



# 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

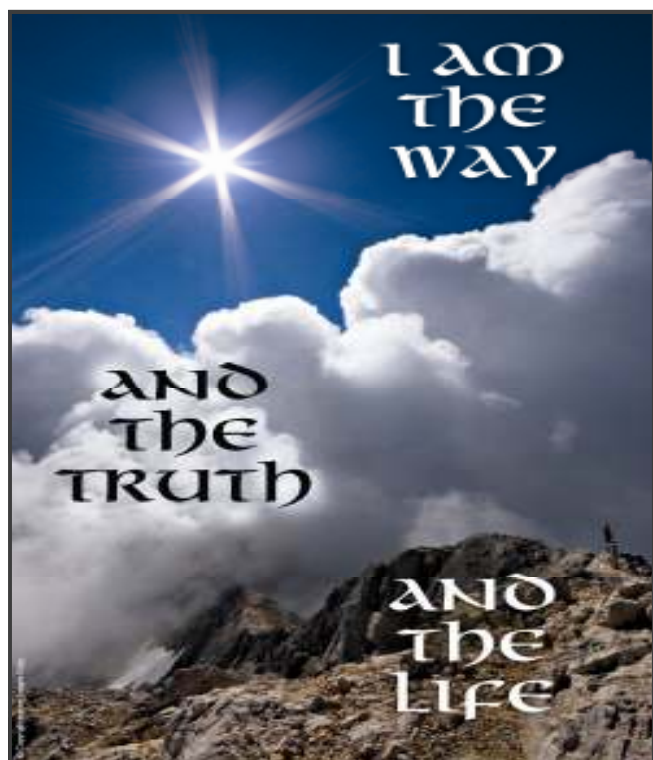
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.  
Contact the Parish Office.

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## 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, June 6th**  
**6:30 AM Charlie Riney (dec)**

**Tuesday, June 7th**  
**6:00 PM Msgr. Powers**

**Wednesday, June 8th**  
**6:30 AM Lucy Goetz (dec)**

**Thursday, June 9th**  
**9:00 AM NO School Mass**  
**Noon Robert Hurm (dec)**

**Friday, June 10th**  
**Noon Gertrude Nalley (dec)**

**Saturday, June 11th**  
**4:00 PM Gerald McCarty (dec)**

**Sunday, June 12th**  
**7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parish**  
**10:00 AM Dorothy Clem (dec, b-day)**  
**5:30 PM Haley & Scott Koch (1st Annv)**

**Liturgical Ministers for June 11th & 12th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**SATURDAY 4PM** Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Janet Ruth, Liz Francis, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Lannie Pearl, Karen Dueker, Bonnie Snyder

**SUNDAY 7 AM** Brenda Hagan, Dennis Sandefur, Don Cecil, Sr Mary Timothy, Carolyn Taylor, Mike Thompson

**SUNDAY 10 AM** Denny Mann, Mike Head, Bill Hayden, Sr. Marie Joseph, Ed Higdon, Chris Ford, Cliff Russell, Russ Hayden, Eric Vaughn

**SUNDAY 5:30 PM** Carl Goodman, Michele Linn, Pete Linn, Christina Best, Sandra Thomas, Dan Thomas

**Readers**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Michelle Mayfield  
**Sun 7:00 AM** David Payne  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Diane Fulkerson  
**Sun 5:30 PM** Rick Moman

**Servers**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Nicholas Jackson, Gabe Fillman  
**Sun 7:00 AM** Kendra Hagan, Kaylin Hagan  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Nicholas Russell, Kyra Vanover  
**Sun 5:30 PM** JT Hayden, Emily Linn

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Michelle Mayfield  
**Sun 7:00 AM** Hugh Bittle  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Tony Powers  
**Sun 5:30 PM** Bill Shelton

**Children's Liturgy**

**Preschool** Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young (Asst)  
**K-3rd Grade** Barbara Cecil, Rachel O'Nan (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

Steve Haynes, Mike Hays, Joe Higdon

**Hillcrest:** Charles & Dana Zambrano

**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

### How do I respond to someone who says that wearing a scapular is just another Catholic superstition?

First, it is necessary to define what "superstition" is. The Catechism says the following:

**2111** Superstition is the deviation of religious feeling and of the practices this feeling imposes. It can even affect the worship we offer the true God, e.g., when one attributes an importance in some way magical to certain practices otherwise lawful or necessary. To attribute the efficacy of prayers or of sacramental signs to their mere external performance, apart from the interior dispositions that they demand, is to fall into superstition (cf. Mt 23:16-22).

**2138** Superstition is a departure from the worship that we give to the true God. It is manifested in idolatry, as well as in various forms of divination and magic.

Now, with this definition as our guide, we see that the scapular would be magical or superstitious if we believed that the mere ownership of the scapular or its mere presence on one's person was enough to ensure that person a place in heaven. But, the scapular is not a good luck charm and it is not enough to simply have it around your neck when judgment comes. ***It is what is implied by the wearing of the scapular that makes all the difference.***

The promise of Mary to St. Simon Stock that "whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire" extends only to those who wear the scapular as a sign of their devotion to the Blessed Mother and to living a good, Christian life of prayer and holiness. When you put on the scapular, you set yourself apart as someone who wishes to live as Mary lived, and as someone who humbly places himself under her mantle.

When we pray the "Hail Mary" we say at the end: "*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*" That becomes the petition of every person who faithfully wears the scapular. He wears it with faith that Mary will pray for his soul at the time of Judgment. And if he has lead a good life, he will not suffer eternal fire.

