



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

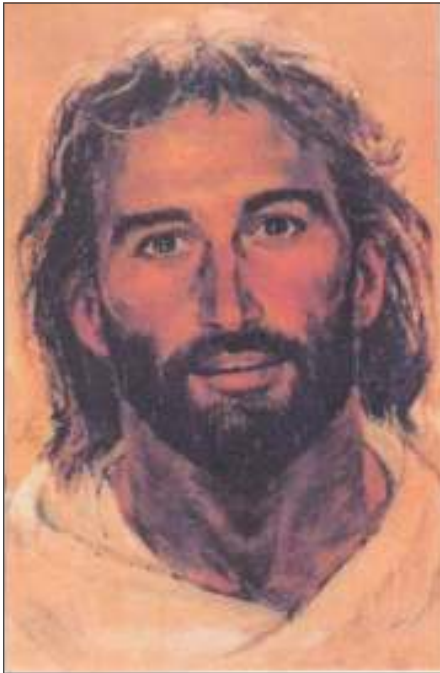
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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 _____



“Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst”

Intention for the Week

- Monday, 6:30 AM** **March 28th**
Fran & Ethel Watrous
- Tuesday, 6:00 PM** **March 29th**
Charlie Wedding
- Wednesday, 6:30 AM** **March 30th**
Marjorie Hayden
- Thursday, 9:00 AM** **March 31st**
School Mass
Noon **Zula Condor (b-day)**
- Friday, Noon** **April 1st**
Mary Simmons (b-day)
- Saturday, 4:00 PM** **April 2nd**
Andrew Pearl (dec)
- Sunday, 7:00 AM** **April 3rd**
Blessed Mother Parish
10:00 AM **Mary Ava Jackson (dec)**
5:30 PM **Edith Johnson**



Stations of the Cross
Every Friday Night
During Lent
6:30 PM

Liturgical Ministers for April 2nd, 3rd

Eucharistic Ministers

SAT 4PM Lannie Pearl, Ethel Watous, Liz Francis, Jeff Williams, Sandra Henry, Rose Clark, Cecelia Hamilton, Karen Dueker, Marian Bennett

SUN 7 AM Dennis Sandefur, Randy Lee, Angie Lee, Rob Harris, Brenda Hagan, Darlene Kazlauskas

Sun 10 AM Darryl Murphy, Carol Murphy, John Calhoun, Raymunda Calhoun, Denny Mann, Debbie Ward, Eric Vaughn, David Thompson, Vicki Thompson

Sun 5:30 PM Phyllis Bastin, Bobby Bastin, Sam Lilly, Michele Linn, Pete Linn, Martha Estes

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Fran Watrous

Sun 7:00 AM Barry Hagan

Sun 10:00 AM Ann Blandford

Sun 5:30 PM David Marshall

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Gabe Fillman, Lauren Williams

Sun 7:00 AM David Dotsey, Will Sandefur

Sun 10:00 AM Cameron O’Nan, Caroline O’Nan

Sun 5:30 PM Emily Marshall, John David Marshall

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Kenny Blandford

Sun 7:00 AM Will Wathen

Sun 10:00 AM David Englert

Sun 5:30 PM Greg Cash

Children’s Liturgy

Preschool Kelly Trogden, Kara Trogden (Asst)

K-3rd Grade Barbara Cecil, Stephanie Wall (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Harold Clark, Mike Clark, Tony Clark

Hillcrest: Susan Hale, James Gerald

Ministers of Hospitality for April

4:00 PM Tim Goetz, Josh Goetz
Eric Goetz, Rebecca Goetz

7:00 AM Russell Corley, Bernie Dotsey
Alex Dotsey, P.J. Ebelhar

10:00 AM Steve Frey, Christopher Hayden
John Hayden, Eddie Jackson

5:30 PM Gary Smith, Garrett Smith
Landon Smith, Michael Bastin

CATHOLIC Q&A

Since the importance of going to Confession during Lent cannot be emphasized enough, I would like to reprint my Q&A from Sept. 14, '08 on the sacrament and its importance.

Why should I go to Confession?

The grace that comes from the sacrament of Confession is abundant and overflowing. From the sacrament we receive **actual grace**, which strengthens us in our daily task of doing good and avoiding evil, and **sanctifying grace**, which cleanses us of all sin. That's no small thing, being cleansed of all sin! "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isa 1:18). Praise God for that!

