



# 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**

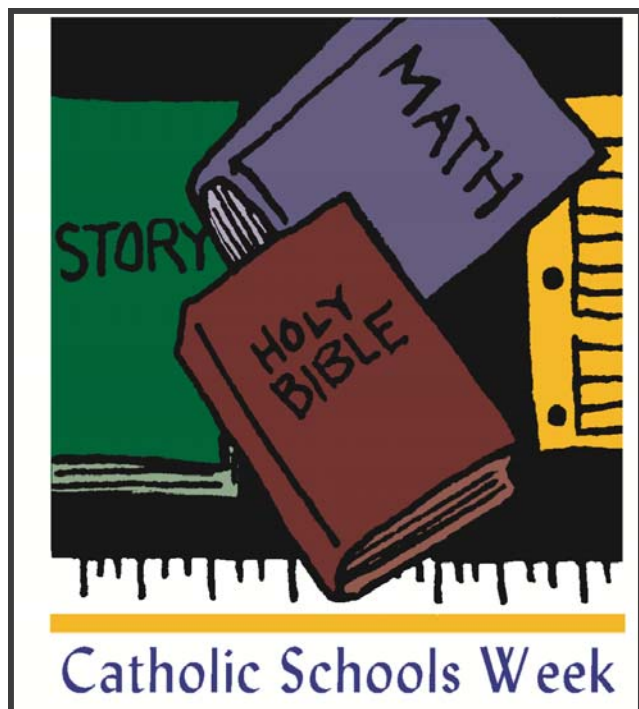
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.  
Contact the Parish Office.

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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, January 30th**  
6:30 AM *Essie Byrne (dec)*
- Tuesday, January 31st**  
6:00 PM *Bob Clark Family*
- Wednesday, February 1st**  
6:30 AM *Joy Marshall*
- Thursday, February 2nd**  
9:00 AM *NO School Mass*  
Noon *Sara Edge*  
*Anointing of Sick after Mass*
- Friday, February 3rd Feast of St Blaize**  
Noon *Mike Wolford (dec)*
- Saturday, February 4th**  
4:00 PM *Joe Paul Warren (dec)*
- Sunday, February 5th**  
7:00 AM *Blessed Mother Parish*  
10:00 AM *Coy Howard (dec)*  
5:30 PM *Simon, Haddad, Meredith Families*

**From Death to New Life**

We pray for the repose of the soul of Onnora Quinn Stone. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

**Liturgical Ministers for February 4th and 5th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday 4PM**

Bonnie Snyder, Jeannie Best, Jan Storm, Edith Johnson, Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Cecelia Hamilton. Jeanie Pointer, Marian Bennett

**Sunday 7 AM** Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Randy Lee, Angie Lee, Don Cecil, Sr. Mary Timothy

**Sunday 10:00 AM** Fran Watrous, Ethel Watrous, Christopher Hayden, Stephanie Hayden, Jose Laboy, Jim Hagan, Mike Head, Carol Goedde, Bill Hayden

**Sunday 5:30 PM** David McBride, Janice Bumm, Liza Brown, Katie Brown, CJ Glaser, Sam Lilly

**Readers**

- Sat 4:00 PM Margaret Kelly
- Sun 7:00 AM John Kazlauskas
- Sun 10:00 AM Karissa Riter
- Sun 5:30 PM Rick Moman

**Servers**

- Sat 4:00 PM Matthew Johnson, Giovanni Digirolamo
- Sun 7:00 AM Collin Higgins, Brendan Higgins
- Sun 10:00 AM Kyra Vanover, Allie Ford
- Sun 5:30 PM Sara Brown, Jolee Hayden

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

- Sat 4:00 PM Dennis Clark
- Sun 7:00 AM Bernie Dotsey
- Sun 10:00 AM Al Thompson
- Sun 5:30 PM Renee Howard

**Children's Liturgy**

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

**Vocation Cross Family**

PJ Ebelhar, Henry Estes, Angela Farmer

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

**Ministers of Hospitality for February**

- 4:00 PM Will Wathen, Thomas Wedding  
Thomas Hobbs, Tyler Wells
- 7:00 AM Mary Fenwick, Jeff Fenwick  
Steve Orth, Paul Edge
- 10:00 AM Steve Wall, John Hayden  
Chris Hayden, Eddie Jackson
- 5:30 PM Bryan Nunley, Stacy Nunley  
Garret Smith, Gary Smith

## Catholic Q & A

Last Monday, Jan. 23, was a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. I realize this is somewhat after the fact, but I wanted to provide some pro-life responses to common pro-abortion arguments. I think such information is always useful.

