



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
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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

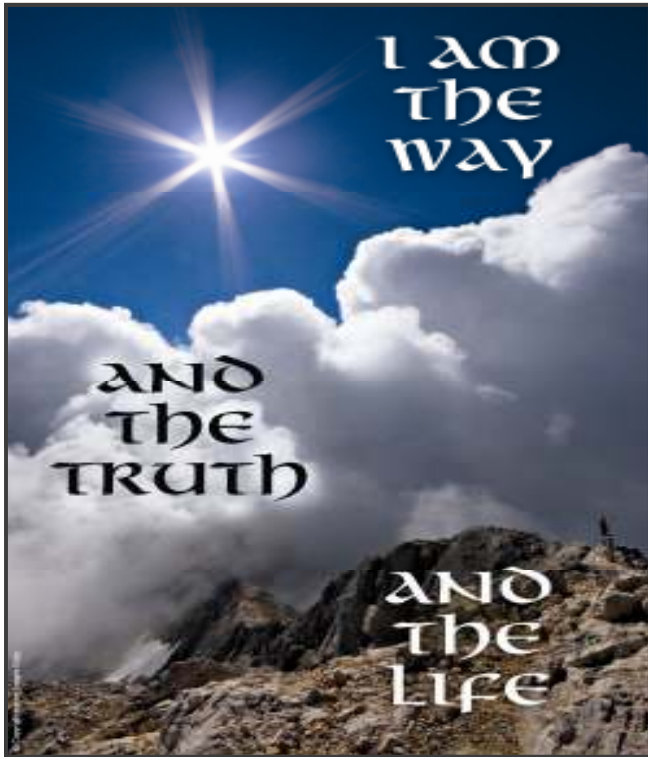
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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, May 23rd**
6:30 AM **Muriel Gillim (In Thanksgiving)**
- Tuesday, May 24th**
6:00 PM **Mary Brey (dec)**
- Wednesday, May 25th**
6:30 AM **Jerry Blandford Sr (dec, annv)**
- Thursday, May 26th**
9:00 AM **NO School Mass**
Noon **Mass of Thanksgiving**
- Friday, May 27th**
Noon **Richard Weafer**
- Saturday, May 28th**
4:00 PM **John & Dumpy Hartz (dec)**
- Sunday, May 29th**
7:00 AM **Barbara Thompson (dec,)**
10:00 AM **Francis Paul Hagman (dec, annv)**
5:30 PM **Blessed Mother Parish**

Liturgical Ministers for May 28th & May 29th

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Bonnie Snyder, Maggie O'Bryan, Joe O'Bryan, Lannie Pearl, Jeff Williams, Sandra Henry, Cecelia Hamilton, Rose Clark, Karen Dueker

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

SUNDAY 10 AM Richard Whitehouse, Lori Whitehouse, Lindsey Whitehouse, Drew Ward, Jeannette Ward, Sharon Bell, John Bell, Phil Hagan, Josie Hagan

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Rick Moman, Bobby Bastin, Katie Mattingly, Bev Payne, Deanna Brasher, David McBride

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Kim Williams
Sun 7:00 AM	John Kazlauskas
Sun 10:00 AM	Sandra Rafferty
Sun 5:30 PM	David Marshall

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Olivia Cason, Billy Cason
Sun 7:00 AM	Wil Sandefur, Sam Thompson
Sun 10:00 AM	Jacob Johnson, Raychel Bahnick
Sun 5:30 PM	Emily Marshall, John David Marshall

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Joe Higdon
Sun 7:00 AM	Russ Corley
Sun 10:00 AM	Nick Rinaldi
Sun 5:30 PM	John, McCormack

Children's Liturgy

Preschool	Kelly Trogden, Kara Trogden (Asst)
K-3rd Grade	Laura Cecil, Shelby Cecil (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Diddy Hagman, Nancy Hall, David Harris

Hillcrest: Carol & Darryl Murphy

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

How do we know that Mary's parents were Anne and Joachim if they aren't mentioned in the Bible?

We know their names because they are mentioned in other early Christian works from the 1st and 2nd century AD., such as *The Gospel of the Nativity of Mary* and *The Protoevangelium of James*.

