



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
January 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
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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.

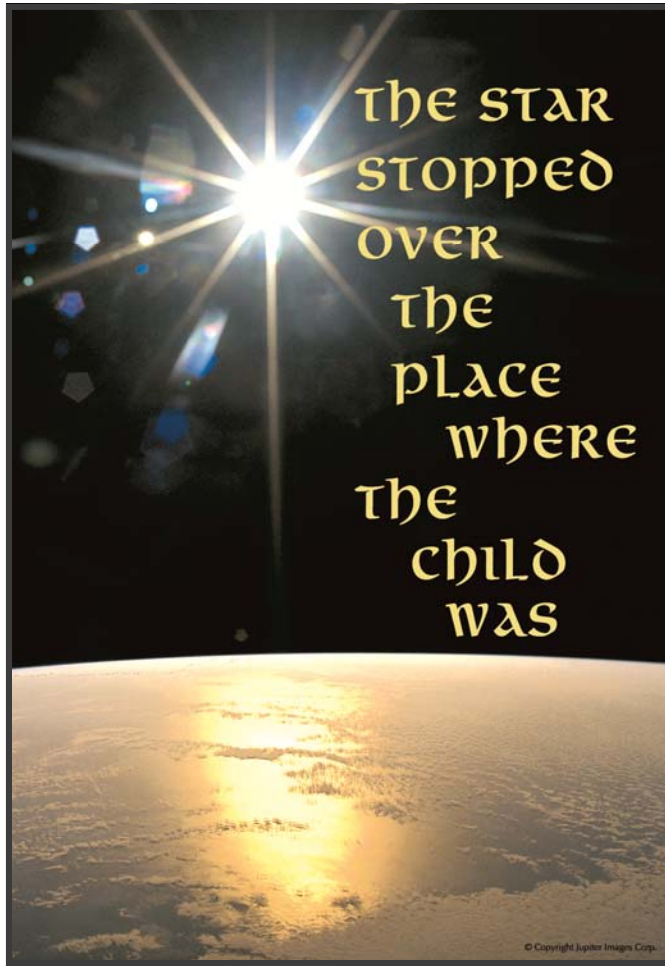
Contact the Parish Office.

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 4th
6:30 AM Doris Fulkerson (dec)
- Tuesday** January 5th
6:00 PM Fr. Ben Luther (dec)
- Wednesday** January 6th
6:30 AM C J Glaser
- Thursday** January 7th
12 Noon Jeff King (dec)
- Friday** January 8th
9:00 AM Lillian Gentry (dec)
- Saturday** January 9th
4:00 PM Zula Conder (dec)
- Sunday** January 10th
7:00 AM Matt Settles (dec)
10:00 AM Chris Redd (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Liturgical Ministers January 9th & 10th

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4 PM

Judy Coomes, Sandra Henry, Fran Watrous
Ethel Watrous, Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman
Rose Clark, Karen Dueker, Marjorie Early

Sunday 7 AM

Brenda Hagan, Kyndra Hagan, Edith Murphy
Darlene Kazlauskas, Randy Lee, Dennis Sandefur

Sunday 10:00 AM

Phil Hagan, Josie Hagan, Julie Murphy
Charlie Dees, Heidi Dees, Eric Vaughn
Chris Ford, Jenny Glaser, Jim Hagan

Sunday 5:30 PM

Carlton Goodman, Lisa Carmon, Debbie Smeathers
Pete Linn, Michelle Linn, Katina Hayden

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Teresa Henry
Sun 7:00 AM	Mike Williams
Sun 10:00 AM	Ann Blanford
Sun 5:30 PM	Hannah Aull

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Bailey Harris, Abbie Millay
Sun 7:00 AM	Abigale Bahinck, Madelyn Cash
Sun 10:00 AM	Jonathon Ford, Olivia Ford
Sun 5:30 PM	Charly Hayden, Jolee Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Pat Cason
Sun 7:00 AM	Steve Hoffman
Sun 10:00 AM	Ashley Brocato
Sun 5:30 PM	Rick Moman

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Laura Vincent, Sarah Riney (Asst)

K-3rdGrade Helen Hays, Katie Judd (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Tricia Adams

Hillcrest: Carol & Darryl Murphy

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 an epiphany, and what is the Feast of the Epiphany that we are celebrating today?

