



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
January 17th, 2016

I know well the plans I have in mind for you, Says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the Lord, and I will change your lot..... Jeremiah 29:11-14(NAB)

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PASTORAL TEAM

Very Rev. J. Michael Clark Pastor, phone ext. 22
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Deacon Bill Bach, Phone (270)685-3743
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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 Monday - Friday

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. Mike Clark, or Fr. Josh McCarty.

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., 6 P.M.

Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday, Wednesday 6:00 A.M. - 10 P.M.
Friday 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 priests visit the hospital on a weekly basis. Arrangements may be made for Communion calls to the homes of our homebound parishioners by the priest and/or 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.

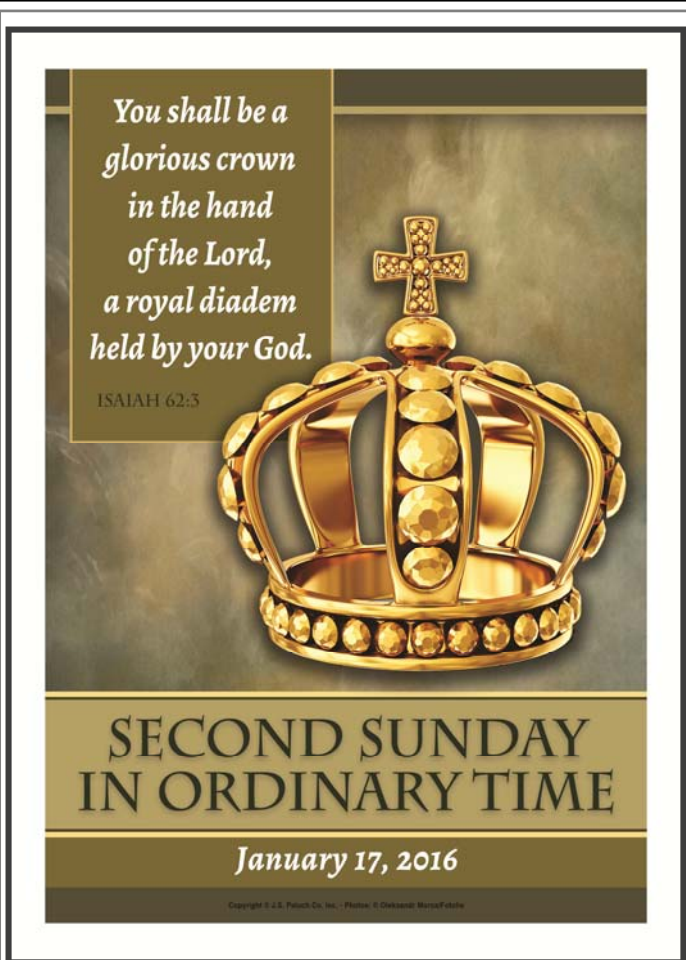
Contact the Parish Office.

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** January 18th
6:30 AM Jerry Blandford Sr. (dec, b-day)
- Tuesday** January 19th
6:00 PM Richard Hendler (dec)
- Wednesday** January 20th
6:30 AM Marty & Cindy Stallings
- Thursday** January 21st
9:00 AM No School Mass
12 Noon Joan Bernosky
- Friday** January 22nd
12 Noon Lou Jones (dec)
- Saturday** January 23rd
4:00 PM Vincent Reynolds (dec)
- Sunday** January 24th
7:00 AM Elsie Cecil (90th b-day Dec 3rd)
10:00 AM Gene Clark (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Liturgical Ministers January 23rd & 24th

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4 PM

Sandra Henry, Mary Lu Payne, Jeff Williams
Jeannie Pointer, Janet Ruth, Lahoma Stinnett
Mike Pearl, Bonnie Stuart, Dan Pearl

Sunday 7 AM

Don Cecil, Charlotte Cecil, Mary Margaret Brown
Joy Bach, Charlene Baumgarten, Sr. Mary Timothy

Sunday 10:00 AM

Debbie Riney, Jon Robertson, Angie Judd
Cliff Russell, Nick Russell, Carol Murphy
Darryl Murphy, Julie Murphy, Tony Powers

