

Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street Owensboro, KY 42303 January 24th, 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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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

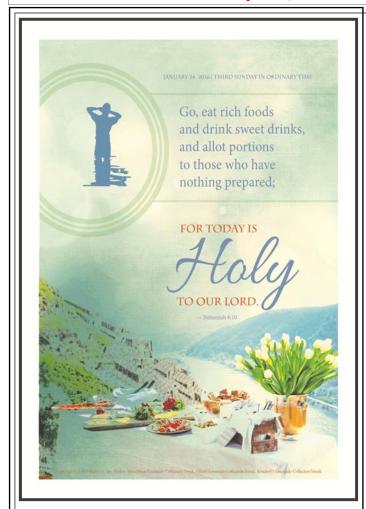
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.

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 25th

6:30 AM Camillia Baker (dec,)

Tuesday January 26th 6:00 PM Liz Francis

Wednesday January 27th

6:30 AM David & Jennifer Elliott

Thursday January 28th 9:00 AM No School Mass

12 Noon Veronica / Alvin Buckman Family

Friday January 29th

12 Noon Holly Murphy Davis (Special Intention)

Saturday January 30th

4:00 PM Bill & Mildred Johnson

Sunday January 31st

7:00 AM Lucille Russell (dec b-day) 10:00 AM Blessed Mother Parish 5:30 PM Joe Lewis (dec)

Liturgical Ministers January 30th & 31st

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4 PM

Tricia Adams, Jason Adcock, Karen Dueker Marjorie Early, Marian Bennett, Jeannie Best Rose Clark, Joan Collins, Judy Coomes

Sunday 7 AM

Brenda Hagan, Kendra Hagan, Kaytlin Hagan Eva Cash, Stacy Duke, Nicholas Jackson

Sunday 10:00 AM

Drew Ward, Jeannette Ward, Richard Whitehouse Lori Whitehouse, Eric Vaughn, Pauline Wigginton Stephanie Wall, Travis Van Bussum, Kelly Trogden

Sunday 5:30 PM

Rick Moman, Leesa Moman, Debbie Smeathers Mason Miller, Bev Payne, Mason Robertson

Readers

Sat4:00 PMCarol GoetzSun7:00 AMSharon WardSun10:00 AMSr. Joseph MarieSun5:30 PMNorm Hayden

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM Abbie Millay, Owen Towery
 Sun 7:00 AM Abigale Bahnick, Madelyn Cash
 Sun 5:30 PM Charly Hayden, Jolee Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM Mary Fendel
Sun 7:00 AM JoAnn Knott
Sun 10:00 AM Rusty Burton
Sun 5:30 PM Donald Patton

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Linda Wahl, Cassidy Carrico (Asst)

Laura Sandifer (Asst)

K-3rdGrade Natalie Hayden, Katie Hayden (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Anna Bilderback

Hillcrest: Debbie Ward, Donna Powers

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

5:30PM 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 24: You and God...Relationship Status??

January 31: Are You Hungry??

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

January 31: Richarď & Ňatalie Hayden,

Al & Molly Thompson

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

A famous surgeon went on a safari in Africa. When he came back, his colleagues asked him how it had been. "Oh, it was very disappointing," he said. "I didn't kill a thing. I'd have been better off staying here in the hospital." ------

A doctor said to his patient, "Well, your leg is swollen, but I wouldn't worry about it." The patient replied, "No, and if your leg were swollen I wouldn't worry about it either." ------

A man kept going to the eye doctor because his eye hurt and the doctor finally discovered his problem. He said, "Your eye hurts when you drink tea, so you can't drink tea." So the patient said, "But I love tea." The doctor replied, "Okay, as long as you take the spoon out."

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

SAVE THE DATE!
OCS PTO K-8 DINNER and AUCTION
JOIN US FOR THE "TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS"
SATURDAY, MARCH 19th, 2016

One God, One Team, One Goal TICKETS WILL BE LIMITED!

\$40 each or \$320 to reserve your table of 8. Going on sale soon!

- Come for a delicious dinner and stay for dancing and the After Party.
- Join us to -Fund a Need- by upgrading technology and class-rooms in our school system
- You won't want to miss out on the "Pick -n- Roll" ticket. One lucky winner will get to choose ANY live auction item with the purchase of this \$50 ticket. A limited number will be sold, so odds are in your favor!
- New auction format for handmade, one of a kind class projects.
- TWO TUITION RAFFLES THIS YEAR!!! Get your ticket to win FREE tuition for one student in grades K-6. Tickets are limited so your chances are good!

Quality silent auction baskets to choose from plus an exciting live auction as well!

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 Briggin, 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 Grifffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Ben Halbig, Nancv 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, 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, 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 Zaremba

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

Iraq:

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



We pray for the repose of the soul of Diane Louise Farmer Reynolds 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.

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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. 20^{th} and 27^{th} to rehearse for the 10 am mass on Sun. Jan. 31^{st} .

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 7**th.

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 bmcliturgy@bellsouth.net or 270-683-8444 ext. 27.

"As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ."

In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us that each of us, as a part of the Body of Christ, has been designated for a specific vocation. If you think you might have a vocation to the priesthood or if you know someone you think God might be calling to priesthood, contact the Vocations Office: 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, or www.owensborovocations.com

If your child will be 3, 4 or 5 years old by August 1, 2016, now is the time to think about registering for preschool. On Tuesday, February 16, 2016 Cathedral Preschool will begin accepting registration forms from families new to the preschool. Families with children currently attending will automatically receive registration packets.

Attention Parents:

For more information about our curriculum or to request a packet, just call (270) 926-1652 or visit us at 600 Locust Street.

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: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;

Mk 16:15-18

Tues: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or 9:1-22; Ps 24:7-10;

Mk 3:31-35

Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thur: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;

Mk 4:21-25

Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;

Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;

Mk 4:35-41

Sun: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;

1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

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 <u>confidential phone line: 270-852-8380</u>. 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

PROM 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

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michelle.mayfield@owensboro.kyschools.us

Parish Council Members	
Tom Anderson	685-0348
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