

Blessed Mother Catholic Church

PASTORAL TEAM

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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

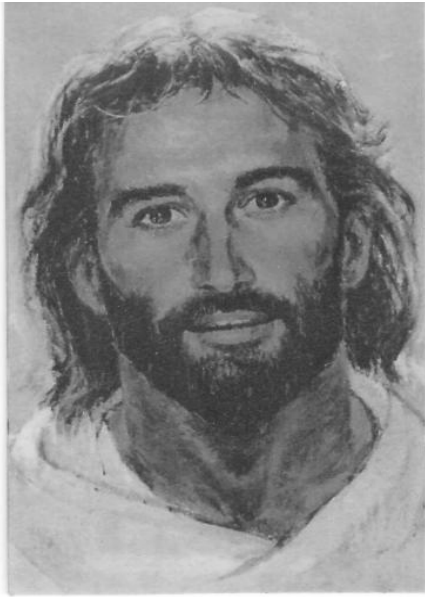
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.
Contact the Parish Office.

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 _____



**“Who Ever Exalts Himself
Will be Humbled”**

Intention for the Week

Monday, October 25th
6:30 AM Fran & Ethel Watrous
(6 year ann)

Tuesday, October 26th
6:00 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, October 27th
6:30 AM NO MASS

Thursday, October 28th
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon NO MASS

Friday, October 29th
Noon Gertrude Jones (b-day)

Saturday, October 30th
Pauline Ling (ann of death)

Sunday, October 31st
7:00 AM Jean VanMeter (dec)
10:00 AM Jason Terry Family
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

**“Whoever Humbles Himself
Will be Exalted”**

Liturgical Ministers for October 30th & 31st

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 4:00 pm Katina Hayden, Edith Johnson, Lannie Pearl, Fran Watrous, Ethel Watrous, Jeannie Best, Bonnie Snyder, Marian Bennett, Cecelia Hamilton

Sun 7 AM Mike Thompson, Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Joyce Pearl, Brenda Hagan, Dennis Sandefur

Sun 10 AM Richard Whitehouse, Lori Whitehouse, John Calhoun, Raymunda Calhoun, Kim Barnett, Ed Higdon, Josie Hagan, Phil Hagan, Debbie Ward

Sun 5:30 PM Jessica Carmon, Rachel Thomas, Christina Best, Martha Estes, Sandra Thomas, Dan Thomas

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Cindy McCain
Sun 7:00 AM Joy Bach
Sun 10:00 AM Sabrina Johnson
Sun 5:30 PM Rick Moman

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Jack Iracane, Nicholas Jackson
Sun 7:00 AM Kaylin Hagan, Will Sandefur
Sun 10:00 AM Caroline Hayden, Stephanie Hayden
Sun 5:30 PM Logan Buckman, Jacob Linn

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Jackee Russell
Sun 7:00 AM Will Wathen
Sun 10:00 AM Ed Hodskins
Sun 5:30 PM Vincent Dick

Children’s Liturgy

Preschool Pauline Wigginton, Alex Lynn (Asst)
K-3rd Grade Jennifer Hayden, Brittany Murphy (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Maria Overton, Jennifer Patton, Leanne Payne

Hillcrest: Debbie Ward, Donna Powers

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

Should a Catholic donate to the Susan G. Komen Foundation?

The Susan G. Komen Foundation (also called "Susan G. Komen For the Cure") is a non-profit organization that supports breast cancer research and awareness. They are the largest breast cancer charity in the world.

On the surface, it would appear that donating to them would be the right thing to do. After all, most of us have seen the damage that breast cancer inflicts on persons and their families, and we desperately need a cure. The problem is, Komen donates a lot of money to another large organization: Planned Parenthood (PP).

Between 2003 and 2008, Komen gave \$3 million to Planned Parenthood. In fiscal year 2008 alone, they gave \$805,000 to the abortion giant. For fiscal year '09, Komen contributed \$731,000. This is less than in '08, but only because Komen itself made less money that year.

This should be alarming for two reasons. **First**, Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in the country. In no way should they be supported for any reason. Komen tries to justify their relationship with PP by saying that, in some underprivileged neighbors, PP is the only clinic available that provides free breast cancer screening and information. But this is a dubious claim. There are thousands of clinics and hospitals and government programs all over this country that provide the same service. There are also many breast cancer research organizations who manage to provide their services without the help of Planned Parenthood.

Komen also says that they give money to Planned Parenthood to do *breast cancer screening*, not abortions. But, even this is disconcerting. Any money you give to PP for breast exams just frees up money for abortions. Plus, let's be honest about where PP's priorities really lie. Between the years '04 and '05, 81,500 fewer breast exams were performed, whereas abortions *increased* by 9,900. Between '06 and '07 (the years for which the most recent data is available), breast exams *decreased* by 30,731, yet abortions *increased* by 15,560.

