



# 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,** October 3rd  
6:30 AM *Mary Jane Roberts (dec)*
- Tuesday,** October 4th  
6:00 PM *Thomas Clark Hagan Family*
- Wednesday,** October 5th  
6:30 AM *Audrey Meister (dec)*
- Thursday,** October 6th  
9:00 AM *School Mass*  
Noon *Angela Thompson (dec)*  
*Anointing of Sick following Mass*
- Friday,** October 7th  
Noon *Rosary Group*  
*First Friday Potluck following mass*
- Saturday** October 8th  
4:00 PM *Hayden Head (dec)*
- Sunday,** October 9th  
7:00 AM *Lucy Goetz (dec)*  
10:00 AM *Anna Marie Davis*  
5:30 PM *Blessed Mother Parish*

**Liturgical Ministers for October 8th & 9th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**SATURDAY 4PM** Lahoma Stinnett, Ethel Watrous, Fran Watrous, Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Edith Johnson, Rose Clark, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early

**SUNDAY 7 AM** Brenda Hagan, Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Charlene Baumgarten, Mike Thompson, sr. Mary Timothy

**SUNDAY 10 AM** Russ Hayden, Katie Hayden, Emily Hayden, Jerry Millay, Brenda Millay, Jeannette Ward, Drew Ward, Sabrina Johnson, Scott Johnson

**SUNDAY 5:30 PM** Mark Potts, Leesa Moman, Rick Moman, Phyllis Bastin, Bobby Bastin, Janice Bumm

**Readers**

Sat 4:00 PM Joe O'Bryan  
Sun 7:00 AM Bill Bach  
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 Kendra Hagan, Kaytlin Hagan  
Sun 10:00 AM Will Hyland, Stephen Hyland  
Sun 5:30 PM Emily Linn, Sara Brown

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

Sat 4:00 PM Lary Franey  
Sun 7:00 AM Barry Estes  
Sun 10:00 AM Bob Bahnick  
Sun 5:30 PM Dan Thomas

**Children's Liturgy**

Preschool Linda Wahl, Molly Aud (Asst)  
K-3rd Grade Barbara Cecil, Stephanie Wall (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

James Topper, Loyd Travis, Michael Wade

**Hillcrest:** Carol & Darryl Murphy

**Ministers of Hospitality for October**

4:00 PM Keith Best, Jackie Russell  
William Shelton, Tony Fiorella

7:00 AM Russell Corley, Bernie Dotsey  
Alex Dotsey, PJ Ebelhar

10:00 AM John Bell Sr., John Bell Jr.  
Bruce Martin, Ed Higdon

5:30 PM Kenny Buckman, Aaron Buckman  
Caleb Buckman, Logan Buckman

## Catholic Q & A

### Why are there so many Mary's in the bible? Was God saying something about the name Mary?

There are five Mary's in the New Testament:

- Mary, Mother of Jesus
- Mary Magdalene
- Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus
- Mary, the mother of James ("the Less") and Joseph (not Jesus' father, but another Joseph). This "Mary" is probably the same person as "Mary, the wife of Clopas"
- Mary, the mother of John Mark of Jerusalem

I'm not sure that we should read too much into this. The name "Mary" is prevalent in the New Testament for the simple reason that it was a very common name in Jesus' day, as it is still today.

### What exactly does it mean to fear God?

To "fear God" is to be aware of His great power and majesty, and to respond accordingly. Usually this entails acts of worship and obedience. Fear of the Lord also includes fear of His Judgments, of the wrath that is justly incurred by sin. It is often this type of religious fear that is the first impulse that leads towards loving God above all things and desiring to do His Will alone. "Fear of the Lord" is also one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are received at baptism.

### If there were only ten generations between Seth and Noah, wasn't a worldwide flood a bit of overkill?

As I understand it, there were actually 7 generations between Seth and Noah, but that's not important. A flood was necessary because all of mankind was so consumed by evil and the gravest of sins (murder, polygamy, adultery, etc.) that we needed a new start. As we read, from the book of Genesis:

"The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain ... Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways." (Gen 6:5-6, 11-12)

This might seem like overkill, but it was through the Flood that God established a new covenant with man and set him on the right path again. In that light, the Flood was a good thing. Plus, we must not forget that God is Lord over heaven and earth. He can do whatever He wants with His creation ... although He *has* promised that He will never again destroy the world with a flood (cf. Gen 9:11).

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

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

### Coming Soon...

**Sunday, Oct. 2: "I Believe..."**

**Sunday, Oct. 9: Fall Break- No Youth Group**

**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 TEAMS UP TO BAT:

**Oct. 2:** Patrick & Karon Greenwell, Laurie Elliot, Megan Powers

**Oct. 9: No Team Needed!**

### The Tuffest Job You'll Ever Love!!

"St. Vincent de Paul"

Have you ever stopped to think about the one thing Jesus talks about most in the Bible? Helping the poor & needy. Have you ever thought how you may help the poor & needy? Donations are great, but your time & compassion are also truly needed. In today's economy the Vincentians help is needed more than ever. So far this year we have helped more than 351 families & individuals with, utilities, rent, and food. We also have a Bible reading daily with a number listed in the Thrifty Nickel, in which individuals can call & hear Scripture. Some Vincentians make hospital visits to fellow parishioners, which may be their only visitors. If this is something you Men & Women may feel interested in, PLEASE come sit in on a meeting and see what we are about. Meetings are Monday's at 7:00PM, approximately 1 hr, in the St. Anthony room of the parish center. Remember, we all need Bonus Points for the Big Picture. At least I know I do.

