

Blessed Mother Catholic Church

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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 _____



“I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him”

Intention for the Week

- Monday, January 17th**
6:30 AM Tiffany Coombs (B-day)
- Tuesday, January 18th**
6:00 PM Jerry Blandford Sr. (dec, b-day)
- Wednesday, January 19th**
6:30 AM Beth Coyne
- Thursday, January 20th**
9:00 AM School Mass
Noon John Duncan (dec)
- Friday, January 21st**
Noon Josh Griffith
- Saturday, January 22nd**
4:00 PM Mary Ava Jackson (dec)
- Sunday, January 23rd**
7:00 AM Truman Ashworth (dec)
10:00 AM Bittel-Hurm Family
5:30 PM Glenn Wooldridge (ann of death)

“Make straight his paths”

Liturgical Ministers for January 22nd & 23rd

Eucharistic Ministers

- SAT 4PM** Lahoma Stinnett, Janet Ruth, Edith Johnson, Rose Clark, Sandra Henry, Cecelia Hamilton, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early, Bonnie Snyder
- SUN 7 AM** Don Cecil, Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Randy Lee, Angie Lee, Mike Thompson
- Sun 10 AM** Denny Mann, Drew Ward, Jeannette Ward, Julie Murphy, Kerry Riney, Nancy Dunn, John Calhoun, Raymunda Calhoun
- Sun 5:30 PM** Leesa Moman, Rick Moman, Phyllis Bastin, Bobby Bastin, Janice Bumm, Carlton Goodman

Readers

- Sat 4:00 PM** Cindy McCain
- Sun 7:00 AM** Bill Bach
- Sun 10:00 AM** Sabrina Johnson
- Sun 5:30 PM** David Marshall

Servers

- Sat 4:00 PM** Elizabeth Cason, Billy Cason
- Sun 7:00 AM** Collin Higgins, Brendan Higgins
- Sun 10:00 AM** Stephen Hyland, Raychel Bahnick
- Sun 5:30 PM** Christopher & John Thomas Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

- Sat 4:00 PM** Lisa Haynes
- Sun 7:00 AM** Mike Wade
- Sun 10:00 AM** Mike Wolford
- Sun 5:30 PM** Terry Sahw

Children’s Liturgy

- Preschool** Kelly Trogden, Molly Aud (Asst)
- K-3rd Grade** Laura Cecil, Angela Bell (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Richard Whitehouse, Wil Wiginton, Jeffrey Williams

Hillcrest: Bobby & Phyllis Bastin

Ministers of Hospitality for January

- 4:00 PM** Mike Hays, Larry Franey, David Jones, Mark Dorth
- 7:00 AM** Paul Garner, Michael Wade, Vince Frey, Glenn Woodward
- 10:00 AM** Bob Bahnick, Alec Bahnick, Carl Hamilton, Jim Mattingly
- 5:30 PM** Ben Miller, Mason Miller, Luke Robertson, Michael Bastin

Catholic Q&A

What is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time is the period of the liturgical year that falls between Christmas and Lent, and between Easter and Advent. Thus, having just concluded the Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we are now in Ordinary Time.

Often, when we hear the word "ordinary" we think of something that is mundane, or banal, or dull. But, we should not think of this time in the liturgical life of the Church in such a way.

Christmas and Easter, with their climactic joy and celebration, are the great mountain peaks of the liturgical year. Ordinary Time, then, is the vast verdant meadows that lie between. As Christians we are called now to descend these peaks and, like sheep who hear the voice of their shepherd, pasture and graze in these meadows with Christ as He feeds us with His Word and His Eucharist. This makes the color green, with its connotations of life and growth, very appropriate.

Without a great liturgical feast to prepare for or celebrate, the Sunday liturgy becomes all the more important during Ordinary Time. According to *The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, the days of Ordinary Time, especially the Sundays, "are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects."

If you are not in the habit of making the most out of your Sunday, now is the time. Remember, God did not say to keep holy the Lord's "hour" or the Lord's "45-minutes" (if the homily happens to be short). We are called to keep holy the Lord's **day**.

