



# 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

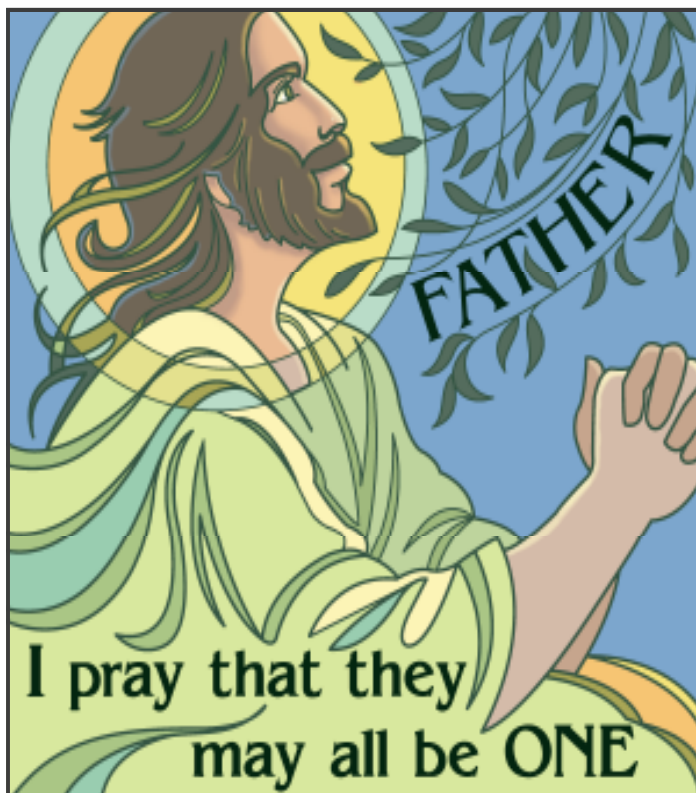
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.  
Contact the Parish Office.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



**Intention for the Week**

- Monday, June 6th**  
6:30 AM **Charlie Riney (dec)**
- Tuesday, June 7th**  
6:00 PM **Mmgr. Powers**
- Wednesday, June 8th**  
6:30 AM **Lucy Goetz (dec)**
- Thursday, June 9th**  
9:00 AM **NO School Mass**  
Noon **Robert Hurm (dec)**
- Friday, June 10th**  
Noon **Gertrude Nalley (dec)**
- Saturday, June 11th**  
4:00 PM **Gerald McCarty (dec)**
- Sunday, June 12th**  
7:00 AM **Blessed Mother Parish**  
10:00 AM **Dorothy Clem (dec, b-day)**  
5:30 PM **Haley & Scott Koch (1st Annv)**

**Liturgical Ministers for June 11th & 12th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**SATURDAY 4PM** Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Janet Ruth, Liz Francis, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Lannie Pearl, Karen Dueker, Bonnie Snyder

**SUNDAY 7 AM** Brenda Hagan, Dennis Sandefur, Don Cecil, Sr Mary Timothy, Carolyn Taylor, Mike Thompson

**SUNDAY 10 AM** Denny Mann, Mike Head, Bill Hayden, Sr. Marie Joseph, Ed Higdon, Chris Ford, Cliff Russell, John Bell, Eric Vaughn

**SUNDAY 5:30 PM** Carl Goodman, Michele Linn, Pete Linn, Christina Best, Sandra Thomas, Dan Thomas

**Readers**

- Sat 4:00 PM Michelle Mayfield
- Sun 7:00 AM David Payne
- Sun 10:00 AM Diane Fulkerson
- Sun 5:30 PM Rick Moman

**Servers**

- Sat 4:00 PM Nicholas Jackson, Gabe Fillman
- Sun 7:00 AM Kendra Hagan, Kaylin Hagan
- Sun 10:00 AM Nicholas Russell, Kyra Vanover
- Sun 5:30 PM JT Hayden, Emily Linn

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

- Sat 4:00 PM Michelle Mayfield
- Sun 7:00 AM Hugh Bittle
- Sun 10:00 AM Tony Powers
- Sun 5:30 PM Bill Shelton

**Children's Liturgy**

**Preschool** Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young (Asst)  
**K-3rd Grade** Barbara Cecil, Rachel O'Nan (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

Steve Haynes, Mike Hays, Joe Higdon

**Hillcrest:** Charles & Dana Zambrano

**Ministers of Hospitality for June**

- 4:00 PM** Steve Haynes, Ken Terry  
Jolene White, Jordan White
- 7:00 AM** Randy Lee, Angela Lee  
Jack Murphy, Nancy Murphy
- 10:00 AM** Steve Frey, Eddie Jackson  
John Hayden, Christopher Hayden
- 5:30 PM** Gary Smith, Garrett Smith  
Landon Smith, Michael Bastin

## Catholic Q & A

### Why do we have the penitential rite in the Mass?

Before I answer your question, I think it would be helpful to explain what the "penitential rite" is. The penitential rite is part of the Introductory Rites of the Mass that come before the Liturgy of the Word (when we hear the various readings from the Bible). It begins with an introduction by the priest, followed by an act of confession and penance by the people, and concluded by words of general absolution by the priest. The penitential rite, like the Eucharist, effects the forgiveness of *venial* sins, but mortal sins must still be forgiven through the Sacrament of Confession.

