



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

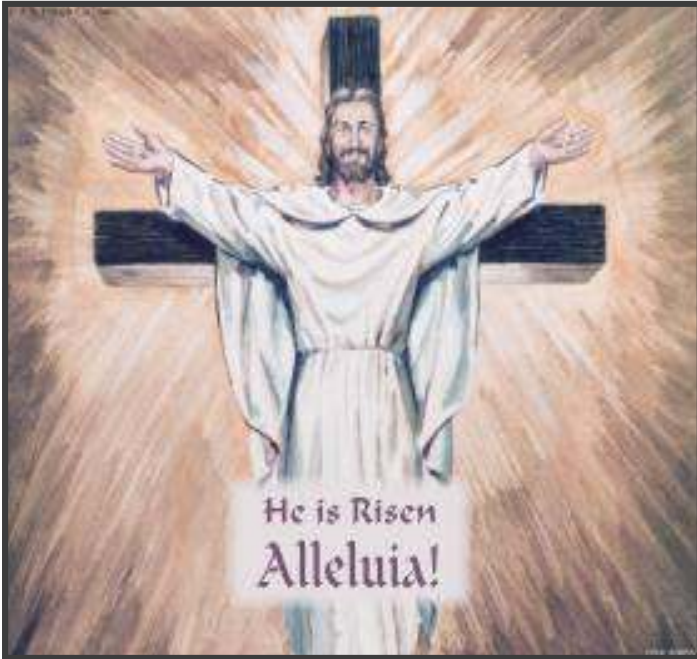
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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

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 _____



“He is not here, He has been raised”

Intention for the Week

- Monday, April 25th**
6:30 AM NO MASS
- Tuesday, April 26h**
6:00 PM NO MASS
- Wednesday, April 27th**
6:30 AM Charles Conder (dec)
- Thursday, April 28th**
9:00 AM School Mass
Noon Lucille Goetz (dec)
- Friday, April 29th**
Noon Paul & Joyce Christian
(62nd Wedding Annv)
- Saturday April 30th**
4:00 PM Blessed Mother Parish
- Sunday, May 1st**
7:00 AM Carol Roby (dec)
10:00 AM Clara Quinn (dec)
5:30 PM Pat Bumm (dec)

Liturgical Ministers for April 30th & May 1st

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Jeannie Best, Lahoma Stinnett, Shirley Kent, Janet Ruth, Liz Francis, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Joyce Pearl, Karen Dueker

SUNDAY 7 AM Sr. Mary Timothy, Carolyn Taylor, Mike Thompson, Randy Lee, Angie Lee, Charlene Baumgarten

SUNDAY 10 AM Sr. Marie Joseph, Mark Church, Becky Hargitt, Carol Goedde, Pauline Wigginton, Bill Hayden, John Calhoun, Raymunda Calhoun

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Leesa Moman, Rick Moman, Phyllis Bastin, Bobby Bastin, Janice Bumm, Jessica Carmon

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Cindy McCain
Sun 7:00 AM	Mike Williams
Sun 10:00 AM	Mary Howard
Sun 5:30 PM	Rick Moman

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Matthew Johnson, Lauren Williams
Sun 7:00 AM	Will Sandefur, Sam Thompson
Sun 10:00 AM	Hayden Riney, Ben Englert
Sun 5:30 PM	Emily Linn, Caleb Buckman

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Joyce Powers
Sun 7:00 AM	Barry Estes
Sun 10:00 AM	Marty Cravens
Sun 5:30 PM	PJ Ebelhar

Children’s Liturgy

Preschool	Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young (Asst)
K-3rd Grade	Stephanie Frey, Brittany Murphy (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Jay Fillman, Becky Franey, Vince Frey

Hillcrest: Rose Clark, Joan Frey

Ministers of Hospitality for April 30 & May 1st

4:00 PM	Tim Goetz, Josh Goetz Eric Goetz, Rebecca Goetz
7:00 AM	Clarence Elder, Tom Foster Ed Hoskins, Joe Higdon
10:00 AM	Paul Trogden, Chase Trogden Steve Wall, Mike Wolford
5:30 PM	Peter Linn, Jacob Linn, Josh Linn, Matt Howard



“Welcome”

We would like to welcome the following members who joined our Church Family at the Vigil Mass

Haley Blythe
Jamie Henry
John Mattingly
Dennis Phelps
Rachel Shoemaker
Melissa Simpson
Lara Wellman



Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

April 24th: EASTER SUNDAY!! No Youth Group!!

May 1st: High School Seniors' Dinner! Youth Group help serve...game time after.

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!!

April 24th: EASTER~ No TEAM NEEDED!!

May 1st: Bev Payne, Janice Greene, Laura Mattingly, Keith and Jeannie Best, Terri LaHugh

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.

