



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

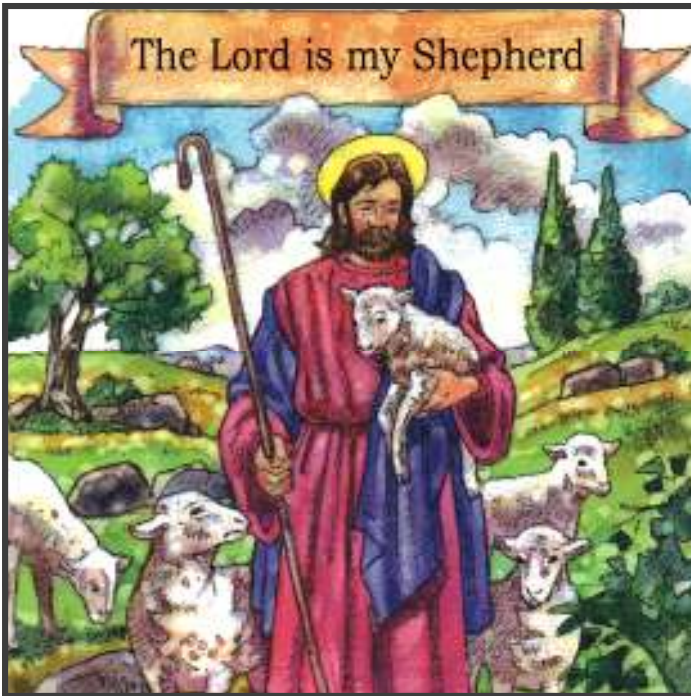
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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 _____



"I am the gate"

Intention for the Week

- Monday, 6:30 AM** **May 16th**
Patrick Glenn (dec)
- Tuesday, 6:00 PM** **May 17th**
Lucien Boteler
- Wednesday, 6:30 AM** **May 18th**
Randall Boteler
- Thursday, 9:00 AM** **May 19th**
School Mass
Noon **Herman Simmons (dec, b-day)**
- Friday, Noon** **May 20th**
Mary Cecilia Hagan Brey (dec)
- Saturday 4:00 PM** **May 21st**
Lucille Vowels / Edith Johnson
- Sunday, 7:00 AM** **May 22nd**
Matt Settles (dec, b-day)
10:00 AM **Gertrude Nalley (dec)**
5:30 PM **Blessed Mother Parish**

Liturgical Ministers for May 21st & May 22nd

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Lahoma Stinnett, Shirley Kent, Janet Ruth, Liz Francis, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Joyce Pearl, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early

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

SUNDAY 10 AM Chris Ford, Kerry Riney, Debbie Riney, Jerry Millay, Brenda Millay, Lori Whitehouse, Richard Whitehouse, Russ Hayden, Katie Hayden

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Stephanie Hayden, Christopher Hayden, Sam Lilly, Martha Estes, Janice Bumm, Jessica Carmon

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Norm Hayden
Sun 7:00 AM	Barry Hagan
Sun 10:00 AM	Darryl Murphy
Sun 5:30 PM	Renee Howard

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Matthew Johnson, Emma Goetz
Sun 7:00 AM	David Dotsey, Harper Dotsey
Sun 10:00 AM	Hannah Trogden, Kyle Alvey
Sun 5:30 PM	Caleb Buckman, Logan Buckman

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Mike Hays
Sun 7:00 AM	Steve Gillim
Sun 10:00 AM	Richard Hayden
Sun 5:30 PM	Carl Goodman

Children's Liturgy

Preschool	Pauline Wigginton, Alex Lynn (Asst)
K-3rd Grade	Jennifer Hayden, Caroline Hayden (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Carlton Goodman, David Graham, Steve Hagan

Hillcrest: Susan & Pat Hale, James Gerald

Ministers of Hospitality for May

4:00 PM	Jackie Russell, William Shelton Keith Best, Tony Fiorella
7:00 AM	Clarence Elder, Tom Foster Ed Hoskins, Joe Higdon
10:00 AM	Paul Trogden, Chase Trogden Steve Wall, Mike Wolford
5:30 PM	Peter Linn, Jacob Linn, Josh Linn, Matt Howard

Catholic Q & A

What is the teaching of the Council of Ephesus?

The Council of Ephesus, which took place in 431 AD, is known for three things:

— It defined the true personal unity of Christ. In other words, He is not the mixture of a human person and a divine person. He is one person, the Son of the Blessed Trinity, who has united within Himself the divine and human nature.