Now, there are different options for the priest and the people during this rite. For our part, we usually say the *Confiteor* ("I confess to Almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters ...") or the "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy" in response to the priest.

Why do we do all this? The purpose of the penitential rite is to prepare us to celebrate the Mass by compelling us to call to mind our sins and by healing the wounds that divide us as a Body and weaken our relationship with the Lord. Then, with pure hearts and fully united, we can receive the Lord through the Word and the Eucharist.

This act of confession, penance, and absolution that takes place in the Mass is deeply rooted in Scripture and Tradition. John tells us in his first letter, "If we confess our sins [to the Lord], he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1:9). James tells us to also confess our sins *to one another*: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed" (5:16). These two verses together become the Scriptural foundation for the beginning of the *Confiteor*, when we say, "I confess to *Almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters* that I have sinned ..." For his part, St. Paul says, "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Cor 11:28). You could say that the penitential rite is our way of taking him seriously.

A penitential rite in some form has existed in the Eucharistic liturgy from the earliest days of the Church. For example, a Christian text from the 2nd century called *The Didache* (or "Teaching of the Apostles") gives us these interesting instructions: "Assemble on the Lord's Day, and break bread and offer the Eucharist; but first make confession of your faults, so that your sacrifice may be a pure one." And so we continue to seek communion with the Lord and one another in the Mass until that day when Jesus comes again and unites all things unto Himself.

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.**

**If you are interested in attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis this November, contact Christina THIS WEEK!!**

**Junior and Seniors...TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekend 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](http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org).**

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

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

The Social Justice Committee has a quote from Pope Benedict about Ecumenical Commitment: In his first Mass with the College of Cardinals Pope Benedict said, "The current Successor of Peter assumes as his primary commitment that of working tirelessly towards the reconstitution of the full and visible unity of all Christ's followers." The Social Justice Committee meets every 3rd Tuesday. We welcome NEW members.

### CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

**St. Pius X Catholic Church 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament on Friday evening, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5 pm with tournament starting at 6:30, with food and beverages, including beer, being served. Sign up by June 1st for \$30 per team. After June 1<sup>st</sup> cost will be \$50 per team. Will pay off five (5) places, with 1<sup>st</sup> place prize being \$1000 in cash. Contact Gary Estes at 270-314-4419 for more details.**

### 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](mailto:nicholashardesty@gmail.com)).

**Keep an eye on the bulletin for registration dates and further information!**

## Laugh for the Week FINAL EXAM

It was the final examination for an introductory English course at the local university. The examination was two hours long, and exam booklets were provided. The professor was very strict and told the class that any exam that was not on his desk in exactly two hours would not be accepted and the student would fail. A half hour into the exam, a student came rushing in and asked the professor for an exam booklet.

"You're not going to have time to finish this," the professor stated sarcastically as he handed the student a booklet.

"Yes I will," replied the student. He then took a seat and began writing. After two hours, the professor called for the exams, and the students filed up and handed them in. All except the late student, who continued writing. A half hour later, the last student came up to the professor who was sitting at his desk preparing for his next class. He attempted to put his exam on the stack of exam booklets already there.

"No you don't, I'm not going to accept that. It's late." The student looked incredulous and angry.

"Do you know WHO I am?"

"No, as a matter of fact I don't," replied the professor.

"DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?" the student asked again.

"No, and I don't care." replied the professor with an air of superiority.

"Good," replied the student, who quickly lifted the stack of completed exams, stuffed his in the middle, and walked out of the room.

## 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.*

The Communion Rite of the Mass consists of the preparation for Communion, reception of Communion and the period after Communion. The time of preparation for Communion is meant to help unite us as one and to focus us on the importance of what we are doing in the celebration of the Eucharist. The rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. As we prepare ourselves to receive Communion, we offer the best prayer we know – the one that Jesus taught his disciples. When the disciples asked Jesus how they should pray, he responded by teaching them this prayer. The Our Father has been our constant companion for two thousand years. Because of its themes of daily bread and mutual forgiveness, the Lord's Prayer has been used in all liturgical traditions as a most appropriate preparation for Holy Communion. Neither the words of the Our Father nor its placement in the Eucharist will be changed with the new translation of the Roman Missal.

## Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
"I glorified you on earth by accomplishing  
the *work* you gave me to do"  
John 17:1-11

Jesus spoke these words as part of his prayer to the Father for his disciples at the Last Supper just before he went to the Garden of Gethsemane. What was the *work* the Father had given Jesus to accomplish on earth to glorify Him? Part of that *work* was to be a living, breathing, walking, talking example and model to show us how we can accomplish the *work* the Father has given to each of us. For each of us that *work* is different. Each of us has received from God a vast array of talents, abilities and gifts that are unique. Each of us has a unique life experience. It is precisely because we are unique that we must identify, accept, develop and use all that God created us to be. And we must share what God has given to us with others. When we meet God face to face will we be able to say, "I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the *work* you gave me to do?"

