



# 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**

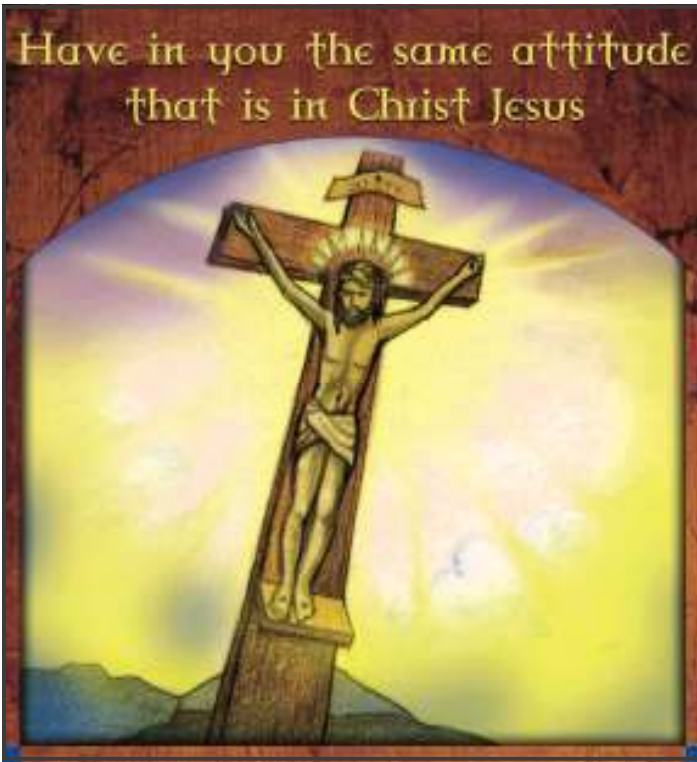
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.  
Contact the Parish Office.

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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, September 26th**  
6:30 AM Lucy Goetz (dec)
- Tuesday, September 27th**  
6:00 PM Hayden Head (dec)
- Wednesday, September 28th**  
6:30 AM Helen Payne (dec)
- Thursday, September 29th**  
9:00 AM School Mass  
Noon Lauren Girten (dec)
- Friday, September 30th**  
Noon Phylis Newton Ragland (dec)
- Saturday, October 1st**  
4:00 PM Bud Clark (dec)
- Sunday, October 2nd**  
7:00 AM Ballard & Clark Families  
George & Virginia 68th Wed Annv  
George's 89th Birthday  
10:00 AM Jason Terry (dec)  
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

**Liturgical Ministers for September 24th & 25th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**SATURDAY 4PM** Jeanie Best, Janet Ruth, Maggie O'Bryan, Joe O'Bryan, Liz Francis, Cecelia Hamilton, Joyce Pearl, Joan Collins, Karen Dueker

**SUNDAY 7 AM** Brenda Hagan, Carolyn Taylor, Darlene Kazlauskas, Sr. Mary Timothy, Dennis Sandefur, Don Cecil

**SUNDAY 10 AM** Richard Whitehouse, Lori Whitehouse, Nancy Dunn, Jim Hagan, Darryl Murphy, Carol Murphy, Darlene Church, Sr. Marie Coomes, Mark Church

**SUNDAY 5:30 PM** Martha Estes, Susan Hale, Pat Hale, Rick Moman, Bobby Bastin, Carlton Goodman

**Readers**

- Sat 4:00 PM Rose Clark
- Sun 7:00 AM Mike Williams
- Sun 10:00 AM Nicole Elder
- Sun 5:30 PM David Marshall

**Servers**

- Sat 4:00 PM Gabe Fillman, Nicholas Jackson
- Sun 7:00 AM Collin Higgins, Brendan Higgins
- Sun 10:00 AM Chase Trogden, Camron O'Nan
- Sun 5:30 PM Jolee Hayden, CJ Glaser

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

- Sat 4:00 PM Tony Fiorella
- Sun 7:00 AM Bill Bach
- Sun 10:00 AM Marti Castlen
- Sun 5:30 PM Gary Smith

**Children's Liturgy**

- Preschool Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young (Asst)
- K-3rd Grade Laura Cecil, Shelby Cecil (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

Betty Thompson, Mike Thompson, Shelby Thompson

**Hillcrest:** Susan & Pat Hale, James Gerald

**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

### Where does the Bible say that Jesus is God?

There are many passages in Scripture that confirm that Jesus is God. First of all, Jesus referred to Himself as God and acted as only God can act. For example, Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I AM" (Jn 8:58), "I AM" being the Divine Name of God that was revealed to Moses in the burning bush. How could Jesus take the Divine Name for Himself and declare that He actually existed **before Abraham** if He was not God? Satan was in the desert trying to tempt **Jesus**, and Jesus responded by saying, "you should not tempt the **Lord your God**" in reference to Himself (Mt 4:7). Jesus forgave the sins of the crippled man (Mt 9:2), when the forgiveness of sins is something that only God can do. John tells us that Jesus called God His Father in order to make Himself **equal with God** (Jn 5:18). John also saw a vision of Jesus, "the Son of Man", in heaven, who comforted him by saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last" (Rev 1:17). Jesus specifically said, "I and the Father are one" (Jn 10:30).

