

Blessed Mother Catholic Church

PASTORAL TEAM

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PRAYER LINE NUMBERS:

E-mail Line: Barbara Cecil - bwcecil@tds.net
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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

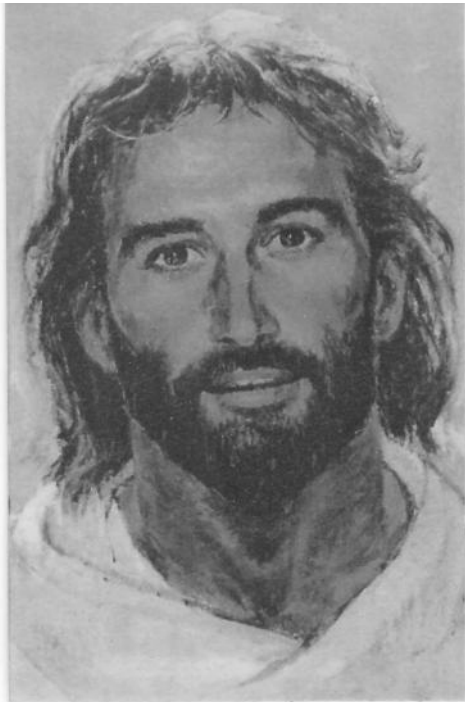
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.
Contact the Parish Office.

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 _____



“Love Your Enemies”

Intention for the Week

Monday, February 21st
6:30 AM Fr. Joe Rhodes (dec)

Tuesday, February 22nd
6:00 PM Simon, Haddad, Meredith Families

Wednesday, February 23rd
6:30 AM Maria Castlen (b-day)

Thursday, February 24th
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon Kathrine Osowicz

Friday, February 25th
Noon Lauren Girten (dec)

Saturday, February 26th
4:00 PM Mary Ava Jackson (dec)

Sunday, February 27th
7:00 AM Pat Bumm (dec)
10:00 AM Kathrine Osowicz (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

“Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect ”

Liturgical Ministers for February 26th & 27th

Eucharistic Ministers

SAT 4PM Katina Hayden, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Edith Johnson, Jeannie Best, Lahoma Stinnett, Shirley Kent, Janet Ruth, Liz Francis

SUN 7 AM Sr. Mary Timothy, Carolyn Taylor, Mike Thompson, Don Cecil, Randy Lee, Angie Lee

Sun 10 AM John Calhoun, Raymunda Calhoun, Denny Mann, Kerry Riney, Debbie Riney, Debbie Ward, Eric Vaughn, Lori & Richard Whitehouse

Sun 5:30 PM Cliff Russell, Phyllis Bastin, Bobby Bastin, Sandra Thomas, Dan Thomas, Lisa Carmon

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Michelle Mayfield
Sun 7:00 AM Joy Bach
Sun 10:00 AM Molly Thompson
Sun 5:30 PM Renee Howard

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Lauren Williams, Jack Iracane
Sun 7:00 AM Danielle Keller, Elizabeth Ford
Sun 10:00 AM Collin Carrico, Hayden Riney
Sun 5:30 PM Caleb Buckman, Nicholas Russell

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Bea Wooldridge
Sun 7:00 AM Diddy Hagman
Sun 10:00 AM Eddie Jackson
Sun 5:30 PM Karen Dueker

Children’s Liturgy

Preschool Michelle Sandefur, Ruth Schrecker (Asst)
K-3rd Grade Leesa Moman, Angela Bell (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Anna Bilderback, Hugh Bittel, Ruth Bittel

Hillcrest: Judy Coomes, Karen Thompson

Ministers of Hospitality for February

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

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

10:00 AM Dan Goedde, Donna Powers
Tony Powers, Blake Powers

5:30 PM Kenny Hamilton, Patricia Hamilton
Ashley Hamilton, Ken McCarthy

CATHOLIC Q&A

.We are often counseled, upon the loss of a loved one, to never lose hope. But what is "hope"? To answer that question, I would like to provide the section on hope from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. I can always count on the *Catechism* to explain things much more beautifully than I can! My "hope" is that these words will nourish and sustain you.

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

Catechism of the Catholic Church: On Hope

1817 Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful" (Heb 10:23). "The Holy Spirit . . . he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:6-7).

1818 The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man; it takes up the hopes that inspire men's activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps man from discouragement; it sustains him during times of abandonment; it opens up his heart in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, he is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity.