**May 22, 2011**

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
<b>\$20,271</b>	<b>\$21,426</b>	<b>\$221,926</b>	<b>\$23,126</b>

### A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

The journey through grief is difficult...and painful. We are forever changed by a major loss experience. Clearly, we will never be the same person we were before this loss became part of our lives. The real struggle occurs when we consciously or subconsciously resist the change that must take place if we are to survive and learn to live with our loss. (It is difficult to get to know and accept this new person who is emerging.)

There will be a bereavement support group for anyone who has experienced a death at any time of his/her life. This group will run every **Wednesday** for four consecutive weeks and is open to all the public at no charge.

#### BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM-FOUR WEEK SESSIONS

**WHERE:** Catholic Pastoral Center      **TIME:** 2:00-3:30 pm  
600 Locust Street

**CONTACT PERSON:** Betty Medley (270) 683-1505

**June 1 What Grief is Really Like:** Some common reactions to a Situation no one is ever prepared to handle. Why we feel the way we do and why no one seems to understand.

**June 8 Depression:** Sadness, loss, and the feeling that nothing will ever be the same. Physical symptoms; healing can happen.

**June 15 Anger:** Nice people DO get angry. Recognizing our anger, coping with it and getting over it. (Address suicide and our feelings of outrage and shame.)

**Guilt:** Blaming ourselves for what has happened, handling the "what ifs" and "if only's" (touch on suicide, and our responsibility or lack of it.)

**June 22 From Grief to Living Again:** Putting grief in perspective, learning to share our lives with the living and realizing that we will never "get over" our grief, but we can learn to live with it.

**MEMORIAL**

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

Frances Ballard, Harry Baumgarten, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Briggin, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, Joe Cecil, Melody Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Clifton Clark, 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, Maria Finley, 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 Koening, Connie Krusick, 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, 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, Ray 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, 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.**

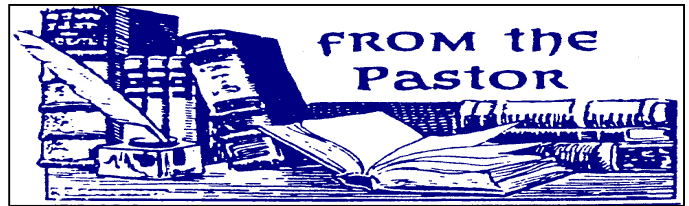
**Iraq:** SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards  
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad  
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

**Afghanistan**

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)  
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark  
PVT Benjamin Sexton (grandson Margie Ashworth)  
CPL Whitney Corley (granddaughter  
Russell & Virginia Corley)

**Other**

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May  
SN Jason Bishop, US Navy, son of Linda & Dan Pearl  
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of  
Russell & Virginia Corley)



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Feast of the Ascension. Jesus returns to the Father in glory. The prayers of the Mass say may we follow where He has led. Let us live so as to attain the glory He has in store for all of us some day.

We welcome all our new parishioners who have joined us in the past six months or so. Come to the brunch after the 10am Mass. We thank our Welcoming Committee for providing this meal for all of us.

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.

The last RCIA class for the season is this Thursday with a potluck. We continue to pray for our new members.

Congratulations are in order for Father Matthew Hardesty, son of Perry and Jan Hardesty of our parish. Father Matthew was ordained Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> for the Archdiocese of Louisville. We look forward to a Mass of Thanksgiving here in the parish at a later date.

Power Week is just around the corner, June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is still room if you know a child from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Contact the office. Also there is always a few children that need scholarship help if you would like to support a kid for camp let us know.

*From Death to New Life* 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to JoAnn Knott and her family on the death of her sister Martha Keller. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

St. Benedict's homeless Shelter is seeking a part-time Director for the shelter. A job description is available upon request at : [coordinatorofstaff@pastoral.org](mailto:coordinatorofstaff@pastoral.org) or can be picked up at : 600 Locust Street. Resumes may be mailed or emailed to the Locust Street

### Calendar for the Week

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

**Mon. Mass 6:30 AM  
Bunko, 1 PM**

**Tues. Mass 6:00 PM**

**Wed. 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  
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria**

### Readings for the Week

June 5, 2011 through June 12, 2011

Sunday Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9  
Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

Monday Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,20-21  
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36b  
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a,5,  
7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,  
19-20b Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6  
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34  
1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23

**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**

### 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](http://www.owensborocatholic.org/admissions)

### Reception

You are invited to a reception honoring Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU (retiring as Chancellor) and Fr. Jerry Calhoun (retiring as Vicar General) on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. at Immaculate Parish Hall, 2516 Christie Place, Owensboro.

### Shop at

**Home Inspired & Kids Inspired  
June 6th — June 11th**

**And 20% of your total will be donated to  
Blessed Mother**

**3271 Alvey Park Drive  
Off Hwy 54 just past Owensboro Gymnast  
Owensboro Ky 42303  
270-684-9047**

### 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