



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 _____



“ Jesus I Trust in You”

Intention for the Week

- Monday, May 2nd**
6:30 AM **Denny & Thelma Clark**
- Tuesday, May 3rd**
6:00 PM **Joanne Knott**
- Wednesday, May 4th**
6:30 AM **Helen Bellwood (dec)**
- Thursday, May 5th**
9:00 AM **School Mass**
Noon **Lauren Girten (dec)**
- Friday, May 6th**
Noon **Cathy Graham (b-day)**
- Saturday May 7th**
4:00 PM **Blessed Mother Parish**
- Sunday, May 8th (Mothers Day)**
7:00 AM **Lucille Goetz (dec)**
10:00 AM **Dorothy Clem (dec)**
5:30 PM **Bill & Janet Schartung (dec)**

Liturgical Ministers for May 7th & May 8th

Eucharistic Ministers

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

SUNDAY 7 AM Don Cecil, Charlene Baumgarten, Darlene Kazlauskas, Brenda Hagan, Bill Bach, Joy Bach

SUNDAY 10 AM Denny Mann, Kim Barnett, Nancy Dunn, Fran Watrous, Ethel Watrous, Eric Vaughn, Darryl Murphy, Carol Murphy, Ed Higdon

SUNDAY 5:30 PM David McBride, Liza Brown, Katie Brown, Bev Payne, Michele Linn, Pete Linn

Readers

- Sat 4:00 PM** Rose Clark
- Sun 7:00 AM** Bill Bach
- Sun 10:00 AM** LaNell Lilly
- Sun 5:30 PM** Lindsey Whitehouse

Servers

- Sat 4:00 PM** Hannah Trogden, Billy Cason
- Sun 7:00 AM** Tricia Thompson, Kevin Thompson
- Sun 10:00 AM** Samuel Hyland, Zach Hardesty
- Sun 5:30 PM** Mason Robertson, Sara Brown

Families to Take Up Gifts

- Sat 4:00 PM** Kenneth Terry
- Sun 7:00 AM** Jane Settles
- Sun 10:00 AM** Paul Coomes
- Sun 5:30 PM** Chuck Brown

Children's Liturgy

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

Vocation Cross Family

Dennis Fulkerson, James Gerald, Muriel Gillim

Hillcrest: Diane Fulkerson, Carol Goedde

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 proof is there in the resurrection of Jesus?

First, the Christian claim is that Jesus of Nazareth, a Jewish prophet who claimed to be the Messiah, was arrested, condemned by Pontius Pilate, and crucified. He was placed in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, which was sealed with a large boulder and guarded by Roman soldiers. Three days later, some women who went to His tomb found the boulder removed and the body gone. In a span of 40 days, He appeared to over 500 people and then ascended into heaven. But, is it true?

With any historical event, you discover what happened by utilizing eyewitness accounts and the documents of those who collected such accounts. For the resurrection of Jesus, the New Testament is our primary source for such documentary evidence. There simply is not enough room here to defend the historical reliability of the New Testament, but trust me, we can be exceedingly confident in the purity of the New Testament as it has come down to us (despite the fact that we do not have the originals), and we can rest assured that it gives us an accurate reporting of what actually happened.

That said, we know that Jesus resurrected from the dead because: **1.)** all of the reliable historical evidence tells us that He did, and **2.)** There is no other explanation that better accounts for the facts of the matter. Of course, people have their theories, but they are easily refuted.

Some say that, in their great psychological distress, everyone who thought they saw the resurrected Lord was actually **hallucinating**. But, 500 people hallucinating the same thing? Not likely. You can't touch a hallucination either (like Thomas did), and last time I checked, hallucinations don't eat, nor do they last for 40 days.

Others say that once Jesus died, the apostles realized that He was actually a quack and so, to avoid embarrassment, they devised a **grand conspiracy** to fool everyone into believing that He was actually the Messiah. Also not likely. For one, these are simple people we're talking about here. The apostles did not have the brains to conceive of such a perfect scheme. Secondly, the conspiracy theory requires them to do things that would have been nearly impossible, such as rolling away the boulder, separating Jesus' body from the burial linens (which by then would have been securely glued to his skin), and then running away with the body all without the Roman guards seeing. There's also the fact that no one travels to far distant lands and then suffers a martyr's death for a **lie** — unless he is absolutely deranged!

The fact is that the tomb was empty, Jesus appeared to over 500 people during those 40 days, and the gospel message spread like wildfire because Jesus Christ had truly risen from the dead. Thanks be to God! Alleluia!!

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

May 1st: High School Seniors' Dinner!
Youth Group help serve...game time after.

May 8th: Mother's Day! No Youth Group!

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 1st: Bev Payne, Janice Greene, Laura Mattingly, Keith and Jeannie Best, Terri LaHugh

May 8th: Mother's Day, No Team Needed!

1st Friday Potluck
Friday May 6th after Noon Mass
Everyone Welcome!

Congratulations

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate again our neophytes on their entrance into full communion with the Catholic Church. They are: Hailey Blythe, John Mattingly, Dennis Phelps, Jamie Henry, Rachel Shoemaker, Melissa Simpson, and Lora Wellman. Our journey is not over yet, but it has certainly reached a high-point! I have no doubt that you all will be a source of great renewal for the Church as you bring to the Body your great love and zeal for Christ. Peace of Christ to you!

-- Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Ed

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
“Getting Saved”

A father asked his young son if he knew how a person gets saved.

“We’ll be saved by going to our church every Sunday,” the boy said without hesitation.

His father explained that just going to their church each week would not save them.

