



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

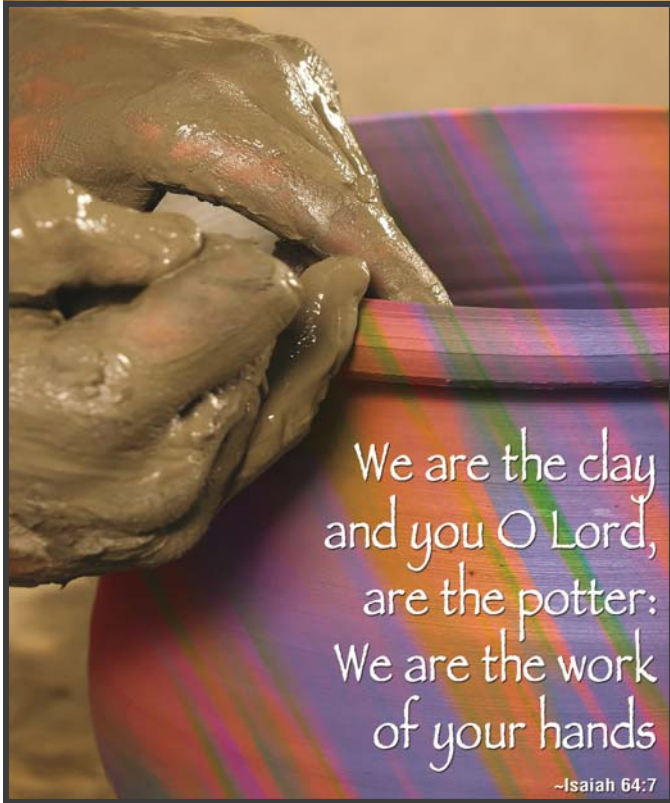
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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 _____



Liturgical Ministers for December 3rd & 4th

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Maggie O'Bryan, Joe O'Bryan, Liz Francis, Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Cecelia Hamilton, Karen Dueker, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early

SUNDAY 7 AM Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Charlene Baumgarten, Sr. Mary Timothy, Dennis Sandefur, Darlene Kazlauskas

SUNDAY 10 AM Eric Vaughn, Kerry Riney, Debbie Riney, Mark Church, Darlene Church, Mary Howard, Elaine Williams, Christopher Hayden, Stephanie Hayden

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Cliff Russell, Michele Linn, Pete Linn, Leesa Moman, Rick Moman, Bev Payne

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Norm Hayden
 Sun 7:00 AM Charlie Castlen
 Sun 10:00 AM Phil Hagan
 Sun 5:30 PM David McBride

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Allison Williams, Lauren Williams
 Sun 7:00 AM Brendan Higgins, Collin Higgins
 Sun 10:00 AM JT Hayden, Caroline Hayden
 Sun 5:30 PM Nicholas Russell, Caleb Buckman

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Joe Higdon
 Sun 7:00 AM Vince Frey
 Sun 10:00 AM Ed Hodskins
 Sun 5:30 PM Christine Wolken

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Kelly Trogden, Kara Trogden (Asst)
 K-3rd Grade Laura Cecil, Shelby Cecil (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Hugh Bittel, Ann Blanford, Donnie Blanford

Hillcrest: Susan & Pat Hale, James Gerald

Ministers of Hospitality for December

4:00 PM Steve Haynes, Ken Terry
 Jolene White, Jordon White
 7:00 AM Randy Lee, Angela Lee
 Jack Murphy, Nancy Murphy
 10:00 AM Jerry Millay, Tony Powers
 Donna Powers, Blake Powers
 5:30 PM Jack Hamilton, Nick Clark
 Aaron Clark, Austin Clark

Intention for the Week

Monday, November 28th
 6:30 AM Lucy Goetz (dec)

Tuesday, November 29th
 6:00 PM Audrey Meister (dec)

Wednesday, November 30th
 6:30 AM Joe Early (dec, annv)

Thursday, December 1st
 9:00 AM School Mass
 Noon Lucy Goetz (dec)
 (Anointing of sick after Mass)

Friday, December 2nd
 Noon Georgia Marie McCarty
 (First Friday Potluck after Mass)

Saturday, December 3rd
 4:00 PM Eliza Lee Smith (dec)

Sunday, December 4th
 7:00 AM Mr. & Mrs Felix Roby (dec)
 10:00 AM Russ & Vicki Hayden (Wed Annv)
 5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Catholic Q & A

What is Advent?