An "epiphany" is a sudden manifestation or revelation of something. When we speak of the "Epiphany of the Lord" we mean the moments when the Son of God was revealed to mankind.

On this day, our thoughts are naturally drawn to the revelation of the Christ Child to the Three Wise Men. What a sight it must have been! Jesus was surely a child of indescribable beauty and splendor. Note that, by being born of Mary and of the line of David, He comes to the Jews. In His appearing to the Magi, He comes to the Gentiles. And thus, He is revealed to the whole world.

But, two other events in the life of Christ are commemorated on this day as well: the baptism of Jesus and the wedding at Cana. These events, just as much as the visitation of the Magi, are epiphanies of the Lord.

When Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River, a dove (symbol of the Holy Spirit) rested upon Him and a voice cried out from heaven: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Even before the baptism, John cried out, "**Behold, the Lamb of God** who takes away the sins of the world." Behold! Set your eyes upon Him! Jesus is the anointed Son of God and Savior of the world.

The wedding at Cana is the context for another epiphany in that it is here where Jesus performed His first miracle, turning water into wine. The gospel writer says of this miracle: "This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and **manifested his glory**; and his disciples believed in him" (Jn 2:11). His glory was manifested on that day, a true epiphany.

Yet, is Jesus not also revealed to us in the Mass? Does not the priest, after the consecration of the Eucharist, repeat the very same words as John the Baptist? "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world! Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb!" I suggest to you that this moment too is an epiphany. Just as the divinity of the Lord was in a way veiled by his humanity, so too our Eucharistic Lord is veiled, hiding behind the species of bread and wine.

Yet, we know by faith that He is there, just as the Magi knew that this little child born in a manger was the long-awaited Messiah, just as John the Baptist knew as soon as he set eyes on Jesus that He was the Lamb of God who's Precious Blood would wash away our sins -- and more important still -- just as Mary knew that she could ask anything of her son and it would be done.

Our hope as Catholics is that, after receiving our Eucharistic Lord, we may come to be more like Him and be ourselves a revelation of Christ to others. When people see you, do they see Jesus? Do you see Jesus in them? May our lives always be full of the manifestation of Christ.

Peace of Christ to you, and a Merry Christmas!
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
nicholashardesty@gmail.com

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

January 3: New Year of Epiphanies!
January 10: Me & God...Relationship Status??

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 3: David & Dava O'Nan, Lanita Robertson
January 10: Keith & Jeannie Best, Carlton Goodman

Thank You!

Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-6)

January 3rd 3:30-5:00 pm~ Game On!!

Note About the Speakers Series

As you may have heard, Scott Hahn wasn't able to be with us on Dec. 5th. Because of the foggy weather, his plane was not able to land and when he was re-routed to Atlanta, he wasn't able to get another flight back here. We realize that this was very disappointing for many of you. We are sorry for that and we offer you our apologies. **We are doing everything we can to bring Scott Hahn to Blessed Mother Church in 2016.** Despite this setback at the end of the Speakers Series, the feedback we received indicates that it really had a positive impact on a lot of people.

Leadership of the parish continues to search for creative and invigorating ways to engage our members and offer meaningful adult education. We could not have accomplished the inauguration of the Speakers Series without the many generous donors who wanted to bring our vision to life. Join us in offering a prayer of thanksgiving for them. Also consider how you can help build the excitement for next year's Speakers Series.

SACRAMENTAL PREP CALENDAR

First Reconciliation:

Sat., Jan. 9, 11 AM - 3 PM: Mini-retreat

Sun., Jan. 10, 2 PM: Celebration of the sacrament

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

Dec. 20: No class (Winter break)

Dec. 27: No class (Winter break)

Jan. 3: Class

Jan 10: Class (*except for 2nd graders and siblings*)

Laugh for the Week

Q: What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wraper?