Sunday 5:30 PM

Pete Linn, Michele Linn, Emily Linn
Kristen Linn, Steve Hayden, Andrew Hayden

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Mary Hagan
Sun 7:00 AM	John Kazlauskas
Sun 10:00 AM	Barbara Cecil
Sun 5:30 PM	Kristie Hayden

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Joseph Henry, Sean Henry
Sun 7:00 AM	Jack Higgins, Joseph Watts
Sun 10:00 AM	Luke Beaver, Briley Elder
Sun 5:30 PM	Charly Hayden, Jolee Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Bucky Coomes
Sun 7:00 AM	Darlene Kazlauskas
Sun 10:00 AM	Debra Burden
Sun 5:30 PM	Stacy Nunley

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Erinn Baliein Lindsey Hargitt (Asst)
K-3rdGrade Jill Goetz, Jarrett Goetz (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

John Bell

Hillcrest: Judy Coomes, Karen Thompson

Ministers of Hospitality January

4:00 PM	Tony Firoella, Larry Franey Tim Goetz, Cathy Goetz
7:00 AM	Vince Frey, Billy Hamilton Paul Garner, Joe Higdon
10:00 AM	Jim Mattingly, Garrison Mayfield Nolan Mayfield, John Medley
5:30 PM	Angela Clark, Michael Clore Samuel Clore, Dan Goedde

Catholic Q&A

What is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time is the period of the liturgical year that falls between Christmas and Lent, and between Easter and Advent. Thus, having just concluded the Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we are now in Ordinary Time.

Often, when we hear the word "ordinary" we think of something that is mundane, or banal, or dull. But, we should not think of this time in such a way.

The word "ordinary" comes from the Latin word *ordinarius*, which means "customary, regular, usual, orderly." This time is called ordinary because the Sundays that fall within it are numbered and succeed in an orderly fashion.

Christmas and Easter, with their climactic joy and celebration, are the great mountain peaks of the liturgical year. Ordinary Time, then, is the vast verdant meadows that lie between. As Christians we are called now to descend these peaks and, like sheep who hear the voice of their shepherd, pasture and graze in these meadows with Christ as He feeds us with His Word and His Eucharist. This makes the color green, with its connotations of life and growth, very appropriate.

Without a great liturgical feast to prepare for or celebrate, the Sunday liturgy becomes all the more important during Ordinary Time. According to *The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, the days of Ordinary Time, especially the Sundays, "are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects."

If you are not in the habit of making the most out of your Sunday, now is the time. Remember, God did not say to keep holy the Lord's "hour" or the Lord's "45-minutes" (if the homily happens to be short). We are called to keep holy the Lord's **day**.

Perhaps before the family heads off to church, someone (ideally the father) could read the readings for the day aloud and everyone could discuss their meaning. Or, on the ride home from church, the parents could ask the children if they remember what was mentioned in the first reading, or what Fr. John talked about in his homily.

When you get home, don't immediately turn on the TV or hop on the internet. Take a trip to the library and have everyone check out a book. Take a nap. Exercise. Write in a journal. Play outside. Visit a friend or relative you haven't seen in a while. Do something nice for someone else. PRAY! Worshipping the Lord, doing good works, and rejuvenating yourself is what Sunday is all about.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

January 17: Dodgeball!!

January 24: You and God...Relationship Status??

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

Cooking Teams Up To Bat:

January 17: Angela & John Bell, Melissa Brown, Diane Hoffman

January 24: Elizabeth Eaves, Anne Higgins, Beverly Payne, Donna Powers

Thank You!

Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-6)

February 7th 3:30-5:00 pm~ Bunco

REVERSE RAFFLE DINNER SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, January 30th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Cost- \$20/person – includes dinner, and a chance to win a cash prize!

All proceeds go toward helping our group go to Poland for World Youth Day! For more information, contact Christina Barnard!

SACRAMENTAL PREP CALENDAR

First Reconciliation:

Last Sunday we celebrated First Reconciliation for the 2nd graders. If your 2nd grader missed it, he/she can go to confession at the usual Saturday time (12:30-2) and tell the priest that this is his/her first confession.

