



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 19th**
V. Wilhite
- Tuesday, 6:00 PM** **September 20th**
Council 817 Ladies Aux
- Wednesday, 6:30 AM** **September 21st**
Audrey Meister (dec)
- Thursday, 9:00 AM** **September 22nd**
School Mass
Noon **Simon, Haddad, Meridith Family**
- Friday, Noon** **September 23rd**
Louis Conder (dec)
- Saturday 4:00 PM** **September 24th**
Janet Haynes (dec)
- Sunday, 7:00 AM** **September 25th**
Blessed Mother Parish
10:00 AM **Helen Payne (dec)**
5:30 PM **Mary C. Morton (dec)**

Liturgical Ministers for September 24th & 25th

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 4PM Shirley Kent, Joan Collins, Jeff Williams, Sandra Henry, Jennifer Jones, David Jones, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early, Bonnie Snyder

SUNDAY 7 AM Randy Lee, Angie Lee, Sr. Mary Timothy, Mike Thompson, Don Cecil, Charlene Baumgarten

SUNDAY 10 AM Cliff Russell, Christopher Hayden, Stephanie Hayden, Tony Powers, Mary Howard, Lori Whitehouse, Richard Whitehouse, Eric Vaughn Elaine Williams

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Michele Linn, Pete Linn Sandra Thomas, Dan Thomas, Bev Payne, Lisa Carmon

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM Carol Goetz
Sun 7:00 AM Dennis Sandefur
Sun 10:00 AM Barbara Cecil
Sun 5:30 PM Renee Howard

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Matthew Johnson, Giovanni Digirolamo
Sun 7:00 AM Brittany Estes, Will Sandefur
Sun 10:00 AM Kyra Vanover, Nicholas Russell
Sun 5:30 PM Mason Robertson

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Jo Ann Knott
Sun 7:00 AM Ricky Aull
Sun 10:00 AM David Lashbrook
Sun 5:30 PM Betty Thompson

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Michelle Sandefur, Ruth Schrecker (Asst)
K-3rd Grade Jennifer Hayden, Caroline Hayden (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Lahoma Stinnett, Kim Terry, Al Thompson

Hillcrest: Bobby & Phyllis Bastin

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

Catholic Q & A

What is the RCIA Process?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process, established for the universal Church, for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church.

The Rite speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful.

The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church’s way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 64).

There are four periods or stages to the RCIA process:

Precatechumenate: This is a time for inquiry and evangelization, an opportunity for the beginnings of faith. Here the seed is planted through the proclamation of the Gospel and the story of salvation history.

Catechumenate: This is an extended period for pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training participants in the Christian life; it includes a thoroughly comprehensive catechesis on the truths of Catholic doctrine and morality.

Purification and Enlightenment: Coinciding with Lent, this period consists more in interior reflection than in instruction. It is intended to enlighten the minds and hearts of participants with a deep knowledge of Christ.

Mystagogy: This time of post-baptismal catechesis extends through the Easter season, the seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. It is a time for deepening the Christian experience, especially in appreciation for the sacramental life, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the Catholic community.

It’s still not too late to join the RCIA process. If you have any questions, just let me know.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Coming Soon...

Sept. 18: Bible Scavenger Hunt
Sunday, Sept. 25: 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. 18: Bev Payne, Janice Greene,
Laura Mattingly

Sept. 25: Keith & Jeannie Best, Melissa
Brown, Carlton Goodman

Thank You!

**A special Thank You goes out to all
who helped work and support the
Mount St. Joseph Picnic
It was a great success!!!**

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 inquirers to join the process!***

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

Laugh for the Week

“The Seagull”

A four year old boy and his father went to the beach. The young boy was upset when he found a dead seagull lying on the sand.

The boy asked his father, “Dad, what happened to the birdie?”

His dad noticing how upset he was thought for a moment and said, “Son, the bird died and went to heaven.”

Then the boy looked at him and said, “Then why did God throw him back down?”

