



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 25th
6:30 AM NO MASS
- Tuesday,** July 26th
6:00 PM Cletus H. Bittel (dec)
- Wednesday,** July 27th
6:30 AM George S. & Ruth Hagan (dec)
- Thursday,** July 28th
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon Helen Payne (dec)
- Friday,** July 29th
Noon Paul Roberts (dec)
- Saturday** July 30th
4:00 PM Janet Haynes (dec)
- Sunday,** July 31st
7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parish
10:00 AM Richard Weafer (dec)
5:30 PM Stacy Payne (dec)

Liturgical Ministers for July 30th & 31st

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Maggie O'Bryan, Joe O'Bryan, Sandra Henry, Cecelia Hamilton, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early, Shirley Kent

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

SUNDAY 10 AM Cliff Russell, Sabrina Johnson, Scott Johnson, Nancy Dunn, Mark Church, Jerry Millay, Brenda Millay, Jeannette Ward, Drew Ward

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Michele Linn, Pete Linn, Christina Best, Rick Moman, Sandra Thomas, Dan Thomas

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Kim Williams
 Sun 7:00 AM David Payne
 Sun 10:00 AM Lanell Lilly
 Sun 5:30 PM David McBride

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Allison Williams, Lauren Williams
 Sun 7:00 AM Harper Dotsey, David Dotsey
 Sun 10:00 AM Ben Englert, Nicholas Russell
 Sun 5:30 PM Emily Marshall, John David Marshall

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Mary Fendel
 Sun 7:00 AM Vince Frey
 Sun 10:00 AM Kevin Carrico
 Sun 5:30 PM Karen Dueker

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Michelle Sandefur, Ruth Schrecker (Asst)
 K-3rd Grade Laura Cecil, Shelby Cecil (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Ben Miller, John Meister, George Morgan

Hillcrest: Susan & Pat Hale, James Gerald

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 the transfiguration?

The transfiguration is the moment when Jesus' divine glory was made manifest to the apostles Peter, James, and John on the top of a mountain. In other words, Jesus' divinity was not veiled or hidden by his humanity. Instead, Jesus allowed it to shine forth in splendor and power.

His face was bright like the sun and his garments were pure white. Moses and Elijah also appeared, and a great cloud overshadowed them. From the heavens a voice declared, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" (Lk 9:35). Peter offered to build tents for the three figures, no doubt to prolong the experience!

You can read all about the transfiguration in the synoptic Gospels. See Mt 17:1-9; Mk 9:2-10; Lk 9:28-36.

Who is Jean de Brebeuf?

Jean de Brebeuf is a Jesuit missionary and martyr, born on March 25, 1593. He is known as the "Apostle of the Hurons" because of his missionary endeavors among that Native American tribe. He took great pains to learn the Huron customs and language, and is said to have written the first dictionary of the Huron language. When the Iroquois attacked his village, on March 16, 1649, he was brutally tortured and killed.

Jean de Brebeuf was a man of truly heroic virtue who endured every kind of suffering in order to spread the Gospel and convert souls to Christ. He was canonized in 1930 with seven other missionaries who are collectively referred to as "the North American martyrs." His feast day is October 19.

What is "apostolic succession"?

Apostolic succession is the handing on of the authority of the apostles through the laying on of hands in the sacrament of Holy Orders. The bishops of the Church are the primary successors of the apostles, although priests have a certain share in their authority as well.

Apostolic succession insures that the mission entrusted by Christ to the Apostles to be guardians and teachers of the faith and the principal pastors and spiritual authorities of the faithful is preserved down to the present day. Only the Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church continue to maintain a true apostolic succession.

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

Questions, concerns, comments: come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina Best: bmcyou@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

“Knowing the Difference”

At the racetrack a man couldn't believe what he saw. There, in one of the stalls, a priest appeared to be blessing a horse before a race. Curious, the man paid special attention to the horse and was astounded when he discovered the horse came in first. After the race, the man noticed the priest doing the same thing again to another horse...and once again, the horse came in first.

The man hurried to his bank and quickly emptied his savings account and then rushed back to the track. When he found the priest in the stall with another horse, he quickly placed all his money on that horse—and then eagerly waited for the race to begin. To his dismay, this horse didn't come in first, second, or third... in fact, the horse didn't even finish the race.

When the man questioned the priest about what happened, the priest shook his head. “That is the trouble with you youngsters,” the priest said. “You can't tell the difference between a blessing and last rites!!!!”

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.

The blueprint for our mission, the way in which we put our Christian faith into action, is found first of all in the Word of God: the Gospel and the other readings through which God speaks to us in the Liturgy of the Word. It is the role of the homily to help us to apply God's Word to the circumstances of our daily lives and the world in which we live. Christian social teachings found in the exhortations of Popes and Bishops and detailed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church offer applications beyond the confines of our daily existence. Knowledge alone, however, is not sufficient. Attentive listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to the voice of conscience, fortified by the graces of the Eucharist and by personal prayer help us to choose the right path. Above all, we need to have faith in the power of the Eucharist. In the celebration of the Eucharist God challenges us; through the Eucharist God also gives us the light, courage and strength to carry on his work in the world.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“The kingdom of God is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Mt 13:44-52

What treasure would we go sell all of our possessions to buy? It would seem that such a treasure would have to be more valuable than all of our current possessions. Consider Bill Gates and Warren Buffet. What treasure could possibly be worth more than their billions of dollars? It is something we all want. It is something we all can have. It is something that will last forever. It is eternal life in an intimate relationship with the Almighty and Eternal God who created us. That is the Greatest Treasure. Jesus has already secured it for us. We must be careful not to lose it. We must be aware that everything we have comes from and belongs to God. He wants us to use it for our own benefit and enjoyment, but not get so attached to anything that we cannot let it go or use it for others. Bill Gates and Warren Buffet both give a major portion of their wealth to provide food, education, housing, clothing and health care for millions of people in need. Do you think they might want the Greatest Treasure? Do we want the Greatest Treasure?

July 10th, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$24,358	\$23,558	\$21,812	\$21,812

2011 Barbecue Schedule

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

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Mary Ruth Wathen and her family on the death of Sister—In—Law Mildred Pauline Howard. 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, 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 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, 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.**

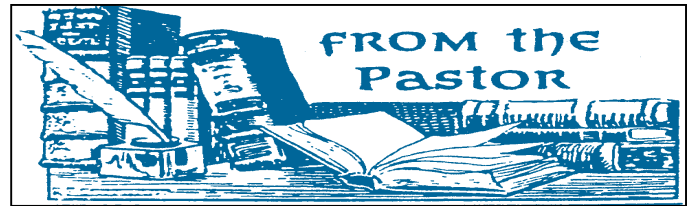
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of
Russell & Virginia Corley)

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



Annual Rural Life Celebration

**“A Heritage of Service
to a Hungry World”**

Sunday, August 7th at
5:00 pm

At the Owensboro Sportscenter

Come enjoy an ecumenical celebration of rural life and the family farm in the air-conditioned comfort of the Owensboro Sportscenter. Meal will be provided followed by a program and a presentation of the annual Lifetime Achievement Award to Billy Joe Miles.

Contact Richard Murphy at the Pastoral Center at 683-1545 for more information. Sponsored by the Rural Life Committee of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro Kentucky.

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

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

Tues. Mass 6:00 PM

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

Readings for the Week

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Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39;
Mt 14:13-21

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

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