Daughters of Isabella Card Party/Bunco

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
Thursday, April 28, 2011
10:00 AM—2:00 PM
\$6.00 Includes Lunch
Questions contact Sheila Thompson 683-2397

Burgoo Cook

Blessed Mother Cooking Team will be Cooking Burgoo Saturday April 30. Proceeds to benefit Summer Sports Program. Stop by pick up a gallon or two, and show you support.

Laugh for the Week

“Chandelier”

The new minister of a small church knew that improvements were needed on the church building. He suggested purchasing a chandelier, but the church members voted it down.

Confused as to why they were opposed to buying a chandelier the preacher questioned the spokesman for the church.

“First,” the spokesman said, “No one can spell it.” “Second, no one could play it. And finally, we decided what we really need is more light.!!”

New Roman Missal

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

The *Exultet* - also known as the "Easter Proclamation" - is sung at the opening of the Easter Vigil. In the history of music for Mass, no song was more important, no chant more beautifully crafted, no moment so significant as the *exultet* on the Easter Vigil. The *exultet* has roots in the first centuries of Christianity. It is a hymn of thanksgiving. The text expresses the meaning of Easter. It invites heaven, earth, and the church to rejoice ("exultet") in this feast. Easter is the most blessed of nights, the night of Passover, baptism, resurrection, and redemption. In joy we offer God our Easter candle, a pillar of fire, mingling with the lights of heaven, a candle which will meet Christ, whose resurrection forever dispels darkness.

Next Easter, with the new translation of the Roman Missal, we will hear some changes in the *exultet*. One notable change will be the return of the "bees". In early versions of the medieval texts, bees were featured rather prominently in the *exultet*, and they will be once again. Next year, we'll hear these words sung: *On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church...*

Religious Education Calendar For April

April 17	Class
April 24	No class (Easter Sunday)

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Easter Sunday

“For they did not yet understand the Scripture

that he had to rise from the dead.” John 20:9

Simon Peter and John rushed to the tomb after Mary Magdalene told them it was empty. They had spent the past three years with Jesus watching as he healed the sick, drove out demons, raised people from the dead, and was transfigured in the presence of Moses and Elijah. They knew Jesus on a first name basis. Now they are confronted with the most important and revealing event in the history of the salvation of mankind - the Resurrection. It would take two visits by Jesus to the apostles locked in an upper room and a meal he served them on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for them to *begin* to believe Jesus was truly risen. Our own faith in the Risen Jesus is constantly tested. As good stewards of that faith we must continue to grow in our awareness and appreciation of all that our Triune God has done for us. We must learn and love Scripture and Tradition. Our desire should be to get to know Jesus, Our Risen Lord, on a first name basis.

April 10, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$23,475	\$21,426	\$25,207	\$23,913

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 Carri-
rico, Maria Castlen, Joe Cecil, Melody Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, 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.**

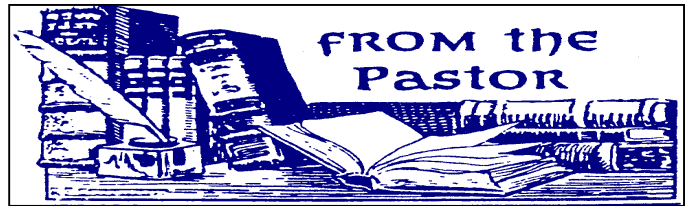
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

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 great Feast of Easter. We rejoice in the gift of new life that comes to us from the power of Jesus' victory over death. Let us strive to rise with Him on this glorious day. May the coming Easter Season be filled with many blessings for you.

We welcome our new members who joined us at the vigil. May their new life in faith and their becoming a part of our family in faith hold them strong the rest of their lives. Their names are listed in the bulletin. Hopefully you can meet them and welcome them in the days ahead.

I want to thank all those who had any part in our Holy Week services. From the decorating to the music and the ministries, so many people gave of themselves and you will be blessed.

I will be out just a couple of days this week. Please note the Mass schedule.

We pray for our Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed on Tuesday May 3rd and our First Communion candidates who will receive that great gift on May 15th.

Religious Ed does not meet today and youth group does not meet tonight.

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

We have decided to wait on the air conditioner replacement in the parish hall and instead try to purchase the house Fr. Reisz was living in next to the parish hall. We haven't decided yet what to do with the property. It is a pretty narrow strip of land. The different councils will be discussing it in the weeks ahead.

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 currently have 18 signed up. We leave July 11th and return the 20th. Brochures are in the office.

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

**Mon. NO Mass 6:30 AM
Bunko, 1 PM**

Tues. NO Mass 6:00 PM

Wed. Mass 6:30 AM

**Thurs. 9:00 AM School Mass
Mass 12:00 Noon**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12 Noon**

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

**Sun. 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 24, 2011 through May 1, 2011

Sunday Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,
16-17,22-23 Col 3:1-4
Monday Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11
Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 Jn
20:11-18
Wednesday Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9
Lk 24:13-35
Thursday Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab,5-9
Lk 24:35-48
Friday Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a
Jn 21:1-14
Saturday Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1,14-15,16-21
Mk 16:9-15
Sunday Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

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 **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

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