



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

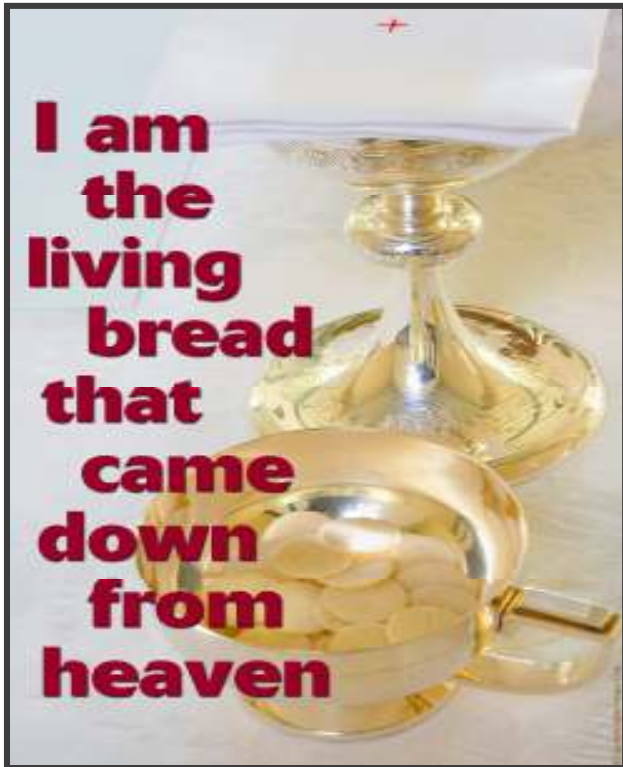
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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,** June 27th
6:30 AM Fr. Leonard Reisz (dec)
- Tuesday,** June 28th
6:00 PM No Mass — Power Week
- Wednesday,** June 29th
6:30 AM NO Mass — Power Week
- Thursday,** June 30th
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon No Mass — Power Week
- Friday,** July 1st
Noon No Mass — Power Week
- Saturday** July 2nd
4:00 PM Truman Ashworth (dec, b-day)
- Sunday,** July 3rd
7:00 AM Barbara Thompson (dec)
10:00 AM Rodger Schnellenberger (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Liturgical Ministers for July 2nd & 3rd

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Janet Ruth, Liz Francis, Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early, Fran Watrous

SUNDAY 7 AM Mike Thompson, Brenda Hagan, Sr. Mary Timothy, Don Cecil, Randy Lee, Angie Lee

SUNDAY 10 AM John Bell, Sharon Bell, Jenny Glaser, Katie Brown, Liza Brown, Phil Hagan, Josie Hagan, Lori Whitehouse, Richard Whitehouse

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Rick Moman, Bobby Bastin, Michele Linn, Pete Linn, Christina Best, Carlton Goodman

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Margaret Kelley
 Sun 7:00 AM Bill Bach
 Sun 10:00 AM Nicole Elder
 Sun 5:30 PM Bev Payne

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Lauren Williams, Allison Williams
 Sun 7:00 AM Brendan Higgins, Collin Higgins
 Sun 10:00 AM Hayden Riney, Allie Ford
 Sun 5:30 PM Logan Buckman, CJ Glaser

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Judy Coomes
 Sun 7:00 AM Mike Wade
 Sun 10:00 AM Muriel Gillim
 Sun 5:30 PM Mike Payne

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Pauline Wigginton, Alex Lynn (Asst)
 K-3rd Grade Stephanie Frey, Brittany Murphy (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Dan Johnson, Tom Johnson, John Judd

Hillcrest: Debbie Ward, Donna Powers

Ministers of Hospitality for July

4:00 PM Mike Hays, Larry Franey
Mark Dorth, Joan Collins

7:00 AM Paul Garner, Mike Wade
Vince Frey, Glenn Woodward

10:00 AM David Blanford, Joe Cecil
Jim Mattingly, Neil Mattingly

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

Catholic Q & A

Does the Bible say anything about bread and wine becoming the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ?