First Communion:

Wed., Feb. 24, 7 PM: Parent meeting

Sat., Mar. 26, 11 AM - 3 PM: Mini-retreat

Sat., Apr. 16, 11:30 AM: Practice

Sun., Apr. 17, 2 PM: Celebration of the sacrament

RELIGIOUS ED CALENDAR

Jan 17: Class

Jan 24: Class

Jan 31: Class

Feb 7: Class

Feb 14: No class (Family Life Center unavailable)

**Laugh for the Week
"In a Hurry"**

Leo and Sam locked the car in a hurry, forgetting to remove the key which was in the ignition. Realizing the mistake, Leo asked, "Why don't we get a coat hanger to open it."

"No, that won't work" answered Sam. "People will think we're trying to break in."

Then Leo suggested, "What if we use a pocket knife to cut around the rubber, then stick a finger in and pull up the lock?"

"No," said Sam. "People will think we're too dumb to use a coat hanger."

"Well," sighed Leo, "we'd better think of something fast. It's starting to rain, and the sun roof is open!"

Mark your Calendar Now!
**5th Annual Western KY
 Catholic Men's Conference**
"How to Live Your Life as a Catholic Man"
Saturday, February 13, 2016
St. Stephen Cathedral
Registration Begins at 8:30am
Conference 9:30am- 4:10pm
Mass at 5:00pm with Bishop Medley
**Speakers—Tim Staples, Deacon Harold
 Burke-Sivers, and Rev. Fr. Gerald Baker**
**Contact Mike Edge for more info 270-570-2375 or
 www.KyCatholic.com**

"Blessing of the Keys"

The annual Blessing of the Keys for our teen drivers in the parish will be at all the masses on the weekend of January 16-17. We invite all new drivers who have received their driver's license or permit over the past year to come forward and have their car keys/their license blessed and receive a visor clip blessed for their travels. Also, anyone teenage driver who has never had their keys blessed or would like to renew their blessing from years past, please know you are welcome to come forward to receive the blessing and visor clip as well.

The Family of Al Hofmann would like to thank our Priest, the choir, and all who helped and cooked for the bereavement meal. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Joan Hofmann Family

**Forming Good Stewards
Sunday Collections**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 2:1-11

Mary said, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?"

A wedding feast in the time of Jesus lasted a week or more. Some guest traveled long distances on foot. They stayed several days to recuperate, celebrate and prepare for their return home. The host provided food and wine during their stay, and for their return. When Mary told Jesus, "They have no wine" she was not only concerned about the embarrassment of the host, but for the welfare of the guest. Jesus was not unconcerned, but he was not ready to draw attention to himself. The love of his Mother moved him to action. Mary's faith in Jesus is revealed in her instructions to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Mary's last words recorded in Scripture are directed, not only the servants, but to all disciples of Jesus. She is speaking to us. The full implications of her words would not be known until the Last Supper when Jesus tells his disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you," and then goes out to be crucified. Doing whatever Jesus tells us, if we are open to Him in prayer, can be unfamiliar, inconvenient, unpleasant, or risky. The apostles did what Jesus told them. Are we doing what Jesus tells us?

January 10th, 2016

Parish	Actual	Avg Ytd	Budget
Operating	\$14,052		
Maintenance	\$ 390		
Total	\$ 14,442	\$27,156	\$25,591
Other/ Restricted	\$ 934		

Sex and Marriage:
 A Presentation and Discussion
 Presented by Joe Bland, Director of Family Life
 for the Diocese of Owensboro and
 Fr. Josh McCarty
 Tuesday January 26, 2016
 6:45pm - 8:15pm
 Youth Room

The year 2015 has pushed the boundaries of society's understanding of sexuality and of marriage. Bruce Jenner identified as transgender; same-sex marriages are permitted by law; and Pope Francis enacting new laws regarding the Declaration of Invalidity process.

Join us for a presentation and discussion as we look at the Church's position on the matter. We will look at the insight offered by St. John Paul II and celebrate the true nature of sex and marriage. We will also discuss pastoral care for those who are affected by these same issues. It will be a lively evening!

All those in High-School and older are welcome!

