



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
April 3rd, 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
Parochial Vicar Rev. Richard Powers, Phone ext. 23
Deacon Bill Bach, Phone (270)685-3743
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Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education ext. 26
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Kristin Tichenor, Pastoral Associate, phone ext. 33

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.

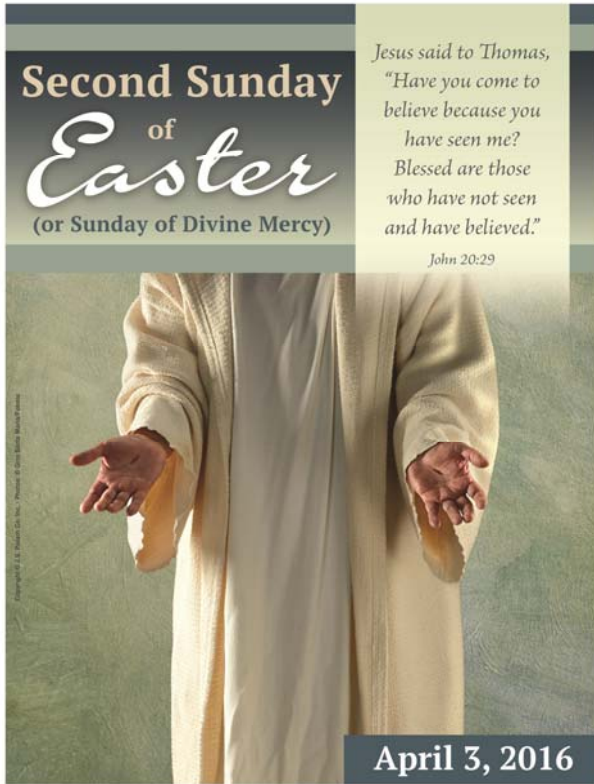
Contact the Parish Office.

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** April 4th
6:30 AM Joe Lewis (dec)
- Tuesday** April 5th
6:00 PM Tina Visconti (dec)
- Wednesday** April 6th
6:30 AM Mary R.
- Thursday** April 7th
9:00 AM NO School Mass
12 Noon Gene Clark (dec)
- Friday** April 8th
12 Noon Mary Kummer-Maneth
- Saturday** April 9th
4:00 PM Larry Clem (dec, b-day)
- Sunday** April 10th
7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parish
10:00 AM Ryan Erpenbeck (b-day)
5:30 PM Tina Visconti

Liturgical Ministers April 9th & 10th

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4 PM

Sandra Henry, Judy Kapelsohn, Shirley Kent
Joe O'Bryan, Maggie O'Bryan, Dan Pearl
Jeanne Pointer, Lahoma Stinnett, Janet Ruth

Sunday 7 AM

Joy Bach, Rachel Bahnick, Charlene Baumgarten
Sr. Mary Timothy, Mary Margaret Brown, Eva Cash

Sunday 10:00 AM

Brenda Millay, Jerry Millay, Carol Murphy
Darryl Murphy, Tony Powers, Debbie Riney
Jon Robertson, Cliff Russell, Nick Russell

Sunday 5:30 PM

Emily Linn, Kristen Linn, Pete Linn
Michele Linn, Leesa Moman, Bev Payne

Readers

- Sat 4:00 PM Rose Clark
- Sun 7:00 AM Sharon Ward
- Sun 10:00 AM Troy Halem
- Sun 5:30 PM Rick Moman

Servers

- Sat 4:00 PM John Michael Frey, Luke Frey
- Sun 7:00 AM Joseph Watts, Abigale Bahnick
- Sun 10:00 AM Logan Bell, Caitlyn Bell
- Sun 5:30 PM Jolee Hayden, Charly Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

- Sat 4:00 PM Alex Haynes
- Sun 7:00 AM Russell Corley
- Sun 10:00 AM Phillip Ebelhar
- Sun 5:30 PM Karla Arnold

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Tiffany Coombs, Madalyn Hyland (Asst)
K-3rdGrade Jill Goetz, Jarrett Goetz (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Marti Castlen

Hillcrest: Sandra Henry, Shari Newton

Ministers of Hospitality April

- 4:00 PM Jim Hodgkins, Denice Kemper
Mark Kemper, Martha Marsh
- 7:00 AM Jack Murphy, Bob Bahnick
Raychel Bahnick, Russell Corley
- 10:00 AM Cindy Vaughan, Eric Vaughan
Steve Wall, Bill Young
- 5:30 PM Catherine Nunley, Stacy Nunley
Cameron O'Nan, Walter Redd

Catholic Q&A

Today is “Divine Mercy Sunday.” What is the “Divine Mercy”? How can we honor it?

The “Divine Mercy” is the kindness, and forbearance, and forgiveness of God towards men. It is His readiness to assist sinners with His loving grace. It is an essential attribute of God, perfectly embodied in the Person of Jesus.