A: Ribbon hood.

Q: What's red and white and black all over?

A: Santa Claus after he slid down the chimney.

Q: What do you get if you deep fry Santa Claus?

A: Crisp Cringle.

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A: Snowflakes.

Q: What do you call a bunch of grandmasters of chess bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?

A: Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

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

Blessed Mother Celebrates Epiphany/Volunteer Appreciation

Saturday January 9th, 2016

Blessed Mother will be hosting an appreciation dinner for all that volunteer in the Parish.

The evening will be a fun filled evening with a catered meal at 6PM. Great door prizes to be given away.

Tickets for the prizes will be given one per household.

Seating is limited to the 1st 400 that call the office and reserve a seat.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

December 20th, 2015

Parish	Actual	Avg Ytd	Budget
Operating	\$33,735		
Maintenance	\$ 742		
Total	\$ 34,477	\$26,417	\$25,591
Other/ Restricted	\$ 2,484		

End of Year Giving

We are all busy finding that perfect gift for everyone on our list during this season of joy. Please remember to put your Church on your giving list. Not only is your gift Tax Deductible, but most of all you are helping spread the Kingdom of God on Earth. Parish Christmas envelopes are in your packets.

Jubilee of Mercy

"In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort." Pope Francis

Make a pilgrimage to the "Door of Mercy" at St. Stephen Cathedral.

The Door of Mercy is a special door that is opened at the cathedral of the diocese at the beginning of the Jubilee Year, a ritual that has been a part of our faith for centuries. The Cathedral of St. Stephen in Owensboro, along with the basilicas in Rome and around the world, will open their Door of Mercy on the third Sunday of Advent, as a sign of God's opening a new pathway to salvation. As pilgrims pass through the door, we pray that they will also pass through the threshold into a life of mercy.

From Death to New Life 

We pray for the family of Maxine Quinn on the death of her Mother "Tina Visconti". May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

**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, 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 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, 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, 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, Bonnie Simpson, 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, Glynda 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, JT

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

Christmas Flower Memorial

You can honor your loved ones this Christmas, by giving flowers in their memory. Envelopes are in your packets. Be sure to write in the names of those you wish to remember. Your loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the season.



A Stewardship Moment

♪♪ Joy to the World ♪♪

Blessed Mother has been blessed with the many musicians who joined together to enhance our Christmas liturgies. We would to extend a special thank you to all musicians who gave of their time and talent. Our liturgies have been blessed by your participation. May you all know the joy, love and peace of the wonderful gift that was given to us from the Father in the form of the Christ Child.

**Merry Christmas to All!!
Patty**

"The glory of the Lord shines upon you."

God's glory continues to shine in our world. Where do you need to carry the light of Christ? Pray for the courage to be a light for the world. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact the Office of Vocations: 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com.

**Wishing you a
Blessed New Year**



Fr. Mike
Fr. Josh
Russ
Patty
Darlene
Nick
Christina
Cliff
Kristin
Matt
Jan
Becky

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.	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 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tue:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wed:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thur:	1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Fri:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Sat:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sun:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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).

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!

Opportunities for Life

January 9-10 is the weekend designated for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. Opportunities for Life is a life affirming ministry of the Bishops of Ky. The OFL ministry is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to offer confidential, non-judgmental emotional support, and information to those affected by an untimely pregnancy. Please be generous in your support of this ministry. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for the OFL volunteers and for those the ministry serves. To learn more about the Opportunities for Life ministry, please call (888)496-3638.

Saint Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, KY has a job opportunity for a full-time Administrative Assistant. Working under the supervision of the Pastor, the full-time administrative assistant oversees all office procedures and other tasks as assigned by the Pastor.

Saint Stephen Cathedral is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. All interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter by Jan. 8, 2016 to:

Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish
610 Locust Street
Owensboro, KY 42301-2130
Joey.Beatty@pastoral.org

Parish Council Members

Tom Anderson	685-0348
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