



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

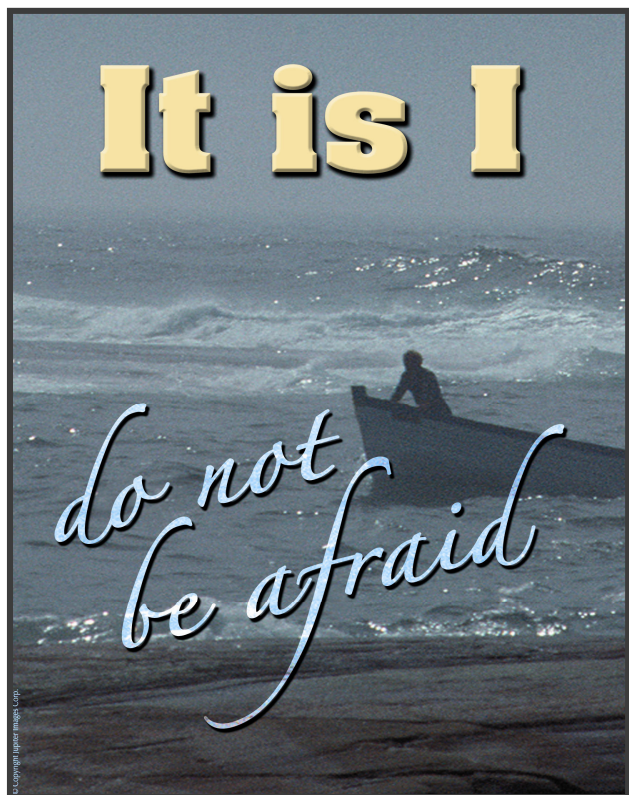
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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 _____



Intention for the Week

- Monday,** August 15th
6:30 AM Curt Calhoun (dec)
- Tuesday,** August 16th
6:00 PM Pauline Reeder
- Wednesday,** August 17th
6:30 AM W A Mattingly Jr. (dec)
- Thursday,** August 18th
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon Angela Thompson (dec)
- Friday,** August 19th
Noon Simon, Haddad, Meredith Families
- Saturday** August 20th
4:00 PM Mary Grace Wills (dec)
- Sunday,** August 21st
7:00 AM Ed Foster (dec)
10:00 AM Martha Hayden (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Liturgical Ministers for August 20th & 21st

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Maggie O'Bryan, Joe O'Bryan, Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Cecelia Hamilton, Joan Collins, Karen Dueker, Bonnie Snyder, Jeannie Best

SUNDAY 7 AM Don Cecil, Sr. Mary Timothy, Charlene Baumgarten, Darlene Kazlauskas, Carlton Goodman, Carolyn Taylor

SUNDAY 10 AM Russ Hayden, Katie Hayden, Emily Hayden, Lindsey Whitehouse, Richard Whitehouse, Lori Whitehouse, Mike Head, Carol Goedde, Bill Hayden

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Susan Hale, Pat Hale, Deanna Brasher, David McBride, Michele Linn, Pete Linn

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Margaret Kelley
 Sun 7:00 AM Charlie Castlen
 Sun 10:00 AM Karissa Riter
 Sun 5:30 PM Bev Payne

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Allison Williams, Lauren Williams
 Sun 7:00 AM Harper Dotsey, David Dotsey
 Sun 10:00 AM Alex Hyland, Kevin Ralph
 Sun 5:30 PM CJ Glaser, Danielle Keller

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Tom Anderson
 Sun 7:00 AM Steve Hoffman
 Sun 10:00 AM Steve Baker
 Sun 5:30 PM Renee Howard

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Ellen Hayden, Beth Allen (Asst)
 K-3rd Grade Heidi Dees, Brittany Murphy (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Michael Payne, Shelia Payne, Steve Payne

Hillcrest: Shari Newton, Sandra Henry

Ministers of Hospitality for August

4:00 PM Will Wathen, Thomas Wedding
Thomas Hobbs, Tyler Wells

7:00 AM Mary Fenwick, Jeff Fenwick
Steve Orth, Paul Edge

10:00 AM Kevin Carrico, Collin Carrico
Pat Hardesty, Perry Hardesty

5:30 PM Lee Miller, Eli Miller
Bryan Nunley, Stacy Nunley

Catholic Q&A

Why are there so many different versions of the bible? There are even different Catholic versions!

