



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

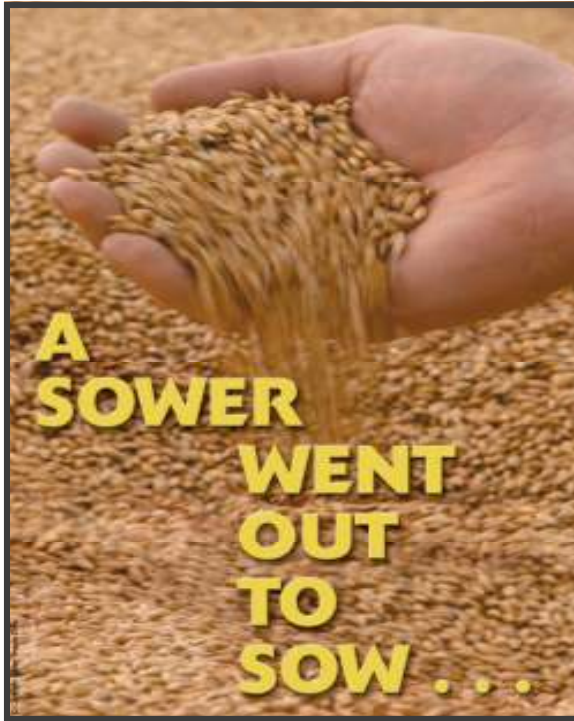
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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, July 18th**
6:30 AM NO MASS
- Tuesday, July 19th**
6:00 PM NO MASS
- Wednesday, July 20th**
6:30 AM NO MASS
- Thursday, July 21th**
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon NO MASS
- Friday, July 22nd**
Noon Carolyn Morton (dec)
- Saturday, July 23rd**
4:00 PM Tony & Donna Powers (Annv)
- Sunday, July 24th**
7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parish
10:00 AM Raymond Jarboe (dec)
5:30 PM Janet Schartung (dec, b-day)

Liturgical Ministers for July 23rd & 24th

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Jan Storm, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Joyce Pearl, Karen Dueker, Bonnie Snyder, Jeannie Best, Lahoma Stinnett, Jeff Williams

SUNDAY 7 AM Dennis Sandefur, Mike Thompson, Darlene Kazlauskas, Don Cecil, Randy Lee, Angie Lee

SUNDAY 10 AM Chris Ford, Jerry Millay, Sr. Mary Joseph, Tony Powers, Elaine Williams, Jim Hagan, Darryl Murphy, Carol Murphy, Mike Head

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Rick Moman, Leesa Moman, Bev Payne, Deanna Brasher, David McBride, Carlton Goodman

Readers

- Sat 4:00 PM Fran Watrous
- Sun 7:00 AM Joy Bach
- Sun 10:00 AM Sabrina Johnson
- Sun 5:30 PM Greg Cash

Servers

- Sat 4:00 PM Nicholas Jackson, Gabe Fillman
- Sun 7:00 AM Will Sandefur, Sam Thompson
- Sun 10:00 AM Jacob Johnson, Raychel Bahnick
- Sun 5:30 PM Emily Linn, Mason Robertson

Families to Take Up Gifts

- Sat 4:00 PM Dennis Clark
- Sun 7:00 AM John Kazlauskas
- Sun 10:00 AM Steve Frey
- Sun 5:30 PM Bill Wright

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Kelly Trogden, Kara Trogden (Asst)
K-3rd Grade Jennifer Hayden, Helen Hays (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Angela McCarty, Jennifer McGee, Ann McIntyre

Hillcrest: Bobby & Phyllis Bastin

Ministers of Hospitality for July

- 4:00 PM Mike Hays, Larry Franey, Mark Dorth, Joan Collins
- 7:00 AM Paul Garner, Mike Wade, Vince Frey, Glenn Woodward
- 10:00 AM David Blanford, Joe Cecil, Jim Mattingly, Neil Mattingly
- 5:30 PM Ken Keller, Kenny Hamilton, Patricia Hamilton, Ashley Hamilton

Catholic Q & A

What is Vacation Bible School?

Vacation Bible School ("VBS") is typically a week-long program offered during the summer to teach children about their faith in a fun and engaging way. Of course, there is a teaching component, but music, crafts, and games are almost always involved as well. It started out as a Protestant phenomenon, but Catholic churches soon realized that they too could utilize this format to teach children more about Christ and his Church.

Today, there are a wide variety of VBS programs for churches to choose from, but not all of them are Catholic. In fact, the majority of them are not. Even the ones that are often labeled "Catholic" are simply Protestant programs with a few Catechism references thrown in.

There's nothing necessarily wrong with this. A child can learn a lot from a Protestant VBS program and many Catholic parents send their children to local Protestant churches to participate in their programs. But, I prefer to use programs that have a distinctly Catholic message and theme. I think this better serves the mission of the parish to nurture children in their Catholic faith.