Perhaps before the family heads off to church, someone (ideally the father) could read the readings for the day aloud and everyone could discuss their meaning. Or, on the ride home from church, the parents could quiz the children by asking them if they remember what the first reading was about, or what the homily was about. When you get home, don't immediately turn on the TV or hop on the internet. Take a trip to the library and have everyone check out a book to read. Take a nap. Exercise. Write in a journal. Play outside. Do something nice for someone else. PRAY! Worshipping the Lord and rejuvenating yourself is really what Sunday is all about.

Why is this season called "ordinary" time?

Our English word "ordinary" comes from the Latin word *ordinarius*, which means "customary, regular, usual, orderly." This time is called ordinary because the Sundays that fall within it are numbered and thus succeed in an orderly fashion.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

January 16th: BUNCO!! Prizes for winners!!

January 23rd: Pray to End Abortion near anniversary of Roe v. Wade!

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!!

Jan. 16th~ Bev Payne, Janice Greene,
Laura Mattingly

Jan. 23rd~ Keith and Jeannie Best,
Terri LaHugh

The Diocese of Owensboro is beginning a Strategic Planning Process. As a part of this process we want to hear what you have to say. In February, six Listening Sessions will be held in various parts of the diocese. These sessions will be open to anyone who would like to participate.

Feb. 8 -- 10:00 - 12:00 am -- Holy Name Parish Hall, Henderson

Feb. 10 -- 1:00 - 3:00 pm -- Christ the King Parish, Madisonville

Feb. 11 -- 10:00 - 12:00 am -- St. Martin Parish, Rome

Feb. 16 -- 10:00 - 12:00 am -- Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green

Feb. 17 -- 10:00 - 12:00 am -- St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield

Feb. 18 -- 10:00 - 12:00 am -- St. John Parish, Paducah

For any and all who are unable to attend a Listening Session, the Diocesan website will provide an opportunity for you to express your opinions electronically at <http://www.rcdok.org/spp>. This opportunity will be open following the last scheduled Listening Session on Feb. 18.

This is an exciting time for our diocese. The Holy Spirit is already accomplishing wonderful things and will reveal to us our direction for the next five years.

Laugh for the Week

On his way to church, a farm boy accidentally tipped over his wagon. A neighboring farmer, also on his way to church, heard the commotion and pulled up nearby.

"Hey, hop in with us," the neighbor said. "I'll help you get the wagon up after church."

"That's mighty nice of you," the boy answered, "but I don't think Pa would like me to."

"Come on," the Good Samaritan insisted. "If you don't hurry, we'll be late!"

"Well, okay," the boy finally agreed. "But Pa won't like it."

After church, the thanked his neighbor for the help. "I'm glad we got to church on time," he said, "but I know Pa is going to be real upset."

Oh, he'll be fine," the neighbor said with a smile. By the way where is he?

"Under the Wagon!," said the boy.

New Roman Missal

In the Penitential Act of the Mass, the Roman Rite gives three options: The Confiteor, a short dialogue between priest and people, and the invocations followed by Kyrie eleison and Christe eleison. In general, what is the purpose of the Penitential Act? Taken together, the Introductory Rites have as their purpose that "the faithful who come together as one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily" (GIRM, 46). Our preparation to receive the word of God and to offer ourselves in the Eucharist includes the reading of our ears and our hearts. When we celebrate the Penitential Act, in any of its three forms, let the truth of the matter be the purification and preparation of ears and hearts: ears that we might hear the Word, and hearts that we might respond to him with humility and love.

REMINDER...Eighth graders being confirmed this year need to attend the NET retreat; Sunday, January 16 from 1-5pm in the parish hall!! Sponsors DO NOT need to come with you! See you there!!

Forming Good Stewards

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29-34

Note that John says "*sin* of the world" and not "*sins* of the world." We all have free will and are capable of committing individual sins for which we must account and seek forgiveness. But what is the *sin* of the world? Did John observe in the people of his day a self-centeredness that is the opposite of being centered on God? Did John understand that such self-centeredness is at the heart of all sin in the world? John recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God, the person who would sacrifice himself to help us root out self-centeredness and become centered on God. Jesus did that with his life and his teaching. But he cannot do it alone. He needs our help. Because God has given us the great gift of free will we must choose to stop being centered on ourselves and choose to put God at the center of our lives. When we are centered on God we become a *person for others*. If everyone in the world becomes a *person for others* would there be any *sin of the world*?

