



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
January 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
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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.

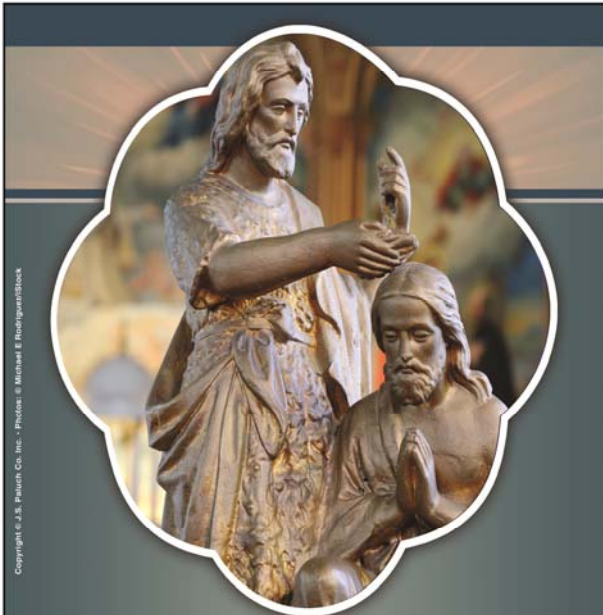
Contact the Parish Office.

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 _____



The Baptism of the Lord

John said, "I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen
the thongs of his sandals."

Luke 3:16

JANUARY 10, 2016

Intention for the Week

Monday 6:30 AM	January 11th <i>Imogene Stiller (dec)</i>
Tuesday 6:00 PM	January 12th NO MASS / PRIEST CONVOCATION
Wednesday 6:30 AM	January 13th NO MASS / PRIEST CONVOCATION
Thursday 12 Noon	January 14th NO MASS / PRIEST CONVOCATION
Friday 9:00 AM	January 15th <i>Lillian Gentry (dec)</i>
Saturday 4:00 PM	January 16th <i>Bill Murphy (dec)</i>
Sunday 7:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM	January 17th <i>Blessed Mother Parish</i> <i>Robert Hurm (dec)</i> <i>Carl Lewis "CL" Moman (dec)</i>

Liturgical Ministers January 16th & 17th

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4 PM

Marian Bennett, J. Murray Adams, Jason Adcock
Jeannie Best, Joan Collins, Cecelia Hamilton
Rob Harris, Whitney Haynes, Shirley Kent

Sunday 7 AM

Mark Potts, Dan Thomas, Sandra Thomas
Mike Thompson, Nicholas Jackson, Carolyn Taylor

Sunday 10:00 AM

Sabrina Johnson, Scott Johnson, Caroline Hayden
Becky Hargit, Brenda Millay, Jerry Millay
Bill Hayden, Nicholas Johnson, Julie Hayden

Sunday 5:30 PM

Susie Alvey, Bobby Bastin, Phyllis Bastin
Deanna Brasher, Laurie Elliott, Ken Keller

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Paul Howard
Sun 7:00 AM	Charlie Castlen
Sun 10:00 AM	Raymunda Calhoun
Sun 5:30 PM	Bev Payne

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Reese Hayden, Sarah Paige Hayden
Sun 7:00 AM	Garrison Danzer, Henry David Dotsey
Sun 10:00 AM	William Brocato, Kathleen Brocato
Sun 5:30 PM	Brett Conder, Matthew Graviss

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Mike Clark
Sun 7:00 AM	Eddie Jackson
Sun 10:00 AM	Ryan Bumm
Sun 5:30 PM	George Morgan

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Tiffany Coombs, Madalyn Hyland (Asst)

K-3rdGrade Heidi Dees, Caroline O'Nan (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Bob Bahnick

Hillcrest: Sandra Henry, Shari Newton

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
5:30 PM	Angela Clark, Michael Clore Samuel Clore, Dan Goedde

Catholic Q&A

Why was Jesus baptized in the Jordan River if He had no need for repentance or forgiveness?

First, you should read the passages in Scripture that speak of Jesus' baptism. See Mt 3:13-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:21-22; Jn 1:29-34.

Now, Jesus consented to be baptized for many reasons. First of all, **He did it as an example for us.**

Jesus' will was that people would repent of their sin and be baptized by John as a sign of their commitment to follow God. Jesus, of course, had no need to go through this conversion experience. But, He led by example in order to reveal what was necessary for us, just as He washed the apostles' feet at the Last Supper in order to compel us to serve others.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, gives us another reason. He says that **Jesus' baptism anticipated what He did for all mankind on the Cross.**

By approaching the waters of the Jordan, Jesus took the place of all sinners, who were being called by John to do what Jesus was doing. He did this to the fullest extent on the Cross, where He paid the price for all man's sin.

His going under the water was symbolic of burial and the destruction of sin that would take place on the Cross. We see this purpose for water in the flood of Noah's day, which buried and destroyed all the sin in the world.

His rising out of the water was symbolic of His resurrection. The dove that rested above Him and the voice that cried out from the heavens pointed to the glory that would be His once His work was finished.

Finally, St. Thomas Aquinas gives us yet a third reason. He says that **the baptism of the Lord points to our Christian sacrament of Baptism.** The baptism of John the Baptist was merely symbolic. It was a way to publicly profess one's commitment to conversion and repentance. It did not actually forgive sin or make one a member of the family of God. But, when Jesus received the baptism of John, He "consecrated" it, He made it holy, just as His presence at the wedding in Cana is seen as God's blessing over matrimony.

When the baptism of John was imbued with the presence of Christ, it became what we celebrate today, and in the baptism of Jesus we see glimpses of our sacrament. The water signifies the cleansing that takes place. The descent of the dove signifies the reception of grace and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The divine voice ("This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased") signifies our adoption as beloved sons or daughters of God. Because of Christ, baptism now has truly transformative power.