The New Translation – The Mystery of Faith

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.

For Catholics, a ‘mystery’ is not a puzzle that cannot be solved. It is a truth that is so deep that we know we’ll never be able to get to the bottom of it; a truth we’ll never completely be able to understand. One example of this is our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We believe that Christ is truly present but we can’t wholly explain it. The priest shows us the host and then the chalice. Then he genuflects and says ‘The mystery of faith’. We continue with one of three responses. These are all different from the ones we have been used to and they come directly from the New Testament. So when the priest says ‘The mystery of faith’ he is inviting us to welcome this Real Presence of Christ. We then make our response, which we address to God.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?”

Gospel Mt 20:1-16a

A TV commercial depicts a mom using the last two pieces of bread to make a sandwich for two boys. She tells one boy that he can cut the sandwich in half and he gets excited. After he cuts the sandwich she says that the other boy will get to choose which half he wants. Our attitude about what is just is often influenced by the impact such justice will have on us. In the Gospel story about the landowner and the workers it is probably natural for us to side with the workers who started first. But justice is not about how much we receive or have in comparison to others. It is about what we do with what we receive, regardless of what others do or fail to do. God made us stewards and caretakers of all that we are, all that we have and all that we ever will be. He also made us stewards of justice in the use of the things over which we have control. Happily, we are not responsible for what God has given to others, except to give them a good example of how to act justly by imitating Jesus.

September 4th, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$23,409	\$23,558	\$23,409	\$22,553

September 11th, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$22,555	\$23,558	\$22,982	\$22,554

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 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.**

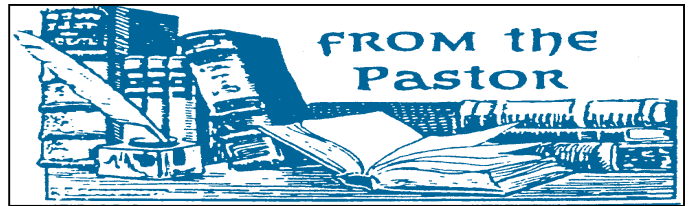
Iraq: SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq
Sgt. David Farley, US Army
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of
Russell & Virginia Corley)

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus tells us another parable about God's generosity. Sometimes God's goodness to others provokes jealousy and envy in some people. Let us be people that are grateful to God's gifts no matter who the recipients are.

This is Catechetical Sunday. We pray and thank God for all our teachers and administrators on this day.

Parish Council meeting Wednesday evening at 6:30 parish library.

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.

The best estimate on the roofs comes in just under \$50,000 for all three shingled ones. Plan on work to start in October.

The new Inclusion Ministry wants to focus on people who might have difficulties worshipping with us because of some disability. They will be hosting meetings after each Mass this 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.

5k Run/Walk

An Aid the Homeless® Benefit - 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, October 8, to assist the homeless of the Daniel Pitino, Boulware Mission, Saint Benedicts, and OASIS shelters. This will be an excellent family activity with 100 % of the proceeds given to the shelters. To participate or volunteer to help go to www.AidtheHomeless.com.

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
Parish Council Mtg 6:30pm**

**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: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25;
Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

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**

Market Day- Market Day is a frozen food fundraiser that the Owensboro Catholic Elementary School PTO has chosen to participate in. Here's how it works. You log into www.marketday.com and place an order. You can pay on-line or at pick-up. The frozen food is delivered on a designated Saturday from 10-11am at the OCES K-3 cafeteria. The food is excellent quality and a great price. They have a huge variety of everything from desserts to entrees. The PTO receives a percentage of the sale based on the total sale dollars. Sales are every month beginning in September. Place your order by 11pm CST on September 13 and then pick up your order from 10-11am on September 17. Please consider helping the Owensboro Catholic Elementary Schools. It's easy and you get great food! For more information contact Michaeline Joiner 270-316-3869 or mmjski@cs.com.

From Death to New Life 

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to Dorothy Schell and her family on the death of her daughter, Phylis Newton Ragland. 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