



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## CATHOLIC Q&A

### Why do we put ashes on our forehead on Ash Wednesday?

Ashes are a symbol of mourning, mortality, and penance. After all, "you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3:19). That was God's reminder to Adam after he committed the original sin. During Old Testament times, God's people would cover themselves with ashes in times of mourning, or to make reparation for their sins (cf. Esther 4:1; Job 42:6; Dan 9:3). We do the same in order to remind ourselves of our own sins and of the fact that we are entirely dependent upon God for every second of our being. Therefore, we must make of this life all that God desires it to be, and remove from our lives anything that would hasten our spiritual death and keep us from Him.

### What is Lent?

Lent is a period of about 40 days, not counting Sundays, in which we spiritually prepare ourselves for the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday. Lent is a somber time of personal reflection, of penance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time for calling to mind our sins, all the times in which we helped drive the nails into the hands and feet of Christ. It is a time for redoubling our efforts to grow in our prayer life and to experience God in the Sacraments of the Church. It is also a time for doing good works, for loving one another as Christ loved us.

### 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 years old. To "abstain" is to refrain from eating the flesh and organs of warm-blooded animals. This abstinence is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent for all Catholics age 14 and up.

### Why do people "give up" something for Lent? Is this something that we have to do?

While this is not strictly required, traditionally, Catholics choose something to give up, or refrain from doing, during Lent so as to embrace the penitential character of this season. Some people take this opportunity to overcome bad habits, like biting your nails, or smoking, or cursing. Others will give up something they enjoy, like ice cream, or television, or Facebook. Whatever you do during Lent to unite yourself to the "Suffering Servant" is a good and laudable thing.

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

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

### Coming Soon...

**March 6<sup>th</sup>: ODYO Mardi Gras Party!! @ St. Pius—Meet @ Blessed Mother @ 6:15. Returning at about 9:00 pm.**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>: NO Youth Group!! Youth 2000 Weekend!!**

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

### Cooking Team Up to Bat: THANK YOU!!

**March 6<sup>th</sup>~ ODYO...NO TEAM NEEDED!**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>~ YOUTH 2000...NO TEAM NEEDED!**

### 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.

### Scripture Study for the Season of Lent

We will be doing a 5-part study examining the Scriptural basis of Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ*. **First meeting is Tues., March 15, from 7-8:30 PM in the Parish Hall.** We will meet every Tues. night up to Apr. 12. Price is only \$10. Please include your name, phone #, and email address w/ your payment. For more info., call Nicholas Hardesty at 683-8444, ext. 26.

*From Death to New Life* 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Wanda Millay and her family on the death of her husband Jack. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

## Laugh for the Week

### “Old Family Bible”

*A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages. “Mama, look what I found,” the boy called out. “What have you got there, dear?” With astonishment in the young boy’s voice, he answered, “I think it is Adam’s underwear!!”*

## 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 readers in your parish find the readings assigned for each day of the year in a liturgical book called the lectionary. The reforms of the Second Vatican Council sought to open up the treasures of the Bible more fully to the faithful. To give Catholics this broader exposure to sacred scripture, the cycle of readings repeats every 3 years for Sundays (Year A, Matthew; Year B, Mark; Year C, Luke with parts of John read every year during the Easter season) and every two years for weekday readings. If you went to mass every day for three years, you would hear a large portion of the Bible proclaimed.

## CARD OF THANKS

**We sincerely thank our parish family for the outpouring of love and support at the death of David Jr.. Fr. John, the choir, the abundance of food, your prayers and all other expressions of sympathy were, and are, a great comfort to us all. As we embrace the unconditional love of God, we are strengthened by the witness of His Body — The Church.**

**With Love,  
David and Karen Jarboe and Family**

## Religious Education Calendar For February and March

February 20th	Class
February 27th	Class
March 6	Class
March 13	Class
March 20	Class

## Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

March 6, 2011

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven.. .”

Matthew 7:21-27

“Jesus, here’s the deal. I have worked hard and done fairly well for myself in this ‘dog-eat-dog’ world. But, I am willing to call you ‘Lord, Lord.’ I’m even willing to drop a couple of dollars in the basket on Sunday and give a few bucks to the missionary priest when he comes begging. But do you actually expect me to do all the things you said? There is that ‘love our neighbor’ thing; and even worse, that ‘love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for people who persecute you’ stuff. And what’s with that ridiculous idea, ‘If someone asks for your coat, give him your shirt as well’? Come on, Jesus, get real.” Does that sound like a conversation we have had with Jesus? If so, it is time for us to have another conversation with Jesus. But be warned, he does not mince words. He really meant it when he said, “Only those who do the will of my Father will enter the kingdom.” Just saying “Lord, Lord!” won’t get us in.