Sunday Collections

January 2, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$23,748	\$21,426	\$23,748	\$24,278

January 9, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$24,407	\$21,426	\$24,078	\$24,284

ATTENTION SECOND GRADERS!

There will be a **Mini-Retreat** for First Reconciliation on **Jan. 22, from 11 AM - 3 PM** in the Parish Hall. **First Reconciliation** will be celebrated the following day, **Jan. 23, at 2 PM** here at Blessed Mother.

Religious Ed Calendar for January

- 1/2: Class
- 1/9: Class
- 1/16: Class
- 1/23: Class (except for 2nd graders)
- 1/30: Class

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

Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Helen Bellwood, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Brigglin, 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, Janet Haynes, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Janice Hobbs, Jennifer Howard and baby, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Betty Jo Johnson, Gertrude Jones, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Kru-sick, Bob Lawrence, Sam Lindsey, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, 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 Mulli-can, 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, Her-man, Mary Simmons, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sul-livan, 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

Other

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

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Joe Cecil and his family on the death of his brother J.B. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. And we have today the Gospel of John even though we are in the year of Matthew. This passage is shortly after Jesus' baptism in John. The Baptist testifies as to the identity of Jesus that He has come to take away our sins. This reflects back to His birth and when He was named. The name Jesus means to save.

We had our clergy convocation this week. You will be hearing more about the changes in the prayers at Mass as time gets closer. I had to come back for a funeral so I missed a few conferences but we will all still study the new prayers together.

The NET team (National Evangelization Team) is here. They come every year and conduct a retreat for our Confirmation students. Our retreat for Blessed Mother youth making Confirmation this year is this afternoon from 1-5pm in the parish hall.

We pray for our second graders who are preparing for 1st Reconciliation on the 23rd next Sunday.

Parish Council meeting this Wednesday, the 19th at 6:30pm in the library.

Our annual stewardship drive will be in February again this year.

Prolife Mass

All are invited to the annual Diocesan Prolife Mass. This year the Mass for Life will be celebrated by Bishop Medley on Saturday, 1-22-11 at 5:00 P.M. at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro. This is the thirty-eighth anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion in our country, and since that time over 53 million children have lost their lives. Please come and express your belief in the sanctity of life at all stages and pray for the conversion of our nation to value all human life.

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
Parish Council Mtg 6:30PM**

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

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12 Noon**

**Sat. Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM
First Reconciliation Retreat 11-2
Mass 4:00 PM**

**Sun. 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM
Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass
First Reconciliation 2PM
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria**

Readings for the Week

January 16, 2011 through January 23, 2011

Sunday Is 49:3,5-6 Ps 40:2,4,7-10
1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Monday Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Ps 110:1-4
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 40:7-10,17
Mk 3:7-12

Friday Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8,10-14
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday Heb 9:2-3,11-14 Ps 47:2-3,6-9
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1,4,13-14
1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Mt 4:12-23
or 4:12-17

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 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**

Roe Vs. Wade

Commemoration Service will be held Noon Friday January 21st at the courthouse. This is the 38th year the Roe vs. Wade Decision legalized the killing of innocent babies in the womb. Come pray with us to end this holocaust.

Koinonia, a Greek word meaning "community", is a time set aside for adult Christians to experience Christian community, fellowship and sharing. Plan to attend St. Pius X Koinonia # 11, January 28, 29 & 30, 2011. The weekend begins at 6pm Friday and ends approximately 4pm Sunday with those attending going home each evening. The cost is \$30/person or \$50/couple. No one will be turned down due to inability to pay. Applications can be picked up at the entrances of church and turned in to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket. We ask that the applications be turned in by January 20, 2011. Applications can also be found on St. Pius website, <http://stpiustenthparish.org>. For more information call Becky Pedley, Assistant Lay Director, at 316-9800.

Parish Council Members

Camillia Baker	729-9094
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Tim Goetz	684-8275
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