### 1. "A fetus isn't human."

What is it then? A dog? A fish? A carrot? If a being has human parents, isn't it human?

### 2. "A fetus can't think or feel pain, therefore it is not worthy of life."

Newborns can't think like we can. People in comas can't think or feel like we can. Can we kill them?

### 3. "A fetus isn't even in the world yet!"

What planet is it on then? Mars? Do we have the right to kill someone based on where he/she lives?

### 4. "It's totally dependant on the mother to live."

So are newborn babies, and toddlers, and the severely handicapped and/or mentally ill. Can we kill them? Shouldn't we be **cherishing** the helpless among us?

### 5. "It's just a part of the woman's body"

If that's true then pregnant women have two brains, two hearts, 20 fingers and toes, two blood types, and two sets of DNA. Is that really what you're prepared to say?

Once you have established that we're actually talking about another human being here, then the arguments based on "rights" and "privacy" and "choice" fall apart:

### 1. "If it's my body, then it's my choice what to do with it!"

What about the baby's body and his/her choice? Does anyone have the right to kill an innocent human being?

### 2. "A woman has a right to privacy"

Are we allowed to do whatever we want as long as it is private? Can a woman *privately* abuse her two-year old?

### 3. "We shouldn't force our morality on other people"

Aren't you forcing your morality on the child you abort? When the actions of human people are involved, there will always be a moral component.

### 4. "I'm personally opposed to abortion, but I wouldn't take away a woman's choice to have one."

What if someone was personally opposed to slavery but still thought it was ok for others to own slaves? Would that be ok?

### 5. "Do you want women to die in 'back-alley' abortions?"

Why can't we live in a world where neither the mother nor the baby dies? Should we legalize terrorism to make it safer for terrorists? Abortions even now aren't necessarily "safe."

Peace of Christ to you,  
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

### Coming Soon...

**Sunday, Jan.29:** Heart to Heart

**Sunday, Feb. 5:** Super Bowl Sunday...**NO YOUTH GROUP!**

### Upcoming Events:

**TEC (Teens Encounter Christ):** Open to High School Juniors and Seniors. Feb. 17-19 (Fri. Night-Sunday afternoon) at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green. Cost is \$50. Must register through me. **First come, first serve...contact me ASAP if interested.**

**Youth 2000:** Open to youth ages 13 and over. March 9-11 at Brescia University. Cost is \$50. Form in back of Church. **If you want me to find you a chaperone, your forms MUST BE TURNED IN TO ME. If you show up the day of, I cannot promise that there will be an available chaperone for you.** Forms and money **due Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>** if you are going through the youth group.

**Youth Group Mission Trip:** Open to incoming Freshman- Outgoing seniors. Sun. June 3-Fri. June 8. Serving the communities of Brooklyn and Adrian Michigan. **Contact me if you are interested.**

**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:

**Jan.29: Al & Molly Thompson, Sharon McPherson, Diane Hoffman**

**Feb. 5: No Youth Group...No Team Needed...**

## Thank You!

### Rel Ed Calendar for Jan '12

Jan 15: Class

Jan 22: Class

Jan 29: Class (except for the 2nd graders)

## Laugh for the Week

### The Farmer's Horse

**An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, Pull!"**

**Buddy didn't move.**

**Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, Pull!"**

**Buddy didn't respond.**

**Once more the farmer commanded, 'Pull, Coco, Pull!'"**

**Nothing.**

**Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, Pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch. The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times.**

**The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!!"**

### Help Wanted

The tribunal office is currently seeking an individual to serve as an administrative assistant/ecclesiastical notary. It is a full-time, 35 hours/week position. Mail resume to: Human resources, 600 locust street, Owensboro, KY 42301.

Owensboro Catholic High School's New Student Parent Information Night will be held at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, February 1, 2012 in Soenneker Hall at the school. Parents of next year's incoming freshmen and other interested students are invited and encouraged to attend.

Class registration for all incoming freshmen is due to OCHS by February 8, 2012

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kurt Osborne, OCHS Assistant Principal, at 684-3215.

## Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

January 29, 2012

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

Gospel Mk 1:21-28

Capernaum where Jesus lived with Simon [Peter] was a small town on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Simon and his brother Andrew operated their fishing business with Zebedee, father of James and John. Archaeologists have found what they believe to be the synagogue in Capernaum, and next to it, the home of Simon. It is in that synagogue that the man with *unclean spirits* confronted by Jesus and challenged him to reveal his identity and authority. Jesus chose not to, but commanded the *unclean spirits*, "Quiet, come out of him." People were amazed. Do we harbor *unclean spirits* such as *ingratitude* to God for all he has given us and *failure to demonstrate our appreciation* for all that we are, all that we have, and all that we every will be by *failing to use* everything to the best of our ability for *ourselves* and *for others*? Do we demand that Jesus reveal himself in some special way before we let him drive out our *unclean spirits*? If we would only let Jesus heal us, people would be amazed. We would be amazed.

