



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
August 28th, 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. 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. Emmanuel

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** August 29th
6:30 AM Luke Howard (dec)
- Tuesday** August 30th
6:00 PM Mary Sullivan (80th b-day)
- Wednesday** August 31st
6:30 AM William Hinton (dec)
- Thursday** September 1st
9:00 AM School Mass
12 Noon Dustin Cowan (b-day)
- Friday** September 2nd
12 Noon Stewart Schrecker (dec, annv)
- Saturday** September 3rd
4:00 PM Joseph & Rose Towery (50th Annv)
- Sunday** September 4th
7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parish (dec)
10:00 AM Al & Joan Hofmann
5:30 PM Stanley & Doris Fulkerson (dec)

Liturgical Ministers September 3rd & 4th

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4:00 PM

Lahoma Stinnett, Jan Storm, Bonnie Stuart
Ethel Watrous, Jeff Williams, J. Murray Adams
Jason Adcock, Christiana Barnard, Jeannie Best

Sunday 7:00 AM

Mike Thompson, Joy Bach, Sr. Mary Timothy
Mary Margaret Brown, Eva Cash, Stacy Duke

Sunday 10:00 AM

Josie Hagan, Phil Hagan, Becky Hargitt
Andrew Hayden, Steve Hayden, Bill Hayden
Julie Hayden, Ed Higdon, Nicholas Johnson

Sunday 5:30 PM

Laurie Elliott, Carlton Goodman, Katina Hayden
Ken Keller, Kristen Linn Bev Payne

Readers

- Sat 4:00 PM Teresa Henry
- Sun 7:00 AM Stacy Duke
- Sun 10:00 AM St. Marie Joseph
- Sun 5:30 PM Brett Mills

Servers

- Sat 4:00 PM Bailey Harris, Kristen Harris
- Sun 7:00 AM Garison Danzer, William Danzer
- Sun 10:00 AM Ella Goetz, Dylan Hagan
- Sun 5:30 PM Charly Hayden, Jolee Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

- Sat 4:00 PM Paul Thompson
- Sun 7:00 AM Bob Bahnick
- Sun 10:00 AM Scott Johnson
- Sun 5:30 PM Bill Wright

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Erinn Ballein, Lindsey Haritt (Asst)

K-3rdGrade Diane Fulkerson, Anna Hyland (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Carol Goedde

Hillcrest: Susan Hale, James Gerald

Ministers of Hospitality September

- 4:00 PM Alex Haynes, Steve Haynes
Sean Henry, Steve Henry
- 7:00 AM Vince Frey, Paul Garner
Billy Hamilton, Joe Higdon
- 10:00 AM Stephen Hardesty, John Hayden
JT Hayden, Luke Hayden
- 5:30 PM Samuel Clore, Dan Goedde
Kenny Hamilton, Tricia Hamilton

Catholic Q & A

What is the RCIA Process?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults become full members of the Catholic Church. The high point of the process is the Easter Vigil, when the participants in the process receive the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church.

The Rite speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church He founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful.

The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate that was developed during the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church’s way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the whole Church (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 64).

There are four periods or stages to the RCIA process:

Precatechumenate: This is a time for inquiry and evangelization, an opportunity for the beginnings of faith. Here the seed is planted through the proclamation of the Gospel and the story of salvation history.

Catechumenate: This is an extended period for pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training participants in the Christian life; it includes a thoroughly comprehensive catechesis on the truths of Catholic doctrine and morality.

Purification and Enlightenment: Coinciding with Lent, this period consists more in interior reflection than in instruction. It is intended to enlighten the minds and hearts of participants with a deep knowledge of Christ.

Mystagogy: This time of post-baptismal catechesis extends through the Easter season, the seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. It is a time for deepening the Christian experience, especially in appreciation for the sacramental life, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the Catholic community.

Who might you invite to join the RCIA process and consider becoming Catholic? Our first session is Thurs., Sept. 1 at 7 PM in the Youth Room in the Family Life Center. If you have any questions, or if you know of someone who may be interested, please let me know.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

August 28: Kickball!!

September 4: **NO YOUTH GROUP!!**

Labor Day Weekend!

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:

Sign-Ups are underway in the back of Church!

Thank You!

Religious Ed Calendar

Aug. 28: Class

Sept. 4: *No class* (Labor Day weekend)

Sept. 11: *No class* (Mount picnic)

Sept. 18: Class

Sept. 25: Class

Speakers Series 2016

Sept. 17: Fr. Eugene Hensell, “Parables of Jesus”

Nov. 5: Meg Hunter-Kilmer, “Life with the Blessed Virgin”

Dec. 10: Dr. Scott Hahn:

- “The Lamb’s Supper”

- “Evangelizing Catholics”

- “The Healing Power of Confession”

For more info and to get your free tickets, go to:
www.blessedmotherchurch.com

Right to Life of Owensboro Annual Walk for Life

September 3, 2016

9:00 Registration 10:00 Walk begins

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Parking lot

Prizes for-Youngest walker, Oldest walker

Most money raised by an individual

Most money raised by a group

Prayer Services for the November Elections

Rosary, Mercy Chaplet & Other Prayers.