The message and devotion to Jesus as “The Divine Mercy” is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalksa, a Polish nun from the 1930’s who received many revelations from Christ about His mercy and His desire that mankind be devoted to it. She wrote the content of these revelations in a diary over 600-pages long. Pope John Paul II, being from Poland, had a strong devotion to the Divine Mercy, and when he made Sr. Faustina a saint in the year 2000 he also declared that the second Sunday of Easter would be a feast day dedicated to the Divine Mercy for the Universal Church.

On Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27, 2014), John Paul II, who canonized so many saints during his pontificate, was himself declared a saint, as was his predecessor, Pope John XXIII. This just adds to the joy that this Sunday brings to us.

The Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception have developed an acronym you can use to remember the message of the Divine Mercy and how to live out a devotion to this Mercy. Just remember your “ABC’s”:

A — Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour out His mercy upon us and upon the whole world.

B — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive His grace and mercy.

A devotion to the Divine Mercy typically also entails daily praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM (the hour of Jesus’ death), displaying the image of the Divine Mercy in one’s home, and receiving the Eucharist on the second Sunday of Easter, “Divine Mercy Sunday.”

I can tell you that praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet has helped me tremendously in finding more peace in my life and in overcoming sin. It is also an excellent first step for anyone who wants to learn to pray with rosary beads.

We will be hosting a conference on the Divine Mercy at 1:30 PM today in the church. Fr. Richard Cash will be delivering several talks on the grace and power of this devotion. All are welcome!

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

April 3: SPRING BREAK! NO YOUTH GROUP!

April 10: Movie Night!!

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:

April 3: No Team Needed!

April 10: Keith & Jeannie Best, Carlton Goodman

Thank You!

Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-6)

April 24th 3:30-5:00 pm~ Year End Party!!

It’s Not Too Late

It’s not too late to help! If you missed the second collection, or just weren’t ready for it, but would like to make a donation towards our World Youth Day trip to Poland...it’s not too late! Just mail it in, or bring by the office c/o Christina Barnard. Again, to all who have donated, we truly appreciate it!

Please welcome the following individuals who received one or more of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil:

Wayne Stephens	Grace Gerald
Ken Stock	Minerva Espinoza
Matthew Ezell	Susan Wilkerson
Judith Ezell	Logan Wilkerson
Eastan Costello	

They are a tremendous blessing to us!

SACRAMENTAL PREP CALENDAR

First Communion:

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

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

-- Individual photos begin at 1 PM in the Parish Hall

RELIGIOUS ED CALENDAR

April 3: No class (Spring break)

April 10: No class (Spring break)

April 17: Class (except for 2nd graders and siblings)

April 24: Class

May 1: Family Celebration in the Parish Hall (last class)

Laugh for the Week

Following a Final Four Party, all the brewery presidents decided to go out for a beer.

Corona's president said, "I would like the world's best beer, a Corona."

The barman handed him a bottle of Corona.

Next Budweiser's president said, "I'd like the best beer in world, a Budweiser, the King of Beers!"

The barman reached up to the shelf and handed him a bottle of Budweiser.

Then the president of Coors said, "I'd like the best beer in the world, A Coors, the only one made with Rocky Mountain Spring Water."

The barman served him a bottle of Coors.

The three men were then joined by the president of Guinness who said, "Give me a glass of water."

The other brewery presidents looked across and said, "Why aren't you drinking a Guinness?"

The Guinness president replied. "Well, if you guys aren't drinking beer, neither will I!"

Devine Mercy Sunday

April 3rd

1:30 - 4:00 PM

At Blessed Mother Parish

601 E 23rd Street Owensboro Ky

Speaker: Fr. Richard Cash

"The Mercy Desire"

"The Mercy Elevator"

"The Mercy Springs"

Parish Data / Stewardship Form

A mailing has gone out to all registered families of Blessed Mother Parish. Please update these forms and return them to the office or place in the collection basket on Sunday. If you did not receive a form please contact Russ in the office 270-683-8444.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

When Thomas was told that Jesus had risen from the dead and appeared to the other disciples while he was not with them, he has difficulty believing that it could be possible. Thomas did not lack faith in Jesus. But the implications of Jesus rising from the dead were so immense that Thomas wanted to be certain. When Jesus learned that Lazarus had died, the other disciples tried to dissuade Jesus from going near Jerusalem to get to Bethany because the Jewish leaders were seeking to kill him, it was Thomas who said, "Let us go die with him!" When Thomas sees the Risen Jesus and is invited to put his finger and hands into the wounds, he tells Thomas, "Do not be unbelieving, but believe." It is Thomas who proclaims, "My Lord and my GOD." Jesus then speaks to us: "Blessed are those who have not seen, and have believed." In the midst of the challenges and difficulties of our life, do we sometimes have doubts. That is normal. But we can have faith that Jesus is telling us, "Do not be unbelieving, but believe."