“Well, then,” the boy replied, “I suggest we find another church!!!”

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 Eucharistic Prayer is the “center and high point” of the entire celebration of the Mass. It offers praise, and it asks God to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. For many years in our history, this prayer was recited quietly by the priest alone. Now, the people are also expected to unite their hearts and minds with the priest as he offers the prayer aloud. The first part of this central prayer of the Mass is called the Preface. That term in this instance does not mean that it is a preliminary section like the preface of a book; rather, it comes from a Latin word that simply means a proclamation. In the preface we proclaim our praise of God, focusing on one or several aspects of God’s wondrous works on our behalf. The preface itself begins with a dialogue that we could probably recite in our sleep: The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise. In Advent of this year, those words will be changing slightly to the following: The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

Religious Education Calendar For May	
May 1st	Class
May 8th	No class (Mother’s Day)
May 15th	Class (except for 2nd graders)
May 22nd	Class
May 29th	Last Class

Forming Good Stewards
Sunday Collections

Divine Mercy Sunday

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” John 20:19-31

“On the evening of that first day of the week” Jesus appeared to his disciples who were in a room *behind locked doors*. He said, “Peace be with you” and breathed on them and gave them the power to forgive sins. He passed on to them the responsibility for his mission and message. Thomas was not with them and had some doubts. A week later they were still hiding *behind locked doors*, but now Thomas was with them. He saw Jesus and proclaims, “My Lord and my God.” Jesus knew that Thomas and the others believed because they had seen. He also knew others who had not seen him would come to believe. That is us. Fortunately, we have the faith of Thomas, the other disciples, and billions who have believed in Jesus over 2000+ years to support our faith in Jesus as our Risen Lord. What are we doing to deserve that faith? What are we doing to nurture our faith? What are we doing that will lead others to believe in Jesus because of our faith? What are we doing to carry on the mission and spread the Gospel of Jesus?

April 17, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$22,827	\$21,426	\$24,414	\$23,886

April 24, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$24,999	\$21,426	\$24,560	\$23,913

Important Dates for First Communion

May 14: Practice, 11:15 AM - 12 PM, Blessed Mother
Parent Meeting, 12 - 12:15 PM, Blessed Mother

May 15: First Eucharist Mass, 2 PM, Blessed Mother
 (arrive 20 min. early for group picture)

For more information about any of these events, contact Nicholas Hardesty, 683-8444, ext. 26.

ATTENTION ALL FORMER MEMBERS OF BLESSED MOTHER CHORISTERS:

If you were a member of Blessed Mother Choristers at any time in the past 10 years, please see Brett for an upcoming performance.

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

Camillia Baker, Frances Ballard, Herman Barr, Joey Barr, Harry Baumgarten, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Briggin, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Frances Car-rico, 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 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, 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, Deny 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.**

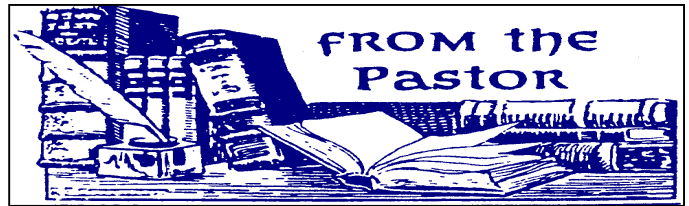
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

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 Second Sunday of Easter. We join doubting Thomas in expressing our faith in the Risen Lord. We believe without seeing. It is also Divine Mercy Sunday. We open our hearts to the mercy of Christ won for us at the cross.

We welcome our new members who joined us at the vigil. May their new life in faith and their becoming a part of our family in faith hold them strong the rest of their lives. Hopefully you can meet them and welcome them in the days ahead.

I want to thank all those who had any part in our Holy Week services. From the decorating to the music and the ministries, so many people gave of themselves and you will be blessed.

We welcome our bishop who will be visiting us this week on Tuesday. It is always a blessing for us when the bishop comes.

We pray for our Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed on Tuesday May 3rd at 6:30 pm. Our First Communion candidates will receive that great gift on May 15th.

We have decided to wait on the air conditioner replacement in the parish hall and instead try to purchase the house Fr. Reisz was living in next to the parish hall. We haven't decided yet what to do with the property. It is a pretty narrow strip of land. The different councils will be discussing it in the weeks ahead.

CONFIRMATION REMINDER:

**We will be having practice for
Confirmation on Monday, May 2nd
@ 6:30 pm. All candidates and
sponsors need to attend! Contact
Christina if you have any questions
or comments!**

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM

Mon. Mass 6:30 AM

Bunko, 1 PM

Confirmation Practice 6:30

Tues. Mass 6:00 PM

Confirmation 6:30 PM

Wed. Mass 6:30 AM

Thurs. 9:00 AM School Mass

(Grand Parents Day)

Mass 12:00 Noon

Fri. Eucharistic Adoration

Mass 12 Noon

First Friday Potluck

Sat. 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 1, 2011 through May 8, 2011

Sunday Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

Monday Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5

Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20

Jn 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19

Jn 6:16-21

Sunday Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11

1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

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 will be held for the 2011-2012 school year beginning on March 14. 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

Bar-B-Que Festival

May 14th

Same location as last year, Corner of Frederica and Main. **WORKERS NEEDED.**

Special Times:

10:00 AM Selling Sandwiches

1:00 PM Selling Burgoo by the cup and Packaging meat

4:00 PM Sales — Meat by the pound Burgoo by the gallon

**Contact: Bob Newman 926-6875
Jan Storm 993-4455**

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