jesus Christ Himself becomes substantially present among us, waiting to abide within us. It stands to reason that we should give this moment our greatest act of reverence and worship, which is kneeling.

That we should kneel, instead of sitting or standing, to show this reverence and worship is not so much dictated by our culture as it is by Sacred Scripture and Tradition. In the Old Testament, we see that, at the dedication of the Temple, Solomon knelt "in the presence of all the assembly of Israel" (2 Chron 6:13). Ezra fell upon his knees during the evening sacrifice (cf. Ezra 9:5). The Acts of the Apostles tells us how Peter (9:40), Paul (20:36), and the whole Christian community (21:5) prayed on their knees. Jesus himself knelt down to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane (cf. Lk 22:41). As you can see, it is not above *anyone* to kneel.

Now, the *GIRM* does say that one is excused from kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer if "prevented on occasion by reasons of health, lack of space, the large number of people present, or some other good reason" (no. 43). But, I've never been to a church or chapel in Owensboro where I wasn't able to kneel. Yes, it may be a little uncomfortable if there are no kneelers, and it can be a little embarrassing if you are the only one kneeling. But, as long as you are physically able to kneel, you should.

The Son emptied himself, took on the form of a servant, and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (cf. Phil 2:7-8). The least we can do is kneel in worship of him (and praise Him if it requires a sacrifice on our part), so that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10).

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12) Coming Soon...

**February 6th: NO YOUTH GROUP!
Super Bowl Sunday!**

**February 13th: Let's make some
videos!!**

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!!**

**Feb. 6th~ No Youth Group. No
Team Needed!**

**Feb. 13th~ Laurie Elliot, Melissa
Brown, Kim Terry**

The Diocese of Owensboro is beginning a Strategic Planning Process. As a part of this process we want to hear what you have to say. In February, six Listening Sessions will be held in various parts of the diocese. These sessions will be open to anyone who would like to participate.

Feb. 8 -- 10:00 - 12:00 am -- Holy Name
Parish Hall, Henderson

Feb. 10 -- 1:00 - 3:00 pm -- Christ the King
Parish, Madisonville

Feb. 11 -- 10:00 - 12:00 am -- St. Martin
Parish, Rome

Feb. 16 -- 10:00 - 12:00 am -- Holy Spirit
Parish, Bowling Green

Feb. 17 -- 10:00 - 12:00 am -- St. Joseph
Parish, Leitchfield

Feb. 18 -- 10:00 - 12:00 am -- St. John
Parish, Paducah

For any and all who are unable to attend a Listening Session, the Diocesan website will provide an opportunity for you to express your opinions electronically at <http://www.rcdok.org/spp>. This opportunity will be open following the last scheduled Listening Session on Feb. 18.

This is an exciting time for our diocese. The Holy Spirit is already accomplishing wonderful things and will reveal to us our direction for the next five years.

Laugh for the Week

“REMEDY”

Three preachers were discussing their attempts to get rid of the bats in their respective church bell towers.

The first preacher said he had tried to shoot them, but that had left holes in the roof—and now he had leaks as well as bats.

The second preacher said he had tried catching the bats in a net and driving them out into the country—but the bats usually returned before he did.

The third preacher announced he had solved the problem at his church. He said, “I just named and baptized them all, then added them to my membership list, and I haven’t seen them since!!”

New Roman Missal

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

Why do we gather week after week for the celebration of the Mass? Some of us come because it’s a habit. Others come because they are grateful for God’s gifts. And many of us come for several of those reasons combined. More basic than all of those reasons, however, we all come because God has called us here. It was God’s own life through baptism. It was God who called us to carry on the mission of Christ in the world today. We come in response to God’s call.

Religious Education Calendar

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

Forming Good Stewards

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You are the light of the world . . .

Just so, your light must shine before others.”

Matthew 5:13-16

We flip a switch when we walk into a dark room and it is filled with light. We press a button on a flashlight and we can see in the dark night. When the power fails or batteries go bad, we find ourselves in darkness and we cannot see our way. We may get frightened because we cannot see the world around us and we fear the unknown. When we are lost in the dark and we see a light in the distance we have reason to hope that the light will lead us to help. Jesus calls us “the light of the world” and instructs us, “your light MUST shine before others.” The source of our “light” is the unique array of all of the talents, abilities and gifts that God has given to each of us. When we accept the responsibility to discover, accept, develop and use our unique talents, abilities and gifts to the best of our ability for our own benefit and the benefit of others, and imitate Jesus, our light is very powerful. Others can look at us and see the glory of God and have hope that they too can be all that God created them to be.