## February 28, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$25,689	\$21,426	\$23,724	\$23,946

## Catholics Returning Home

An open door for Returning Catholics from Blessed Mother Parish. Would you be interested in returning to your faith but don’t know how to begin that journey home? Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again? No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Blessed Mother Parrish will be sponsoring a six week session March 10, 2011 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. During this Lenten season you can find a renewal of faith and a closer walk with the Lord.

Call 926-1483 or 926-3148 for more information. All messages will be returned.

## Server Training

**If your child would like to be an alter server and is at least in the 4th grade, please see Brett for training.**

**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 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, 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, Denny 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.**

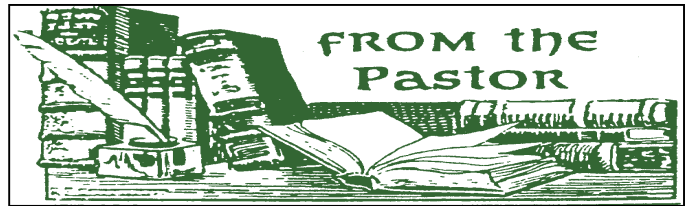
**Iraq:** SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards  
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad  
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

**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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We prepare for the coming season of penance as we try to build our houses on the rock of faith.

Religious Ed does meet today and youth group meets tonight.

Finance meeting Tuesday evening after Mass.

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

Ash Wednesday is upon us. Remember the collection for Mandeville. The Mass on Tuesday night is NOT a vigil Mass for Ash Wednesday. And don't forget Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Please note the Mass schedule.

We continue to hold our RCIA candidates in prayer as they journey towards Easter. This year I would like to try to have stations of the cross at 6:30pm every Friday during Lent.

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 11<sup>th</sup> and return the 20<sup>th</sup>. Brochures are in the office.

And thanks for praying for our persecutors.

**Roman Missal Workshops**

Here are the remaining dates for the Roman Missal workshops (all times are 10-12 noon):

Saturday, February 26 Holy Name  
School Hall, Henderson  
Saturday, March 5 Christ the King, Madisonville  
(rescheduled from Feb. 5 because of snow)

**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.

## Calendar for the Week

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

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

**Tues. 6:00 PM Mass  
Finance Meeting 6:30PM**

**Wed. Mass 9:00 AM (School Mass)  
Mass 12:00 PM  
Mass 6:00 PM**

**Thurs. 9:00 AM NO 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. 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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 6, 2011 through March 13, 2011

Sunday	Dt 11:18,26-28,32 Ps 31:2-4,17,25 Rom 3:21-25,28 Mt 7:21-27
Monday	Tb 1:3;2:1a-8 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday	Tb 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2,7-9 Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6a,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a,18-19 Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12,17-19 Mt 4:1-11

**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**

## Owensboro Catholic Elementary School Open House

An Open House will be held at the Elementary K-3 Campus and the Elementary 4-6 Campus for all current and prospective families on Thursday, March 10 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Information about daily faith formation, curriculum, and extracurricular activities and the athletic programs will be available, as well as a chance to meet the teachers and staff. Be sure to attend!

The Elementary K-3 Campus is located at 4017 Frederica Street, behind Our Lady of Lourdes church and the Elementary 4-6 Campus is located at 525 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street next to Blessed Mother church.

For more information about the Owensboro Catholic Schools, please log onto:

[www.owensborocatholic.org](http://www.owensborocatholic.org)

## Chili Supper

The Right to Life of Owensboro Chili supper will be March 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Pius X.

Serving time begins at 5:00 pm and ends at 7:00 pm. There will be a silent auction as well.

Ticket prices will be as follows: ages 3 and under are free, ages 4 to 12 are \$5.00, and 13 and up are \$7.00.

Tickets will be available for purchase after Masses on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets will also be available at the event. Donations of cakes and pies would be appreciated.

For more information, please contact the Right to Life office at 685-4922

### 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