

# Blessed Mother Catholic Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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## PRAYER LINE NUMBERS:

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**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  
7:00 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 \_\_\_\_\_



*“The Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him”*

**Intention for the Week**

**Monday, December 27th**  
**6:30 AM NO MASS**

**Tuesday, December 28th**  
**6:00 PM NO MASS**

**Wednesday, December 29th**  
**6:30 AM NO MASS**

**Thursday, December 30th**  
**9:00 AM NO School Mass**  
**Noon Bill & Janet Schartung**

**Friday, December 31st**  
**Noon Lauren Girten (dec)**

**Saturday January 1st**  
**10:00 AM Mary Ava Jackson**  
**4:00 PM John Hartz**

**Sunday, January 2nd**  
**7:00 AM Lucille Goetz (dec)**  
**10:00 AM Jason Terry (dec)**  
**5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish**

**Liturgical Ministers for January 1st & 2nd**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**SAT 10AM** Fran Watrous, Ethel Watrous, Bill Hayden, Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Rose Clark

**SAT 4 PM** Cecelia Hamilton, Sandra Henry, Susie Fillman, Jay Fillman, Joyce Pearl, Janet Ruth, Lahoma Stinnett, Lannie Pearl, Shirley Kent

**SUN 7 AM** Carolyn Taylor, Charlene Baumgarten, Sr. Mary Timothy, Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Don Cecil

**Sun 10 AM** Jenny Glaser, Darlene Church, Drew Ward, Jeannette Ward, Bill Hayden, Tony Powers, Brenda Millay, Jerry Millay, Kim Barnett

**Sun 5:30 PM** Dan Thomas, Sandra Thomas, Katie Mattingly, Jessica Carmon, Lisa Carmon, Martha Estes

**Readers**

**Sat 10:00 AM** Nichole Elder

**Sat 4:00 PM** Pal FitzHugh

**Sun 7:00 AM** David Payne

**Sun 10:00 AM** Phil Hagan

**Sun 5:30 PM** Lindsey Whitehouse

**Servers**

**Sat 10:00 AM** Alex Dotsey, Harper Dotsey

**Sat 4:00 PM** Gabe Fillman, Lauren Williams

**Sun 7:00 AM** Sam Thompson, Jack Iracane

**Sun 10:00 AM** CJ Glaser, Chase Trogden

**Sun 5:30 PM** John David Marshall, Emily Marshall

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

**Sat 10:00 AM** Mike Williams

**Sat 4:00 PM** Bucky Coomes

**Sun 7:00 AM** Hugh Bittel

**Sun 10:00 AM** Ryan Elder

**Sun 5:30 PM** William Shelton

**Children's Liturgy**

**Preschool** Kelly Trogden, Kara Trogden (Asst)

**K-3rd Grade** Jennifer Hayden, Caroline Hayden (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

Lloyd Travis, Tina Visconti, Michael Wade

**Hillcrest:** Debbie Ward, Donna Powers

**Ministers of Hospitality for January**

**4:00 PM** Mike Hays, Larry Franey  
David Jones, Mark Dorth

**7:00 AM** Paul Garner, Michael Wade  
Vince Frey, Glenn Woodward

**10:00 AM** Bob Bahnick, Alec Bahnick  
Carl Hamilton, Jim Mattingly

**5:30 PM** Ben Miller, Mason Miller  
Luke Robertson, Michael Bastin

## Catholic Q&A

**Why does Isaiah say that the son born of a virgin will be called “Immanuel” but the angel tells Mary and Joseph to name him “Jesus”?**

First, let’s take a look at the passages in question. Isaiah is one of the prophets from the Old Testament. Here are his words:

**Isa 7:14** *Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.*

From the very beginning, the Church has considered this to be a prophesy about Christ. Now, here is where the angel tells Mary and Joseph to name this son “Jesus”:

**Lk 1:31** *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.*

**Mt 1:21** *she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*

Immediately after verse 21, Matthew quotes the passage from Isaiah above and applies it to Jesus. Here is where we are confronted with the question at hand. The angel says He shall be named “Jesus”, but then right after that Matthew quotes Isaiah where he says that He shall be called “Immanuel.”

Here I think is the answer: Isa 7:14 should be read in the same way that a similar passage shortly after it is read. Look at what Isaiah says in chapter 9:

**Isa 9:6** *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Now, no one reads this and thinks that our Savior’s name should have been “Wonderful,” or “Counselor,” or “Mighty God.” Yes, He is to be called these things, as Isaiah says, but not because any one of them is to be His *name*. Instead, He is called these things because that’s what He *is*. These titles speak to the essence of the Son of Mary.

“Immanuel” is the same type of thing. Isaiah isn’t meaning to say that His *name* will be Immanuel. Instead, he is saying that this son *truly is* “God with us,” just as He is a wonderful counselor, a mighty God, an everlasting father, and a prince of peace.

The angel says that His *actual name* shall be “Jesus.” Why? Because He will “save His people from their sins.” And this is fitting. The name “Jesus” means “Jehovah is salvation” or “Yahweh saves.”