In **2009**, we used a program from Cat.Chat entitled, "Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive." The children learned about how the Mass is a *mystery*, a *gift*, a *celebration*, a *meal*, and a *call*. There was also a virtue and a saint for each day ... and a new song to sing!

In **2010**, we used another program from Cat.Chat, entitled, "Cool Kingdom Party: Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus." The children learned about the virtues of *obedience*, *purity*, *faith*, *love*, and *joy* ... and how Mary exemplifies those qualities in a spectacular way. They learned about several of the Marian dogmas, as well as the Kingship of Christ and how they can build His Kingdom.

This year we will be using a third Cat.Chat program, entitled, "A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments: Jesus in My Heart." It promises to be just as fun and engaging as the previous two Cat.Chat programs.

If you haven't registered your child yet, it's not too late and now's the time! **VBS 2011 is July 25-29, from 9 AM to noon in the Parish Hall.** You can register after the 10 AM Mass this weekend, or come by the office during office hours.

If you have any questions or comments, just let me know!

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

MISSION HOMEFRONT: JULY 25-29. Help out with VBS in the morning, then stay around for lunch and some service projects until 3:00 pm. Contact Christina if interested.

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

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2010 -2011 COOKING TEAMS!!

Vacation Bible School is Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars for **July 25-29**, 9 AM to noon, in the Parish Hall. We'll be using another VBS program from Cat Chat: "A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments." If you would like to help with this year's VBS, contact Nicholas Hardesty by phone (683-8444 x 26) or email (nicholashardesty@gmail.com).

Registration for VBS will be **July 3, 10, and 17, after the 10 AM Mass**, or you can come by the office during office hours (M - F, 8 AM - 4 PM).

Parish Picnic August 13th, 2011

Items in need

Canned Drinks, Liter Drinks (Regular & Diet), BOTTLED WATER, Bags of hard wrapped candy, individual wrapped chips
Baskets filled with whatever
(Lotions, Golf Balls, dish towels, candles, bath sets, kitchen gadgets, school supplies, baby supplies.

Items for Auction

We are in need of new items for Auction, (Pictures, Furniture, Lamps, Lap Quilts, Crafts, Bird Houses, ect...

GOD BLESS YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!

Laugh for the Week

“Answered Prayer”

On Sunday morning, during the Pastor’s prayer, a loud shrill whistle came from a young boy sitting in a pew. His mother was horrified and quickly hushed him into silence.

After church, the mother asked, “Whatever possessed you to make such a terrible noise in church?”

“Well,” He answered, “I have been asking god to teach me to whistle...and just then, He taught me!!

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.

When we receive the Eucharist each Sunday at Mass, we are changed. That change does not necessarily result in doing new and different things. Rather, the change is more about doing things for a new and different reason, with a new and different approach, and from a new and different source. When we leave the church after Mass, more deeply aware of our baptismal call to live as disciples of Christ, we need not think that we have to change jobs or speak more religiously on the job. Martin Luther King, Jr. emphasized that it is in our everyday lives that we live out our true calling: “If a man is called to be a street sweeper he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.” The Eucharist opens our eyes to the reality of God’s presence above us, below us, in front of us, behind us, and all around us. As baptized followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to revealing this reality to others in a myriad of ordinary ways each and every day.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.
Let them grow together until the harvest.”

Mt 13:44-52

Jesus knew his followers would live in a world that is full of temptations - to do evil, to take the easy way out, to take advantage of others to gain wealth and power. He knew we would be challenged to abandon our efforts to know Him and to imitate Him to the best of our ability. Jesus also knew that one of God’s greatest gifts to us is free will - the ability to choose between good and evil, to choose between doing right and doing wrong, to choose between being generous and being selfish. But Jesus taught us by word and deed that being his follower - a Christian - is not about feeling good, it is about doing good. It is not about looking right; it is about doing right. It is not about how much we acquire for ourselves, it is about how much we share with others. God creates us in this world with many temptations so we could demonstrate our love for him by seeking to discern His will and choosing to do His will. Our God is an awesome God!

June 26, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$20,189	\$21,426	\$22,757	\$23,773

2011 Barbecue Schedule

July 2nd	St. Mary Magdalene
July 9th	St. Alphonsus
July 16th	St. Peter of Alcantara
Aug 2nd	St. Martin (Drive Thru Only)
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 Shelby Thompson, Lisa Dotsey and their family on the death of their mother Angela Thompson. 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 Briggan, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, 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 Hayden, 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, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Kathlene Leming, 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 Mullican, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, 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, 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, Katherine Whittinghill, Joe Wink, Bill, Flora Yancy, Randy Zarembo

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

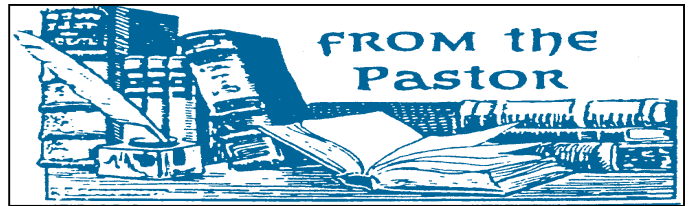
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of
Russell & Virginia Corley)