Yes, it does! In John 6, Jesus unceasingly demands this understanding of the Eucharist:

-- "...the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." (vs. 51)

-- "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you;" (vs. 53)

-- "he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (vs. 54)

-- "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed." (vs. 55)

-- "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." (vs. 56)

-- "As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me." (vs. 57)

The crowd obviously understood Jesus to be speaking literally. They disputed among themselves, objecting to such a "hard saying" (cf. vs. 52, 60). They could not understand how Jesus could give of Himself to eat without flinging the people into cannibalism. Those who remained with Jesus even though they did not understand would come to see how Jesus makes this happen. The eating and drinking of Christ would be **sacramental**, in which outward signs communicate an inward reality.

Dining with His apostles on the night before He died, Jesus said of the bread, "Take, eat, **this is my body**," and of the wine, "Drink of it, all of you, for **this is my blood of the covenant**" (Mt 26:26-27). The bread **is** His Body, the wine **is** His Blood. After this he told the Apostles, "Do this in remembrance of me," commissioning them to do what every priest does when he makes Christ substantially present in the Mass.

St. Paul confirms this understanding of the Eucharist as **truly Christ** when he says that the bread and the wine are a participation in the Body and Blood of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 10:16). He goes on to say that whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of **profaning the body and blood of the Lord**, and that anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself (cf. 1 Cor 11:27-29). This can only be if the bread and wine are the actual Body and Blood of Christ.

The Eucharist is truly an amazing gift.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

MISSION HOMEFRONT IS BEING MOVED TO JULY DUE TO SCHEDULE CONFLICTS WITH OUR YOUTH...watch your mail for details.

Junior and Seniors...TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekened July 28-30. Contact Christina for more info!

**For information on attending a Camp at Gasper River this summer, check out the website:
www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org.**

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

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2010-2011 COOKING TEAMS!!

FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

St. Stephen Cathedral will be celebrating it's annual Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotion on Friday - Sunday, June 24th - 26th. There will be Evening Prayer with Benediction on Friday evening, June 24th at 6:30pm. The Closing of Forty Hours will take place on Sunday, June 26th at 3pm. This service includes a procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Following the closing prayer service there will be an Ice Cream Social in the Undercroft. All are invited to join us in our adoration of Jesus truly present, soul and divinity, in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Vacation Bible School is Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars for **July 25-29**, 9 AM to noon, in the Parish Hall. We'll be using another VBS program from Cat Chat: "A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments." If you would like to help with this year's VBS, contact Nicholas Hardesty by phone (683-8444 x 26) or email (nicholashardesty@gmail.com).

Registration for VBS will be **July 3, 10, and 17, after the 10 AM Mass**, or you can come by the office during office hours (M - F, 8 AM - 4 PM).

Fr. Matthew Hardesty, son of Jan and Perry Hardesty of our parish, will celebrate his first Mass in the Owensboro area on **July 10 at 10 AM here at Blessed Mother**. A welcoming brunch will follow in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to come and show your appreciation.

Laugh for the Week

“Who Lied”

A minister told his congregation, “Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. After seeing a few frowns he said, “to help you understand my sermon, by next weekend I want you all to read Mark 17.”

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17.

Every hand went up. The Minister said “that is interesting,” as he looked over the crowd, “Mark only has 16 chapters, so now I will proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying!!”

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 consists of the greeting (“The Lord be with You” “And with your spirit”), the priest’s blessing (“May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit”) and the dismissal. In the current Roman Missal, the dismissal may take one of three forms. The deacon or the priest may say: “Go in the peace of Christ,” or “The Mass is ended, go in peace,” or “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” The newly revised Roman Missal (which we begin using later this year) will provide four options for the dismissal. The priest or deacon may say: “Go forth, the Mass is ended,” or “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord,” or “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life,” or “Go in peace.” Our response remains: “Thanks be to God.” The Holy Father himself added the last three options in an effort to remind us that our work is just beginning when we leave the celebration of the Eucharist. We are being given a mission to carry the Gospel with us and to be bearers of Christ to the world.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
“The bread I will give you is my flesh for the life of the world.” John 6:51

