



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

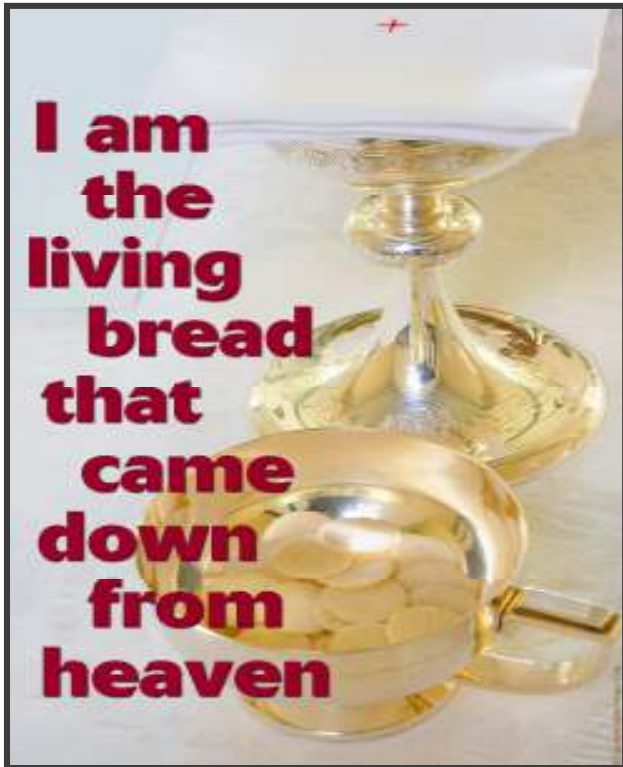
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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 4th
6:30 AM Lucy Goetz (dec)
- Tuesday,** July 5th
6:00 PM Steve Onstott (b-day)
- Wednesday,** July 6th
6:30 AM Charles & Joan Colling (Annv)
- Thursday,** July 7th
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon Church / Hurm Family
- Friday,** July 8th
Noon Vicki Hayden (b-day)
- Saturday** July 9th
4:00 PM Simmon, Haddad, Meredith
Family
- Sunday,** July 10th
7:00 AM Lucy Goetz (dec)
10:00 AM Richard Weafer (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Liturgical Ministers for July 9th & 10th

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Maggie O'Bryan, Joe O'Bryan, Jeff Williams, Sandra Henry, Cecelia Hamilton, Karen Dueker, Bonnie Snyder, Jeanie Best, Lahoma Stinnett

SUNDAY 7 AM Randy Lee, Angie Lee, Charlene Baumgarten, Darlene Kazlauskas, Dennis Sandefur, Don Cecil

SUNDAY 10 AM Richard Whitehouse, Lindsey Whitehouse, Lori Whitehouse, Christopher Hayden, Stephanie Hayden, John Calhoun, Raymunda Calhoun, Mark Church, Carol Goedde

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Leesa Moman, Bobby Bastin, Phyllis Bastin, Bev Payne, Sandra Thomas, Dan Thomas

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Rose Clark
 Sun 7:00 AM Charlie Castlen
 Sun 10:00 AM Troy Halem
 Sun 5:30 PM Rick Moman

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Giovanni Digirolamo, Nicholas Jackson
 Sun 7:00 AM Brittany Estes, Collin Higgins
 Sun 10:00 AM JT, Hayden, Caroline Hayden
 Sun 5:30 PM Kevin Thompson, Tricia Thompson

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM David Lyons
 Sun 7:00 AM Jeff Hofer
 Sun 10:00 AM Troy Halem
 Sun 5:30 PM Debbie Addington

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Kelly Trogden, Kara Trogden (Asst)
 K-3rd Grade Natalie Hayden, Lauren Zambrano (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Charlie Kase, Shirley Kent, Jarrod Malone

Hillcrest: Rose Clark, Joan Frey

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

Why are the sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony referred to as "sacraments at the service of communion"?

Holy Orders is a sacrament at the service of communion because through it a man is empowered to be a ministerial priest, who's duty is to reconcile man with God and bring about communion via the celebration of the sacraments. The grace that we receive in the sacraments strengthens our communion with the Lord and the bonds that exist between the members of the Body of Christ.