With Love in Christ,  
Jim Hagan  
President, Blessed Mother  
St. Vincent de Paul

## Laugh for the Week

### "The Helper"

**Father is walking down the street one day when he notices a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach.**

**After watching the boys effort for some time, Father moves closer to the boy's position. He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring.**

**Crouching down to the child's level, Father smiles benevolently and asks, "And now what, my little man?" To which the boy grins and replies, "Now we RUN!!!!"**

## Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
"The kingdom of God will be taken away from you  
and given to a people that will produce its fruit."  
Mt 21:33-43

A wise employer who paid above average wages and provided very good benefits would tell all of his new hires, and remind his existing employees, "If you do your job you get to keep it." He treated his employees like family and they learned they could come to him with problems and concerns, and he would help if he was able. "Say what you mean and do what you say" was another of his many expressions. He expected his employees to do their job and be honest with him, with each other and with the customers, and to treat each other as family. This wise employer knew that Jesus was teaching the chief priest and elders of his day, and us today, that God our Father and the Creator of His Kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven" has given each of us a vast array of talents, abilities and gifts that He expects us to use for our own benefit and to share with others. If we fail or refuse to do so He will take his Kingdom from us and give it to "people that will produce its fruits."

**September 18th, 2011**

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$21,703	\$23,558	\$22,556	\$22,483

### 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.*

Soon we will be noticing some changes at Mass. On the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, newly translated prayers will be used at liturgy in the dioceses of the United States (and throughout the English-speaking world). The *Roman Missal*, the source of the prayers, is now in its third edition. The first and second editions of the Roman Missal in English (formerly called the *Sacramentary*), officially introduced in 1974 and 1985, respectively, were marked by a style of English that was accessible and easy to understand. The prayers themselves, though, were not always accurate translations of the original Latin texts. The *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, on the other hand, makes use of a more formal style of English. The prayers are intended to be more literal renderings of the original Latin texts so that the meaning contained in them is accurately expressed in English.

### SAINT RAPHAEL FARM LEASE

**The Saint Raphael Farm Lease expires September 30, 2011. This lease is for a three year period. If you are interested in submitting a bid for leasing the 138 tillable acres of this farm, you may pick up a bid form from the Catholic Pastoral Center, at 600 Locust Street between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM M-F. If you would like the form sent to you please call (270-683-1545 ext 360 and leave your mailing or e-mail address. All bids must be sealed and are due at the Catholic Pastoral Center by noon on Monday, 10/3/11.**

### Attention Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders being Confirmed:

It's time to have a meeting to discuss dates and requirements for those being confirmed this year at Blessed Mother! We will meet Monday, Oct. 3 @ 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This meeting will not be too long, but is very important! Please try to attend! If you have any questions or will be unable to attend, please call Christina at 683-8444 Ext. 28 or email me at: [bmcyouth@bellsouth.net](mailto:bmcyouth@bellsouth.net).

**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, 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, 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 Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Phil Hayden, Mike Head, Jim Henry, Beverly Heppler,, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Janice Hobbs, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Mike Koger, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Kathlene Leming, Sam Lindsey, 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, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Ruth Nunez', Shirley Olliver, Katherine Osowicz, Ethan 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, 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, 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, Kamren White, 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.**

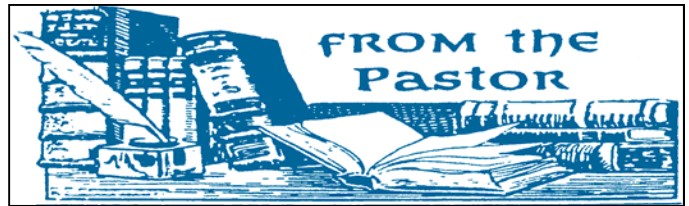
**Iraq:** SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards  
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad  
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army  
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of  
Russell & Virginia Corley)

**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)  
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



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. We have been listening to several parables by Jesus and we get another one today. The parable of the vineyard and good fruits from it. We want to be people who receive the kingdom into our hearts and bear good fruit.

RCIA has begun. If you know anyone who might be interested in the Catholic faith call the office and we will contact them. We meet every Thursday at 7pm in the youth room.

Liturgy committee meets Wednesday evening at 6:30pm parish library.

I will be away for a few days starting October 9<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully work on the roofs will begin at the same time. The best estimate on the roofs comes in just under \$50,000 for all three shingled ones.

FYI: next April we are planning a new picture directory of the parish. Plan to have your picture made. More information as the time draws near.

I have a new emergency number at the rectory. 663-1398. I was using the Gideon Productions number but that was confusing to people so now I have a separate line.

**First Friday Potluck**

Friday October 7 is First Friday  
There will be a potluck after Mass  
All are welcome to join us.

**Glenmary Sisters"**

**Glenmary Sisters' Guild will be selling pumpkins, mums and straw here at Blessed Mother after all masses on Saturday Oct. 15th and Sunday October 16th. All proceeds benefit the Glenmary Sisters missions.**

### 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  
Liturgy Committee Mtg 6:30PM**

**Thurs. No 9:00 AM School Mass  
Mass 12:00 Noon  
Anointing of Sick after Noon Mass  
RCIA 7:00 PM**

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

**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, Cafeteria**

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14,  
19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

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

Daughters of Isabella  
Card Party/Bunco  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall  
Thursday October 13, 2011  
10:00 AM—2:00PM  
\$6.00 includes lunch

### Life Chain

Stand up for Life, Pray, and  
Make a Difference  
Sunday, October 2, 2011  
2:30-3:30

People will be standing to pray for an end to abortion and for the babies, women and men who are victims of Abortion. **PLEASE** join us for this time of Prayer  
Posters will be available on October 2nd at 2:00 pm in the Right to Life of Owensboro office located at 1115 Tamarack, suite 200, across from the back parking lot of Boardwalk (Texas Gas). For more information contact Jennifer Hamilton 903-6322.

### 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