



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 _____



“Receive the Holy Spirit”

Intention for the Week

- Monday, June 13th**
6:30 AM Carol Hultz (dec)
- Tuesday, June 14th**
6:00 PM Mildred W. Bittel (dec)
- Wednesday, June 15th**
6:30 AM Lucio/Ruth B. Nunez (Annv)
- Thursday, June 16th**
9:00 AM NO School Mass
Noon Robert Hurm (dec)
- Friday, June 17th**
Noon Bill & Joy Bach (50th Annv)
- Saturday, June 18th**
4:00 PM Richard Weafer (dec, b-day)
- Sunday, June 19th**
7:00 AM Barbara Thompson (dec)
10:00 AM Lawrence Quinn (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Liturgical Ministers for June 18th & 19th

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Maggie O'Bryan, Joe O'Bryan, Lannie Pearl, Jeff Williams, Sandra Henry, Cecelia Hamilton, Joyce Pearl, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early

SUNDAY 7 AM Charlene Baumgarten, Darlene Kazlauskas, Angie Lee, Randy Lee, Bill Bach, Joy Bach

SUNDAY 10 AM Darryl Murphy, Carol Murphy, Tony Powers, Elaine Williams, Jim Hagan, Sabrina Johnson, Scott Johnson, Jenny Glaser, Nancy Dunn

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lisa Carmon, Janice Bumm, Sam Lilly, Jessica Carmon, Martha Estes, Carlton Goodman

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Fran Watrous
 Sun 7:00 AM Dennis Sandefur
 Sun 10:00 AM Ann Blanford
 Sun 5:30 PM Lindsey Whitehouse

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Matthew Johnson, Lauren Williams
 Sun 7:00 AM Collin Higgins, Brendan Higgins
 Sun 10:00 AM Kevin Ralph, Chase Trogden
 Sun 5:30 PM Emily Linn, Mason Robertson

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Don Mattingly
 Sun 7:00 AM Shelby Thomson
 Sun 10:00 AM David Ralph
 Sun 5:30 PM Valerie Thompson

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Kelly Trogden, Molly Aud (Asst)
 K-3rd Grade Diane Fulkerson, Stephanie Wall (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Jim Hodskins, Lynn Hofer, Tim Honadle

Hillcrest: Shari Newton, Sandra Henry

Ministers of Hospitality for June

4:00 PM Steve Haynes, Ken Terry
 Jolene White, Jordan White

7:00 AM Randy Lee, Angela Lee
 Jack Murphy, Nancy Murphy

10:00 AM Steve Frey, Eddie Jackson
 John Hayden, Christopher Hayden

5:30 PM Gary Smith, Garrett Smith
 Landon Smith, Michael Bastin

Catholic Q & A

What is Pentecost?

Most people only know Pentecost as a Christian holiday, one that commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit fell on the apostles and disciples of Christ as they gathered in the Upper Room after the Ascension. While the apostles and disciples remained in Jerusalem out of obedience to Christ (cf. Acts 1:4-5), Scripture tells us that Jews from many different nations were also present in Jerusalem (cf. Acts 2:5, 9-11). **They** were present for a different reason: The Jewish Feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost is originally a Jewish holiday. Along with Passover and Tabernacles, it is one of the three Great Feasts of the Jewish calendar. The word "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word which means "fiftieth." The feast takes this name because it occurs **fifty days** after the Feast of Passover.

To the Jewish people, Pentecost has historical and agricultural significance. Historically, Pentecost commemorates the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Since God accommodated his Law to an agricultural people, it enjoins upon the Jews various grain offerings. So, agriculturally, Pentecost also commemorates the time when the first fruits of the wheat harvest were harvested and brought to the temple in the form of two cakes of leavened bread (cf. Lev 23:17).

As Christians, we may wonder what significance there is to the fact that Jesus decided to pour out His Holy Spirit upon the Church on this particular Jewish Feast. I think there are many instances in which the Christian celebration of Pentecost proves to be a sort of fulfillment of the Jewish Feast.

The Jewish Feast celebrates the beginning of the wheat harvest by offering the first of the harvested wheat to the Lord. In the Christian Feast, we celebrate the beginning of the Christian Church, when Jesus harvested 3000 souls who were cut to the heart by Peter's teaching and were baptized. Jesus Christ Himself is the first fruit ("of those who have fallen asleep," cf. 1 Cor 15:20), and we too are a kind of first fruits by the grace He has given us (cf. Jas 1:18). Finally, the Spirit that the Church received on that day guides us into all truth and knowledge of God's Will in a way that far surpasses what was given in the Torah.

So, in many ways, the Jewish feast of Pentecost was the perfect day to set in motion the Church that God had in mind from the very beginning.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

MISSION HOMEFRONT IS BEING MOVED TO JULY DUE TO SCHEDULE CONFLICTS WITH OUR YOUTH...watch your mail for details.

If you are interested in attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis this November, contact Christina THIS WEEK!!

Junior and Seniors...TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekend 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!!

The Social Justice Committee has a quote from Pope Benedict about Ecumenical Commitment: In his first Mass with the College of Cardinals Pope Benedict said, "The current Successor of Peter assumes as his primary commitment that of working tirelessly towards the reconstitution of the full and visible unity of all Christ's followers." The Social Justice Committee meets every 3rd Tuesday. We welcome NEW members.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

St. Pius X Catholic Church 1st Annual Cornhole Tournament on Friday evening, June 10th. Doors open at 5 pm with tournament starting at 6:30, with food and beverages, including beer, being served. Sign up by June 1st for \$30 per team. After June 1st cost will be \$50 per team. Will pay off five (5) places, with 1st place prize being \$1000 in cash. Contact Gary Estes at 270-314-4419 for more details.