Matrimony is a sacrament at the service of communion because in this sacrament a man and a woman enter into a profound communion with each other and they dedicate the rest of their lives to ensuring the communion of their spouse and their children with the Lord.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has this to say:

1534 Two other sacraments, Holy Orders and Matrimony, are directed towards the salvation of others; if they contribute as well to personal salvation, it is through service to others that they do so. They confer a particular mission in the Church and serve to build up the People of God.

Why did Jesus perform miracles?

Jesus performed miracles in order to prove that He was the Son of God and to confirm and validate His message. Once the people saw that he was capable of performing extraordinary acts that defy the laws of nature, then they came to see that Jesus was no typical man.

As Jesus said, "But the testimony which I have is greater than that of John [the baptist]; for the works which the Father has granted me to accomplish, these very works which I am doing, bear me witness that the Father has sent me" (Jn 5:36).

When did Catholics begin to celebrate Pentecost?

Pentecost is one of the most ancient feast days of the Church because it was a continuation of the Jewish feast of Pentecost. It makes perfect sense that Christians from the earliest times would celebrate the day when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and provided for the Church's initial flourishing.

Tertullian, an early Church Father from the second century, mentions Pentecost in his letter *On Baptism*. This is probably the earliest reference. A document from the fourth century called *The Apostolic Constitutions* mentions Pentecost as well.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

**World Youth Day Celebration @ Gasper River:
August 20-21st. Incoming Freshman and
older... cost is \$30. Contact Christina**

**IMMEDIATELY if interested!!
MISSION HOMEFRONT IS BEING MOVED TO
JULY DUE TO SCHEDULE CONFLICTS
WITH OUR YOUTH...watch your mail for
details.**

**Junior and Seniors...TEC (Teens Encounter
Christ) weekened July 28-30. Contact
Christina for more info!**

**For information on attending a Camp at
Gasper River this summer, check out the
website:**

www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org.

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!!**

July 4th Mass 9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Liz Francis, Rose Clark, Fran Watrous, Ethel Watrous, Lahoma Stinnett, Nancy Dunn, Joan Collins

Server: Harper Dotsey, David Dotsey

Reader: Sr. Marie Joseph

Gifts: Ruth Schrecker

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).

Fr. Matthew Hardesty, son of Jan and Perry Hardesty of our parish, will celebrate his first Mass in the Owensboro area on **July 10 at 10 AM here at Blessed Mother**. A welcoming brunch will follow in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to come and show your appreciation.

Laugh for the Week

“Beautiful Morning”

Nick woke up Sunday Morning and, realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful day decided the golf course was calling his name. So he told Rebecca that he was feeling sick and convinced her to take the kids to church so he could rest. As soon as they left, he jumped out of bed and headed to the course.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, everyone else was in church. About this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, “You’re not going to let him get away with this are You?” The Lord sighed, and said, “No I won’t”

Just then Nick hit the ball and it went straight toward the pin, dropping just short. Then the ball rolled up and fell into the hole, a 420-yard hole-in-one!! St. Peter was astonished.

He looked at the Lord and asked, “What was that all about? I thought, You said You wouldn’t let him get away with this!”

The Lord smiled and replied, “Who is he going to tell?!!!!”

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 Concluding Rite of the Mass consists of the greeting (“The Lord be with You” “And with your spirit”), the priest’s blessing (“May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit”) and the dismissal. In the current Roman Missal, the dismissal may take one of three forms. The deacon or the priest may say: “Go in the peace of Christ,” or “The Mass is ended, go in peace,” or “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” The newly revised Roman Missal (which we begin using later this year) will provide four options for the dismissal. The priest or deacon may say: “Go forth, the Mass is ended,” or “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord,” or “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life,” or “Go in peace.” Our response remains: “Thanks be to God.” The Holy Father himself added the last three options in an effort to remind us that our work is just beginning when we leave the celebration of the Eucharist. We are being given a mission to carry the Gospel with us and to be bearers of Christ to the world.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
“The bread I will give you is my flesh for the life of the world.” John 6:51

These were very disturbing words for the Jews, who asked, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Before we judge them too harshly, we should remember that we have the witness of two thousand years of Christians who had great devotion and sacrificed much, often their lives, for their faith in the Real Presence of Jesus. For the Jews listening to Jesus this was a strange concept that produced grotesque images. Today, many Jews, non-Catholic Christians, and non-Christians no longer question our belief in Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Some wish to share in our Communion. They appreciate the privilege we have of receiving Christ in His Body and in His Blood, so that we may be strengthened to be His Body and Blood for others in our world. Do we truly appreciate that privilege and are we good stewards of the Body and Blood of Jesus that we receive?

