



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 1st
6:30 AM W. A. Mattingly (dec)
- Tuesday,** August 2nd
6:00 PM NO MASS
- Wednesday,** August 3rd
6:30 AM NO MASS
- Thursday,** August 4th
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon Lucy Goetz (dec)
- Friday,** August 5th
Noon Mike Foster (ann of death)
- Saturday** August 6th
4:00 PM Angela Thompson (dec)
- Sunday,** August 7th
7:00 AM Lucy Goetz (dec)
10:00 AM Rose Cecil (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Liturgical Ministers for August 6th & 7th

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Liz Francis, Joan Collins, Ethel Watrous, Fran Watrous, Edith Johnson, Rose Clark, Karen Dueker, Bonnie Snyder, Jeannie Best

SUNDAY 7 AM Brenda Hagan, Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Carolyn Taylor, Randy Lee, Angie Lee

SUNDAY 10 AM Angela Bell, Kerry Riney, Debbie Riney, Sharon Bell, John Bell, Phil Hagan, Josie Hagan, Jenny Glaser, Mark Church

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Pat Hale, Susan Hale, Bobby Bastin, Janice Bumm, Carlton Goodman, Jessica Carmon

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Bonnie Snyder
 Sun 7:00 AM Dennis Sandefur
 Sun 10:00 AM Darryl Murphy
 Sun 5:30 PM David Marshall

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Matthew Johnson, Giovanni Digirolamo
 Sun 7:00 AM Kendra Hagan, Kaytlin Hagan
 Sun 10:00 AM Sterling Hardesty, Zach Hardesty
 Sun 5:30 PM Emily Linn, Daniell Keller

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Lisa Haynes
 Sun 7:00 AM Diddy Hagman
 Sun 10:00 AM John Bell Jr.
 Sun 5:30 PM Ron Robertson

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young (Asst)
K-3rd Grade Barbara Cecil, Stephanie Wall (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Keith Osborne, Joe O'Bryan, Steve Orth

Hillcrest: Carol Murphy, Darryl Murphy

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

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!!

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF: AUGUST 7th!! Water Games...bring clothes to get wet 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 July 30-31 and August 6-7. 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!

Bedtime Bags

Bedtime Bags is an outreach of comfort bags for traumatized children. These children are given a bag with a blanket, a stuffed animal-new or used, a coloring book and crayons. They are appropriate for children about seven years old and younger. The bags are distributed to 12 agencies who use discretion as to how they are distributed to the children. Each agency receives 5 bags per month and about 1500 of them have been distributed since 2009.

Please consider donating new or used stuffed animals and money for the coloring books and crayons to Shirley Wahl, 2311 Citation Ave. Owensboro, Ky 42301, or call her at 270/684-8918 for an explanation of the program. This program has recently received an award of recognition from the Owensboro Public Schools

Laugh for the Week

“Smartest Man”

A doctor, a professor, a preacher, and a young boy were taking a ride in a small private plane. Suddenly the engine began to sputter. In spite of the pilot’s best efforts, the plane started to go down. In terror, the pilot grabbed a parachute and bailed out. Unfortunately there were only three chutes remaining.

The doctor said, “I’m a physician— I save lives, so I must save myself.” He grabbed a parachute and jumped. The professor then said, “I’m one of the most intelligent people in our whole country. I have to teach the next generation, so I’m taking a parachute.” He grabbed a pack and jumped, too.

The preacher embraced the little boy and said, “Son, I’ve enjoyed a long and full life. Your young and have yur whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and go!”

The boy handed the parachute back to the preacher and said. “Not to worry, Reverend. The smartest man in the world just jumped out of the plane with my backpack!!”

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.

The Concluding Rite of the Mass begins after the Prayer after Communion. After some brief parish announcements, we are blessed for our journey. Sometimes this is done simply. On some special occasions, it is done more solemnly. In those times, we bow our head and pause in silence to ask for God’s blessing. We then conclude as we began, signing ourselves with the sign of Christ’s cross. We are dismissed – missioned, that is, by the deacon or presider. What we have done at this liturgy, we must now do in the world. The late Cardinal Bernardin puts it well, “The dismissal of the assembly is like the breaking of the bread. We have become ‘the bread of life’ and ‘the cup of blessing’ for the world. Now we are scattered, broken, poured out to be life for the world. What happens at home, at work, at meals? What do we make of our time, our words, our deeds, our resources of all kinds? This is what matters.”

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. Matthew 14:13-21

St. Matthew provides sparse details about such an incredible miracle. Is it possible that hidden in the lack of details is evidence of an even greater miracle? Many people lead nomadic lives [Bedouins] and travel was so arduous, so the descendants of Noah’s son Shem [Semites - both Jews and Arabs] had a strong obligation to receive travelers and share their food and drink. Jesus was aware of this and he knew that some people who came to hear a him might brought food and drink hidden under their coats. Was Jesus aware that those who brought food and drink might keep it hidden to avoid sharing it with those who brought nothing? Probably! So Jesus blesses the loaves and fish and gives them to the crowd - a very generous act. Did the crowd see what Jesus did? Probably! Did they take out their food and drink and share it with others? Did they choose to act generously? In the context of free will, which is the greater miracle, multiplication of loaves and fish or multiplication of generous hearts? Which does Jesus expect of us?

July 25th, 2011

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

2011 Barbecue Schedule

Aug 2nd	St. Martin (Drive Thru Only)
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

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Catherine Roberts and her family on the death of her sister, Angela Farmer. 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 Briggan, 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 Hayden, 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, Lura 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 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.**

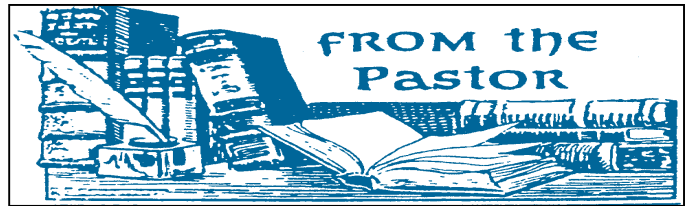
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of
Russell & Virginia Corley)

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)

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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We continue to hear from the Gospel of Matthew. We have been hearing about the kingdom of heaven in parables and now Jesus shows us a glimpse of that kingdom by working a miracle. He feed over 5,000 people with the miracle of the loaves and fishes. May Jesus feed us with His love this week in amazing ways. He is still concerned for our needs.

In just two weeks 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.

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.

Thanks for all the prayers while I was away. As always it is good to leave for awhile but even better returning home. I'm glad to be back and thank Father Phil for helping out.

I will be helping with a men's retreat at Gasper this week on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be Mass Monday morning, but not Tuesday or Wednesday. Pray for us on retreat.

In August 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. NO Mass 6:00 PM

Wed. NO Mass 6:30 AM

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

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

Readings for the Week

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Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 -- 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Mt 17:1-9

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85;
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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