There are also many passages where people specifically called Jesus "God." Thomas saw Jesus resurrected from the dead and cried out, "My Lord and **My God!**" (Jn 20:28). John says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made" (Jn 1:1-3). How can the Word, who is Jesus, exist before all time and even be the Creator of all things and yet not be God? Peter declared in the Temple that the men of Israel had killed "the Author of Life," in reference to Jesus (Acts 3:15). Peter wrote in his letter of "our **God** and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet 1:1), and Paul too of "our great **God** and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). In the Letter to the Hebrews, Jesus is said to "bear the very stamp of God's nature" and "uphold the universe" (Heb 1:2-3). Paul says, "For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (Col 2:9). Even God calls the Son "God"! "But of the Son he [the Father] says, 'Thy throne, **O God**, is forever and ever" (Heb 1:8).

Finally, in the Bible we see people worshipping Jesus. "And those in the boat worshiped him" (Mt 14:33). "And behold, Jesus met them and said, 'Hail!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. [...] And when they saw him they worshiped him" (Mt 28:9, 17a). "And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped him;" (Mk 5:6). "He said, 'Lord, I believe'; and he worshiped him." (Jn 9:38). The angels in heaven worship Him too (cf. Rev 4:9-11; 5:8, 12-14; 7:11-12). None of this worship would be happening if Jesus was not God.

If anything be clear from Scripture it is that Jesus is God!

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

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

### Coming Soon...

**Sunday, Sept. 25: "Molded"**

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

**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:

**Sept. 25:** Keith & Jeannie Best, Melissa Brown, Carlton Goodman

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

### 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

### Resumé Bloopers

- "Here are my qualifications for you to overlook."
- "Wholly responsible for two (2) failed financial institutions."
- "Instrumental in ruining an entire Midwest chain operation." (Perhaps he meant running.)
- "Note: Please don't misconstrue my 14 jobs as job-hopping. I have never quit a job."
- "Finished eighth in my class of ten."
- "Experienced supervisor, defective with both rookies and seasoned professionals."
- "Please call me after 5:30. I am self-employed and my employer does not know I am looking for another job."
- "It's best for employers that I not work with people."
- "I'm extremely loyal to my present firm, so please don't let them know of my immediate availability."
- "I Planned a new corporate facility at \$3 million over budget."
- "Education: College, August 1880-May 1984."

## Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
"Which of the two [sons] did his father's will?"  
Gospel Mt 21:28-32

This is a parable that every parent should be able to recite at a moment's notice -frequently. It captures the true distinction between honesty and the dishonesty, good and evil, right and wrong. There are few of us who have not agreed or promised to do something and then failed to do it. Sometimes we forget. Sometimes we get overwhelmed by other events or emergencies and cannot make the time to do what we promised. Sometimes we commit to do something that we have no intention to do. And then there are the occasions when we refuse to do something, then reconsider and do what we have been asked. Jesus knew that when we truly open ourselves to God in prayer we may hear Him ask us to do something we are not immediately willing to do. But when we are being good stewards of our prayer and continue to be open to God's will for us, we will do God's will regardless of the challenges or consequences. It is then that we are honest, good and righteous. It is then that we are most like Jesus.

### September 11th, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$22,555	\$23,558	\$22,982	\$22,554

### The New Translation – The Mystery of Faith

*On Sunday, November 27of this year, Catholics in the United States will begin worshipping with the newly-translated texts of the third edition of the Roman Missal.*

As the priest invites us to receive Holy Communion, he will say 'Behold', rather than 'This is', 'the Lamb of God'. 'Behold' means 'to look at' and is our invitation to adore Christ who we are about to receive in Holy Communion. We are used to saying 'Lord I am not worthy to receive you' ... This will change to: 'Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed'. This is almost exactly what the Roman Centurion said when he came and begged Jesus to heal his servant. When Jesus says he will come to the Centurion's house, the man knows that Jesus doesn't need to do that, that just his word will be enough. The Centurion says: 'Lord I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word and my servant will be healed'. Our new reply changes only one word of the Centurion's speech - my servant becomes my soul will be healed.

### 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, 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 Zarembo

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

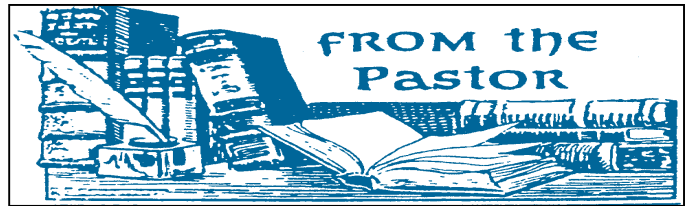
**Iraq:** SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards  
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad  
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army  
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of  
Russell & Virginia Corley)

**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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus tells us another short parable about conversion – changing our minds. It is hard to think another way when we have been thinking a certain way for a long time. But conversion of mind is what is called for if our thoughts are not God's thoughts.

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.

The best estimate on the roofs comes in just under \$50,000 for all three shingled ones. Plan on work to start in October.

The new Inclusion Ministry wants to focus on people who might have difficulties worshipping with us because of some disability. The people planning this had an emergency last weekend and could not meet as planned. They will plan something for the near future.

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.

**Thank you**

**A big "Thank You" goes out to Charlotte Cecil, David Graham, Tim Goetz, and Darryl Murphy, for serving on our Parish Council for the past 3 years. Your leadership to our parish was greatly appreciated. Also we welcome our newest members, Angela Bell, Richard Hayden, Keith Osborne, and Cliff Russell for volunteering to serve our parish for the next 3 year term.**

### 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  
RCIA 7:00 PM**

**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  
Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass  
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria**

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
Jn 1:47-51  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24  
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9;  
Mt 21:33-43

**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)**

### OCHS GRANDPARENTS MASS & RECEPTION

**Will be held on Thursday, September 29th  
at 10:35 am in the OCHS Large Gym.  
A luncheon reception will follow the mass.  
All are invited to attend.**

### 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