Short answer: Because not all bibles have the same list of books, because there are different ways to translate the text, and because translators don't always have the same manuscripts at their disposal.

Long answer: There are three reasons for this. First, Protestant bibles don't have the same list of books that Catholic bibles have. Specifically, they lack 7 books from the Old Testament: Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, and 1st and 2nd Maccabees (as well as portions of Esther and Daniel). The Protestant reformers removed these books when they left the Catholic Church in the 1500's. So, this is why you have "Protestant" and "Catholic" versions of the bible.

Secondly, translators don't always agree on the best way to translate the bible. Some prefer a literal translation, where every word is translated into the English word that directly corresponds to it. Others prefer a "dynamic equivalence" translation, where sentences are paraphrased in order to communicate their overall meaning and to increase readability. Even among these two groups, there are differences of opinion regarding the best way to render a word or paraphrase a sentence.

Finally, the various English versions of the bible also differ based on the manuscripts and source material that were used. For example, the Douay-Rheims version is an English translation of the Latin Vulgate, which was St. Jerome's Latin translation of the original Greek and Hebrew. The King James version is largely a revision of an earlier English translation called *The Bishop's Bible*, with the original Hebrew and Greek consulted when necessary. Newer English versions, such as the New International Version and the New American Bible, benefit from the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts found among the Dead Sea Scrolls, whereas translators of the older versions did not have these at their disposal.

All of this comes together to contribute to the great number of English versions of the bible that we have today. As a Catholic, the best thing to do is to have several Catholic translations available. Choose one that you like the best and use that as the bible you turn to the most, but have the other ones on hand in case you want to further investigate a passage. A lot of times, one translation will reveal a new meaning to a passage that another version does not reveal, because it is translated differently.

I hope that helps!

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF: AUGUST 7th!!
Water Games...bring old clothes to get wet in and clothes to change into!! See you there!

August 13: Parish Picnic!! Please Volunteer to help somewhere throughout the day. Youth group booth could use more volunteers as well. Please contact Christina if interested!!

August 14: MOVIE NIGHT!! Come relax after a busy day at the picnic and join us for a movie!

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

PLEASE NOTE: Sign ups for the 2011-2012 Cooking Teams will take place this weekend. Please consider ministering to our youth in this way. Usually only comes to 2 or 3 hours 3-4 times a year. But the service speaks volumes to the youth!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR RELIGIOUS ED

Registration: Aug. 14 and 21 after the 10 AM Mass in the foyer of the Family Life Center, or come by the office during office hours.

Parent Meeting: Wed., Sept. 7 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. You will receive the Rel. Ed. Handbook, and other important information. Please don't miss it!

First day of class: Sunday, Sept. 11 after 10 AM Mass

I NEED YOUR HELP WITH RCIA!!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is starting soon. In my column last week I gave you the wrong date. The first session is actually **Thurs., Sept. 1, at 7 PM in the Youth Room in the Family Life Center.** Do you have a friend, co-worker, or family member who has a lot of questions about Catholicism or who might be interested in becoming Catholic? Please have them give me a call! With your help, we can introduce more people to the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith!

Laugh for the Week

“Going Out”

A couple was going out for the evening. The last thing they had to do was put the cat out.

The taxi arrived, and as the couple walked out of the house, the cat shoots back in. So the husband goes back inside to chase it out.

The wife, not wanting it known that the house would be empty, explained to the taxi driver “ He’s just going upstairs to say good-bye to my mother.”