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

John Albin, Dorothy Aud, Frances Ballard, Margaret Beyke, Bill Bland, Eva Birkhead, Alice Bittel, Donna Bowlds, Megan Briggan, Connie Brown, Elliot Camp, Joan Cecil, Melody Cecil, Joyce & Paul Christian, Brian Clark, Dennis Clark, Dessie Clark, James Clark, Thelma Clark, Alice Cole, Arnold & Kathleen Conder, Jake Conder, Jeff Connor, Randy Cook, Chad Crabtree, Junior Crowe, Mickie Crump, Holly Davis, Margaret Delacy, Philip Demarest, Katherine Dueker, Kinsey Dunn, Mary E Durbin, Alan Ebelhar, David Eberhardt Clarence Elder, Christina Ennis, Jan Evans, John Farley, Theresa Feller, Elena Maria Finley, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Ben Halbig, Nancy Hall, Donna Hamilton, James A Hamilton, Raley Hamilton, Wilhemenia Newton Hamilton, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Billy Head, Bobbie Head, Mary Agnes Henderson, Naomi Henry, Marie Hester, Tracy Higdon, Chrystal Hinton, William Hinton, Chase Hofmann, Marjorie Howard, Mary Howard, Margaret Isbell, Betty Jo Johnson, Mary Ann Kern, Naki Keswani, Billy Knott, Joann Knott, Mike Knott, Tina Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Carson Lanham, Avis Natalie Lantham, Bob Lawrence, Margaret Lee, Melinda Lee, Kathlene Leming, Fr. Austin Licke, Mabel Long, Joy Medley Lyons, Brandon Mattingly, Margaret Mattingly, Mary Mattingly, Mike Marsh, Travis Martin, Debbie Mayfield, Kelly Mayfield, Helen McCarty, Mildred McCarthy, Chris McRoy, Virginia Millay, Mary Miller, Conner Mills, Savannah Mills, Jayne Morgan, Roger Morgan, Jayne Morgan, Jake Murphy, Randy Murphy, Bob Newton, Lee Newton, Dickey O'Bryan, Katherine Osowicz, Aiden Payne, Ethan Payne, Jerry Payne, Carol Payne, Melida Payne, Corine Pearl, Carolyn Pierce, Becky Powell, Vanessa Priest, Geraldine Ralph, Stewart Rearden, Otto Reisz, Paul Robertson, Beck Roby, Eric Roby, Bob Ross, Jacjkie Russell, Dorothy Schell, Robert Scott, Juanita Sessman, Jessica Seymour, Larry Shouse, Judy Simmons, Kerry Brothers Smart, Becky Smith, Mary Jo Smith, Brittany Stallings, Susan Stersman, Charles Stewart, Melissa Sullivan, Jill Tanner, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Billy Thomas, Michael Austin Thompson, Betty Thompson, Paul W. Thompson, Pearl Thompson, Alma Topper, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Kelly Trogden, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Amanda Vessels, Dianne Walsh, Scott Ward, Joyce Warren, Mildred Wathen, Jim "Bun" Wedding, Deny Wheatley, Greg & Jennifer Weise, Katherine Whittinghill, Joe Wink, Bonnie Wright, Bill Yancy, Randy Zarembo

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

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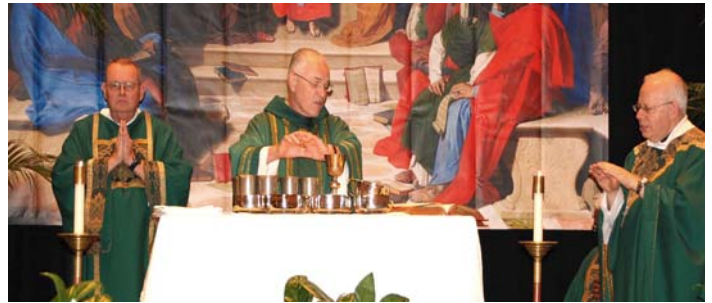
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

Other

Adam Payne, (grandson of Joyce Payne)
SPC Jesse D Finley, US Army (grandson Doris Haragan)
David Townsend, US Army (Son-in-Law, Ann McIntyre)
Spec Seth J Keller, US Army, (Grandson Doris Keller, Nephew of Ken Keller)
Master Sgt. Breanna Bowlds, US Air Force, Niece of Mary Miller

From Death to New Life 

We pray for the family of Muriel Gillim on the death of her sister "Marietta Alvey". May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!



