



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
April 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
Parochial Vicar Rev. Richard Powers, Phone ext. 23
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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.

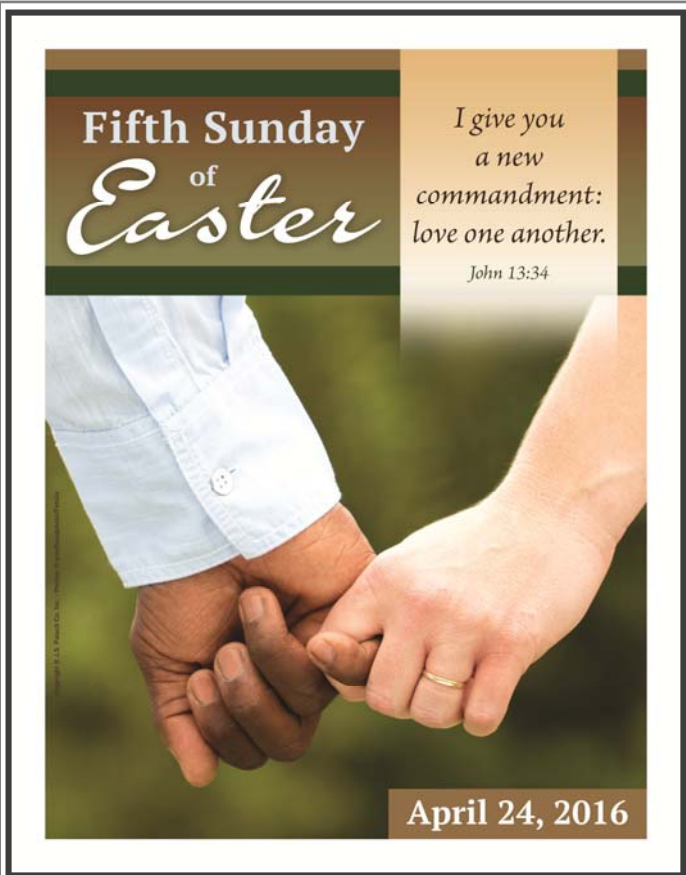
Contact the Parish Office.

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 25th
6:30 AM Ken & Kim (dec) Terry (annv)
- Tuesday** April 26th
6:30 PM Choya Burcham (Confirmation)
- Wednesday** April 27th
6:30 AM Marietta Alvey (dec)
- Thursday** April 28th
9:00 AM School Mass
12 Noon Patty Norcia
- Friday** April 29th
12 Noon Ben & Thelma Crump (dec)
- Saturday** April 30th
4:00 PM Clara Quinn (dec)
- Sunday** May 1st
7:00 AM BMP
10:00 AM Charles Conder (dec)
5:30 PM Luke Howard (dec)

Liturgical Ministers April 30th & May 1st

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4 PM

Whitney Haynes, Sandra Henry, Joe O'Bryan
Maggie O'Bryan, Jeannie Best, Mary Lu Payne
Mike Pearl, Jeannie Pointer, Judy Kapelsohn

Sunday 7 AM

Carolyn Taylor, Dan Thomas, Sandra Thomas
Mike Thompson, Joy Bach, Raychel Bahnick

Sunday 10:00 AM

Charlie Dees, Heidi Dees, Tiffany Coombs
Sr. Marie Joseph, Chris Ford, Jenny Glaser
Carol Goedde, Jim Hagan, Christina Lowe

Sunday 5:30 PM

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

Readers

- Sat 4:00 PM Bonnie Stuart
- Sun 7:00 AM Mark Potts
- Sun 10:00 AM Darryl Murphy
- Sun 5:30 PM Brett Mills

Servers

- Sat 4:00 PM Ray Ann Howard, Abby Millay
- Sun 7:00 AM Hank Dotsey, Jack Higgins
- Sun 10:00 AM Elizabeth Ford, Johnathan Ford
- Sun 5:30 PM Matthew Graviess, Brett Conder

Families to Take Up Gifts

- Sat 4:00 PM Jim Hodgkins
- Sun 7:00 AM Bernie Dotsey
- Sun 10:00 AM Ann Evans
- Sun 5:30 PM Mary Bruner

