



# 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

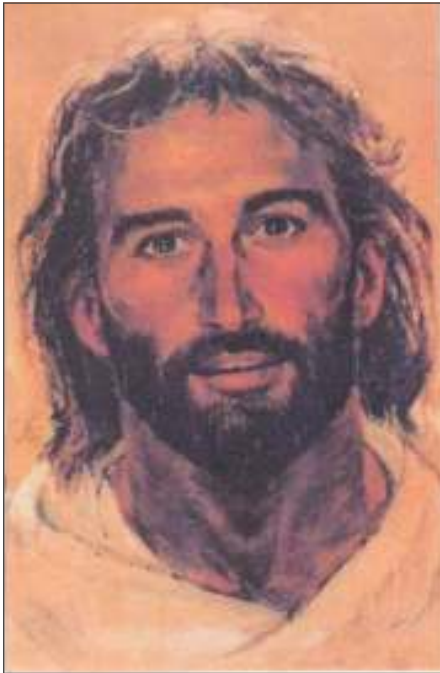
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.  
Contact the Parish Office.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



**“If you believe, You will see  
The glory of God ”**

**Intention for the Week**

- Monday, 6:30 AM** April 11th  
**Damon & Muriel Gillim**
- Tuesday, 6:00 PM** April 12th  
**Helen Bellwood (dec)**
- Wednesday, 6:30 AM** April 13th  
**Marjorie Early**
- Thursday, 9:00 AM** April 14th  
**School Mass**  
**Noon** **Alvina Kendall (dec)**
- Friday, Noon** April 15th  
**Robert Hurm (ann of death)**
- Saturday 4:00 PM** April 16th  
**Georgette Arnold (dec)**
- Sunday, 7:00 AM** April 17th  
**Blessed Mother Parish**  
**10:00 AM** **Steve Quinn (dec)**  
**5:30 PM** **Janet Haynes (dec)**



**Stations of the Cross  
Every Friday Night  
During Lent  
6:30 PM**

**Liturgical Ministers for April 16th & 17th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**SAT 4PM** Maggie O'Bryan, Joe O'Bryan, Sandra Henry, Cecelia Hamilton, Joyce Pearl, Rose Clark, Karen Dueker, Marian Bennett, Lannie Pearl

**SUN 7 AM** Brenda Hagan, Mike Thompson, Don Cecil, Charlene Baumgarten, Darlene Kazlauskas, Carolyn Taylor

**SUN 10 AM** Cliff Russell, Russ Hayden, Katie Hayden, Eric Vaughn, Jerry Millay, Brenda Millay, Debbie Ward, Jeannette Ward, Drew Ward

**SUN 5:30 PM** Michele Linn, Pete Linn, Christina Best, Sandra Thomas, Dan Thomas, Lisa Carmon

**Readers**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Judy Coomes, Pal Fitzhugh  
**Sun 7:00 AM** David Payne, Dennis Sandefur  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Doug Dunn, Barbara Cecil  
**Sun 5:30 PM** Jack Hamilton, Renee Howard

**Servers**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Elizabeth Cason, Billy Cason  
**Sun 7:00 AM** Kendra Hagan, Kaylin Hagan  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Alex Hyland, Nick Russell, JT Hayden  
**Sun 5:30 PM** Emily Linn, Mason Robertson

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Patrick Cason  
**Sun 7:00 AM** Ricky Aull  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Nick Clark  
**Sun 5:30 PM** Betty Thompson

**Children's Liturgy**

**Preschool** Michelle Sandefur, Ruth Schrecker (Asst)  
**K-3rd Grade** Heidi Dees, Caroline Hayden (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

Marty Cravens, Ernie Davis, Bernie Dotsey

**Hillcrest:** Denny Mann, Charles & Dana Zambrano

**Ministers of Hospitality for April**

**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** Jerry Goetz, Billy Hamilton  
Bruce Martin, Jerry Millay

**5:30 PM** Kenny Buckman, Aaron Buckman  
Caleb Buckman, Logan Buckman

## CATHOLIC Q&A

Since it is pertinent to this season of Lent, I would like to reprint the second Q&A I ever wrote for this column, with a few minor corrections. It's about the sufferings of Christ, and Paul's words in his Letter to the Colossians:

**What does Paul mean when he says that he "completes what is lacking in Christ's afflictions" (Col 1:24-25)? I thought Jesus' work on the Cross was perfect! What could anyone do that Jesus hasn't already done for us?**

This is a very good question, and I think, one of the great mysteries of Scripture. What you have to ask yourself is this: What could still be lacking in the sufferings of Christ? He suffered to the fullest extent, and for all mankind. This work is called the "objective redemption," and the degree, or quality, or completeness of it has no imperfection.