These were very disturbing words for the Jews, who asked, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Before we judge them too harshly, we should remember that we have the witness of two thousand years of Christians who had great devotion and sacrificed much, often their lives, for their faith in the Real Presence of Jesus. For the Jews listening to Jesus this was a strange concept that produced grotesque images. Today, many Jews, non-Catholic Christians, and non-Christians no longer question our belief in Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Some wish to share in our Communion. They appreciate the privilege we have of receiving Christ in His Body and in His Blood, so that we may be strengthened to be His Body and Blood for others in our world. Do we truly appreciate that privilege and are we good stewards of the Body and Blood of Jesus that we receive?

June 19, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$23,308	\$21,426	\$23,618	\$23,773

**Billboards for Life
\$3,612.62
Thank You!!!**

2011 Barbecue Schedule

July 2nd	St. Mary Magdalene
July 9th	St. Alphonsus
July 16th	St. Peter of Alcantara
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
Oct 1st	St. Mary of the Woods

From Death to New Life

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Tom Foster and his family on the death of his brother Edward B. Foster. May he 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, 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, William Hinton, Janice Hobbs, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Kru-sick, Bob Lawrence, 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, 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, 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.**

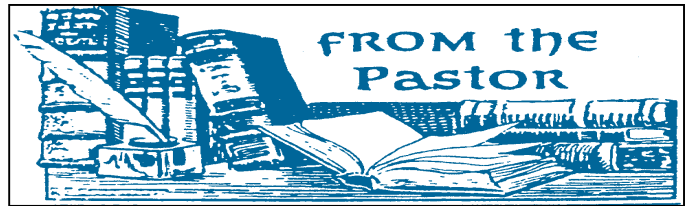
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of
Russell & Virginia Corley)

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 Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord or Corpus Christi. We thank the Lord Jesus for this greatest of gifts His very presence in the form of food. May the Eucharist always strengthen us in body and soul.

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.

The parish has purchased Fr. Reisz's house. There are no specific plans for it at this time. If you would like particulars about the sale please call the office.

Power Week is here! Pray for the 70 campers and 47 staff people as we journey to camp. We thank God for the benefits of this week even before it happens. May the Lord watch over us and the families at home as we pray for the power of God's love to come upon us. NOTE: there will be Mass Monday morning at regular time but not the rest of the week.

I will be away for two weeks in July during the Rome trip. Fr. Phil Riney will be here those two weekends.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Barbara and Don Mattingly will celebrate their "50th" Anniversary with a reception in the Blessed Mother Parish Hall on Friday July 1, 2011. Relatives and friends may call any time after 6 PM on that day!!!!

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
Power Week**

**Wed. NO Mass 6:30 AM
Power Week**

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

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

**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

June 26, 2011 through July 3, 2011

Sunday Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a Ps 147:12-15,
19-20 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58

Monday Gn 18:16-33 Ps 103:1-4,8-11
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday Gn 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3,9-12
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9
2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Thursday Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115:1-6,8-9
Mt 9:1-8

Friday Dt 7:6-11 Ps 103:1-4,8,10
1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30

Saturday Gn 27:1-5,15-29 Ps 135:1-6

Sunday Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
Rom 8:9,11-13 Mt 11:25-30

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 Pre-Registration Going on Now!

The Owensboro Catholic Schools pre-registration is currently being held for the 2011-2012 school year. If you are interested in pre-registering please visit any OCS school site, contact the OCS office at 686-8896 or online at www.owensborocatholic.org/admissions

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Date: Thursday June 30th

Time: 5:30PM—7:00 PM

**Location: O.M.S. South/5-6 Center
(Corner of Scherm and S. Griffith)**

"New Trends in Drug Use"

PRINCIPAL POSITION Trinity High School in Whitesville, KY is now accepting applications for the position of Principal. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic. Master's Degree or higher, as well as Principal's Certification, is preferred. The new principal will assume the position at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. Salary and benefits based on diocesan guidelines. To submit an application, contact the office of the Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools, 600 Locust St. Owensboro KY, 42301, phone (270) 683-1545.

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