

Blessed Mother Catholic Church

PASTORAL TEAM

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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 _____



**“Blessed are the poor in spirit
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven”**

Intention for the Week

Monday, January 31st
6:30 AM Charles Conder (dec, b-day)

Tuesday, February 1st
6:00 PM Coy Howard (dec)

Wednesday, February 2nd
6:30 AM David L. Finley

Thursday, February 3rd
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon Camila Baker
St. Blaise, Blessing of Throats
After Noon Mass

Friday, February 4th
Noon Catherine Roberts

Saturday, February 5th
4:00 PM Lauren Girten (dec, b-day)

Sunday, February 6th
7:00 AM Lucille Goetz (dec)
10:00 AM John Duncan
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

**“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will
be great in Heaven”**

Liturgical Ministers for February 5th & 6th

Eucharistic Ministers

SAT 4PM Jeff Williams, Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Katina Hayden, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early, Bonnie Snyder

SUN 7 AM Dennis Sandefur, Carolyn Taylor, Sr. Mary Timothy, Charlene Baumgarten, Don Cecil, Mike Thompson

Sun 10 AM Tony Powers, Katie Brown, Liza Brown, Jerry Millay, Brenda Millay, Kim Barnett, Julie Ward, Jeannette Ward, Drew Ward

Sun 5:30 PM David McBride, Susan hale, Pat Hale, Sam Lilly, Deanna Brasher, Martha Estes

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Fran Watrous
Sun 7:00 AM Barry Hagan
Sun 10:00 AM Darryl Murphy
Sun 5:30 PM Rick Moman

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Jack Iracane, Lauren Williams
Sun 7:00 AM Will Sandefur, Brittany Estes
Sun 10:00 AM Will Hyland, Stephen Hyland
Sun 5:30 PM Logan Buckman, Mason Robertson

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Tom Anderson
Sun 7:00 AM Bernie Dotsey
Sun 10:00 AM Eric Hicks
Sun 5:30 PM Jeff Hofer

Children’s Liturgy

Preschool Pauline Wigginton, Alex Lynn (Asst)
K-3rd Grade Diane Fulkerson, Rachel O’Nan (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Debbie Addington, Mary Donna Aull, Ricky Aull

Hillcrest: Carol & Darryl Murphy

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

Owensboro Catholic Schools: LOVING THE TRADITION!

5th Annual Owensboro Catholic Elementary

PTO Dinner and Auction
February 12th, 2011
Owensboro Sportscenter

door opens 5:45 pm, appetizers at 6:00
pm & dinner at 6:45 pm

- *Over 200 Silent and live Auction Items*
 - *Special classroom projects and baskets*
 - *Cupids Corner Raffle*
 - *Head and Booty 50 / 50 Pot*
 - *Evening finale – music by DJ your Way*
- many ways to have fun, and support our schools

Tickets \$25.00 ea
Special Table Reservations for 8, only
\$20* per table

*each reserved table consists of 8 paid tickets
+ \$20 reservation charge

*Sponsors: Bluegrass Internal Medicine,
Brescia University,
Main Street Family Medicine – Diane Glenn Birkhead,
Nations Medicines, REMAX, Research
Integrity*

To reserve your table or purchase tickets contact Chip
or Amy Pride –
chip.pride@oldnational.com /
amypride3@att.net, or call (270) 686-7929.

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

**January 30th: “The Skit Guys”...
new video series**

**February 6th: No Meeting
Super Bowl!!!**

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!!**

**Jan. 30th~ Ken and Kathy Rasp,
Karon Greenwell**
**Feb 6th~ No Team Needed
Super Bowl**

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

“OBSOLETE”

A group of University scientist were discussing amongst themselves that God was no longer needed. “We have created spaceships, supercomputers, almost life itself,” the scientists said. “Human knowledge has advanced to the point God Himself is obsolete.”

God was very disturbed with this conversation and stepped in and said, “I would like some proof of that. Can you create a human being, like I did with Adam?”

Surprised by the statement, the scientist replied, “sure”, and invited him to their lab.

At he university, one of the scientists invited the Lord to join them as they prepared an operating table for the big moment. Soon, the other group appeared carrying buckets of dirt from which to make a man.

“NO,NO,NO, wait a minute,” God said. “That is my dirt...go make your own!”