What is "viaticum"?

The word *viaticum* is Latin for "provisions for a journey." Thus, it is a fitting name for the final reception of the Eucharist by someone who is near death. With the Eucharist, he is now ready to make the journey from this life to the next.

People often think of viaticum as a part of the rite for the Anointing of the Sick, since the celebration of viaticum often immediately follows it. But, the celebration of viaticum is actually a separate rite, and is only celebrated following the Anointing of the Sick if death is imminent.

What are the "sacraments of healing"?

The sacraments of healing are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Reconciliation heals the soul by cleansing it of sin. Anointing of the Sick heals the soul by cleansing it of sin (if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Reconciliation) and by strengthening it against temptation and despair. It can heal the body too, if that be the will of the Lord.

How does the Catholic Church view war?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has this to say:

2307 The fifth commandment forbids the intentional destruction of human life. Because of the evils and injustices that accompany all war, the Church insistently urges everyone to prayer and to action so that the divine Goodness may free us from the ancient bondage of war.

2308 All citizens and all governments are obliged to work for the avoidance of war. However, "as long as the danger of war persists and there is no international authority with the necessary competence and power, governments cannot be denied the right of lawful self-defense, once all peace efforts have failed."

The Catechism goes on to outline the conditions for a just war, and to describe the responsibilities of public authorities and those who are sworn to serve their country in the armed forces. It is a very interesting and informative read.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

May 22nd: LAST MEETING...Food and Kick-ball!!

June 13-17: MISSION HOMEFRONT...details coming.

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

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

Cooking Team Up to Bat:

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.

Job Opening

St. Rose Parish in Cloverport, Ky is looking to fill a part time paid position of a coordinator for our Religious Formation Programs. If interested please contact Fr. Greg Trawick 270-788-6422.

Tornado / Flood Recovery

If you are interested in donating to the Tornado / Flood recovery please place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked tornado / flood recovery or drop donation off at the office and we will combine your donation along with the parish's and forward to the Diocesan Office. Funds will be used to support the efforts of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities USA, as they respond to immediate emergency needs, in the areas affected.

Laugh for the Week

“Out Run the Bear”

Two men walking through the woods spotted a vicious-looking bear. The first man immediately opened his briefcase, pulled out a pair of sneakers and started putting them on.

The second man looked at him and said, “Are you crazy! You’ll never be able to out run that bear!”

“I don’t have to,” he replied, “I only have to out run you!!!”

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.

There are currently four basic Eucharistic Prayers prayed at Mass (and each of these will see some changes in wording with the introduction of the newly revised Roman Missal in Advent). **Eucharistic Prayer I** is also referred to as the Roman Canon since it was the only Eucharistic Prayer permitted in the Roman rite from the Council of Trent to the Second Vatican Council. It was inspired by a Eucharistic prayer written by St. Ambrose in the fourth century. This prayer calls to mind the story of salvation history, beginning with the Jewish people and continuing through the apostles, saints, and martyrs. **Eucharistic Prayer II** was written after the Second Vatican Council but actually has its roots in a third century Eucharistic prayer written by St. Hippolytus of Rome. This prayer is beautiful in its brevity and simplicity. **Eucharistic Prayer III** imitates the pattern of Eucharistic Prayer I, although it is much shorter. The focus of this prayer is on God’s saving action, calling all of God’s children to be united “wherever they may be.” **Eucharistic Prayer IV**, modeled on prayers from the West Syrian liturgy, uses images from Scripture – creation, the covenant, the Incarnation – to tell the story of salvation history. These four Eucharistic Prayers all contain the same principal elements and they all provide us with a clear focus of what Jesus wants us to do in his memory – namely, remember, celebrate, give thanks, and believe.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me” John 14:1-12