Sermons by Fr. Louis Caporiccio, CPM

Passionist Monastery, Whitesville, Ky

Monday Sept 5th, 2016 6:30—8PM

Monday October 3, 2016 6:30—8PM

Monday November 7th, 2016 6:30—8PM

Bring your family and friends

“For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us!”

Laugh for the Week

"Little Philip was spending the week-end with his grandmother after a particularly trying week in infant school.

His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful. His grandmother commented: 'Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?'

'Yes,' replied Philip, 'God did it and he did it left handed.'

This confused his grandmother so she asked him, 'What makes you say God did this with his left hand?'

'Well,' said Philip, 'we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand.' "

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

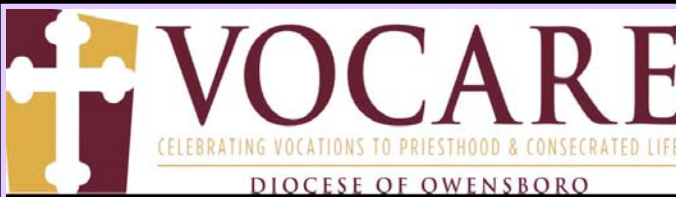
Luke 9:51-62

"I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home."

Jesus and his disciples were prevented from entering a Samaritan town because they were on their way to Jerusalem. The Samaritans believed God was in their temple, not the temple in Jerusalem. The disciples asked Jesus if he wanted them to "call down fire from heaven to consume" the town. They had no idea how to do that but they had seen Jesus work many wonders and wanted Him to do it. Jesus knew that God is not constrained to a temple or other building and that such an attitude reveals a belief that we can confine God to a place where we can occasionally go to visit Him, say some prayers, and hope He will stay while we go out and live our life without Him. On the journey several people had the opportunity to follow Jesus, but gave a variety of excuses, including ". . . first let me say farewell to my family at home." As Catholics we believe our life is from God and in God. We cannot confine God to a place or a religious practice. And, if we are a true disciple of Jesus, we can put no conditions on following and imitating Jesus.

August 14th, 2016

| Parish | Actual | Avg Ytd | Budget |
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| Operating | \$ 21,848 | | |
| Maintenance | \$ 647 | | |
| Total | \$ 22,495 | \$27,433 | \$26,859 |
| Other/ Restricted | \$ 1,078 | | |



Friday, September 23, 2016
Owensboro Convention Center

5.00 PM Social Hour

6.00 PM Dinner

Vocare is a latin word meaning "to call; to summon".

The Diocese of Owensboro is now accepting registrations for VOCARE 2016, the event of the year for the Diocese. This event is an opportunity to dress your finest and help our Diocese increase awareness of vocations, celebrate vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and provide financial support for seminarian education.

The evening begins at 5:00 PM at the Owensboro Convention Center with a cocktail/social hour.

Dinner will promptly begin at 6:00 PM and will feature a keynote address by Andy Day, Diocese of Owensboro native and southeast regional director of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students).

Those interested in attending can purchase an entire table, a single seat or seats for two. Visit www.owensborodiocese/vocare to register and pay for the event.

If you have any questions regarding VOCARE, please contact Kathy Rasp in the Bishop's Office at 270-683-1545.

Blessed Mother

will be hosting a 12 week program for
Divorced and Separated

Starting Monday September 12th

For more information or to register
please contact

Angela Clark 270-929-4022

Or call Russ in the parish office

270-683-8444 ext 21.

Bible Study Series (8 weeks)