New Roman Missal

Distractions can make participation and appreciation of the Mass discouraging. Our thoughts stray; we find ourselves trying to solve problems of home, of office, of life in general. The people around us distract us: a crying child; someone with an annoying habit sharing “my” pew; the choir is off-key; the readings can’t be heard-and on and on. There are strategies to reduce the impact of these distractions: 1) Prepare for Mass. Read over that day’s Scriptures. In this way you will have done the “ground work” tilling the soil so that the seed of God’s Word may find ready soil in you. 2) Participate in Mass. Sing the hymns, pray the responses, listen to the readings and to the prayers. Work at doing this well, and there will be less time for distractions. 3) Take daily time to be silent and to listen. The self-discipline of a regular period of quiet reflection teaches us to empty our minds of the cares, ideas, and distracting thoughts that press on us—and to concentrate on God, on His incredible love for me (personally), and His presence to me. 4) Don’t get discouraged. It is the effort that counts. The results are in the hands of God.

Volunteer Rosary leaders needed. The Hermitage Care & Rehabilitation Center at 1617 Parrish Avenue in Owensboro is in need of volunteers to lead the rosary. At present they have scheduled the rosary for Wednesday morning at 10:30 but are willing to work around a volunteer’s schedule. If interested, please contact Leah Carter at 270-684-4559.

Forming Good Stewards Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are . . .” Matthew 5:1-12

The people gathered on a hillside on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee were probably surprised by the kinds of people Jesus describes after saying “Blessed are . . .” But Jesus is describing characteristics that God intended for all of us to have. Imagine a world in which everyone is poor in spirit, rather than selfishly materialistic; mourns the pain and loss of others, rather than causes it; is meek, rather than proud and boastful; hungers for what is right, rather than ignores or tramples on the rights of others; shows mercy, rather than seeks vengeance; has a pure heart, rather than seeks their own pleasure at the cost of others; makes peace rather than cause conflict; accepts rejection for doing what is right, rather than retaliates against those who do wrong; endures insults and persecution without bitterness, for imitating Jesus. If we all accepted the responsibility to be the person God created us to be, wouldn’t we be blessed?

Sunday Collections

January 23, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$20,301	\$21,426	\$22,628	\$23,401

INFORMATION FROM CATHEDRAL PRESCHOOL

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

Auction /Fundraiser

To benefit Diane Bittel Minton
Saturday Feb 5th at 6:30
Homebuilders Association of Owensboro
3515 Wathens Crossing
Music, Food and mixers provided
Nelda Best 926-8553, nelda@kurtzauction.com
Sally Martin 314-2604, sally@kurtzauction.com

Religious Ed Calendar for January

1/2: Class
1/9: Class
1/16: Class
1/23: Class (except for 2nd graders)
1/30: Class

**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 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, Deny 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

Other

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May

Business Manager

**St. Stephens Cathedral is seeking a full time
Business Manager. Interested applicants should
have professional accounting qualifications and be
faithfully committed to the teachings of the Catholic
Church. For more information contact Fr. John
Vaughn, 610 Locust Street, Owensboro Ky 42301
Call 683-6525, or email John.Vaughn@pastoral.org**



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We have an excerpt today from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. The Beatitudes are only an excerpt from a long sermon that spans three chapters. And we are told by the Lord that we can be blessed. Some translations actually say happy from the Greek word used there. Let us try to be more poor in spirit this week that we may be rich in the love of God.

Thursday of this week is the feast of St. Blaise. We will bless throats after Mass.

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 the first weekend in February celebrating at the 10 am Mass. We pray for them and all the adults that minister to the young people.

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Mike Thompson and his family on the death of his mother Barbara Ann. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Mark Barr (son) and Herman Barr (brother) and their families on the death of Louis Bernard Barr. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

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. NO 9:00 AM School Mass
Mass 12 Noon
St. Blaise-Blessing of Throats
After Noon Mass
RCIA 7:00PM**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12 Noon
NO First Friday Potluck**

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

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

Readings for the Week

January 30, 2011 through February 6, 2011

Sunday Zep 2:3;3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10
1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

Monday Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28,30-32
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday Heb 12:18-19,21-24 Ps 48:2-4,9-11
Mk 6:7-13

Friday Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday Heb 13:15-17,20-21 Ps 23:1-6
Mk 6:30-34

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

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
Dan Thomas	681-2120