The scapular itself also encourages and maintains the devotion that it's presence is supposed to symbolize. We feel it throughout the day, when the front or the back drops down too far, when the squares gently scratch us or pat against our bodies as we run. All of these are small reminders to live as Mary lived. We show our love to Mary by kissing the scapular, and we implore her intercession every time we clutch it in fear or sorrow. All of this is very good and pious Catholic practice.

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

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

### Coming Soon...

**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](http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org).**

**Questions, concerns, comments:** come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina Best: [bmcyouth@bellsouth.net](mailto: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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:nicholashardesty@gmail.com)).

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

## Laugh for the Week

### The Blind Texan

There once was a blind man who decided to visit Texas. When he arrived on the plane, he felt the seats and said, "Wow these seats are big!"

The person next to him said, "Everything is big in Texas."

When he finally arrived in Texas, he decided to visit a bar. Upon arriving in the bar, he ordered a beer and got a mug placed between his hands. He exclaimed, "Wow these mugs are big!"

The bartender replied, "Everything is big in Texas."

After a couple of beers, the blind man asked the bartender where the bathroom was located.

The bartender replied, "Second door to the right."

The blind man headed for the bathroom, but accidentally tripped over and skipped the second door. Instead, he entered the third door, which led to the swimming pool and fell into the pool by accident.

Scared to death, knowing everything was big in Texas, the blind man started shouting, "Don't flush, Don't flush!!!"

### 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.*

As the Eucharistic Prayer draws to its climactic conclusion, the celebrant sums up all that we have just prayed together. Our response is not just any old "amen" but a thunderous one. This amen, through which we give our assent and approval of the entire Eucharistic Prayer, is a resounding or "great" amen. This great amen reminds us that the Eucharistic Prayer belongs to all of those gathered to celebrate Eucharist. This great amen is an expression of ownership, allowing the faithful to confirm that the words of the Eucharistic Prayer are indeed our own words. The richness of the Eucharist Prayer is deep. In those few moments during the Mass, we witness and take part in not only what Jesus gathered with his apostles to do on Holy Thursday, but in the very act of salvation that was his death on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Our faith is strengthened by what we have shared, strengthened to the point of taking this presence of the risen Lord with us into the word.

**Newcomers Brunch  
June 5th after 10 AM Mass  
A Warm Welcome to all our new  
Parishioners. All are invited.**

## Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
"I glorified you on earth by accomplishing  
the *work* you gave me to do"  
John 17:1-11

Jesus spoke these words as part of his prayer to the Father for his disciples at the Last Supper just before he went to the Garden of Gethsemane. What was the *work* the Father had given Jesus to accomplish on earth to glorify Him? Part of that *work* was to be a living, breathing, walking, talking example and model to show us how we can accomplish the *work* the Father has given to each of us. For each of us that *work* is different. Each of us has received from God a vast array of talents, abilities and gifts that are unique. Each of us has a unique life experience. It is precisely because we are unique that we must identify, accept, develop and use all that God created us to be. And we must share what God has given to us with others. When we meet God face to face will we be able to say, "I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the *work* you gave me to do?"

May 22, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$21,018	\$21,426	\$22,340	\$23,189

### 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.**

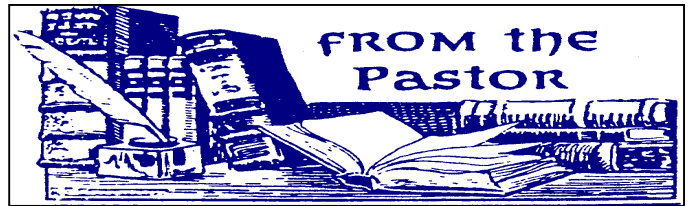
**Iraq:** SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards  
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad  
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

**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 Sixth Sunday of Easter. And we find ourselves still in the Gospel of John and at the Last Supper. Jesus speaks of the coming Holy Spirit. We prepare for the great Feast of Pentecost that is two weeks away. May the Spirit open our hearts to the power of the Risen Lord.

Thank you for your generosity for the Billboards for Life program and thanks for all the baby bottles filled with change for Birthright.

Tomorrow is Memorial Day and Mass will be at a later time than usual – 9:00am. We remember all those who have fought and died for our country. May we never take our freedom for granted.

Congratulations to Father Ryan Harpole who was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is still room if you know a child from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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* 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Tom Goetz and his family on the death of his wife Lucy. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Martha Keller and her family on the death of her sister JoAnn Knott.. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

### Calendar for the Week

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

**Mon. Mass 9:00 AM Memorial Day  
Bunko, 1 PM**

**Tues. Mass 6:00 PM**

**Wed. Mass 6:30 AM**

**Thurs. 9:00 AM Closing School Mass  
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  
NO Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass  
BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria**

### Readings for the Week

June 5, 2011 through June 12, 2011

Sunday Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9  
Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

Monday Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,20-21  
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36b  
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a,5,  
7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,  
19-20b Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6  
Jn 21:20-25

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

**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](http://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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. at Immaculate Parish Hall, 2516 Christie Place, Owensboro.

### Catholics for Children

Many thanks on behalf of those who may be spared for your generous support to keep the "Billboards for Life" project going and growing. God bless all for your caring and sharing.

### First Friday Potluck

**First Friday June 3 After Noon Mass  
Bring a dish and stay for Bunko  
Everyone's Invited**

#### 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