As for the necessity of receiving the sacrament, it is true that we can pray to God and he will forgive our **venial**, or lesser sins. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 Jn 1:9). But, Scripture also tells us: "There is sin which is mortal; I do not say that one is to pray for that" (1 Jn 5:16). To cleanse us of **mortal sins**—sins that fling us into a state of unrighteousness and destroy the divine life within us—Jesus instituted the sacrament of Confession.

Do you remember what Jesus said to His apostles when He appeared to them after His resurrection? He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20:22-23). This is the fulfillment of what He told them before His death, when He said, "Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Mt 18:18). We see from this that Jesus gave the apostles the power to forgive sin.

The apostles in turn passed on this power to the "elders" (or "priests") that they ordained to take their place in the various churches. We know that these elders received the power to forgive sin because James, in his New Testament letter, advised his audience to call upon the elders if someone falls ill so that they may anoint the sick person with oil, and "**if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven**" (Jas 5:14-15). Fr. John has this power, as does every ordained priest.

Do you know what this means? Waiting in that confessional is a power unlike any other: the power to set you right with God again. There is simply no reason why we should not be **lined up around the block**, waiting to approach God through the sacrament of Confession and receive his cleansing grace. All of us need this! "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves" (1 Jn 1:8). **We are all sinners in need of God's help**, and we cannot do what is good on our own.

If you have not been to Confession in a while, consider this your invitation. And have no fear! Christ is there in the sacrament not to punish you or to fill you with shame, but to heal you and set you on the path that leads to the joy of Easter!

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

March 27th: "Nooma" Night...

April 3rd: NO YOUTH GROUP—
Spring Break!!

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!!

March 27th~ Kate Abney, Joan
Berndsky, Gail Williams,

Lahoma Stinnett

April 3rd~ No Team Needed!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Vouchers are required at registration. These will be mailed out. If you have children in the Catholic School System we ask that you complete and turn in your stewardship form before a voucher is released.

All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry

Friday starting March 11th through April 15th
At the Knights of Columbus Hall 3540 E 10th ST. Serving begins at 6:00 PM. Carry outs available. Adults \$8.00 Children 12 and Under \$4.00. Menu includes Catfish Fiddlers and Filets, Baked Beans, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, Corn Bread, Ice Tea and Coffee.

From Death to New Life

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Kathryn Gordon Wilkerson, (Wife), and Louis Wilkerson (son) and their families on the death of Robert Louis "Tooter" Wilkerson. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Laugh for the Week

“Snack Time”

The children were lined up for snacks during Sunday School. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. The teacher wrote a note and posted it on the apple tray: “Take only ONE. God is watching.”

Moving along the snack line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote this note, which she put next to the tray of cookies: “Take all you want, God is watching the apples!!”

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.

In the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal, there are few changes being made to the Liturgy of the Word (the readings, Gospel, homily, creed and prayer of the faithful). The one exception is the Creed. When the revised translation is implemented, we will be using a revised text for the Creed we recite each Sunday. You will probably notice more changes in this text than in any other words you say at Mass. The guiding principle for the revised translation of the Roman Missal is to make the English closer to the Latin original. Catholics profess the Creed each Sunday in various languages all around the world. Especially for this part of Mass, it is important that we all say the same words; there is one faith. The words we say to profess our faith are changing, but our faith is staying the same.

What does it mean to “fast” and to “abstain.” When do we do these things? Who is required to do them?

To “fast” means, at minimum, eating one regularly-sized meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking in between. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all Catholics age 18 - 60 yrs old.

To “abstain” is to refrain from eating meat. This abstinence is obligatory on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and every Friday during Lent for all Catholics age 14 and up.

Religious Education Calendar For March and April

March 20	Class
March 27	Class
April 3	No class (Spring break)
April 10	No class (Spring break)
April 17	Class
April 24	No class (Easter Sunday)

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Third Sunday of Lent

“My food is to do the will of the one who sent me.” John 4:5-42

As Jesus was traveled with his disciples between Galilee and Jerusalem they stopped at Jacob’s Well at Sychar (Shechem) in the center of Samaria, approximately thirty miles north of Jerusalem. They would have been walking since dawn. The hour was about noon, the hottest part of the day, a good time to stop for food and drink and to seek shade. The disciples go off in search of food while Jesus has a conversation with a woman at the well. He tells her of a “spring of water welling up to eternal life” and that those who drink will never thirst. Naturally, she wants such water. When the disciples return and offer him food, Jesus says, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me.” Those are strange words indeed. But the woman understands that Jesus is the Messiah, that He is the wellspring of eternal life and that He is sustained by discerning and doing the will of God. Have we figured that out? Do we truly desire to drink from the spring of water welling up to eternal life? Do we earnestly try to discern and do the will of God?