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).

Keep an eye on the bulletin for registration dates and further information!

Laugh for the Week

“Brain Prices”

In the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting room, where a family member lay gravely ill. Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and somber.

“I’m afraid I’m the bearer of bad news,” He said as he surveyed the worried faces. “The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant.

It’s an experimental procedure, very risky, but it is the only hope. Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the BRAIN.

The family members sat silent as they absorbed the news. After a time, someone asked, “How much will a brain cost?”

The doctor quickly responded, “\$5,000 for a female brain; \$200 for a male brain.”

The moment turned awkward. Some of the women actually had to try not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the men.

A woman unable to control her curiosity, finally blurted out the question every one wanted to ask, “Why is the female brain so much more than the male brain?”

The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and explained to the entire group, “It’s just standard pricing procedure. We have to price the male brains a lot lower because they’ve been used.”

New Roman Missal

On Sunday, November 27 of this year, Catholics in the United States will begin worshipping with the newly-translated texts of the third edition of the Roman Missal.

A sign of peace is mentioned in the oldest writings of the New Testament and is found in the Eucharistic liturgy from the earliest days of the Church (see Rom. 16:16). In earlier times, it took the form of a ritual kiss. The exchange of peace before the reception of Holy Communion acknowledges that Christ whom we receive in the sacrament is already present in our neighbor. In the exchange of peace, all present acknowledge that most important Gospel truth that we are most in communion with God when we are in communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The rite of peace is not just an expression of good will; it is an opening of ourselves to a challenge and a gift from beyond ourselves. It is a gesture expressing the belief that we are members, one with another, in the body of Christ.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Pentecost Sunday

“Let anyone who thirst come to me and drink” John 7:37-39

Jesus taught the truth by creating images that people of his day could easily comprehend. He did not engage people in deep theological discussions. It is doubtful that many of the people who listened to Jesus could read and write. It is not certain that Jesus could read and write. He communicated faith and moved people to action by the simplicity of his message rooted in images, and by the consistency between what he said and what he did. Jesus frequently used the image of *water* to communicate many truths. In the time of Jesus, as it is today, *water* was a precious commodity for drinking, cooking, cleaning and making crops grow. In the same way that water sustains our bodies, listening to and imitating Jesus sustains our souls. Picture this image: Jesus standing before us saying to us, “Let anyone who thirst come to me and drink.” Do we really thirst for what Jesus has to offer to us? How will we respond?

June 5, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$29,623	\$21,426	\$29,623	\$24,014

2011 Barbecue Schedule

June 4th	Precious Blood
June 11th	St. Pius X
June 18th	Our Lady of Lourdes
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

**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, Clifton Clark, Dennis Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Alice Cole, Jake Conder, Jeff Connor, Don Cooper, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Mickie Crump, Leoma Daly, Phillip 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, 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 Krusick, 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, Laura 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, 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, 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.**

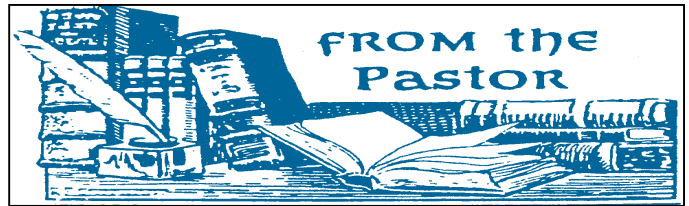
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of
Russell & Virginia Corley)

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 Feast of Pentecost. The promised gift of the Spirit comes to us in great ways with many gifts. May the Spirit continue to enliven us with the power to witness to Jesus' love for us.

Our newcomers brunch was a great success. Special thanks to Phyllis Bastin and the Welcoming Committee on the wonderful meal.

The parish has purchased Fr. Reisz's house. There are no specific plans for it at this time. If you would like particulars about the sale please call the office.

Finance meeting Tuesday evening at 6:30 and Parish council meeting Wednesday evening at 6:30.

Power Week is just around the corner, June 27th – July 1st. There is still room if you know a child from the 6th to 8th grades. Contact the office. Also there is always a few children that need scholarship help if you would like to support a kid for camp let us know.

From Death to New Life 

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Carolyn Morton. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

We pray for the repose of the soul of Martha Helen Clements Payne. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Brenda Clark and her family on the death of her husband "Bud". May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

St. Benedict's homeless Shelter is seeking a part-time Director for the shelter. A job description is available upon request at : coordinatorofstaff@pastoral.org or can be picked up at : 600 Locust Street. Resumes may be mailed or emailed to the Locust Street

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

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

**Tues. Mass 6:00 PM
Finance Committee Mtg 6:30PM**

**Wed. Mass 6:30 AM
Parish Council Mtg 6:30PM**

**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
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Hall**

Readings for the Week

June 12, 2011 through June 19, 2011

Sunday Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34
1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23

Monday 2 Cor 6:1-10 Ps 98:1-4 Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday 2 Cor 8:1-9 Ps 146:2,5-9a
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday 2 Cor 9:6-11 Ps 112:1-4,9
Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday 2 Cor 11:1-11 Ps 111:1-4,7-8
Mt 6:7-15

Friday 2 Cor 11:18,21-30 Ps 34:2-7
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday 2 Cor 12:1-10 Ps 34:8-13
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday Ex 34:4b-6,8-9 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56
2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

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

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Date: Thursday June 30th

Time: 5:30PM—7:00 PM

**Location: O.M.S. South/5-6 Center
(Corner of Scherm and S. Griffith)**

"New Trends in Drug Use"

Happy Anniversary June 10th

Blessed Mother Parish would like to thank Fr. John for his service and leadership these past 3 years. You are a true gift of God!

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