

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 _____



*“This is my beloved Son,
With whom I am well pleased”*

Intention for the Week

Monday, January 10th
6:30 AM Matt Settles (dec)

Tuesday, January 11th
6:00 PM No Mass Priest Convocation

Wednesday, January 12th
6:30 AM No Mass Priest Convocation

Thursday, January 13th
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon No Mass Priest Convocation

Friday, January 14th
Noon Thomas Johnson (b-day)

Saturday, January 15th
4:00 PM Special Intention

Sunday, January 16th
7:00 AM Charles D. Thompson (dec)
10:00 AM Randy Wigginton (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

“Make straight his paths”

Liturgical Ministers for January 15th & 16th

Eucharistic Ministers

SAT 4PM Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Jeannie Best, Shirley Kent, Lannie Pearl, Jeff Williams, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Katina Hayden

SUN 7 AM Don, Cecil, Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Sr. Mary Timothy, Charlene Baumgarten, Carolyn Taylor

Sun 10 AM Mark Church, Carol Goedde, Mike Head, Bill Hayden, Darryl Murphy, Carol Murphy, Ed Higdon, Becky Hargitt, Chris Ford

Sun 5:30 PM Michelle Linn, Pete Linn, Cliff Russell, Carlton Goodman, Bev Payne, Bobby Bastin

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Rose Clark
Sun 7:00 AM Mike Williams
Sun 10:00 AM Mary Howard
Sun 5:30 PM Renee Howard

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Danielle Keller, Gabe Fillman
Sun 7:00 AM David Dotsey, Harper Dotsey
Sun 10:00 AM Samuel Hyland, Allie Ford
Sun 5:30 PM Emily Linn, Nicholas Russell

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Mary Fendel
Sun 7:00 AM Steve Hoffman
Sun 10:00 AM Charlie Dees
Sun 5:30 PM Christine Wolken

Children’s Liturgy

Preschool Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young (Asst)
K-3rd Grade Mary Margaret, Stephanie Hayden (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Will Wathen, Francis Watrous, Tim West

Hillcrest: Diane Fulkerson, Carol Goedde

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

Why was Jesus baptized in the Jordan River if He had no need for repentance or forgiveness?

First, you should read the passages in Scripture that speak of Jesus' baptism. See Mt 3:13-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:21-22; Jn 1:29-34.

Now, Jesus consented to be baptized by St. John for many reasons. First of all, he did it as an example for us.

Jesus' entire life is an example for us of how to be human and how to follow God. His will was that people would repent of their sin and be baptized by John as a sign of their commitment to follow God. As a result, Jesus decided to be baptized, to show us how important it is to convert our hearts and make a public act of faith.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, gives us another reason. He says that Jesus' baptism anticipates what He did for all mankind on the cross.

By descending into the waters of the Jordan, Jesus takes the place of all sinners, who were being called by John to do what Jesus was doing. He does the same thing on the Cross, where He pays the price for all man's sin.

His going under the water is symbolic of burial and the destruction of sin that will take place on the cross. We see this purpose for water in the flood of Noah's day, which buried and destroyed all the sin in the world.

His rising out of the water is symbolic of His resurrection. The dove that rests above Him and the voice that cries out from the heavens point to the glory that will be His once His work is finished.

St. Thomas Aquinas gives us yet a third reason. He says that the baptism of the Lord points to our Christian sacrament of baptism. The baptism of St. John the Baptist was merely symbolic. It was a way to publicly profess one's commitment to conversion and repentance. It did not actually forgive sin or make one a member of the family of God like our Sacrament of Baptism does. But, when Jesus receives the baptism of John, He "consecrates it" so to speak, just as His presence at the wedding feast of Cana is seen as God's blessing over matrimony.

In other words, when the baptism of John is imbued with the presence of Christ, it becomes what we celebrate today, and in the baptism of Jesus we see glimpses of our sacrament. The water signifies the cleansing that takes place. The descent of the dove signifies the reception of grace and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The divine voice -- which cries out, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased" -- signifies our adoption as beloved sons (or daughters) of God.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

**January 9th: Back to Schedule~
Nooma Video Night. 6:30-8:30
pm in the Parish Hall!**

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

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. 9th~ Michele Linn, Phyllis Bastin,
Katie Ballard**

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

**Benefit Dinner & Night at the Races
to benefit Blake & Kendall Terry
Scholarship Fund.**

**Saturday Jan 15th, 2011 at 6PM
Immaculate Church
\$20 per person
Live and Silent Auction**

Kendall and Blake are the children of Jason Terry, who passed away suddenly in October of a heart attack at the age of 39. Jason was the Grandson of Betty Jo Johnson and Nephew of Sally Cravens, Libby Griggs, Tommy Johnson, Danny Johnson, and Cindy Rightmyer all of our parish.