June 19, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$23,308	\$21,426	\$23,618	\$23,773

Billboards for Life
\$3,612.62
Thank You!!!

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 Sharon Bell and her family on the death of her father William Mattingly. May he 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, William Hinton, Janice Hobbs, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Kru-sick, Bob Lawrence, 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, 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, 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.**

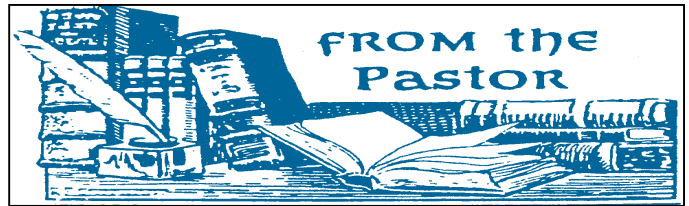
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of
Russell & Virginia Corley)

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



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we are in the year of Matthew and will be hearing from that Gospel now for awhile. And the beautiful words of Jesus to find rest in Him is comforting. We all need to be able to rest in the Lord from time to time.

In August we will pick new parish council members. A candidate has to be in good standing with the Church; if married, married in the Church if single, living the faithful Christian life. Please call the office if you would like to be considered or if you have a suggestion of someone to be considered.

Power Week has come and gone. We are grateful to God for the shower of blessings He bestowed on all the campers and staff. I am writing this before the fact so I am standing on faith that God has moved in power. Thanks to all of you that support this effort with your prayers and donations.

Next week we welcome Fr. Matthew Hardesty who will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving with us at the 10am Mass. He is the twin brother of Nick our DRE; the son of Perry and Jan Hardesty. There will be a reception for father after the Mass in the hall. Come and visit. There will be a basket for cards and well wishes as well.

Mass on Monday the 4th of July – 9am.

I will be away for two weeks in July during the Rome trip. Fr. Phil Riney will be here those two weekends.

“HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4th OF JULY”



Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

Mon. Mass 9:00 AM
4th of July Office Closed
NO 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

July 3, 2011 through July 10, 2011

Sunday	Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14 Rom 8:9,11-13 Mt 11:25-30
Monday	Gn 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-4,14-15 Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Gn 32:23-33 Ps 17:1-3,6-8,15 Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a Ps 33:2-3,10-11,18-19 Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5 Ps 105:16-21 Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Gn 46:1-7,28-30 Ps 37:3-4,18-19, 27-28,39-40 Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a Ps 105:1-4,6-7 Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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 Pre-Registration Going on Now!

The Owensboro Catholic Schools pre-registration is currently being held for the 2011-2012 school year. If you are interested in pre-registering please visit any OCS school site, contact the OCS office at 686-8896 or online at www.owensborocatholic.org/admissions

OCHS Class of 2011 - Top 10

- o Regina Marie Powers—Co-Valedictorian (St. Stephen)
- o Sabrina Elizabeth Storm-Co-Valedictorian (St. Pius)
- o Charles Allen Kauffeld-Salutatorian (Blessed Mother)
- o Lindsey Katherine Whitehouse (Blessed Mother)
- o Alexander Thompson Dotsey (Blessed Mother)
- o Samuel Michael Thompson (Blessed Mother)
- o Ann-Claude Noelle Rakotoniaina (St Stephen)
- o Nolan Ray Miller (St. Augustine)
- o Matthew Garst Jacobs (Precious Blood)
- o Michael Joseph Bowlds (Lourdes)
- o Joshua Anthony Hayden (Immaculate)

PRINCIPAL POSITION Trinity High School in Whitesville, KY is now accepting applications for the position of Principal. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic. Master's Degree or higher, as well as Principal's Certification, is preferred. The new principal will assume the position at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. Salary and benefits based on diocesan guidelines. To submit an application, contact the office of the Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools, 600 Locust St. Owensboro KY, 42301, phone (270) 683-1545.

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