But, there is still something lacking. What is still required is *the application of the grace of the Cross upon us*. He won all the grace through his perfect suffering, but this grace must still be applied to us. This application is called the "subjective redemption." Any time we celebrate any of the sacraments, the grace of the Cross is applied to us and we experience this redemption. We know that it is necessary because if it wasn't, then everyone would have been instantly saved as soon as Jesus said, "It is finished." But, we're not.

So, we have thus far established what is lacking. The grace of the Cross must still be applied to us. Now, Paul tells us in the passage you are quoting that one way to make up for what is lacking (to apply the grace of the Cross to men) is by taking up our Cross just as Jesus Christ took up His. Suffering for the sake of the Body is meritorious. It is a good deed that is rewarded by grace, and all such deeds serve to build up the Body of Christ.

This explains why Paul would *rejoice* in his sufferings, and see this as something that he did for the sake of others (cf. Col 1:24). He knows that when he suffers for the Gospel, to fulfill the duties of the "divine office" given to him (cf. Col 1:25), he builds up the Body of Christ and becomes a minister of the grace that flows from the Cross. Elsewhere, Paul says, "Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory" (2 Tim 2:10).

In this season of Lent, may we all follow Paul's example, embracing the suffering of the Cross and building each other up as we walk along the way that leads to Easter.

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

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

### Coming Soon...

**April 10th: Movie Night!! "How to Train Your Dragon"**

**April 17th: ODYO—Praise and Worship. Leaving after 5:30 Mass & returning to parking lot around 9:00 pm.**

**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!!

**April 10th~ Michele Linn, Phyllis Bastin, Katie Ballard**

**April 17th~ No Team Needed!**

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Vouchers are required at registration. These were mailed out. If you have children in the Catholic School System we ask that you complete and turn in your stewardship form before a voucher is released.

### All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry

Friday starting March 11th through April 15th  
At the Knights of Columbus Hall 3540 E 10th ST. Serving begins at 6:00 PM. Carry outs available. Adults \$8.00 Children 12 and Under \$4.00. Menu includes Catfish Fiddlers and Filets, Baked Beans, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, Corn Bread, Ice Tea and Coffee.

### *From Death to New Life*

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Camillia Baker on the death of her sister Mary Gertrude Nalley. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

We pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Matheny. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

## Laugh for the Week

“The Rabbi and the Priest”

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest met at the town’s annual carnival. They had been friends for a long time and launched into their usual banter.

“This baked ham is so delicious!” the priest teased. “You really ought to try it. I know it’s against your religion, but I can’t understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden. You don’t know what you’re missing! Tell me, friend, when are you going to give in and try it?”

The rabbi looked at the priest and responded, “At your wedding, of course!!”

## New Roman Missal

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

During the preparation of the gifts, the bread and wine are brought to the altar. At the same time, another very important event is taking place: a collection. Unfortunately, the collection is often viewed solely as a way for the parish to pay its bills. Too many of us do not see this collection as a spiritual act – as an expression of the way we hope to live the other six days of the week. In the Profession of Faith, we proclaim our belief and our trust in God as the creator of all things. We express our belief that everything we have is a gift from God. Our response is to live as caretakers of God’s gifts and to use them wisely for the good of all. Since we ultimately have no ownership of anything but are entrusted with the care of that which belongs to God, we must be good stewards of God’s gifts and share generously of our time, talent, and treasure. Jesus was the ultimate steward. He generously gave of himself, sharing with others his gifts of teaching and healing, and moving ultimately to the most unselfish

### What does it mean to “fast” and to “abstain.” When do we do these things? Who is required to do them?

To “fast” means, at minimum, eating one regularly-sized meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking in between. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all Catholics age 18 - 60 yrs old.

To “abstain” is to refrain from eating meat. This abstinence is obligatory on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and every Friday during Lent for all Catholics age 14 and up.

### Religious Education Calendar For April

April 3	No class (Spring break)
April 10	No class (Spring break)
April 17	Class
April 24	No class (Easter Sunday)

## Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Fifth Sunday in Lent

“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

John 11:21;32

Such was Martha’s greeting to Jesus when he arrived at Bethany, a small village approximately four miles south-east of Jerusalem. He receives the same greeting from Mary. Their greetings reveal both faith and doubt, faith that Jesus could have prevented the death of Lazarus and doubt that he could now do anything about it. Jesus understood their doubts. If we do not occasionally doubt our faith, we may not have a faith to doubt. Jesus was teaching Martha and Mary what he would later teach Thomas, “Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe” (John 21:27). Jesus uses this whole episode to teach all of us that we must be good stewards of our faith. When we have doubts do we let them linger and fester; or do we try to resolve them by seeking the counsel of our clergy, studying the teachings of our Church, or discuss them with a spiritual director or someone we can trust? If not, we may sink deeper into our doubt and loose our grip on our faith.

