

# Blessed Mother Catholic Church

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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  
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.

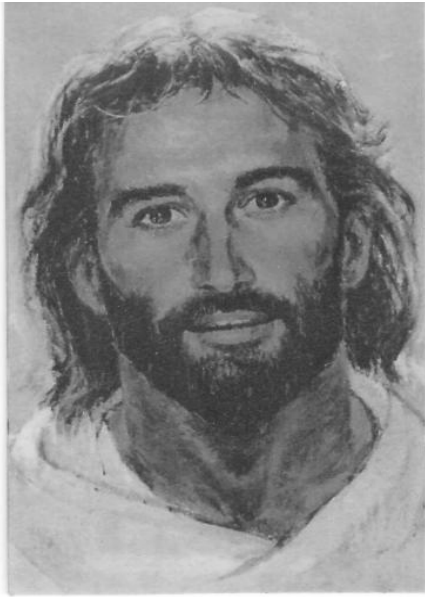
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## NEW PARISHIONERS

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 \_\_\_\_\_



**“Stand up and Go”**

**Intention for the Week**

**Monday, October 18th**  
**6:30 AM Estel Woodridge**

**Tuesday, October 19th**  
**6:00 PM No Mass**

**Wednesday, October 20th**  
**6:30 AM No Mass**

**Thursday, October 21st**  
**9:00 AM NO School Mass (Confessions)**  
**Noon Billy & Byron Henderson**

**Friday, October 22nd**  
**Noon Ethel Watrous (B-Day)**

**Saturday, October 23rd**  
**Katherine Osowicz**

**Sunday, October 24th**  
**7:00 AM Mike Foster (dec)**  
**10:00 AM Blessed Mother Parish**  
**5:30 PM Lauren Girten (dec)**

**“Your Faith has Saved You”**

**Liturgical Ministers for October 23rd & 24th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Sat 4:00 pm** Liz Frances, Marjorie Early, Janet Ruth, Lahoma Stinnett, Sandra Henry, Jay Fillman, Jeff Williams, Shirley Kent

**Sun 7 AM** Carolyn Taylor, Charlene Baumgarten, Sr. Mary Timothy, Don Cecil, Randy Lee, Angie Lee

**Sun 10 AM** Becky Hargitt, Pauline Wigginton, Denny Mann, Mike Head, Mary Howard, Russ Hayden, Jeannette Ward, Drew Ward, Sr. Marie Joseph Coomes

**Sun 5:30 PM** Janice Bumm, Bev Payne, Susan Hale, Pat Hale, Cliff Russell, David McBride

**Readers**

**Sat 4:00 PM Joe O'Bryan**  
**Sun 7:00 AM John Kazlouskas**  
**Sun 10:00 AM Mary Howard**  
**Sun 5:30 PM David McBride**

**Servers**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Allison Williams, Lauren Williams  
**Sun 7:00 AM** Courtney Estes, Brittany Estes  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Hayden Riney, Collin Carrico  
**Sun 5:30 PM** Mason Robertson, Nicholas Russell

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Kenneth Terry  
**Sun 7:00 AM** Mike Williams  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Daniel Cravens  
**Sun 5:30 PM** Kenny Buckman

**Children's Liturgy**

**Preschool** Ellen Hayden, Beth Allen (Asst)  
**K-3rd Grade** Leesa Moman, Angela Bell (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

Joe O'Bryan, Steve Orth, Keith Osborne

**Hillcrest:** Judy Coomes, Karen Thompson

**Ministers of Hospitality for October**

**4:00 PM** Tim Goetz, Josh Goetz  
Eric Goetz, Rebecca Goetz

**7:00 AM** Russell Corley, Bernie Dotsey  
Alex Dotsey, P.J. Ebelhar

**10:00 AM** Mark Hubbs, Jan Hubbs  
David Jarboe, Steve Wall

**5:30 PM** Pat Hardesty, Issac Hardesty  
Ben Miller, Mason Miller

## Catholic Q&A

**How should I respond to someone who says that baptism is just a ritual, or merely symbolic?**

There are many Protestants who say this. According to them, salvation comes when you profess faith in Jesus Christ and hand your life over to Him. Baptism is simply a symbolic gesture that shows the faith community that you have repented and committed yourself to Christ.

Catholics, however, have a stronger view of baptism. We believe that it is *through baptism* that God frees us from slavery to sin and makes us His children. This means that baptism is more than a symbolic gesture: it has true efficacy and power. Scripture clearly shows this:

**Jn 3:5** Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

**Acts 2:38** And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 22:16** And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name.

**Rom 6:4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**Gal 3:27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**Col 2:12** and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

**1 Pet 3:21** Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

The difficulty, I think, is not so much in proving the power of baptism as it is in explaining how to reconcile these verses with the verses that say it is *faith* that saves.

