



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
April 10th, 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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Darlene Quinn, Office Assistant, phone ext. 25
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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.

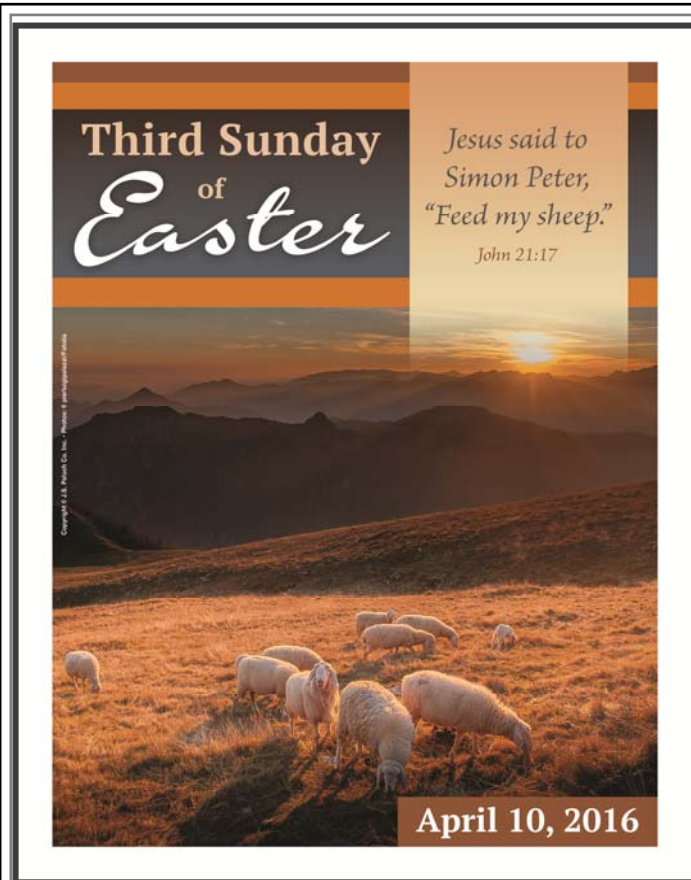
Contact the Parish Office.

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** April 11th
6:30 AM Edith Conkright (dec)
- Tuesday** April 12th
6:00 PM Luke Howard (dec)
- Wednesday** April 13th
6:30 AM Florence Henderson
- Thursday** April 14th
9:00 AM School Mass
12 Noon Steve Towery (dec)
- Friday** April 15th
12 Noon Edward Payne (dec, b-day)
- Saturday** April 16th
4:00 PM Steve Quinn (dec, b-day)
- Sunday** April 17th
7:00 AM Gary Danzer (Granddad)
10:00 AM Stanley Fulkerson (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Liturgical Ministers April 16th & 17th

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4 PM

Bonnie Stuart, Ethel Watrous, Jan Storm
Jeffrey Williams, J. Murray Adams, Jason Adcock
Marian Bennett, Christina Barnard, Jeannie Best

Sunday 7 AM

Don Cecil, Charlotte Cecil, Stacy Duke
Brenda Hagan, Kaytlin Hagan, Kendra Hagan

Sunday 10:00 AM

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

Sunday 5:30 PM

Phyllis Bastin, Bobby Bastin, Shannon Wright
Bill Wright, Debbie Smeathers, Mason Robertson

Readers

- Sat 4:00 PM Cindy McCain
- Sun 7:00 AM Greg Cash
- Sun 10:00 AM Sabrina Johnson
- Sun 5:30 PM Deanna Brasher

Servers

- Sat 4:00 PM Reese Hayden, Sarah Paige Hayden
- Sun 7:00 AM Cooper Danzer, Madelyn Cash
- Sun 10:00 AM Kathleen Brocato, William Brocato
- Sun 5:30 PM Bailey Harris, Kristen Harris

Families to Take Up Gifts

- Sat 4:00 PM Steve Haynes
- Sun 7:00 AM Tracy Danzer
- Sun 10:00 AM Ryan Elder
- Sun 5:30 PM Janet Bowlds

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Erinn Ballein, Lindsey Hargitt (Asst)
K-3rdGrade Natalie Hayden, Katie Hayden (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Angela Clark

Hillcrest: Judy Coomes, Karen Thompson

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

In the Mass for the Easter Vigil, we seemed to pray for the conversion of the Jews. Are the Jews still God's "chosen people"?