The *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, by Fr. John A. Hardon, tells us that Advent is, "A period of prayer in preparation for Christmas, including four Sundays, the first nearest the feast of St. Andrew, November 30. It is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year (Etym. Latin *adventus*, a coming, approach, arrival.)"

Advent is a time of preparation for and anticipation of the coming of the Lord that we celebrate on Christmas Day. It is an opportunity to place ourselves in the shoes of the Jewish people who waited so long for the coming of the Messiah. It is an opportunity to renew our appreciation for the Incarnation, the moment when the Son of God became man, one like us in all things but sin. Advent takes on a somber tone, similar to Lent, because our minds are focused on what life is like without Christ, without God's entrance into our world. Of course, in waiting for this coming of the Lord, Advent takes on an eschatological tone as well since, as Christians, we also await the Second Coming, when Jesus will come again and make all things new.

Unfortunately, the same world that God so desired to save can often squelch the spirit of Advent that we are called to embrace. If we are somber it is not because we anxiously await the coming of the Lord, it is because traffic to the mall is backed up, Wal-Mart is all out of Nintendo Wii's, and the kids are yelling in the back seat because they want to go see Santa Claus. It's easy in times like this to forget what Christmas is really all about. This is where Advent comes in. Once we understand Advent for what it is truly meant to be, it can be the antidote to the stress that often accompanies the holiday season. Advent calls us to refocus our minds back to what is important and to remember again the true reason for the season.

Over 2,000 years ago, God asked a virgin a simple question: "Will you let me use you to bring my Son to the world? Will you give me your flesh, your life, your time, your entire being?" In a sense, this is the same question that God asks us today, and Advent is a time to prepare ourselves so that when God wishes to come through us, we like Mary, will be able to say "Yes" to Him.

Let us also remember that with Advent's past significance (in the Incarnation) and future significance (in the Second Coming) is also a present reality. Jesus comes, here and now, wherever the Eucharist is celebrated. In a sense, every Mass is a new Advent, and it only makes sense that, during this time of preparation, we should remain close to Christ in the Eucharist. It is in *that* advent that He is preparing us for the advent that awaits the end of time.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

Sunday, Nov. 20: NO YOUTH GROUP!! Group returning from the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indy! Please pray for us!

Sunday, Nov. 27: NO YOUTH GROUP!! Thanksgiving Break!! Have a Wonderful weekend full of wonderful food and family. And don't forget to send up your prayers of Thanks!!

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

COOKING TEAMS UP TO BAT:

Nov. 20: No Youth Group! No Team Needed!

Nov. 27: No Youth Group! No Team Needed!

The Giving Tree

Our tradition here at Blessed Mother continues with the Giving Tree going up on Thanksgiving Day. We ask that you take a tag from the tree, fill the order and then return the gift with the tag. The tags are coded and let us know what family or organization the gift belongs to. If clothing is purchased please place a gift receipt with the item in case an exchange is needed. Your generosity has helped many people over the years. Please return the gift with the tag no later than December 19th. The gifts will be delivered that week of Christmas. Anyone wishing to help deliver please contact Russ at the Parish office.

Christmas Flower Memorial

You can honor your loved ones this Christmas, by giving flowers in their memory. Envelopes are in your packets. Be sure to write in the names of those you wish to remember. Your loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the season.