Secondly, there is a causal relationship between abortion and breast cancer. Even though Komen continues to deny this, multiple studies have shown that having an abortion significantly increases one's likelihood of developing breast cancer. What this means is that an organization with the purpose of stamping out breast cancer forever is donating large sums of money to an organization that has aided in the increased incidence of breast cancer in this country. That Komen and PP would have such a relationship is tragically ironic and indefensible for anyone who wants to find a cure for breast cancer while at the same time defending the rights of the unborn.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

October 24th: BUNCO!!

October 31st: Halloween...No Youth Group

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

Cooking Team Up to Bat:

THANK YOU!!

October 24th: Laurie Elliot, Melissa Brown, Kim Terry, Melanie Ballard

October 31st: No Team Needed

FREE TICKETS

Brescia University will be hosting PARISH NIGHT —November 1— at the Sports-Center when their basketball team plays Fisk University. Tickets available in the Parish Office.

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

“Take the Chance”

A young boy called Blessed Mother Church to ask Fr. John to come and pray for his very ill mother. Fr. John knew the family had visited the church but was now attending another church across town.

“I’d be happy to,” Fr. John replied, “but shouldn’t you be asking your new pastor to pray with your mom instead?”

“Well,” the boy replied, “we thought of that but we didn’t want him to take the chance and catch whatever it is that Mom has!”

THE GIVING TREE

It is that time again to begin thinking about Our Giving Tree. If you know of a family in need of help this Christmas, Please Contact Russ at the Parish Office. We help families and individuals ONLY if requested by a parishioner. Our tree goes up Thanksgiving Day, so the names with clothing sizes need to be turned in no later than Nov. 15th.

Catholics Returning Home

An open door for Returning Catholics from Blessed Mother Parish, 601 E. 23rd St. Would you be interested in returning to your faith but don’t know how to begin that journey home? Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again? No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Blessed Mother Parrish will be sponsoring a six week session Nov. 4, 2010 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Call 683-8444 ext. 21 or 926-1483 for more information. All messages will be returned.

Forming Good Stewards

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“O God, be merciful to me, a sinner”

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells of two very different men, a Pharisee and a tax collector. Both went to the temple to pray. Actually, the Pharisee went to the temple to brag: “O God, I thank you I am not like the rest of humanity . . .” The Pharisee is probably a good man but he thanks God that he has no need of God because he believes he is a self-made man. The tax collector does not even raise his eyes to heaven. He prays, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” He acknowledges his dependence on God. He stands before God with all of his flaws and faults and ask God’s forgiveness for the ways in which he has failed to be all that God created him to be. Both are stewards of all that God gave them. But it is the tax collector who understands that. It is the tax collector who asks for forgiveness. Good stewards know and admit when they have failed to be a good steward and are willing to ask their loving God to forgive them. Do we?

Sunday Collections October 17th, 2010

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$22,580	\$21,426	\$23,910	\$22,040

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Carmel home will be having is 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

10/24: 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, Billy Thomas, 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, Deny 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 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. There are only 34 Sundays in all the last one being the Feast of Christ the King. So we are almost at the end of a church year. We have another Gospel on prayer. We must pray with humility for our prayer to be heard. And we must pray with repentant hearts as well.

Youth group meets tonight. Religious Ed is back in session.

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

Come share brunch with us as we welcome our newest members after the 10 am Mass today. May our new friends have many happy years of parish life with us.

Pray for me and the priests of the diocese who will be on retreat this coming week. Please note the Mass schedule. There will be Mass Monday morning and Friday noon only.

Next Sunday is Priesthood Sunday. Join me again for brunch after the 10am Mass and help me celebrate the gift of Priesthood to the Church.

Coming up in November, Bethlehem Christian Families will be here the second weekend set up in the lobby of the parish hall. They are the ones with olive wood carvings from the Holy Land for sale. These items make great Christmas gifts.

Our *From Death to New Life*  pray- and Sym-

pathy are extended to Wil Wiggington and his family, on the death of his brother — Randy Wiggington. 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

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

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

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

**Sun. 31th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
Priest Appreciation 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 24 through October 31, 2010

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

Mon: Eph 4:32-5:8 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 13:10-17

Tue: Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 13:18-21

Wed: Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-14 Lk 13:22-30

Thur: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

Fri: Phil 1:1-11 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 14:1-6

Sat: Phil 1:18b-26 Ps 42:2-3,5cdef Lk 14:1,7-11

Sun: Wis 11:22-12:2 Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
2 Thes 1:11-2:2 Lk 19:1-10

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) 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 Ed 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