1819 Christian hope takes up and fulfills the hope of the chosen people which has its origin and model in the hope of Abraham, who was blessed abundantly by the promises of God fulfilled in Isaac, and who was purified by the test of the sacrifice (cf. Gen 17:4-8; 22:1-18). "Hoping against hope, he believed, and thus became the father of many nations" (Rom 4:18).

1820 Christian hope unfolds from the beginning of Jesus' preaching in the proclamation of the beatitudes. The beatitudes raise our hope toward heaven as the new Promised Land; they trace the path that leads through the trials that await the disciples of Jesus. But through the merits of Jesus Christ and of his Passion, God keeps us in the "hope that does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul . . . that enters . . . where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf" (Heb 6:19-20). Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation: "Let us . . . put on the breastplate of faith and charity, and for a helmet the hope of salvation" (1 Thes 5:8). It affords us joy even under trial: "Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation" (Rom 12:12). Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire.

1821 We can therefore hope in the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will (cf. Rom 8:28-30; Mt 7:21). In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere "to the end" (Mt 10:22; cf. Council of Trent: DS 1541) and to obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ. In hope, the Church prays for "all men to be saved" (1 Tim 2:4). She longs to be united with Christ, her Bridegroom, in the glory of heaven.

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

February 20th: TEC Weekend...NO YOUTH GROUP!

February 27th: SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOLLOWED BY DODGE-BALL!!!!

Burgoo Fundraiser~ HELP NEEDED!! We need volunteers all day Saturday Feb. 26 for our Youth Group burgoo fundraiser. Volunteers needed from 6 am-5pm @ the burgoo barn. Please help if you can. YOUTH 2000~ March 11-13 @ Brescia University (Ages 13+), Cost=\$40...If you need a chaperone, turn forms in to me by Feb. 27th. Forms are available at the office.

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!!

**Feb. 20th~ NO YG! NO TEAM NEEDED!!
Feb. 27th~ Al & Molly Thompson, Sharon McPherson, Diane Hoffman**

Scripture Study for the Season of Lent

We will be doing a 5-part study examining the Scriptural basis of Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ*. **First meeting is Tues., March 15, from 7-8:30 PM in the Parish Hall.** We will meet every Tues. night up to Apr. 12. Price is only \$10. Please include your name, phone #, and email address w/ your payment. For more info., call Nicholas Hardesty at 683-8444, ext. 26.

**BURGOO!! BURGOO!!
Blessed Mother Youth Group will be selling burgoo Saturday February 26th at the burgoo barn at 3:00PM.
Proceeds for Blessed Mother Youth Group**

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Helen C. Payne Bellwood. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Steve Haynes and his family of the death of his wife Janet. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Laugh for the Week

“WARNING”

The new pastor loved watermelons so he decided to raise a watermelon patch. It was doing fine, but it bothered him that the local kids would sneak into his patch at night and eat his melons.

After some thought, he came up with an idea he felt sure would scare the kids away. The pastor made a sign reading, WARNING!! ONE OF THESE WATERMELONS HAS BEEN INJECTED WITH RAT POISON! And posted it in the field. Pleased with himself, he went to bed.

The next day, the pastor surveyed his field and found that “NO” watermelons were missing. But there was a sign next to his reading, NOW THERE ARE TWO!!

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.

Every time we gather in his name, Christ has something to say to us. We forget too easily that what we are hearing in the liturgy of the Word is nothing less than God speaking to us. Our reading, proclaiming and hearing the Word of God is an intimate encounter between God and his people. It is the father speaking to his beloved, teaching us the mysteries of life. Reverence for Christ present in his word calls us to attentive listening. It may be helpful to realize, however, that our primary task is not to get every word that is spoken, but to listen carefully for whatever word the Lord wants each of us to hear that day. In the silence after the readings and after the homily, you might ask yourself two simple questions: What did your hear Christ say? And how will you live that word this week. The answers to those questions can change your life!

Religious Education Calendar For February and March

February 20th Class
February 27th Class

March 6 Class
March 13 Class
March 20 Class
March 27 Class

Forming Good Stewards

February 20, 2011

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”

Matthew 5:38-48

We can almost hear St. Peter and the disciples saying, “Ah, Jesus, we are still having trouble with that ‘Love your neighbor!’ thing.” Jesus was loving, caring, compassionate and forgiving. And he expected the same from all who wanted to be his disciples. He understood the Great Commandment, to “Love God with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself” [an abbreviated form of the Ten Commandments]. But Jesus knew that God has written the Great Commandment on the heart of every person and that we can know it through the use of reason. Jesus revealed to us by his life and teaching that we must do *more*. We must try to be *better* by loving our enemies. We must seek to be the *best* by praying for those who persecute us. A good teacher or a good coach challenges us to be the best that we can be - not the best to ever study a subject or play a sport - but the *best* that we can be. Such teachers and coaches push us to be *better* than we want to be. Jesus is a Great Teacher and a Great Coach.