At his last supper with his disciples Jesus washed their feet and said, “I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.” Then, “I give you a new commandment: Love one another; as I have loved you, so you should also love one another.” He was teaching them the essential beliefs of a Eucharistic people in a Triune God. After supper he spent several hours in agonizing prayer. He was then cruelly betrayed, unjustly arrested, brutally tortured, savagely crucified, and hurriedly buried. But he rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples and said, *Peace be with you!* A week later, he appeared again and said “Peace be with you!” His message was mysterious but simple. *Do not be troubled; if you believe in God, believe in me. If you love one another as I have loved you and do for others what I have done for you, my peace will be with you and you will do the works I do, and even greater. How do we imitate Jesus? What have we done for others? Is the Peace of Jesus with us?*

May 15, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$20,154	\$21,426	\$22,781	\$23,239

A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

The journey through grief is difficult...and painful. We are forever changed by a major loss experience. Clearly, we will never be the same person we were before this loss became part of our lives. The real struggle occurs when we consciously or subconsciously resist the change that must take place if we are to survive and learn to live with our loss. (It is difficult to get to know and accept this new person who is emerging.)

There will be a bereavement support group for anyone who has experienced a death at any time of his/her life. This group will run every **Wednesday** for four consecutive weeks and is open to all the public at no charge.

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM-FOUR WEEK SESSIONS

WHERE: Catholic Pastoral Center **TIME:** 2:00-3:30 pm
600 Locust Street

CONTACT PERSON: Betty Medley (270) 683-1505

June 1 What Grief is Really Like: Some common reactions to a Situation no one is ever prepared to handle. Why we feel the way we do and why no one seems to understand.

June 8 Depression: Sadness, loss, and the feeling that nothing will ever be the same. Physical symptoms; healing can happen.

June 15 Anger: Nice people DO get angry. Recognizing our anger, coping with it and getting over it. (Address suicide and our feelings of outrage and shame.)

Guilt: Blaming ourselves for what has happened, handling the “what ifs” and “if only’s” (touch on suicide, and our responsibility or lack of it.)

June 22 From Grief to Living Again: Putting grief in perspective, learning to share our lives with the living and realizing that we will never “get over” our grief, but we can learn to live with it.

MEMORIAL

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

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, 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, 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, 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.**

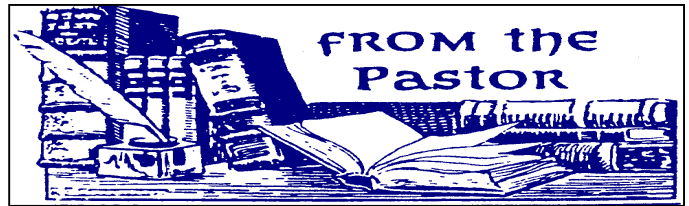
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter. And we find ourselves still in the Gospel of John and actually back at the Last Supper. He is sitting at the table when He tells them that He is the Way Truth and Life. In this Easter Season let us be open to Jesus' power flowing from the Resurrection.

Thanks to all who were able to help make our blood drive a success. And thanks if you tried and couldn't donate. You get an A for effort.

We welcome Joann Frey who is instrumental in the Billboards for Life program. Blessed Mother is always very generous to this cause. Thanks for your donations.

Your baby bottles for Birthright are due back this weekend.

Congratulations to Father Ryan Harpole who was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese this Saturday the 21st of May.

Congratulations are also in order for Deacon Matthew Hardesty, son of Perry and Jan Hardesty of our parish. Deacon Matthew will be ordained this coming Saturday May 28th for the Archdiocese of Louisville. We look forward to a Mass of Thanksgiving here in the parish at a later date.

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.

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.

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

**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
Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria**

Readings for the Week

May 22, 2011 through May 29, 2011

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

Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-5,15-16
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab,21
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3,10
Jn 15:9-11

Friday Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10,12
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1-3,5
Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Acts 8:5-8,14-17 Ps 66:1-7,16,20
1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

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 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

Reception

You are invited to a reception honoring Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU (retiring as Chancellor) and Fr. Jerry Calhoun (retiring as Vicar General) on Tuesday, June 7th from 6-8 p.m. at Immaculate Parish Hall, 2516 Christie Place, Owensboro.

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.

First Communion and Confirmation

**Special thanks to Ann McIntyre, Barbara Mattingly and all our ladies who worked so hard decorating and serving at our Receptions.
YOU ARE WONDERFUL!!!**

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