Afghanistan

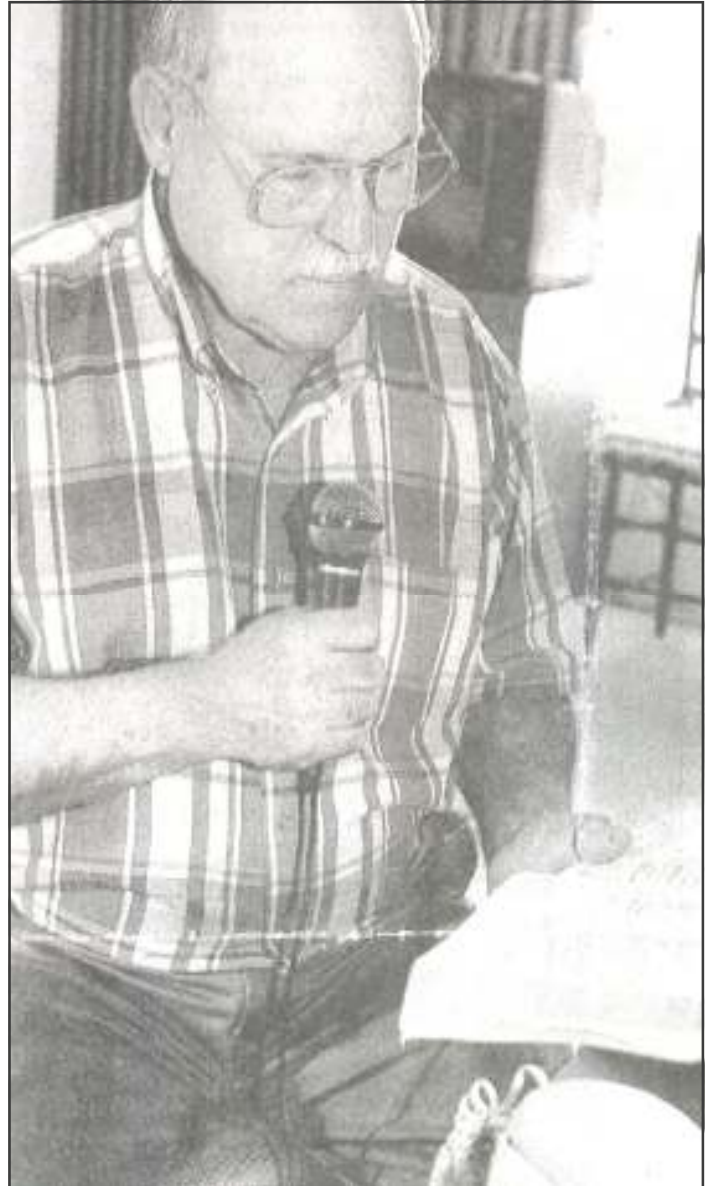
Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark
PVT Benjamin Sexton (grandson Margie Ashworth)
CPL Whitney Corley (Marines) (granddaughter
Russell & Virginia Corley)
Nicholas Sandefur (Army) (grandson, Dessie Clark)

Other

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



“DAILY BIBLE READINGS”



Paul Christian, member of Blessed Mother, finds inspiration, with Daily Bible Readings. He has been doing this ministry since July 1993 for an unknown number of people every day, thanks to a telephone devotional line supplied by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

THANK YOU PAUL

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

**Mon. NO Mass 6:30 AM
Fr. John — Rome
Bunko, 1 PM**

**Tues. NO Mass 6:00 PM
Fr. John — Rome**

**Wed. NO Mass 6:30 AM
FR. John — Rome**

**Thurs. NO 9:00 AM School Mass
NO Mass 12:00 Noon
Fr. John — Rome**

**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
NO BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Hall**

Readings for the Week

July 17, 2011 through July 24, 2011

Sunday Wis 12:13,16-19 Ps 86:5-6,9-10,
15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43
or 13:24-30

Monday Ex 14:5-18 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Ex 14:21-15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:8-10,
12,17 Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday Ex 16:1-5,9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-28
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b
(Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Mt 13:10-17

Friday Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11
Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Saturday Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15
Mt 13:24-30

Sunday 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12 Ps 119:57,72,76-77,
127-130 Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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.

Golf Scramble to Benefit OCHS Volleyball

- Saturday, Saturday, July 16
- Ben Hawes City Park
- 8:00 am Shotgun start
- 18 holes using scramble format
- Individuals welcome or form your own team
- \$60 per person or \$240 per team
- Cash payout and Door prizes
- Hole Sponsorships Available for \$100
- Contact Rob or Beth Ebelhar at 270.683.9595 for more information
- In the event of bad weather the make up date is Sunday July 24th at 8:00 am

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