Starting Wednesday September 14th

10—11:30 AM

Presented by Deacon Bill Bach
and Sabrina Johnson

7:00 — 8:30 PM

Presented by Nick Hardesty

For more information or to sign up please contact

Nick Hardesty 270-683-8444 ext 26 or

E-mail nicholashardesty@gmail.com

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

John Albin, Dorothy Aud, Margaret Beyke, Alice Bittel, Donna Bowlds, Megan Briggan, Connie Brown, Joan Cecil, Jane Hoskins Cecil, Melody Cecil, Joyce & Paul Christian, Dennis Clark, Dessie Clark, James Clark, Thelma Clark, Alice Cole, Kenny Cole, Arnold & Kathleen Conder, Jake Conder, Jeff Connor, Randy Cook, Chad Crabtree, Mickie Crump, Holly Davis, Margaret Delacy, Kinsey Dunn, Nancy Dunn, Mary E Durbin, Alan Ebelhar, David Eberhardt Clarence Elder, Christina Ennis, Jan Evans, John Farley, Theresa Feller, Elena Maria Finley, Muriel Gillim, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Ben Halbig, Nancy Hall, Donna Hamilton, James A Hamilton, Raley Hamilton, Wilhemina Newton Hamilton, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Billy Head, Bobbie Head, Mary Agnes Henderson, Naomi Henry, Marie Hester, Tracy Higdon, Chrystal Hinton, Chase Hofmann, Marjorie Howard, Mary Howard, Margaret Isbell, Wilbur Jarvis, Betty Jo Johnson, Sabrina Kamuf, Mary Ann Kern, Naki Keswani, Billy Knott, Joann Knott, Mike Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Carson Lanham, Avis Natalie Lantham, Bob Lawrence, Margaret Lee, Melinda Lee, 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, 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, Stewart Rearden, Otto Reisz, Paul Robertson, Eric Roby, Bob Ross, Jackie Russell, Dorothy Schell, Robert Scott, Juanita Sessman, Marvin Settles, 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, Betty Thompson, Pearl Thompson, Alma Topper, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Amanda Vessels, Dianne Walsh, Scott Ward, Joyce Warren, Zach Watts, Jim "Bun" Wedding, Denny Wheatley, Greg & Jennifer Weise, Katherine Whittinghill, Joe Wink, Bea Wooldridge, Bonnie Wright, Bill Yancy, Randy Zarembo

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

**Congratulations
James Michael McCarty
son of Helen McCarty,
on being ordained a Deacon for the
Diocese of Louisville this past weekend.**



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 as needed. There will also be a rehearsal before mass with the pianist.

Men and Women's Choir rehearse from 5 -7pm on Wed. evenings. Our next rehearsal is **Aug. 31st** to prepare for mass on **Sat. Sept. 3rd**.

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

Children's Vocal/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. **Children's Choir will sing again on Sun. Sept. 11th**.

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.



Our prayers have been answered as we welcome our new pianist Sharon Hudson who is relocating to Calhoun KY from Mobile, AL. She and her husband, Henry, have two sons William (13) and

Johnny (6). An accomplished pianist and teacher, she has been on the staff at the University of Mobile for 6 years. She has also taught at the University of South Alabama and Brescia University. In the Mobile area, she performed frequently with vocal and instrumental faculty and students and also accompanied musicals and operas. With Fr. Mike as pastor, she served as the music director at St. Anthony – Browns Valley from 2004-2009. Dr. Hudson received her MM and DMA from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Currently, she is working towards her master's in speech language pathology at Western University.

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon. & Thurs, 4 PM

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| Mon. | Mass 6:30 AM Bunko, 1 PM SVDP Mtg 7:00 PM (New Members Welcome) |
| Tues. | 6AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Mass |
| Wed. | 6AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration Mass 6:30 AM |
| Thurs. | 9AM School Mass 12 Noon Mass |
| Fri. | 12 Noon Mass 6AM—5PM 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

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| Mon: | 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29 |
| Tue: | 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37 |
| Wed: | 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44 |
| Thur: | 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11 |
| Fri: | 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39 |
| Sat: | 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5 |
| Sun: | Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33 |

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 sexual abuse policy is available at this parish in the back of church, or in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

Owensboro Catholic Schools

Sts. Joseph and Paul, Owensboro Catholic Schools and Martin Custom Building are teaming up once again to raffle off a new house!

This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home is located in one of the most desired neighborhoods in Owensboro - Bon Harbor! Located at 4135 Mayflower Drive, this home will be raffled off on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016.

Tickets are \$100, with a maximum of 4,000 tickets sold, and can be purchased at Sts. Joseph and Paul parish office, Owensboro Catholic Schools Central Office, and the Owensboro locations of Independence Bank.

catholiceducationhomeraffle.com
270-683-5641 License # ORG0002156

Mount St. Joseph Picnic

“It’s time to come together for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph 46th Mount Saint Joseph Picnic on **Sunday, Sept. 11**. Be sure to get your Raffle tickets. You could win \$10,000, \$3,500, \$1,000, a handmade quilt, \$500, \$250 or \$100. Picnic proceeds benefit retired Ursuline Sisters.”

2016 Picnic Schedule

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| Sep 11 | Mount St. Joseph | 11:30 |
| Sep 17 | St. Stephen Cathedral | 12:00 |
| Sept 17 | St. Columbia / Lewisport | 4:00 |
| Sep 18 | St. Lawrence/St Williams | 11:00 |
| Sep 24 | Immaculate Parish (Drive Thru) | 2:00 |
| Sep 25 | St. Mary of the Woods | 11:00 |

Parish Council Members

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| Tom Anderson | 685-0348 |
| Phil Hagan | 926-1483 |
| Rob Harris | 686-8731 |
| Julie Hayden | 485-6912 |
| Jennifer Hayden | 926-0762 |
| Richard Hayden | 689-1422 |
| Richard Howard | 903-9314 |
| Scott Johnson | 222-0264 |
| Jarrold Malone | 314-5810 |
| Scott McCain | 929-5923 |
| Greg Mullican | 314-7514 |
| Dan Thomas | 314-5848 |