Sunday Collections

January 30, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$20,671	\$21,426	\$22,237	\$23,967

INFORMATION FROM CATHEDRAL PRE-SCHOOL

Cathedral Preschool soon will begin registration for 3, 4, and 5 year-old children for the 2011-2012 school year. Registration for families who have children currently enrolled begins on Monday, February 7, 2011. Forms will automatically be sent home to you. Registration for new families begins Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. You may request registration forms by calling Cathedral Preschool at 926-1652.

Time to Sing

Blessed Mother Children’s Choirs have started rehearsals. The Choristers, grades 3-6, practice Mondays from 4:30-5:10; the cherubs, grades K-2, practice from 5:15-5:30. Both groups meet in the Children’s Liturgy Room. Contact Brett with any questions. 683-8444 ext. 27.

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

Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Briggan, 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, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Janice Hobbs, Jennifer Howard and baby, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Betty Jo Johnson, Gertrude Jones, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Kru-sick, Bob Lawrence, Sam Lindsey, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, 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 Mulli-can, 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, Her-man, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sul-livan, 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, Deny Wheatley, Katherine Whitting-hill, 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

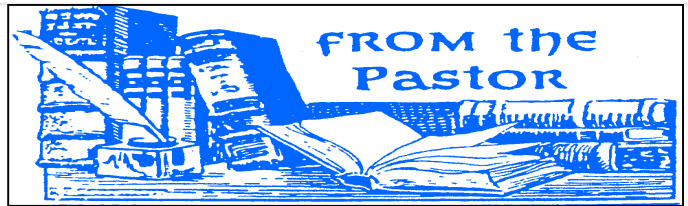
Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark

Other

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Gertrude Jones. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We have another excerpt today from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. The famous salt of the earth and light of the world passage. We season people's lives like herbs and spices and salt. May we be the right kind of seasoning that leads people to the Lord and His Church.

Finance Committee meeting this coming Tuesday evening after Mass.

Stewardship committee meeting Wednesday evening at 6:30. We will be previewing the witness video that we will be showing at all the Masses on the weekend of the 19th and 20th.

Our annual stewardship drive will be in February again this year. Commitment Sunday will be the 27th and video witnessing Sunday will be the weekend before. You will be receiving information in the mail soon.

Our scouts will be with us this weekend celebrating at the 10 am Mass. We pray for them and all the adults that minister to the young people.

FYI: a business matter that is coming up. The finance and parish councils have been debating on replacing the huge air conditioner that supplies the parish hall. We are constantly calling for repairs during the summer months. It's not exactly broke but it doesn't work right either. We feel several smaller units will do a better job than the "monster" as it has been nicknamed. More on this later.

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
Finance Committee Mtg 6:30 PM**

**Wed. Mass 6:30 AM
Stewardship Mtg 6:30 PM**

**Thurs. NO 9:00 AM School Mass
Mass 12 Noon
RCIA 7:00PM**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12 Noon**

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

**Sun. 6th 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 6, 2011 through February 13, 2011

Sunday Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9
1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

Monday Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,
24,35 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday Gn 1:20-2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday Gn 2:4b-9,15-17 Ps 104:1-2,27-30
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5
Mk 7:24-30

Friday Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2,5-7
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6,12-13
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,
33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or
5:20-22a,27-28,33-34a,37

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 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**

OWENSBORO CATHOLIC LEAGUE BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL SIGN UPS!

The Catholic League offers baseball for both boys and girls ages 5-12 and softball for girls ages 7-12. Open to all denominations, The Catholic League offers players and their families a competitive athletic environment guided in faith and rich in tradition.

REGISTRATION DATES: For the convenience of the players and families, registration shall be conducted on two consecutive weekends and at two separate locations. Please choose the date and location that best meets your schedule, **but please recognize that these are the only registration dates for the 2011 season. (Birth certificate verification required at registration.)**

Saturday 2/12/11, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Owensboro Catholic Schools K-3 Campus Gym

Saturday 2/12/11, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Campus Gym

Sunday 2/13/11, 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Owensboro Catholic Schools K-3 Campus Gym

Sunday 2/13/11, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Campus Gym

Saturday 2/19/11, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Owensboro Catholic Schools K-3 Campus Gym

FEES: \$65 one child, \$100 two children, \$125 three or more children. (Includes concession stand fee, gate fee and field preparation fee.)

New for 2011:

Pee Wee division teams will be formed by a blind draw.

Paid umpires for Rookie and Mini-Girls.

New Division for Mini-Girls 12 and under.

Registration forms available at <http://www.eteamz.com/OwensboroCatholicLeague/>

Contact: **Email** OCLeague@gmail.com or call

Mike Weafer 929-5220.Tom Johnson 993-7875

Jamie Klump 926-4492

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
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