



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

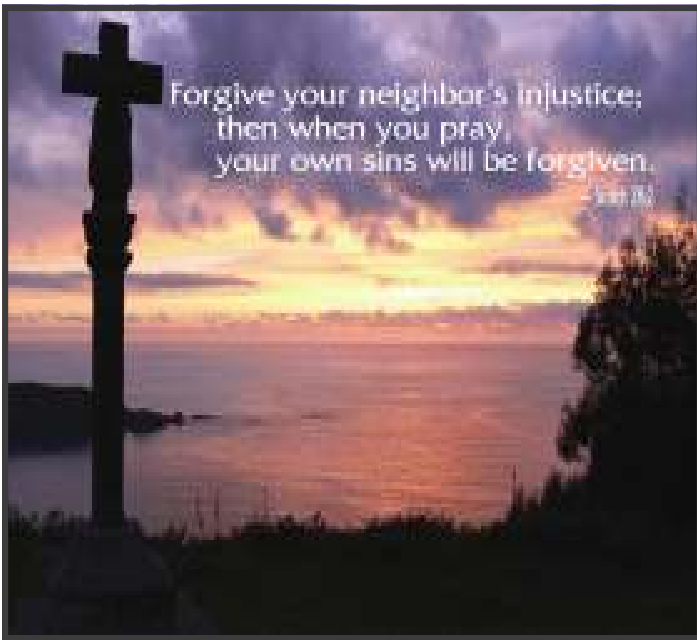
BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

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 _____



Intention for the Week

- Monday, 6:30 AM** **September 12th**
Mary Elizabeth Hill (dec)
- Tuesday, 6:00 PM** **September 13th**
Frank Feather (dec)
- Wednesday, 6:30 AM** **September 14th**
Martha Hayden (dec)
- Thursday, 9:00 AM**
Noon **September 15th**
School Mass
Thomas Clark Hagan Family
- Friday, Noon** **September 16th**
Chris Redd (dec, annv)
- Saturday 4:00 PM** **September 17th**
Mary Jane Craycroft (dec, annv)
- Sunday, 7:00 AM** **September 18th**
Carol Roby (dec)
10:00 AM **Mr. & Mrs Felix Roby (dec)**
5:30 PM **Blessed Mother Parish**

“There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us.”

Liturgical Ministers for September 17th & 18th

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Ethel Watrous, Fran Watrous, Edith Johnson, Rose Clark, Joyce Pearl, Karen Dueker, Lahoma Stinnett

SUNDAY 7 AM Dennis Sandefur, Don Cecil, Bill Bach, Joy Bach, Charlene Baumgarten, Sr. Mary Timothy

SUNDAY 10 AM John Calhoun, Raymunda Calhoun, Carol Goedde, Pauline Wigginton, Kim Barnett, Mike Head, Nancy Dunn, Mark Church, Jenny Glaser

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Deanna Brasher, David McBride, Janice Bumm, Sam Lilly, Jessica Carmon, Christina Best

Readers

- Sat 4:00 PM** Pal Fitzhugh
- Sun 7:00 AM** David Payne
- Sun 10:00 AM** Raymunda Calhoun
- Sun 5:30 PM** Jack Hamilton

Servers

- Sat 4:00 PM** Nicholas Jackson, Gabe Fillman
- Sun 7:00 AM** David Dotsey, Harper Dotsey
- Sun 10:00 AM** Jacob Johnson, Raychel Bahnick
- Sun 5:30 PM** JT Hayden, Christopher Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

- Sat 4:00 PM** Debbie Conder
- Sun 7:00 AM** Vincent Dick
- Sun 10:00 AM** Tim Honadle
- Sun 5:30 PM** Kenny Buckman

Children's Liturgy

- Preschool** Jennifer Hayden, Beth Young (Asst)
- K-3rd Grade** Leesa Moman, Helen Ann Hays (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

William Shelton, Bonnie Snyder, Rose Stepp

Hillcrest: Diane Fulkerson, Camillia Baker

Ministers of Hospitality for September

- 4:00 PM** Gerald Coomes, Jack Hamilton
William Marsh, Martha Marsh
- 7:00 AM** Jeff Hofer, Lynn Hofer
Faye Riney, Michelle Sharp
- 10:00 AM** Mark Stietler, Russ Hayden
Russell Hayden, Joseph Hayden
- 5:30 PM** Candy Oaks, Pete Linn
Jacob Linn, Austin Wood

September 11, 2011

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be
forgiven.
-- Sirach 28:2

**Young Disciples
(Grades 7-12)**

Coming Soon...

Sept. 11: Bible Scavenger Hunt
**Saturday, Sept. 17: Cash for
Trash Fundraiser...details
coming...**
Sunday, Sept. 18: I Believe...

Questions, concerns, comments:
come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina
Best: bmcyouth@bellsouth.net or 683-
8444 Ext. 28

COOKING TEAMS UP TO BAT:
Sept. 11: Michele Linn, Phyllis Bastin,
Katie Ballard
Sept. 18: Bev Payne, Janice Greene,
Laura Mattingly

Workers Needed!

**Workers are still needed for the
Mount St. Joseph Picnic
September 11, 2011
If you are able to help please
contact Steve Simms 316-2962**

I NEED YOUR HELP WITH RCIA!!

***The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA) has already begun.*** The first session
was on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 7 PM in the St.
John Bosco Room (the "Youth Room") in the
Family Life Center. But, ***it's not too late for in-
quirers to join the process!***

Do you have a friend, co-worker, or family mem-
ber who has a lot of questions about Catholicism
or who might be interested in becoming Catho-
lic? Please have them contact me! With your
help, we can introduce more people to the truth
and beauty of the Catholic faith!

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted . . .

Blessed are they who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy . . .

Blessed are the peacemakers,
*for they will be called
children of God*

Matthew 5:4, 6, 7, 9

Remembering
September 11, 2001

Laugh for the Week

“Money for the Pastor”

A little boy was given a five dollar bill to put in the collection plate. When the offering came around, he wouldn't put it in. But after the end of the service, when he went to shake hands with the pastor, he pulled out the five dollar bill and gave it to him.

The pastor asked him, “Why are you giving me this money? Why didn't you put it in the offering plate?”

The boy answered, “Because my mommy told me you're the poorest pastor we've ever had!!”

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”
Gospel Mt 18:21-35

“I love you.” Are they really the three hardest words to say? That ultimately depends on whether those three words are uttered insincerely for some ulterior motive, or whether they are spoken sincerely in imitation of Jesus. If we truly understand what Jesus intends by those three words, they should not be difficult to say. But there are three other words that are difficult to say, whatever our motivation. “I forgive you.” And the impact of those three words depends on whether the person to whom they are speaking has said or implied three other words: “I am sorry.” We are again confronted with the truth that we are stewards of the ability God has given us to forgive the hurts and injustices others do to us and the reality that being stewards of such forgiveness is the responsibility of every person, especially every disciple of Jesus. To be good stewards of such forgiveness we must constantly try to discern the mind of God and imitate Jesus, who said, “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”

August 28th, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$21,097	\$23,558	\$22,856	\$22,458

The New Translation – “And with your spirit”

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.

One of the first things we will notice with the new translation is that, when the priest says ‘The Lord be with you’, we now say ‘And with your spirit’. This is much closer to the original Latin. When the Mass was first translated into English we were one of only two languages that did not translate it as ‘your spirit’. It is a very biblical response: Paul concludes four of his letters with a very similar expression. For example, at the end of his Second Letter to Timothy, Paul ends by saying, ‘The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you’. If you think about it, for nearly 2000 years Christians have been greeting each other, ‘The Lord be with you’, ‘and with your spirit.’ So the new translation will bring unity to this response in all the languages of the world - and with all previous Christian generations.

SAINT RAPHAEL FARM LEASE

The Saint Raphael Farm Lease expires September 30, 2011. This lease is for a three year period. If you are interested in submitting a bid for leasing the 138 tillable acres of this farm, you may pick up a bid form from the Catholic Pastoral Center, at 600 Locust Street between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM M-F. If you would like the form sent to you please call (270-683-1545 ext 360 and leave your mailing or e-mail address. All bids must be sealed and are due at the Catholic Pastoral Center by noon on Monday, 10/3/11.

2011 Barbecue Schedule

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, Kellie Burch, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, Joe Cecil, Melody Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, 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, Elena Maria Finley, Damon Gillim, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Joe Hagan, Donna Hamilton, Wilhemenia Newton Hamilton, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Phil Hayden, Mike Head, Jim Henry, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Janice Hobbs, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Mike Koger, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Kathlene Leming, Sam Lindsey, Travis Martin, 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, 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, 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, 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, Kamren White, Katherine Whittinghill, Joe Wink, Bill, Flora Yancy, Randy Zaremba

**Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War.
Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home
soon.**

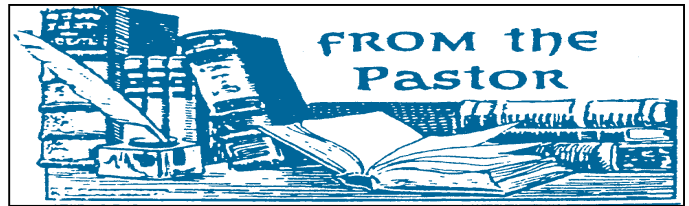
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of
Russell & Virginia Corley)

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)
PFC-NG-NGB Justin McDuffie (grandson
Clarence & Carmen Elder)

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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus talks about forgiveness in today's Gospel. He says we must forgive endlessly. Let us pray for the strength to carry out this directive from the Lord. Forgiveness is a gift that must be given and received from the Lord. God forgives us we must in turn forgive one another.

Finance meeting Tuesday evening after Mass.

We pray for a successful picnic for the Ursuline Sisters today.

RCIA has begun. If you know anyone who might be interested in the Catholic faith call the office and we will contact them. We meet every Thursday at 7pm in the youth room.

This is Disciple Response Fund weekend. There is a bulletin insert and extra envelopes in the pews for your convenience.

The roof needs repairing. The valleys all have to be re-done. The whole roof is over 17 years old so we are getting estimates on replacing the whole thing. More info later.

Many of you know that there is a terrible famine in Somalia. The Holy Father has asked all parishes to help alleviate the suffering there. Thank you for being generous in this second collection.

Please read the bulletin insert about the new Inclusion Ministry that wants to focus on people who might have difficulties worshipping with us because of some disability. They will be hosting meetings after each Mass next weekend.

I have a new emergency number at the rectory. 663-1398. I was using the Gideon Productions number but that was confusing to people so now I have a separate line.

FORGIVENESS

For us Americans on the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, forgiveness still does not come easily. Yet Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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 Meeting 6:30 PM**

Wed. Mass 6:30 AM

**Thurs. 9:00 AM School Mass
Mass 12:00 Noon
RCIA 7:00 PM**

**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, Parish Hall**

Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 98; Phil 2:6-11;
Jn 3:13-17
- Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145;
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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 Registration

**The Owensboro Catholic Schools Registration:
Space still available for the 2011-2012 school year.
For more information about OCS or to inquire about
tuition assistance, contact Karen Gross at 686-8896
or log on to the website at:
www.owensborocatholic.org**

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Debbie Addington and her family on the death of her Mother, Mary Simmons. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Laura Payne and her family on the death of her father, John Fischer. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Hill. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

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