A few minutes later, the husband got into the taxi and said, “Sorry I took so long, the stupid thing was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out!!!”

Roman Missal Resource

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 Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (the first document issued by the 2nd Vatican Council) tells us that “the Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious and active participation” in the celebration of the Eucharist and that this “is the aim to be considered before all else.” Last week, we talked about “full participation.” Today we look at “conscious participation.” “Conscious participation” means we must enter with great openness into the chant and song, the processions and gestures, the words and silences of the liturgy. “Conscious” participation is opening every part of ourselves—body, mind and spirit—to what we do at the liturgy. We stand consciously and with attention. Because we died to our old selves in Baptism and became alive in Christ, we gather on Sunday, not as isolated persons, but as the Church, with its diversity of cultures, languages and races. This is difficult for those accustomed to think of themselves as autonomous individuals—workers, taxpayers, citizens. But here, the liturgy is celebrated by the assembled Church. It is not so many individuals who are standing here singing, but the Church. It is not individuals who are coming forward to the table, but the Church. It is not even individuals who are going forth to live by the word they have listened to and the Body and Blood of Christ they have eaten and tasted. It is the Church going forth as a leaven in the midst of the world God loves.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

Matthew 15:21-28

Terah took his son Abram and the rest of his family from Ur in Chaldea [Iraq] north to Haran [Turkey]. Then God instructed Abram to take his family south to Canaan. The descendants of Abram [Abraham] moved into Canaan and capture their land. That caused an enduring animosity between the Canaanites and the Israelites. It is in this context we must understand what appears to be a harsh reaction of Jesus to the plea of the Canaanite woman, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!” Jesus does not ignore or reject the woman. His response test her faith and the faith of his disciples. Is the woman sincere in her belief or is she testing Jesus? Do his disciples truly believe he is the “Son of David”? When she persist Jesus says to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” The life of Jesus on this earth began when another woman of great faith said, “May it be done unto me according to your word.” Do we truly believe that faith can accomplish great things? Do we act like we believe?

July 25th, 2011

| Actual | Budget | MTD | YTD |
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| \$24,198 | \$23,558 | \$21,858 | \$21,858 |

2011 Barbecue Schedule

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| Aug 13th | Blessed Mother |
| Aug 27th | St., Columbia (Lewisport) |
| Sept 11th | Mount Saint Joseph |
| Sept 17th | Immaculate Conception (Hawesville) |
| Sept 17th | St. Stephen Cathedral |
| Sept 18th | St. Lawrence / St. Williams |
| Sept 24th | Immaculate |
| Oct 1st | St. Mary of the Woods |

From Death to New Life

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Jim Hodskins and his family on the death of his wife, Mary Louise. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

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

Frances Ballard, Harry Baumgarten, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Briggin, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Kellie Burch, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, Joe Cecil, Melody Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Dennis Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Alice Cole, Jake Conder, Jeff Connor, 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, Elena Maria Finley, Damon Gillim, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Joe Hagan, Donna Hamilton, Wilhemenia Newton Hamilton, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Phil Hayden, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Janice Hobbs, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Darlene King, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Kathlene Leming, Sam Lindsey, Travis Martin, Margaret Mattingly, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Mary Miller, Conner Mills, Dena Montgomery, Roger Morgan, Jayne Morgan, Alma Mullican, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Ruth Nunez, Shirley Olliver, Katherine Osowicz, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Jerry Payne, Laura Payne, Mary Payne, Judy Peak, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Joyce Rangel, Pauline Reeder, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Paul Robertson, Beck Roby, Larry Roby, Lucille Russell, Dorothy Schell, Juanita Sessman, Jessica Seymour, Mary Simmons, Marge Slack, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, Jill Tanner, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Billy Thomas, Joyce Thomas, 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, Kamren White, Katherine Whittinghill, Joe Wink, Bill, Flora Yancy, Randy Zaremba

**Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War.
Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home soon.**

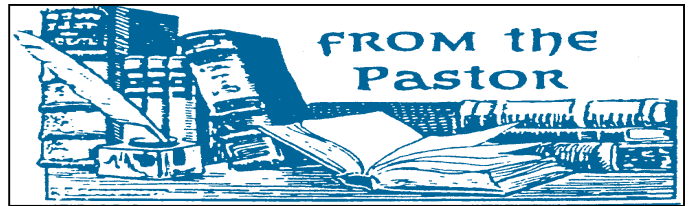
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of
Russell & Virginia Corley)

Afghanistan

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark
PVT Benjamin Sexton (grandson Margie Ashworth)
CPL Whitney Corley (Marines) (granddaughter
Russell & Virginia Corley)
Nicholas Sandefur (Army) (grandson, Dessie Clark)

Other

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



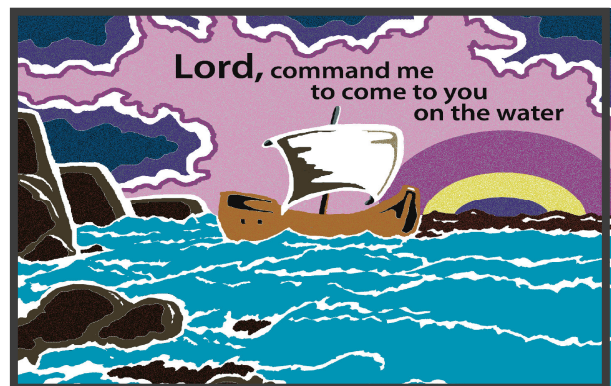
I hope you had a good week. Today is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We have in the Gospel of Matthew a great story of faith. We become afraid so often like Peter. Let us cry out to the Lord as he did, "Lord save me." May our faith in the Lord to always come to our aid continue to grow.

This coming Saturday we have our annual picnic. Your raffle tickets are at the doors. Please consider selling some for the success of our picnic. We pray for great weather and even greater sense of church family as we work together in this special ministry. If you need a place to serve at the picnic call the office please.

Next weekend is also Brescia University weekend. We always give generously to this special gift to our diocese. We welcome all Brescia alumni who join us for our celebrations.

I have a new emergency number at the rectory. 663-1398. I was using the Gideon Productions number but that was confusing to people so now I have a separate line.

This month we will pick new parish council members. A candidate has to be in good standing with the Church; if married, married in the Church if single, living the faithful Christian life. Please call the office if you would like to be considered or if you have a suggestion of someone to be considered.



Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

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

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

Wed. Mass 6:30 AM

**Thurs. NO 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
NO Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Hall**

Readings for the Week

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Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17;
Mt 18:21 -- 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67; Mt 15:21-28
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;

**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 Registration Date

The Owensboro Catholic Schools will have registration on Tuesday, July 26 from 12:00 Noon—6:00pm in the Catholic High Small Gym. for the 2011-2012 school year. For more information about OCS or to inquire about tuition assistance, contact Karen Gross at 686-8896 or log onto www.owensborocatholic.org

News from Cathedral Preschool

Registration for 3, 4, and 5 year-olds is currently in progress for the 2011-2012 school year. The preschool offers a Christ-centered atmosphere for children of all faith traditions. It provides private yet affordable early childhood education in preparation for kindergarten. Spaces are filling fast so please call 926-1652 to request a registration packet.

Help Office

The Help Office is in current need of the following for the food Pantry: Toilet Paper (urgent need), Canned Fruit, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Soap, Paper Towels, Cereal, P-Nut Butter, Jelly, Deodorant, Cooking Oil (in small containers), Dry Milk, Kroger Cards for Perishable Items (eggs, milk, butter, etc...) If you are able to help with any of these needs please take them to the Help Office or drop off at the parish office, and we will get it to them. **Thank you for your support.**

Parish Council Members

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| 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 |