January 15th, 2012

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$21,247	\$23,558	\$25,716	\$24,319

### YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS

Your year end tax statement is available and can be picked up in the back of church. If you have any questions please call Russ in the office, 683-8444 ext 21.

### Dear Blessed Mother Parishioners

After a recent generous donation to St. Vincent DePaul, I was compelled to write a heartfelt thanks and let you know where your money goes. In our past Fiscal year, October 1, to Sept 30, we were able to assist 573 people (\$17,505.05) with food, food vouchers from Gods outreach, rent, utilities etc.

Helping the poor and needy, spiritually and monetarily is St. Vincent DePaul's mission. Without your prayers and generosity this would not be possible. Once again, Thank you very much.

Yours in Christ,  
Jim Hagan  
President, SVP

**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 & Thelma Crump, Mickie Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, Mark Dorth, Kinsey Dunn, Theresa Feller, 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, Lydia Haycraft, Mike Head, Jim Henry, Beverly Heppler,, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Janice Hobbs, Martha Howard, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Tony Keller, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Kathlene Leming, Mable Long, Travis Martin, Joy Marshall, Dale Mattingly, Margaret Mattingly, Kelly Mayfield, Mildred McCarthy, Chris McRoy, 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', Joe O'Bryan, 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, Phyllis Scott, Juanita Sessman, Jessica Seymour, Larry Shouse, Bonnie Simpson Marge Slack, Becky Smith, Charlie Speaks, 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, 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  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

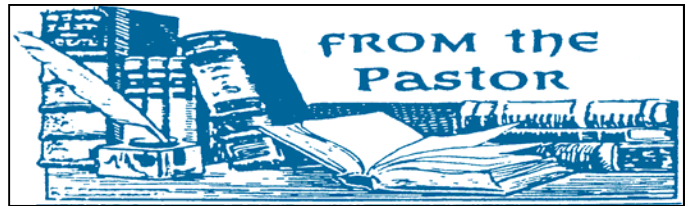
**Afghanistan**

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)  
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark  
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)

Nicholas Tucker, SO2



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We begin a sort of walking through the ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. We see Him teaching in today's passage. He continues to teach even today. Its been years since many of us have been in school. What kind of learners are we today if Jesus wanted to teach us something?

Pray for our second graders who are receiving First Reconciliation this afternoon at 2pm.

Catholic Schools Week begins today. We thank God for the ministry of our Catholic Schools and pray for the witness of all students and teachers as they further the Kingdom of God.

There will be Anointing of the Sick after Communion at Mass on Thursday.

Friday is the feast of St. Blaise. We will have the blessing of throats after Mass on that day.

And we begin offering prayers for the success of the Arise (Renew) program in our parish and diocese.

We are gearing up for our stewardship time coming in February. Make sure you get your tax statements in the back of church.

**The Catholic Men's Conference  
of Western Kentucky  
will take place Saturday, Feb 11  
at Brescia University.**

It will feature nationally known speakers such as 2 time US kickboxing champion Jesse Romero, Former US Army Veteran Richard Lane, and author and former Church of Christ Preacher Bruce Sullivan. The day will conclude with Holy Mass celebrated by Owensboro's own Bishop William Medley.

The theme: What does it mean to be a Catholic Man in a secular world?

Cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students.

For tickets or details, check out our website

[www.kycatholic.com](http://www.kycatholic.com) or call

(270) 316-5067

or mail a check to: CMCWK, 2159 Sheffield Ct.  
Owensboro, KY 42301

### 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. NO 9:00 AM School Mass  
Mass 12:00 Noon  
Anointing of the sick after Mass  
RCIA 7:00 PM**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration  
Mass 12 Noon (Blessing of Throats)**

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

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

### Readings for the Week

Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tue: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -- 19:3;  
Mk 5:21-43

Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thur: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Fri: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;  
Mk 1:29-39

*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](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: Coming Soon for the 2012-2013 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)**

### COMING SOON AT CATHEDRAL PRESCHOOL....

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year. Please consider Cathedral Preschool for your 3, 4 or 5-year old. Information will go home soon to families that have children currently at the school. All others may call the Preschool Office at 926-1652 to request a registration packet.

### 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 five week series that begins Thursday, Feb. 23rd 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>