April 3, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$26,939	\$21,426	\$26,939	\$23,924

### Important Dates for First Communion

**March 30: Parent Meeting**

(call Nick if you missed the meeting)

**April 16: Mini-Retreat**, 11 AM - 3 PM, Parish Hall

**May 14: Practice**, 11:15 AM - 12 PM, Blessed Mother  
**Parent Meeting**, 12 - 12:15 PM, Blessed Mother

**May 15: First Eucharist Mass**, 2 PM, Blessed Mother  
(arrive 20 min. early for group picture)

For more information about any of these events, contact Nicholas Hardesty, 683-8444, ext. 26.

### Lenten Penance Schedule

Our Lady of Lourdes	Thursday April 7,	6:00PM
Immaculate	Tuesday April 12,	6:30PM
St. Joseph & Paul	Wed April 13,	6:00PM
St. Martins	Wed April 13,	6:30PM
St. Stephen Cathedral	Friday April 15,	6:30PM

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

Camillia Baker, Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Briggan, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Car-rico, Maria Castlen, 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, 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, Maria Finley, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Joe Hagan, Donna Hamilton, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Phil Hayden, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler,, Mary Elizabeth Hill, William Hinton, Janice Hobbs, Jennifer Howard and baby, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Sam Lindsey, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, 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 Mulligan, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Gertrude Nalley, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Ruth Nunez', Shirley Olliver, Katherine Osowicz, Ethan Payne, Helen 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, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, Jill Tanner, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Ray 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, Denny 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  
PVT Benjamin Sexton (grandson Margie Ashworth)

**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 fifth Sunday of Lent. We hear the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Jesus declares Himself to be the Resurrection and Life. Lazarus of course will have to die again. When Jesus is raised from the dead it is permanent. We want Jesus's gift of life after death.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and we will have the blessing of palms at every Mass. We will have the solemn procession from the parish hall at the 10:00am Mass only.

Religious Ed does NOT meet today and youth group DOES meet tonight .

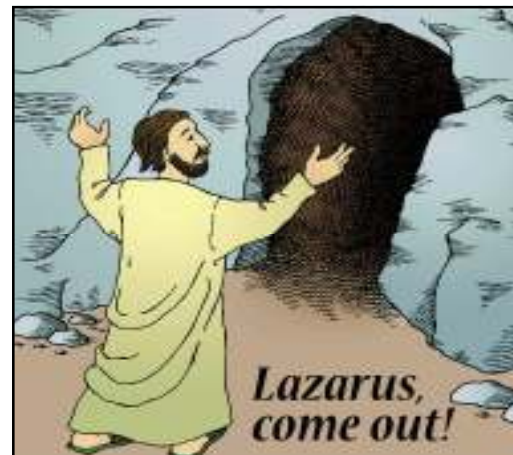
Thank for returning your stewardship forms. Just drop them by the office or mail them in as soon as you can.

Please note the regulations on fasting and abstinence for the Lenten season. Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 6:30pm. They last about 20 – 25 minutes so come out and pray with us.

Holy Week is fast approaching. The Chrism Mass will be Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the sportcenter. Everyone is invited to the celebration is which the bishop blesses the oils used in the sacraments for the coming year.

We continue to hold our RCIA candidates in prayer as they journey towards Easter.  
We continue to celebrate the scrutinies with them.

The Rome trip is fast approaching. **We have been informed that it is now time to register if you are planning to go. We need your forms in right away.** Bring them by or mail them into the office. We have the capacity for 45 participants and currently have 16 signed up. We leave July 11<sup>th</sup> and return the 20<sup>th</sup>. Brochures are in the office.



## Calendar for the Week

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

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

**Tues. 6:00 PM Mass  
Finance Committee Mtg 6:30  
Scripture Study 7:00PM**

**Wed. Mass 6:30 AM**

**Thurs. 9:00 AM School Mass  
Mass 12 Noon  
RCIA 7:00PM**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration  
Mass 12 Noon  
Stations of Cross 6:30PM**

**Sat. Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM  
1st Communion Mini Retreat 11-3  
Mass 4:00 PM**

**Sun. Palm Sunday  
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

April 10, 2011 through April 17, 2011

Sunday	Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45
Monday	Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3,16-21 Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Mt 21:1-11 (procession) Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66

**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 Pre-Registration Going on Now!

**The Owensboro Catholic Schools pre-registration will be held for the 2011-2012 school year beginning on March 14. If you are interested in pre-registering please visit any OCS school site, contact the OCS office at 686-8896 or online at [www.owensborocatholic.org/admissions](http://www.owensborocatholic.org/admissions)**

## ATTENTION ALL FORMER MEMBERS OF BLESSED MOTHER CHORISTERS:

If you were a member of Blessed Mother Choristers at any time in the past 10 years, please see Brett for an upcoming performance.

## Homemakers

**Homemakers meet at Blessed Mother on the 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 AM. All are welcome. If interested please contact Ann McIntyre 684-4105.**

### 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	684-2120