A Stewardship Moment

♪ **Make a joyful noise unto the LORD. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.** ♪

We welcome all musicians, instrumentalist as well as vocalist, who want to give their "Time and Talent" and join in one of our music ministries.

Women's choir: Practice will be **Wednesday evening from 5 – 6 pm Jan. 13th and 20th** to rehearse for the 10 am Mass on **Sun. Jan 24th.**

Men's Choir: Practice will be **Wednesday evening from 6 – 7 pm Jan. 20th and 27th** to rehearse for the 10 am mass on **Sun. Jan. 31st.**

Children's Choir: Children's Choir will continue on **Tues. Jan 19, 26, & Feb. 3.** There will be two rehearsal times: **2:15 to 3:30 and 4 – 5 pm** to rehearse for the 10 am mass on **Sun. February 7th.**

The Contemporary Group: Set up and rehearsal begins at 4:00 pm on Sun. afternoon before the 5:30 mass.

Instrumentalist: Contact Patty for more information.

For more information concerning any of our music ministries, contact Patty Woerter at bmcliturg@bellsouth.net or 270-683-8444 ext. 27.

"Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

It is the mission of all the faithful to reveal the glory of the Lord. If you think you might be called by God to make known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, contact the Office of Vocations: 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com.

Opportunities for Life Volunteers Needed

Opportunities for Life, the Kentucky Catholic Bishop's life-affirming ministry to women and families dealing with untimely pregnancies, is welcoming new volunteers. OFL will be offering training workshops in the Diocese. OFL volunteers offer hope, compassion, options counseling and resources to callers who find the courage to seek help. Volunteers are needed to staff the 24 hour helpline from their homes. If you have a heart for life affirming ministry service, you are invited to contact OFL for more information. Please call (888)496-3638 to learn more about this ministry and the upcoming training workshops.

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon. & Thurs, 4 PM

Mon.	Mass 6:30 AM Bunko, 1 PM SVDP Mtg 7:00 PM (New Members Welcome)
Tues.	Eucharistic Adoration 6 PM Mass
Wed.	Eucharistic Adoration Mass 6:30 AM
Thurs.	NO 9AM School Mass 12 Noon Mass
Fri.	12 Noon Mass Eucharistic Adoration
Sat.	Confessions 12:30 — 2:00 Mass 4:00 PM
Sun.	Mass at 7AM, 10:00 AM, 5:30 PM Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria Gamblers Anonymous 5PM (Blessed Sacrament Chapel -- 602 Sycamore St)

Readings for the Week

Mon:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tue:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wed:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thur:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Fri:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Sat:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sun:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Daily Bible Reading: 683-8524

Visit our website!

<http://www.blessedmotherchurch.com>

**“Dear Reader,
Meet me wherever, whenever you want.
All is forgiven, I love you.
(Signed) God.”**

Safe Environment

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (270-687-8888 / or 270-685-8444_) or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro has just revised its sexual abuse policy, and it is available at this parish in the back of church, or in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site (www.rcdok.org/safe).

Owensboro Catholic Schools – we want your child to grow in their faith with us!

Registration is ongoing – we will walk you through every step. Contact Beni or Keith at: 270-686-8896.

We also ask you to pray for our students, teachers, and staff as we begin another school year. We will keep you in our prayers!

Needed:

Food Service Cook/ Worker
Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus
525 East 23rd Street Owensboro

We are looking for a dedicated, responsible individual to serve as the Food Service Cook/Worker at Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus in Owensboro, Ky from 7 am to 1:30 pm each school day (schedules may vary).

Interested candidates may send their resume to Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 campus 525 E 23rd St. Attn: Kelly Trogden

Cinderella's Closet

FROM DRESS AND ACCESSORY DRIVE

Sponsored By:

Owensboro High School Youth Service Center

WHEN: January 19-29, 2016

WHERE: Owensboro High School

*Dresses can be dropped off in the front office or the YSC

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: Michelle Mayfield
270 686-1098

michelle.mayfield@owensboro.kyschools.us

Parish Council Members

Tom Anderson	685-0348
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Ryan Coyne	314-3608
Richard Hayden	689-1422
Jarrold Malone	314-5810
Greg Mullican	314-7514
Cliff Russell	316-1133
Dan Thomas	684-2120