March 20, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$21,620	\$21,426	\$22,906	\$23,862

Lifting up Mass

The Diocesan Disabilities Awareness Committee, along with Brescia University, invites all persons with disabilities, their families and supporters to attend the sacred liturgy called the “Lifting Up Mass” with a reception following in their honor on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 2:00PM. Information about L’Arche communities, a unique faith-based residential living arrangement will be shared.

Lenten Penance Schedule

Trinity & St. Mary’s School	Thursday March 17, 9:00AM
St. Pius X Church	Thursday March 17, 6:00PM
St. Mary of the Woods	Sunday March 20, 2:00PM
St. Lawrence, Knottsville	Monday March 21, 6:00PM
Precious Blood	Tuesday March 22, 6:30PM
St. William, Knottsville	Wed March 23, 6:00PM
Blessed Mother	Sunday March 27, 2:00PM
St. Anthony’s	Wed March 30, 6:00PM
Mary Carrico	Thursday March 31, 9:00AM
Our Lady of Lourdes	Thursday April 7, 6:00PM
Immaculate	Tuesday April 12, 6:30PM
St. Joseph & Paul	Wed April 13, 6:00PM
St. Martins	Wed April 13, 6:30PM
St. Stephen Cathedral	Friday April 15, 6:30PM

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

Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Brigglin, 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, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Janice Hobbs, Jennifer Howard and baby, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, 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 Mulligan, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Gertrude Nalley, 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, 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, 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.**

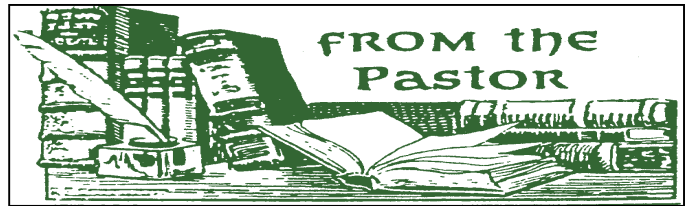
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

Afghanistan

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark
PVT Benjamin Sexton (grandson Margie Ashworth)

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 Third Sunday of Lent. We hear the story of the woman at the well. Jesus was thirsty for water but more so for her faith. She too had a thirst for truth. May we have a thirst for Christ this Lenten season.

Religious Ed does meet today and youth group does meet tonight .

Thank for returning your stewardship forms. Just drop them by the office or mail them in as soon as you can.

Please note the regulations on fasting and abstinence for the Lenten season. Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 6:30pm. They last about 20 – 25 minutes so come out and pray with us.

We continue to hold our RCIA candidates in prayer as they journey towards Easter. Starting today we will celebrate the scrutinies with them as they seek conversion from their sins.

March is Severe Weather Preparedness month. In case of tornados and the like, we will use the hallway of the parish hall for our shelter.

The Rome trip is fast approaching. We have the capacity for 45 participants and currently have 16 signed up. I will keep a running tally for you so you know when it is filling up. We leave July 11th and return the 20th. Brochures are in the office.

**DID YOU WEAR YOUR GREEN
ON ST. PATRICKS DAY?**



Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

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

**Tues. 6:00 PM Mass
Scripture Study 7:00PM**

Wed. Mass 6:30 AM

**Thurs. 9:00 AM School Mass
Mass 12 Noon
RCIA 7:00PM**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12 Noon
Stations of Cross 6:30PM**

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

**Sun. 4th Sunday of Lent
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

March 27, 2011 through April 3, 2011

Sunday	Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Rom 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4-9 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4,18-21b Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

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 will be held for the 2011-2012 school year beginning on March 14. 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

ATTENTION SECOND GRADERS!

First Communion is coming soon! We will have a **parent meeting on Wednesday, March 30, at 7 PM in the Parish Hall**. Parents will receive a handbook with a calendar of dates and other information in preparation for the sacrament. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting. Any questions? Call our DRE.

Quilting Club

Did you know the Blessed Mother Quilters also make baby quilts, throws, vegetable carriers, aprons, table runners (spring- or your pick, (you pick the material), Plastic bag holders and more. Stop by and inquire on the many items available to you. New Quilters Welcome!!!

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