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Michelle Sandefur, Sydney Sandefur (Asst)

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

Vocation Cross Family

Tony Clark

Hillcrest: Susan Hale, James Gerald

Ministers of Hospitality April 30, May 1

- 4:00 PM Jim Hodgkins, Denice Kemper
Mark Kemper, Martha Marsh
- 7:00 AM Bernie Dotsey, Thomas Dotsey
Stacy Duke, Billy Hamilton
- 10:00 AM David Blanford, Debra Burden
Donnie Blanford, Mary Ann Blanford
- 5:30 PM Mason Robertson, Ken Terry
Anne Alexander, Jessie Schartung

Catholic Q&A

On April 8, Pope Francis released *Amoris Laetitia*, his post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family. For the next couple of weeks I will be using this space to share a Q&A on the document from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This should help to answer any questions you might have about the document before you read it (which I highly suggest you do!)

Nicholas Hardesty
Director of Religious Education

What is an apostolic exhortation?

An apostolic exhortation is a particular kind of papal teaching that communicates the mind of the pope on a certain topic. It is often used to share the conclusions reached by the Holy Father after consideration of the recommendations of a Synod of Bishops. It can also be used as a way for the pope to exhort (encourage) the faithful to a deeper life of Christian discipleship, as, for example, Pope Francis did in his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world (Nov. 24, 2013).

Where did *Amoris Laetitia* come from?

Amoris Laetitia is the result of Pope Francis' prayerful reflection on the discussions and outcomes of two synods of bishops held in Rome: an Extraordinary Synod in 2014, and an Ordinary Synod in 2015, both on the topic of marriage and the family. The exhortation is meant to share with the Church the Holy Father's teaching and encouragement regarding pastoral ministry to families, and what marriages and families are called to at this time.

What is the Synod of Bishops?

The Synod of Bishops is a permanent institution of the Catholic Church. It was established by Pope Paul VI in 1965, shortly after the close of the Second Vatican Council, to continue the spirit of collegiality and communion that was present at the Council. The Synod is an assembly of bishops from around the world who assist the Holy Father by providing counsel on important questions facing the Church in a manner that preserves the Church's teaching and strengthens her internal discipline. (See the Vatican website and the Code of Canon Law, canon 342.)

What topics does the apostolic exhortation cover?

Amoris Laetitia covers a wide range of topics related to marriage and family life, with a particular emphasis on the family's vocation and mission of love. It speaks about the family's strengths and gifts, and also the contemporary challenges faced by families throughout the world. The exhortation encourages married couples, families, and pastoral ministers to accompany and care for families and others in need of the Lord's mercy and healing. It includes an extended reflection on love and what it means in the day-to-day reality of marriage and family life.

What does the title mean?

Amoris Laetitia is Latin for "The Joy of Love." The opening sentence reads, "The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church" (no. 1). The exhortation is meant to echo the conviction of the Synod Fathers that the Christian family is "good news indeed" (no. 1) and to help the Church to draw close to families in all situations.

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

April 24: Dodgeball/Open Gym!!

May 1: Year End Party!

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

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 celebrate and pray for the following children who received their First Communion last Sunday:

Sydney Adams	Emily Judd
Nicholas Bell	Ava Martin
Taylor Clark	Brycen Parker
Emma Elder	Isabella Sloan
Bella Guinn	Joshua Staples
Dylan Hagan	Anna Katherine Wathen
Nathan Hardesty	Korynn Wilkerson
Gene Johnson	

RELIGIOUS ED CALENDAR

April 24: Class

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

Annual Diocese of Owensboro
Black Catholic Spring Gathering
April 30, 2016 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Where: Christ the King Church Hall, Kingsway Drive,
Madisonville, KY, United States
The gathering will include Bishop William F. Medley and feature Fr. John Judie. Everyone is welcome. Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served. Come and bring a friend to this celebration of fun and fellowship. Ethnic attire is encouraged. Sales of Ethnic attire, afro-centric religious items and youth bibles will be available.

Laugh for the Week

"Bulletin Bloopers"

Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING Conference. "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals".