Yes, "for the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" (Rom 11:29) and He said of the Jewish people:

-- "Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine, and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Exo 19:5-6)

-- "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth." (Deut 7:6)

However, this does not mean that it is acceptable for them to explicitly reject the divinity of Jesus Christ and the New Covenant that He established. This covenant in His Blood fulfills everything that the Jewish people had previously received, and adds to the number of the "chosen people" anyone who has faith in Christ and is baptized. That is why St. Peter says that *the Church* has now become what the Jews always were:

-- "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Pet 2:9).

The Church is now the place where Jew and Greek, slave and free, man and woman can come and experience God's saving power (cf. Rom 10:12; Gal 3:28; Col 3:11). Unfortunately, the Jews, while undoubtedly God's chosen people, are people who are disobedient to this new covenant and its realization in the Church.

Fortunately, God is not through with the Jewish people yet. The Bible tells us that one sign that the End Times are upon us will be the mass conversion of the Jewish people to Christ and the New Covenant:

-- "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication, so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a first-born." (Zech 12:10)

-- "I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me." (Jer 33:8)

-- "Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brethren: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles come in, and so all Israel will be saved" (Rom 11:25-26)

What a great day that will be!

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

April 10: Movie Night!

April 17: We Rise!

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 10: Keith & Jeannie Best, Carlton Goodman

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

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

TRUE story:

The other day Benita and Addison came home and Addison noticed a pamphlet in the door. They came in the house through the back door and Addison went back out and got the pamphlet. Benita said she came running back in screaming "Mom, Mom!!!". Addison handed her the pamphlet and said "look we can go see Dan!" On the pamphlet it read "How to get to heaven from Kentucky."

A little background as to WHY she got so excited - Jason is my nephew, Benita is his wife and Addison is their 7 year old daughter. My brother, Dan, stayed with them last year while receiving cancer treatments in Louisville. Addison therefore became very attached to Dan, her great uncle, because he would play with her every day. My brother passed away while at their home, luckily Addison was at school that day, so it is taking her a while to understand where he is.

Larry Neuner



Emily Linn

St. Benedicts Homeless Shelter Project Results of the Donations

Outstanding. We are proud of you, Emily! You have made quite an impression on the parish and opened the door of our minds to see all people as Christ.

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, "Lets 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

Daughters of Isabella

Card Party/ Bunco/ Raffle
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
Thursday, April 21, 2016
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
\$7.00 includes Lunch
Bring your group for cards or join others for a fun game of bunco

We appreciate all your help.
If any questions call:
Sheila Thomson, Regent
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Circle
Daughters of Isabella
270-683-2397

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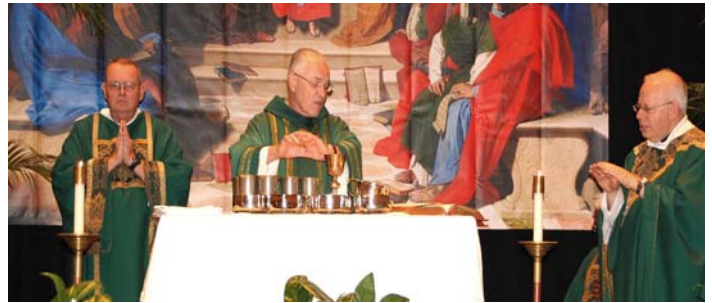
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

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

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.



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.

From Death to New Life 

Let us pray for the Families of Kenneth Williams, and Loretta Williams on the death of their sister: Dorothy "Dot" Williams Raley. May she share in the resurrection of the Lord.

Let us pray for the Families of Martha Faye Hayden and Janice Goins, on the death of their sister: Betty Jo Clark Payne. May she share in the resurrection of the Lord.

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.	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 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:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tue:	Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wed:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thur:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Fri:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Sat:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sun:	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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 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

Owensboro Catholic Registration –

Registration - Are you afraid you've missed it?!?!?

Well, you haven't! Registration is ongoing. Contact Keith at 270-686-8896 or visit our website – owensborocatholic.org

The deadline for Round 3 of needs-based tuition assistance is May 13.

Owensboro Catholic Schools
Faith In Education

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