Peace of Christ to you, and a Merry Christmas!  
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education  
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**Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year**

**Fr. John, Russ, Darlene, Brett, Nicholas, Christina, Romie, and Will**

**Extra Ordinary Service**



**Volunteer Spotlight — Muriel Gillim**

**Congratulations Muriel on being recognized for Making her “rounds” at OMHS for over 35 years. Muriel has volunteered at the hospital for over 35 years, making her the longest serving Chaplain Assistant in Pastoral Care. It is truly and inspiration of her faithfulness to serving as an Extraordinary Minister and giving communion to the Catholic patients.**

## Laugh for the Week

### “What a boy wants for Christmas”

Johnny remembers accompanying his father out shopping in the toy department of Hamleys one Christmas Eve.

Dad said, “What a marvelous train set. I’ll buy it.”

The girl behind the counter looked pleased and murmured, “Great, I’m sure your son will really love it.”

Dad replied with a glee in his eye, “Maybe your right. In that case I’ll take two.!!!”

### “What a Girl wants for Christmas”

Santa was very surprised when Jennifer, a young lady about 20 years old walked up and sat on his lap. Now, we all know that Santa doesn’t usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, “What do you want for Christmas?”

“Something for my mother, please,” she replied sweetly.

“Something for you mother? Well that is very loving and thoughtful of you,” smiled Santa. “What would you like me to bring her?”

Without hesitating Jennifer replied quickly, “ A Son-In-Law.!!!”

## New Roman Missal

Catholic Churches around the world are filled today with the sound of the Gloria. Prior to yesterday’s celebration of Christmas, we had not heard the Gloria for several Sundays during our observance of Advent. The Gloria is one of our treasures. It is sung on Sundays outside the seasons of Advent and Lent and on solemnities and feasts and other special celebrations. It is an ancient Greek hymn dating back to the 2nd or 3rd century. It is also known as the “Angelic Hymn” or the Greater Doxology” (the “ Lesser Doxology” appears at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer). The Gloria is primarily a hymn of praise, acknowledging God’s greatness and goodness. Some describe it as a “burst of joy”. The new translation of the Missal will bring some minor changes to the text of the Gloria. The second stanza, for instance, will be as follows: We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

## Forming Good Stewards

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
“Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.”

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

History has been harsh on Herod, and rightly so. He accomplished much but at a tragic cost to others. He ordered the death of his wife, Miriam, and several of his sons. He did not understand or accept the reason Jesus came into the world and he sent soldiers to search for the infant and kill him. Before we join in the condemnation of Herod we should examine our soul to determine how well we have fulfilled our responsibility to search for Jesus so we can *imitate* him. Have we, in our own way, failed to understand and accept the real reason Jesus came into the world? Paul offers us a way to find Jesus and alive in our hearts: “Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another . . . as the Lord has forgiven you so must you also do. . . . And let the peace of Christ control your hearts . . . . And the word of Christ [will] dwell in you richly.” Imagine a world in which *everyone*, including Herod and other powerful leaders, sought out and *imitated* Jesus.

## Sunday Collections

December 12th, 2010

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$20,826	\$21,426	\$28,515	\$23,076

## 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 your packets.

## 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

12/19: No class (Winter break)  
12/26: No class (Winter break)

**Remember in prayer those  
sick in our community:**

Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Megan Briggan, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, JB Cecil, 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, Damon Gillim, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Joe Hagan, Donna Hamilton, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler,, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Janice Hobbs, Jennifer Howard and baby, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Carol Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Betty Jo Johnson, Gertrude Jones, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Sam Lindsey, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, 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 Bittel-Nunez, Shirley Olliver, Katherine Osowicz, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, 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, Herman, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, 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, Deny 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

**Other**

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May  
SN Jason Bishop, US Navy, son of Linda & Dan Pearl

*From Death to New Life* 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Dennis DeHart and his family on the death of his wife Judy. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!



I hope you had a good week and a great Christmas. The Christmas season has just begun for us even though the store lights have been up for weeks. The season will continue to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th. So don't get tired of the decorations, we are celebrating the birth of the Lord. Today is the feast of the Holy Family. Jesus Mary and Joseph takes us on a trip to Egypt and back. May the Holy Family help us on our journeys.

The holy day feast of Mary the Mother of God on January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Day is not obligatory this year but we still want to celebrate this feast so Mass will be Saturday morning at 10am. A good way to begin a new year at the altar of God.

I will be out of the office a few days this week so please note the Mass schedule.

A special thanks to everyone who had a hand in making our Christmas liturgies truly beautiful and uplifting. And a special thanks to all those who took a tag from the giving tree. Your generous hearts blessed so many people. And I personally thank you for the many ways you have blessed me this Christmas.

There are many worthwhile charities to consider when contemplating year-end contributions. Please consider the TV ministry in your generosity.

**Young Disciples  
(Grades 7-12)**

**Coming Soon...**

**December 26<sup>th</sup>: NO YOUTH GROUP!!**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Traveling Epiphany Dinner. We will be going from place to place and grabbing food and playing games at each stop. Please bring any old shoes you may want to donate to Soles for Souls. **Meet @ Sts. Joe and Paul at 6:45 pm. May attend 6:00 mass at Joe and Paul if you want. Have parents pick you up 9:00 @ St. Pius on 60 East.**

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

**Team Up to Bat: THANK Cooking YOU!!  
Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>~ No Team Needed!!  
Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>~ No Team Needed!!**