— It declared Mary the Mother of God. The Greek word that the Fathers of the Council used was *theotokos*, which literally means, "God-bearer."

— It renewed the condemnation of Pelagius, who taught a works-based salvation. If anyone tells you that Catholics believe in salvation by works, tell them that we condemned that heresy almost 1600 years ago!

How would someone start the process for canonization for a deceased person?

After the person in question has been deceased for at least 5 years, then a request can be made to his or her bishop to begin an investigation of the person's life to discern if he or she is a worthy candidate for canonization.

If a Catholic goes to Confession and then dies as he walks out of the confessional, will he go straight to heaven? What is the difference between temporal punishment and other types of punishment?

That person would go to heaven, but "right away" we cannot say. He may have to experience Purgatory first, if he has not adequately atoned for the temporal punishment that is due to his sin. This leads to your second question.

"Temporal punishment" is the effect that one's sin causes *in this life* to oneself and to the Body of Christ and the world. When one sins, he must ask the Lord for forgiveness, but he must also rectify the harm that his sin has caused to others. This is the purpose of the penance that one receives from the priest when he goes to Confession. Penance rectifies that harm, heals the wound that one's sin inflicts upon the Body.

If one has not healed all the wounds that his sin has caused, then this remains as a sort of blotch on his soul when he stands before the Lord to receive His Judgment. Purgatory is God purging that blotch away, refining souls through the fiery furnace of His love.

Other things cause "blotches" too, specifically attachment to sin and any venial sins of which we have not sought out the Lord's forgiveness.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

May 15th: Nooma Night!!

May 22nd: Last Meeting...Food and Kick-ball!!

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!!

May 15th: Ken and Kathy Rasp, Karon Greenwell

May 22nd: PIZZA!! No Team Needed!!

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.

Card of Thanks

Blessed Mother Parish would like to thank the family of Helen McCarty for the purchase of the new Incense Censer. It was purchased and donated by the family in honor of Helen for her 75th birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY HELEN!!!

Blood Drive

Blessed Mother Parish will be hosting a blood drive May 18th In the parish hall from 1pm to 6pm. Please plan to donate, you may save a life.

Carmel Home's Annual Picnic

2501 Old Hartford Road
Owensboro Ky

May 21st

Bar-B-Que Chicken, Country Store,
Raffles and more...

Serving begins at 11:00 AM

Laugh for the Week

Shampoo Alert!

As I was in the shower this morning, I took time to read the label on my shampoo bottle. I am in shock! The shampoo I use in the shower - that runs down my entire body - says "for extra volume and body"!

Seriously, why have I not noticed this before? Now I understand that I am not fat, I am full bodied!

Tomorrow I am going to start using Dawn dish soap in the shower. It says right on the label "dissolves fat that is otherwise difficult to remove."

It pays to read the warning labels, my friends!

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.

From the fourth century on, the Eucharistic Prayer, along with the whole Mass, was prayed in Latin – the vernacular language for many in the Holy Roman Empire. Over time, however, as places of worship grew larger and the language of the people evolved, much of what the celebrant prayed in Latin with his back to the people was not heard by the congregation, much less understood. The role of the assembly became increasingly passive. Because of their passive role during the Eucharistic Prayer, people often prayed private devotions, stopping only for what they felt was the most important moment in the Eucharistic Prayer – indeed in the entire liturgy – the moment of consecration. Most believed that this moment was accomplished solely by the priest uttering, in Latin, the words “This is my body” and “This is my blood” while elevating the consecrated Host and wine. People came to believe that Jesus’ words “Do this in memory of me” were referring to something the priest alone was to accomplish through his power to consecrate. However, Jesus’ words are addressed to all who are gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. Although the priest alone prays aloud the words of the Eucharistic Prayer, he is praying the words on behalf of, and in union with, all of those gathered. The priest shares the Eucharistic Prayer with the community of believers who are worshipping together with him.

Religious Education Calendar For May

May 15th Class (except for 2nd graders)
May 22nd Last Class

NOTE: LAST CLASS MAY 22nd NOT MAY 29th
Any questions contact Nick.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Fourth Sunday of Easter “I came so that you might have life, and have it more abundantly.”