Religious Ed Calendar For November and December

Nov 20: Safe-Environment Training
Nov 27: No class (Thanksgiving break)

Dec 4: No class ("Catch the Spirit" party)
Dec 11: Class
Dec 18: Class
Dec 25: No class (Winter break)

Laugh for the Week
"Thanksgiving Dinner"

Little Johnny and his family were having Thanksgiving Dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course, you do" his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!!!!"

The 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.

Today, we begin worshipping with the newly translated texts of the Roman Missal third edition. Even though many of the words will sound different to us, we will celebrate the same order of Mass that we have used since Vatican II nearly 50 years ago. The basic structure of the Mass remains unchanged. Our celebration of the Eucharist is rich in history and tradition. Like countless generations of Christians before us, we listen to homilies, we petition God for favors and mercy, and thank Him for all of his blessings. The priest still consecrates simple bread and wine and it is transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Young and old, saints and sinners are all invited to participate in a sacred meal. Then, we are dismissed from that holy assembly to preach the Good News, to do good works and to build up the Kingdom of God. Some of the words of the Mass have changed, but the faith we proclaim with those words is ageless.

Catch the Spirit Party

It is hard to believe Advent is upon us. On Sunday December 4th after the 10AM Mass our Parish will celebrate the coming season. Mark your calendar and come over to the Parish Hall for some soup, sandwiches, desserts, silent auction, and St. Nick!!!!

Forming Good Stewards
Sunday Collections

First Sunday of Advent

"What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"
 Mk 13:33-37

Watch out! Don't cry or pout. He's making a list and checking it twice so He's gonna find out who's naughty or nice. He sees you sleeping and knows when you're awake. He knows who is bad or good, so be good for goodness sake. Have you figured out who HE is? There is going to be celebration of his birth, including singing and eating and drinking. People will visit family and friends and exchange expensive gifts, some of dubious value and usefulness. Do you know who HE is? It is Jesus, of course! This First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of a brief time for us to reflect on the incredible miracle and mystery of God Incarnate, God become man. It is a time for us to contemplate why the God who created us become one of us? His unconditional, unlimited love for us is certainly one reason. The celebrations, the food, the gifts, are nice. But spending time to comprehend the magnitude of God's love for us is the real purpose of Advent. That is a gift we can give to the God who created us and became one of us.

November 6th, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$25,721	\$23,558	\$25,721	\$22,559

End of Year Giving

We are all busy finding that perfect gift for everyone on our list during this season of joy. Please remember to put your Church on your giving list. Not only is your gift Tax Deductible, but most of all you are helping spread The Kingdom of God on earth. Parish Christmas Envelopes are in you packets.

Anointing of the Sick
 Thursday 12/1
 After Noon Mass

First Friday Potluck
 First Friday 12/2, after Noon Mass
 Everyone invited, bring a dish
 Stay for Bunko

**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, Paul Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Dennis Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Alice Cole, Jake Conder, Jeff Connor, Don Cooper, Amy Cox, Chad Crabtree, Junior Crowe, Ben Crump, Mickie Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, Kinsey Dunn, Theresa Feller, Elena Maria Finley, Damon Gillim, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Donna Hamilton, Wilhemenia Newton Hamilton, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Lydia Haycraft, Mike Head, Jim Henry, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Janice Hobbs, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Tony Keller, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Kathlene Leming, Travis Martin, 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, Lee Newton, Ruth Nunez, Shirley Olliver, Katherine Osowicz, Ethan Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Judy Peak, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Maxine Quinn, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Paul Robertson, Beck Roby, Larry Roby, Lucille Russell, Dorothy Schell, Juanita Sessman, Jessica Seymour, 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, Leo Thompson, Betty Thompson, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Tammy Tucker, Lucille Vowels, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Amanda Vessels, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Deny Wheatley, Kamren White, Katherine Whittinghill, Joe Wink, Mike Wolford, Bill, Flora Yancy, Randy Zarembo

**Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War.
Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home soon.**