Sunday Collections

February 6, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$28,633	\$21,426	\$28,633	\$24,113

February 13, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$21,261	\$21,426	\$24,947	\$24,027

Catholics Returning Home

An open door for Returning Catholics from Blessed Mother Parish. 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 March 10, 2011 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. During this Lenten season you can find a renewal of faith and a closer walk with the Lord.

Server Training

If your child would like to be an alter server and is at least in the 4th grade, please see Brett for training.

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

Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Briggan, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, 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, 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, Janice Hobbs, Jennifer Howard and baby, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, 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, Joseph (Jack) Millay, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Mary Miller, Conner Mills, Dena Montgomery, Roger Morgan, Jayne Morgan, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Gertrude Nalley, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Ruth Bittel-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, Herman, Mary Simmons, 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, 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, Deny 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus challenges us to love our enemies. What a difficult task this is and actually impossible without the grace of God. But we do have God's grace to help us.

Religious Ed does meet today but youth group WILL NOT meet tonight.

Our annual stewardship drive is in full swing. Commitment Sunday will be the 27th. Information and your annual commitment card should be arriving soon.

Lent is just around the corner. We continue to hold our RCIA candidates in prayer as they journey towards Easter. This year I would like to try to have stations of the cross at 6:30pm every Friday during Lent.

We congratulate our Bishop, William Medley, as he celebrates one year as our bishop this past February 10th.

Roman Missal Workshops

Here are the remaining dates for the Roman Missal workshops (all times are 10-12 noon):

Saturday, February 19 St. Pius X,
Owensboro

Saturday, February 26 Holy Name
School Hall, Henderson

Saturday, March 5 Christ the King, Madisonville
(rescheduled from Feb. 5 because of

The Social Justice Committee has a thought for you to ponder during the month of February. Unity is not an Option. John Paul II in his encyclical THAT ALL MAY BE ONE SAID: "The quest for Christian unity is not a matter of choice, but a duty which springs from the very nature of the Christian community. It extends to everyone, faithful and clergy alike, according to the ability of each."

The Social Justice Committee meets every third Tuesday. We welcome new members.

The prayer blanket meets every second Wednesday. New members are welcomed.

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

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

Tues. 6:00 PM Mass

Wed. Mass 6:30 AM

**Thurs. NO 9:00 AM School Mass
Mass 12 Noon
RCIA 7:00PM**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12 Noon**

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

**Sun. 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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

February 20, 2011 through February 27, 2011

Sunday Lv 19:1-2,17-18 Ps 103:1-4,8,10,
12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

Monday Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2,5
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a,4-6
Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:154,171-172,
174-175 Mk 9:38-40

Thursday Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mk 9:41-50

Friday Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12,16,18,27,
34-35 Mk 10:1-12

Saturday Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-18
Mk 10:13-16

Sunday Is 49:14-15 Ps 62:2-3,6-9
1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34

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**

OWENSBORO CATHOLIC LEAGUE BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL SIGN UPS!

The Catholic League offers baseball for both boys and girls ages 5-12 and softball for girls ages 7-12. Open to all denominations, The Catholic League offers players and their families a competitive athletic environment guided in faith and rich in tradition.

REGISTRATION DATES: For the convenience of the players and families, registration shall be conducted on two consecutive weekends and at two separate locations. Please choose the date and location that best meets your schedule, **but please recognize that these are the only registration dates for the 2011 season. (Birth certificate verification required at registration.)**

Saturday 2/12/11, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Owensboro Catholic Schools K-3 Campus Gym

Saturday 2/12/11, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Campus Gym

Sunday 2/13/11, 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Owensboro Catholic Schools K-3 Campus Gym

Sunday 2/13/11, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Campus Gym

Saturday 2/19/11, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Owensboro Catholic Schools K-3 Campus Gym

FEES: \$65 one child, \$100 two children, \$125 three or more children. (Includes concession stand fee, gate fee and field preparation fee.)

New for 2011:

Pee Wee division teams will be formed by a blind draw.

Paid umpires for Rookie and Mini-Girls.

New Division for Mini-Girls 12 and under.

Registration forms available at

<http://www.eteamz.com/OwensboroCatholicLeague/>

Contact: **Email** OCLeague@gmail.com or call

Mike Weafer 929-5220. Tom Johnson 993-7875

Jamie Klump 926-4492

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