March 27th, 2016

Parish	Actual	Avg Ytd	Budget
Operating	\$ 25,052		
Maintenance	\$ 1,048		
Total	\$ 26,100	\$26,320	\$25,591
Other/ Restricted	\$ 3,079		

Disciple's Response Fund Pledge Report As of 3/11/2016

Parish Target:	\$21,840.00
Amount Pledged:	\$44,396.83
Amount Paid:	\$35,154.33
Remaining Balance:	\$ 9,242.50

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp

Made for More Summer Camp

Designed for young men

in high school

June 26-29, 2016

Made For More (High School Boys Only who have completed their freshman year): This is our newest camp for 2016! Have you ever had the feeling that you are made for so much more than what the world seems to offer? What are you supposed to do with your life? More importantly, what does God want you to do with your life? This camp will help you begin to ask those questions and seek God's will for your life. Do all the activities camp has to offer: zip-line, low elements, vertical playground, giant swing, Jacob's Ladder, and more while celebrating the sacraments, learning and praying to be open to being the best Catholic man you can be. This camp is for High School aged young men only. www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org

**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, Joan Cecil, Melody Cecil, Joyce & Paul Christian, Dennis Clark, Dessie Clark, James Clark, Thelma Clark, Alice Cole, Arnold & Kathleen Conder, Jake Conder, Jeff Connor, Randy Cook, Chad Crabtree, Mickie Crump, Holly Davis, Margaret Delacy, 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, Wilhemena 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, Kathleen Leming, Fr. Austin Licke, Karen Logsdon, 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, Terri Potts, 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, Britany Stallings, Susan Stersman, Charles Stewart, Melissa Sullivan, Jill Tanner, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Billy Thomas, Betty Thompson, Pearl Thompson, Alma Topper, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Amanda Vessels, Dianne Walsh, Scott Ward, Joyce Warren, Vickie Warren, Jim "Bun" Wedding, Denny 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.

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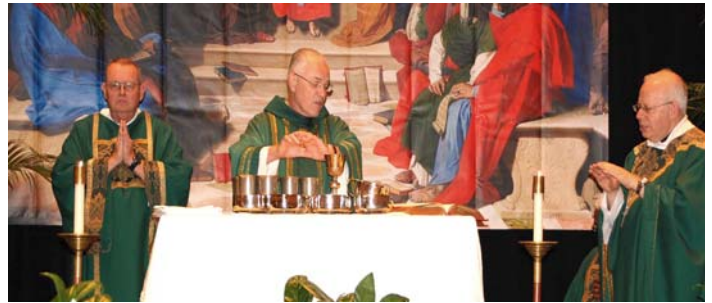
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

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 

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Julian Ibemere's mother. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord.
Condolences may be sent to
Saint Michael the Archangel Parish
P.O. Box 505
Oak Grove Ky 42262



A Stewardship Moment

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

We offer a special THANK YOU to our choir, cantors, and instrumentalist who gave of their time and talent during Holy Week. The music was beautiful!!

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.

Men and Women's Choir: There will be no rehearsal on Wed. April 6, 2016

Contemporary Group (Sun. 5:30 pm mass)

Children's Choir will meet Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 3:45 - 4:45 in the Children's Liturgy Room. Children's Choir will sing **May 8th**, Mother's Day, at the 10 am mass.

Children's Recorder Choir has begun. We welcome new members in grade 3 and up. Rehearsals are on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 – 4:45 pm in the Children's Liturgy Room. **There will be no rehearsal April 6, 2016.**

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.

Media Specialist

The Diocese of Owensboro has a job opportunity for a fulltime Media Specialist in the Office of Communications.

This position is located at the McRaith Catholic Center in Owensboro, KY. The Diocese encompasses 79 parishes and 17 schools in western Kentucky.

Contact Details:

The Diocese of Owensboro is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. All interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter to:

Diocese of Owensboro
Human Resource Department
600 Locust Street
Owensboro, KY 42301 Or

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 6:00 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, 5:300 PM NO Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass NO 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:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tue:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wed:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thur:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Fri:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sat:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sun:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

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).

OCS

On-Line Registration for academic year 2016-2017 will open on Monday, March 7th. You will receive an email message for each student currently enrolled from admissions@owensborocatholic.org. The email will provide you with the necessary SnapCode to access the on-line registration form. If you are registering a new student, please go to the OCS website, click on the Admissions/Registration button, and then click on New Student Registration. Current families will be able to log-in and new families will be asked to create an InfoSnap account. Please submit your Parish Voucher/ Parish Membership Verification Form and the \$50.00 Enrollment Deposit to the OCS Central Office or any of our school site offices prior to Friday, March 25th. If your registration process is completed (on-line form submitted for each enrolled student, parish voucher/ parish membership verification form submitted and \$50 enrollment deposit submitted) by Friday, March 25th, your \$50.00 Enrollment Deposit will be credited toward your 2016-2017 tuition bill. Look for the email from admissions@owensborocatholic.org on Monday, March 7th. If you do not receive the email, please contact the OCS Central Office at 270.686.8896.

REMINDER

Catholic School Vouchers

Vouchers are required at registration. If you are a Parish Sponsored Family you must turn in your stewardship form before a School Voucher will be awarded.

Parish Council Members

Tom Anderson	685-0348
Marian Bennett	684-3955
Jeannie Best	683-3075
Ryan Coyne	314-3608
Richard Hayden	689-1422
Jarrold Malone	314-5810
Greg Mullican	314-7514
Cliff Russell	316-1133
Dan Thomas	684-2120