For more information on the event or to purchase tickets call:
Brian Ebelhar at 570-3558 or
Wayne Durbin 993-6768

Laugh for the Week

After a hearty rainstorm filled all the potholes in the streets and alleys, a young mother watched her two little boys playing in the puddle through her kitchen window.

The older of the two, a five-year-old lad, grabbed his brother by the back of his head and shoved his face into the water hole. As the boy recovered and stood laughing and dripping, the mother ran to the yard in a panic.

“What are you doing to your little brother?” she exclaimed as she pulled her younger child close.

“We were just playing church, Mommy,” he said. “And I was just baptizing him...in the name of the Father, the Son, and into... the hole-he-goes.”

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 readying 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

The Baptism of the Lord

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:13-17

A voice from heaven spoke those words after Jesus convinced John to baptize him in the Jordan River. We would all be thrilled to hear a voice from heaven say about us, “This is my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased.” Well, we may not be standing in the Jordan River with John the Baptist pouring water over us, but we, as baptized Catholics, are “children of God.” To the extent that we are doing our best to be all that God created us to be and to identify, develop and use all of the talents, abilities and gifts that God has given to us for ourselves and for others, we can be sure that God is well pleased with us. And, if we are good stewards of our prayer life and truly listen to God’s will for us, we may not hear His voice with our ears, but we will know of His love with our hearts. And that should make us well pleased.

Sunday Collections

December 26th, 2010

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$39,334	\$21,426	\$31,410	\$24,300

Christmas Collections

\$9,372

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, Charles Bowlds, Megan Briggin, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, JB Cecil, 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, Damon Gillim, 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, Carol Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Betty Jo Johnson, Gertrude Jones, Jo Ann Kaufeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, 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 Mullican, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Ruth Bittel-Nunez, Shirley Olliver, Katherine Osowicz, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, 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, 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



I hope you had a good week and a great Christmas. The Christmas season is almost over. Today is the end with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The Spirit descends on Him and declares Him to be Son of God. The Spirit came on us in our Baptisms as well and sending us forth to serve in power.

January 10 – 13 is the annual clergy convocation (continuing education) at Lake Barkley. So I will be with my brother priests for a few days learning about the upcoming changes in the Roman Missal (these changes are to take effect at the beginning of Advent at the end of the year.) These changes include the responses at Mass as well as the different prayers. **NOTE the Mass schedule for the week.** We will have Mass on Monday as regular time but not again until Friday at the regular time.

A special thanks to everyone who had a hand in making our Christmas liturgies truly beautiful and uplifting. Brett did a lot of extra duty so I want to thank him for his efforts. And I personally thank you for the many ways you have blessed me this Christmas.

The NET team (National Evangelization Team) will be here the 15th – 18th. They come every year and conduct a retreat for our Confirmation students.

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

Christmas Memorial
**The following have been added to our
flower memorial:**
**Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Gratzer, Robert
Gratzer, Gratzer Infants, Mitchell
Long Sr., Gerald McCarty, Herman
& Ethel Wathen, Helen & Rose
Wright, Stella Wathen, and
Generose & Joseph McCarty**

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

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

**Tues. NO 6:00 PM Mass
Finance Committee Mtg 6:30PM**

Wed. NO Mass 6:30 AM

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

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12 Noon**

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

**Sun. 2nd 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

January 9, 2011 through January 16, 2011

Sunday Is 42:1-4,6-7 Ps 29:1-2,3-4,9-10

Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17

Monday Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1,2b,6,7c,9

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab,5-9

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4,6-9

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-11

Mk 1:40-45

Friday Heb 4:1-5,11 Ps 78:3,4bc,6c-8

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10,15

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday Is 49:3,5-6 Ps 40:2,4,7-10

1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

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 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**

Protecting and Planning Your Family's Future

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes

When: Sunday January 16th, 2011 1-3 PM

Learn how to become a better steward of your finances. These questions are just a few that you should consider when deciding how to **Map and Protect Your Family's Future**. Please join us for a **FREE** seminar to discuss these questions and other ways you can be sure your family's future is protected when you're gone.

Guest speakers will include a CPA and Attorney specializing in wills & trusts, Field Agent Pete Sturm, and General Agent Dan Turnwald for the state of Kentucky/speaker on Sacred Heart Catholic Radio. Door prizes will be given away! Please R.S.V.P. by January 14, 2011 to Dan Turnwald at 859- 331-0249 to secure your reservation. Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Insurance & Financial Services.

Parish Council Members

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