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J. F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.

Confirmation

Tuesday April 26th, 6:30 PM

Candidates should arrive
in the Parish Hall
no later than 5:30 PM

Practice for candidates and sponsors
Monday April 25th 6PM in the church.

**Blessed Mother Cooking Team
Will be cooking down on the river
for the BBQ Fest again this year**

Saturday May 14th.

**Help is needed to
continue this ministry.**

**If you are interested in joining
the cooking team to help continue
the BBQ Fest please
contact Russ In the office.**

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

John 13:31-35

**"This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another."**

At the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples He tried to prepare them for the persecution He was expecting from the Jewish leaders and the Romans. Jesus had done nothing wrong, but it was the good He had done that was a threat to the power and wealth of the people in control. Jesus was also preparing His disciples to carry on his mission and teach His message after he was gone. And they could only do that if people knew they were his disciples by the way they loved one another, and loved others. Jesus knew His disciples would face the same threats and treatment by the people who wanted to stop Him. Jesus also knew that true love can be difficult for many reasons: people do evil things; people betray us; people must be corrected or punished for inappropriate or unacceptable behavior; people are an imminent threat to us or others. Love is not easy, but Jesus demonstrated it is possible.

April 17th, 2016

Parish	Actual	Avg Ytd	Budget
Operating	\$ 18,822		
Maintenance	\$ 720		
Total	\$ 19,542	\$25,980	\$25,591
Other/ Restricted	\$ 1,686		

Disciple's Response Fund Pledge Report As of 4/12/2016

Parish Target:	\$21,840.00
Amount Pledged:	\$44,396.83
Amount Paid:	\$36,134.33
Remaining Balance:	\$ 8,372.50

From Death to New Life

"The family of Betty Keller shares the sad news of their mother's death on April 16 due to lymphoma. Denny and Betty Keller were longtime Blessed Mother parishioners before relocating closer to their children in Louisville. Whether working on quilt projects, helping with the prayer garden, parish picnics, funerals, or other parish needs, both Denny and Betty had giving hearts and loved Blessed Mother Church.

Our dad's death while visiting in Owensboro on February 5, 2015 and now our mother's are grieved not only by family and friends but by fellow Church of the Epiphany parishioners. Please remember our parents and our families in your prayers."

**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, Joan Cecil, Jane Hoskins 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, 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, Sabrina Kamuf, 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, 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 Towerly, 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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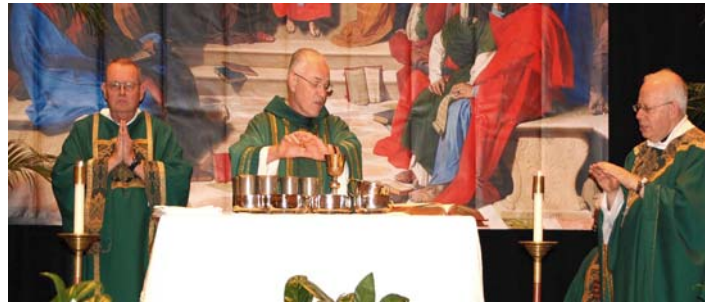
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

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

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise!♪

Wanted: The time and talent of dedicated musicians to grow our music ministries.

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.

Cantors practice with Patty as schedules allow or if needed as well as before mass with the pianist.

Men and Women's Choir will rehearse at 5:30 before the Conformation Mass on Tuesday April 26th.

No Wednesday rehearsal.

Contemporary Group (Sun. 5:30 pm mass) Rehearsals are before mass at 4:00 pm.

Children's Choir will meet every Tuesday from 3:45 - 4:45 in the Children's Liturgy Room. They are invited to sing May 7th & May 8th at masses on Mother's Day weekend.

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.

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.

Happy Birthday!!!!

Fr. Mike

April 8th

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 6:30 PM Confirmation Mass
Wed.	Eucharistic Adoration Mass 6:30 AM 6:00 PM Finance Council Mtg 7:00 PM Parish Council Mtg
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 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 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Tue:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wed:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thur:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Fri:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Sat:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sun:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

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