The best way to do this is to ask some questions: What is a saving faith? How does faith save? If a saving faith is that single moment when you confessed that Jesus Christ was your personal Lord and Savior, then there is certainly no room for baptism. But, if you understand that faith requires from us a *life-long "Yes" to Christ*, then baptism is able to enter into the picture, since Baptism is one of the many actions that make up that life of faith.

The Book of Acts is filled with examples of faith compelling men to be baptized (cf. Acts 8:12-13,36; 10:47; 16:15,31-33; 18:8; 19:2,5). Jesus says, "He who believes **and is baptized** will be saved" (Mk 16:16). Baptism implies "faith in the working of God" (Col 2:12). As the Catechism says, Baptism is "the sacrament of faith" (nos. 1236, 1253, 1992). Baptism and faith should not be pitted against each other. In fact, they go hand-in-hand.

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

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

**October 17<sup>th</sup>:** ODYO @ Blessed Mother 7-9 pm... may hang out after mass until 7pm in the Youth Room!

**October 24<sup>th</sup>:** BUNCO!!

**Middle and High School~ ODYC  
(Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference):**

**Nov. 19-20** in Bowling Green! Cost is \$35 + cost of 2 fast food meals. Price includes: conference, travel, overnight hotel stay, and 2 meals. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER:**

**Sunday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> to Christina.**

**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 Team Up to Bat: THANK YOU!!**

**October 17<sup>th</sup>:** ODYO—No Team

**October 24<sup>th</sup>:** Laurie Elliot, Melissa Brown,  
Kim Terry, Melanie Ballard

October 31st  
Blessed Mother Celebrates  
Priesthood Sunday

Brunch honoring Fr. John  
Following the 10AM Mass  
All are invited to come celebrate the  
Gift of Fr. John to our Parish

A Basket will be available at the main  
entrance at all Masses that weekend for  
cards, and thank-you to Fr. John

### **ATTENTION PARENTS**

If you have a 2nd grader, an 8th grader, or a child of any age who is enrolled in our Religious Ed. Program, then you need a **Religious Ed Handbook**. It has the calendar that indicates when Religious Ed. classes are in session, as well as dates for the meetings and mini-retreats that take place in preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

You can pick up a Religious Ed. Handbook on the counter in the back of the Church (where the gifts to be taken up during Mass are usually placed).

## Laugh for the Week

*God decided it wasn't good for Adam to be alone, so the Lord visited the man to say, "Adam, I have a plan to fulfill your every need. I'm going to make you happy with a companion who is beautiful and faithful, who will make you feel wonderful every day of your life."*

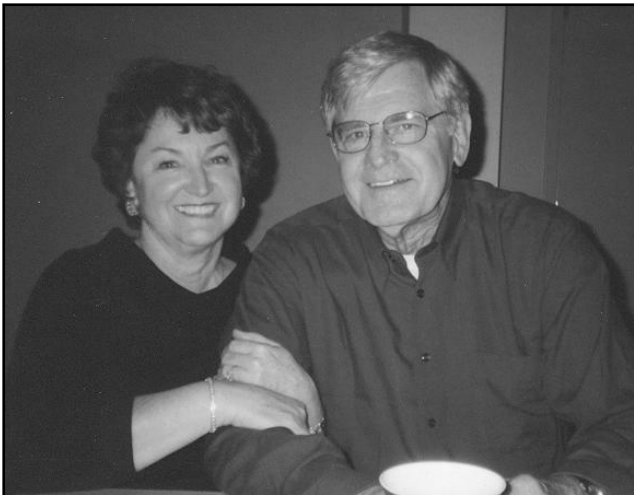
*Adam was amazed at the thought. "That sounds great, Lord."*

*"I should warn you though, "God Replied, it won't come cheaply. This will cost you an arm and a leg."*

*"That much Lord?" Adam responded. "What could I get for a rib?!!!"*

## "CONGRATULATIONS"

**Fran and Ethel Watrous  
2010 Sophia Award Winners**



Fran and Ethel Watrous have been members of Blessed Mother Parish for many years. Ethel taught in our parish school for 23 years, retiring in 2003 when she married Fran. At present she serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and a regular adorer of the Eucharist at our parish and at the Carmel Home. On Sunday afternoons she ministers to women at Daviess County Detention Center. She and Fran are daily Mass participants.

Fran wears "many hats" in our parish. He is a lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and an altar server whenever he is needed. He attends most funerals here at Blessed Mother and helps when Fr. John needs him. After Mass, he can be seen blowing out the candles and locking the church doors. With his wife, he is a weekly adorer of the Eucharist at the Carmel Home, and on Fridays he sets up the altar for Eucharistic Adoration at our parish by 6:00 AM.

## Forming Good Stewards

Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a story about a woman who seeks a *just* decision from a judge who, by his own admission, does not "fear God nor respect any human being." The judge is resistant but the woman is persistent. The judge becomes alarmed by her determination and renders the *just* decision she seeks. The woman had faith in the justice of her claim. Faith is the foundation of determination. Consider many of the products we enjoy today. They are the result of people who had faith in an idea and the persistence to find someone who could help them produce and market their invention. Persistence in prayer is a sign that we have faith that God will reveal his will for us. That is the kind of faith Jesus is referring to when he asks, "will the Son of Man find such faith on earth?" That is the faith of a good steward.