John 10:1-10

The care of sheep in the Holy Land and elsewhere has not changed in thousands of years. Wherever you see a sheep you see a shepherd. Sheep have no natural defenses against predators, and might even die if not lead to food and water. Sheep know the voice of their shepherds and shy from strangers. When possible, sheep are kept in a pen with a gate. Jesus compares Himself to a shepherd, and in today’s Gospel, to the gate. We are compared to the sheep, which is not very flattering. But it is the relationship of shepherd and sheep, and the function of the gate, that is important. Jesus, as true God and true man, is the source of all that we are, and have, and will be. He is our provider, protector and savior. It is our responsibility to know His voice and to respond with gratitude expressed in generosity to others. We *pass through* Jesus to a more abundant life by imitating Him and by loving one another as He loved us.

May 8, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$23,189	\$21,426	\$24,094	\$23,357

Yard Sale

The Sisters of the Lamb of God are seeking items for a yard sale to benefit their mission in Mexico to be held in August. If you are spring cleaning and would like to get rid of some things that could be used for a yard sale, please bring them by the house at 2063 Wyandotte or call the sisters at 926-8656 and they will arrange to pick them up. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

From Death to New Life

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Pat Goetz and her family on the death of her mother Lucy Young Crowe. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

**Remember in prayer those
sick in our community:**

Camillia Baker, Frances Ballard, Harry Baumgarten, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Briggin, 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, Philip 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, Martha Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Phil Hayden, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, William Hinton, Janice Hobbs, Jennifer Howard and baby, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kaufeld, 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, Gertrude Nalley, 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, 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, Ray 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, Denny 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.**

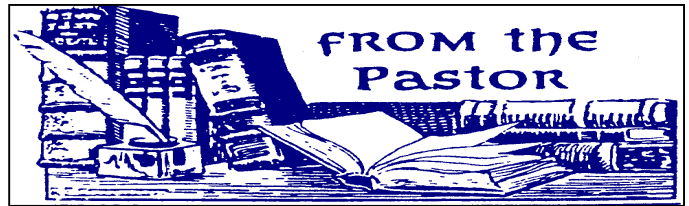
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

Afghanistan

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark
PVT Benjamin Sexton (grandson Margie Ashworth)

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter. It is unofficially Good Shepherd Sunday. We hear different versions of the Good Shepherd each year on the fourth Sunday. Jesus comes that we may have abundant life. He leads all those who follow to that new life.

We thank Tina Visconti for honoring us by crowning our Mary statue this past Saturday. May Mary continue to pray for our parish named after her.

We pray for our 34 First Communion candidates as they experience their big day. First Communion is this afternoon at 2pm. All are invited. May Jesus in the Eucharist always be their source of Life.

The Social Justice committee is planning a blood drive this coming Wednesday. More information elsewhere in this bulletin.

Parish council meeting Wednesday evening at 6:30pm parish library.

This past Monday was an appreciation dinner for all DREs and youth ministers in the diocese. We want to thank our DRE and Christina our youth minister to know they are deeply appreciated.

The BBQ Festival is here. We pray for all those helping get ready for this big day. We always have a great representation and a lot of dedicated workers.

VOCATIONS

Today, we celebrate the 48th World Day of Prayer for VOCATIONS. The Church around the world invites you to pray for those you might know who are discerning, or people you think God may be calling to a religious vocation or priesthood and would benefit from your prayers. As Pope Benedict XVI said in his message for today, "It is important to encourage and support those who show clear signs of a call to priestly life and religious consecration, and to enable them to feel the warmth of the whole community as they respond 'yes' to God and His Church."

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

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

Tues. Mass 6:00 PM

**Wed. Mass 6:30 AM
Blood Drive Parish Hall 1PM—6PM
Parish Council Mtg 6:30PM**

**Thurs. 9:00 AM School Mass
Mass 12:00 Noon**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 12 Noon**

**Sat. Ordination Ryan Harpole 10:00 AM
NO Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM
Mass 4:00 PM**

**Sun. 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

May 15, 2011 through May 22, 2011

Sunday Acts 2:14a,36-41 Ps 23:1-6
1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

Monday Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3,21-22,
25,27 Jn 13:16-20

Friday Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

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

Support the Aces

Members of the OCHS Band will be playing for the 10:00 and 5:30 Masses Sunday May 15. They will gladly accept donations!!

Billboards for Life

There will be a second collection May 21 & 22 for this project. Many hearts have been moved, lives saved, mothers spared, and serious sins avoided as a result of this Catholic Pro-Life effort. Please be generous so that many more of these billboards may be seen locally.

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