Every time you dip your fingers in holy water and make the sign of the Cross, let it be a reminder of this!

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

January 10: You and God—Relationship Status?

January 17: Dodgeball!!

Questions, concerns, comments: come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina Barnard:
bmc youth@bellsouth.net or 683-8444 Ext. 28

Cooking Teams Up To Bat:

January 10: Keith & Jeannie Best, Carlton Goodman
January 17: Angela & John Bell, Melissa Brown, Diane Hoffman

Thank You!

Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-6)

February 7th 3:30-5:00 pm~ Bunco

"Blessing of the Keys"

The annual Blessing of the Keys for our teen drivers in the parish will be at all the masses on the weekend of January 16-17. We invite all new drivers who have received their driver's license or permit over the past year to come forward and have their car keys/their license blessed and receive a visor clip blessed for their travels. Also, anyone teenage driver who has never had their keys blessed or would like to renew their blessing from years past, please know you are welcome to come forward to receive the blessing and visor clip as well.

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

"Doctors Poker Game"

A well respected surgeon was relaxing on his sofa on evening just after arriving home from work. As he was tuning into the evening news, the phone rang. The doctor calmly answered it and heard the familiar voice of a colleague on the other end of the line.

"We need a fourth for poker," said the doctor.

"I'll be right over," whispered the doctor.

As he was putting on his coat, his wife asked, "Is it serious?"

"Oh yes, quite serious, gravely" said the doctor.

"In fact, three doctors are already there!!"

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized . . ."

When Mary was pregnant she made the eighty mile trip from Nazareth to the town of Bethany to visit her elderly cousin Elizabeth, who was also pregnant. When Mary greeted Elizabeth she reported that the child in her womb leaped for joy. Approximately thirty years later Mary's child Jesus made the same eighty mile journey to visit Elizabeth's child, John, called "The Baptist." He was in the desert challenging people to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path." The two were aware of their separate roles in God's plan for the salvation of mankind. Jesus asked John to baptize him with water. John resisted, but Jesus insisted. John knew that Jesus would baptize those who followed him with "fire and the Spirit." As Catholics we were baptized "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" in the presence of the flame of the Paschal Candle lit from the New Fire at the Easter Vigil, and received the "flame of faith to be kept alive in our hearts." Have we kept that flame of faith alive? Does it shine in our lives?

January 3rd, 2016

Parish	Actual	Avg Ytd	Budget
Operating	\$22,632		
Maintenance	\$ 1,282		
Total	\$ 23,914	\$27,629	\$25,591
Other/ Restricted	\$ 465		

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.

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.

**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.

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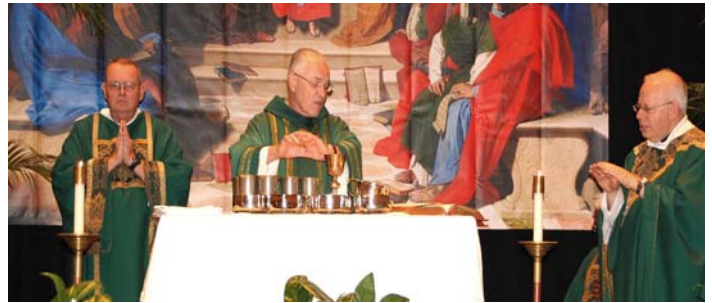
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

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 

We pray for the repose of the soul of:
Margaret E. Thompson. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!



A Stewardship Moment

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

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.

Women's choir: Practice will be **Wednesday evening from 5 – 6 pm Jan. 13th and 20th** to rehearse for the 10 am Mass on **Sun. Jan 24th**.

Men's Choir: Practice will be **Wednesday evening from 6 – 7 pm Jan. 20th and 27th** to rehearse for the 10 am mass on **Sun. Jan. 31st**.

Children's Choir: Children's Choir will continue on Tues. Jan 19, 26, & Feb. 3. There will be two rehearsal times: **2:15 to 3:30 and 4 – 5 pm** to rehearse for the 10 am mass on **Sun. February 7th**.

The Contemporary Group: Set up and rehearsal begins at 4:00 pm on Sun. afternoon before the 5:30 mass.

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.

"Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

It is the mission of all the faithful to reveal the glory of the Lord. If you think you might be called by God to make known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, contact the Office of Vocations: 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com.

Opportunities for Life Volunteers Needed

Opportunities for Life, the Kentucky Catholic Bishop's life-affirming ministry to women and families dealing with untimely pregnancies, is welcoming new volunteers. OFL will be offering training workshops in the Diocese. OFL volunteers offer hope, compassion, options counseling and resources to callers who find the courage to seek help. Volunteers are needed to staff the 24 hour helpline from their homes. If you have a heart for life affirming ministry service, you are invited to contact OFL for more information. Please call (888)496-3638 to learn more about this ministry and the upcoming training workshops.

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 NO 6 PM Mass Priest Convocation
Wed.	Eucharistic Adoration NO Mass 6:30 AM Priest Convocation
Thurs.	NO 12 Noon Mass Priest Convocation
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 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tue:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wed:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thur:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Fri:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Sat:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sun:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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.

Women and the Abundant Life from the “Women of Grace Series” is being offered for single women ages 24-40. We will meet on Saturday mornings during Lent, beginning on Jan. 30th at 10AM. The sessions will be held at the Glenmary Sisters home, 406 Locust Ct., Owensboro, Ky. The meetings last about 2 hrs and we will end with a light lunch. To register contact: Sharrie Cinnamond at 270-233-1510 or sharriecinnamond@gmail.com

Parish Council Members

Tom Anderson	685-0348
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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