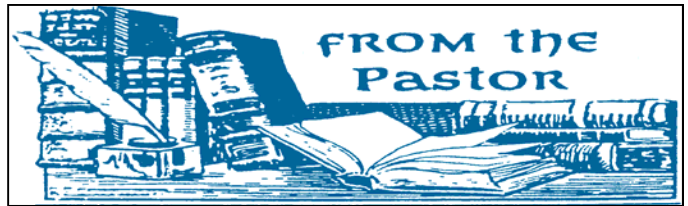
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

Afghanistan

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark
CPL Whitney Corley (Marines) (granddaughter
Russell & Virginia Corley)
Nicholas Sandefur (Army) (grandson, Dessie Clark)
PFC-NG-NGB Justin McDuffie (grandson
Clarence & Carmen Elder)

Other

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May
SN Jason Bishop, US Navy, son of Linda & Dan Pearl
PVT Benjamin Sexton, US Army, USA (grandson
Margie Ashworth)



I hope you had a good week. Today is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Year of Grace. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord not just at the end of time but at Christmas and His third coming into our hearts. Let us be open to the grace in store for us these coming days ahead.

November is the month to pray for our departed loved ones. Check the display board in the back and feel free to write in the book a loved one's name for prayer.

Everyone should have received their tithing report recently. If you did not or there is a mistake just call the office and we will help you.

Regarding the bulletin, we have been behind in posting the bulletin to our website. We think we have that fixed now. We hope to have it available for viewing the Wednesday BEFORE it comes out in hard copy at the weekend Mass. We are also planning to be able to email the bulletin to anyone who would like that service.

Thanks to all who were able to give to the food drive. It will be delivered in the next few days.

Next weekend is the annual catch the Spirit party after the 10am Mass. Everyone is invited.

Our Advent Penance service is next Sunday as well at 2pm.

Let us be patient with each other as we adjust to the new changes in the liturgy. So far so good. Thanks for your understanding spirit.

Advent Penance Services			
Sun	Dec 4th	Blessed Mother	2:00PM
Wed	Dec 7th	St. Pius X	6:00PM
Mon	Dec 12th	St. Lawrence	6:00PM
Wed	Dec 14th	St. Anthony's	6:00PM
Sun	Dec 18th	St. Mary of the Woods	2:00PM
Mon	Dec 19th	St. William	6:00PM
Wed	Dec 21st	St. Joseph & Paul	6:00PM

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. 9:00 AM School Mass
Mass 12:00 Noon
(Anointing of Sick after Mass)
RCIA 7:00 PM**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12 Noon
First Friday Potluck after Mass**

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

**Sun. Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass
Catch the Spirit Party after 10AM Mass
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria**

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26;
Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85;
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Check out the NEW Catholic Radio Station!

107.7 WIMM is now on 107.9! New call numbers, **BETTER SIGNAL**, same Catholic truth. For more information, see our website: <http://www.owensborocatholicradio.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

The Owensboro Catholic Schools Registration: Space still available 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 on to the website at: www.owensborocatholic.org

St. Stephen Cathedral Renovation Project
Due to renovation of the Cathedral, as of 1/28/11 daily Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7:00AM and 12:05PM. Saturday evening and Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the basement of the Pastoral Center. Confessions will be at Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Catholics Returning Home

Have you been away from the Church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? If so, we would like to welcome you back to Blessed Mother Parish. We have a special ministry for people just like you who have been away from the church. Please join us for a six week series that begins Thursday, Nov. 10th at Blessed Mother Parish Center, 6:30 to 7:30 PM. We would like to address your questions and make you feel at home once more in the Catholic Church. For more information, please call Josie Hagan, 926-1483. after 5PM.

Parish Council Members

Camillia Baker	729-9094
Angela Bell	729-9434
Nancy Byrum	729-4362
Charlie Castlen	683-3426
Liz Francis	926-3148
Richard Hayden	689-1422
David Higdon (Chair)	852-5321
Rick Moman	683-6555
Keith Osborne	689-0917
Cliff Russell	685-4793
Tony Powers	926-1803
Dan Thomas	684-2120

Daily Bible Reading: 683-8524

Visit our website!

<http://www.blessedmotherchurch.com>