## Sunday Collections October 10th, 2010

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$22,009	\$21,426	\$24,574	\$22,003

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Carmel home will be having its Annual Christmas Bazaar October 23rd 8am—4pm  
Home-made bake goods, silent auction, raffle,  
Bar-B-Que Chicken and Burgoo  
Serving starts 11am

## Daughters of Isabella Card Party/Bunco

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall  
Tuesday, October 26, 2010

10:00am-2:00pm

\$6.00 Includes Lunch

If any questions contact  
Sheila Thompson 683-2397

## Religious Ed Calendar for October and November

10/17: No class (Fall break)

10/24: Class

10/31: Class

11/7: Class

11/14: Class

11/21: Class

11/28: No class (Thanksgiving break)

**Welcome Committee**  
**Fall Brunch, October 24**  
 Please join us in welcoming all  
 New Members after 10 AM Mass



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

*Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, 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, 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, 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, Jessica Seymour, Herman, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Joyce Thomas, Angela, Leo Thompson, Betty Thompson, Charles Thompson, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Tammy Tucker, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Dery Wheatley, Katherine Whittinghill, Alli Williams, Jack Wilson, 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  
 SPC Jesse Finley, Iraq (grandson of Doris Haragan)

**Afghanistan**  
 Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)

**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 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about persevering in prayer. We can sometimes get discouraged in praying if we feel we are not being heard. Jesus assures us we are being heard and to keep up our praying. He will always answer although in mysterious ways more often than not.


Youth group DOES meet tonight. Religious Ed is out for one more Sunday.

RCIA has already begun. There is still time to join. So if you know anyone who might be interested have them call the office.

Parish Council meeting this Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the parish library.

Coming up: I will be out of town the 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of this month – this coming Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I will have Mass Monday morning at regular time but not Tuesday and Wednesday. Also the priest's annual retreat at the Mount is the last week of this month.

Also coming up: Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Mass we will have our semi-annual brunch for our newcomers – those families who have joined us in the past six months since our last brunch. Come meet our newest members. Also the last Sunday of the month, the 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be another brunch after the 10am Mass celebrating Priesthood Sunday. All are welcome.

Our pray- *From Death to New Life*  ers and  
 and  
 Sympathy are extended to  
 Betty Jo Johnson and her family, on the death of her grandson — Jason Terry. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!



### Calendar for the Week

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

**Mon. Mass 6:30 AM  
Bunko, 1 PM**

**Tues. 6:00 PM No Mass**

**Wed. No Mass 6:30 AM  
Parish Council Mtg 6:30pm**

**Thurs. NO Mass 9:00 AM School Mass  
Mass Noon  
RCIA 7:00PM**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration  
Mass 12:00 Noon**

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

**Sun. 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM  
Coffee & Doughnuts after 10:00 AM Mass  
Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass  
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria**

### Readings for the Week

October 17 through October 24, 2010

- Sun: Ex 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8 2 Tm 3:14-4:2  
Lk 18:1-8
- Mon: 2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13,17-18 Lk 10:1-9
- Tue: Eph 2:12-22 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 12:35-38
- Wed: Eph 3:2-12 (Ps) Is 12:2-3,4b-6 Lk 12:39-48
- Thur: Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,11-12,18-19  
Lk 12:49-53
- Fri: Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-4b,5-6 Lk 12:54-59
- Sat: Eph 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 13:1-9
- Sun: Sir 35:12-14,16-18 Ps 34:2-3,17-19,23  
2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18 Lk 18:9-14

**Daily Bible Reading 683-8524**

### 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 11am on Channel 311. It also broadcasts from News 25 (cable channel11) 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**

### Catholic Schools News

**OCS Registration:** Space still available, financial assistance available, anyone needing information may call the Central Office at 686-8896.

### Catholic Schools Representative

If you have any questions or concerns you would like to take to the council please contact Jerry Goetz, Blessed Mother's representative, at 302-7468.

### OCS ELEMENTARY GIRLS AND BOYS

### BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

#### Sign-Ups

Wednesday October 20th,

Thursday October 21st

5:00—6:30 pm

OCS 4-6 Campus Cafeteria

All boys and girls in 3,4,5,and 6 grades that are enrolled in OCS or in a parish sponsored religious education program are eligible to participate

#### Parish Council Members

Camillia Baker	729-9094
Nancy Byrum	729-4362
Charlie Castlen	683-3426
Charlotte Cecil	683-0499
Liz Francis	926-3148
Tim Goetz	684-8275
David Graham	683-4665
David Higdon (Chair)	852-5321
Rick Moman	683-6555
Darryl Murphy	683-8437
Tony Powers	926-1803
Dan Thomas	681-2120