



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
January 31th, 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.

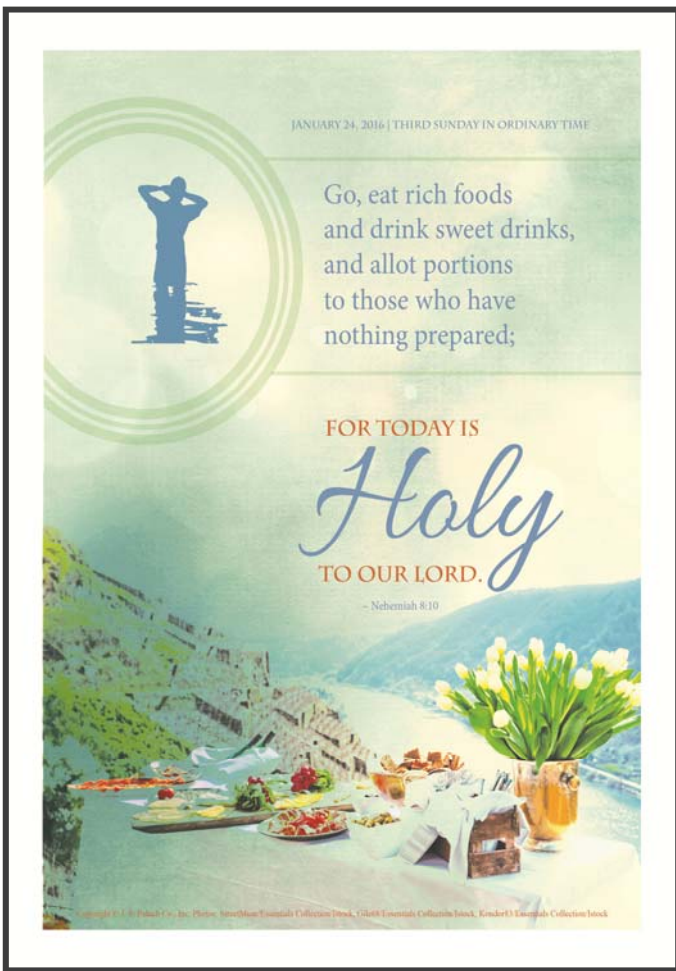
Contact the Parish Office.

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** February 1st
6:30 AM Joyce Powers
- Tuesday** February 2nd
6:00 PM Jackee Russell
- Wednesday** February 3rd
6:30 AM David Jarboe Jr (dec, annv)
- Thursday** February 4th
9:00 AM School Mass
12 Noon Drury Howard (dec)
- Friday** February 5th
12 Noon Gerald, Judy, & John Coomes
- Saturday** February 6th
4:00 PM Henry Monnier (dec)
- Sunday** February 7th
7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parish
10:00 AM Tony Powers (b-day)
5:30 PM Carl Lewis "CL" Moman (dec)

Liturgical Ministers February 6th & 7th

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4 PM

Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Mary Lu Payne
Dan Pearl, Cecelia Hamilton, Rob Harris
Whitney Haynes, Sandra Henry, Shirley Kent

Sunday 7 AM

Mark Potts, Dennis Sandefur, Carolyn Taylor
Darlene Kazlauskas, Randy Lee, Edith Murphy

Sunday 10:00 AM

John Calhoun, Raymunda Calhoun, Sarah Blincoe
Ann Blanford, Darlene Church, Mark Church
John Bell Jr., Angela Bell, Elaine Williams

Sunday 5:30 PM

Bobby Bastin, Phyllis Bastin, Emily Marshall
Shannon Wright, Bill Wright, Susie Alvey

Readers

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| Sat 4:00 PM | Rose Clark |
| Sun 7:00 AM | Audry Cavins |
| Sun 10:00 AM | Nicole Elder |
| Sun 5:30 PM | David Marshall |

Servers

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| Sat 4:00 PM | Katherine Riney, Hayden Riney |
| Sun 7:00 AM | Garrison Danzer, Cooper Danzer |
| Sun 10:00 AM | Sterling Hardesty, Zach Hardesty |
| Sun 5:30 PM | Matthew Graviess, Brett Conder |

Families to Take Up Gifts

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| Sat 4:00 PM | Gerald Coomes |
| Sun 7:00 AM | Keith Osborne |
| Sun 10:00 AM | Ruth Schrecker |
| Sun 5:30 PM | Cynthia Payne |

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Michelle Sandefur, Sydney Sandefur (Asst)

K-3rdGrade Barbara Cecil, Stephanie Wall (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

David Blanford

Hillcrest: Bobby & Phyllis Bastin

Ministers of Hospitality February

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| 4:00 PM | Jim Hodgkins, Jack Hamilton David Harris, Jan Harris |
| 7:00 AM | Jeff Hofer, Lynn Hofer Michelle McLellan, Faye Riney |
| 10:00 AM | Jerry Millay, Donna Powers Tony Powers, Mark Steitler |
| 5:30 PM | Kenny Hamilton, Tricia Hamilton Ken Keller, John David Marshall |

Catholic Q&A

Why are there so many different versions of the bible? There are even different Catholic versions!

Short answer: Because not all bibles have the same list of books, because there are different ways to translate the text, and because translators don't always have the same manuscripts at their disposal.

Long answer: There are three reasons for this. First, Protestant bibles don't have the same list of books that Catholic bibles have. Specifically, they lack 7 books from the Old Testament: Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, and 1st and 2nd Maccabees (as well as portions of Esther and Daniel). The Protestant reformers removed these books when they left the Catholic Church in the 1500's. So, this is why you have "Protestant" and "Catholic" versions of the bible.

Secondly, translators don't always agree on the best way to translate the Bible. Some prefer a literal translation, where every word is translated into the English word that directly corresponds to it. Others prefer a "dynamic equivalence" translation, where sentences are paraphrased in order to communicate their overall meaning and to increase readability. Even among these two groups, there are differences of opinion regarding the best way to render a word or paraphrase a sentence.

Finally, the various English versions of the bible also differ based on the manuscripts and source material that were used. For example, the Douay-Rheims version is an English translation of the Latin Vulgate, which was St. Jerome's Latin translation of the original Greek and Hebrew. The King James version is largely a revision of an earlier English translation called *The Bishop's Bible*, with the original Hebrew and Greek consulted when necessary. Newer English versions, such as the New International Version and the New American Bible, benefit from the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts found among the Dead Sea Scrolls, whereas translators of the older versions did not have these at their disposal.

All of this comes together to contribute to the great number of English versions of the Bible that we have today. As a Catholic, the best thing to do is to have several Catholic translations available. Choose one that you like the best and use that as the bible you turn to the most, but have the other ones on hand in case you want to further investigate a passage. A lot of times, one translation will reveal a new meaning to a passage that another version does not, because it is translated differently.

Some Catholic translations also contain commentary and footnotes at the bottom, apologetical or devotional inserts, and even dictionaries or concordances in the back. The presence of these tools will effect your decision as well. Whichever one you choose, read it zealously!

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

January 31: Are You Hungry??

February 7: Super Bowl Sunday. No Youth Group!

Retreat Opportunities:

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)- This retreat is for High School Juniors and Seniors. It will take place February 19-21 @ Gasper River Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green. Cost to attend is \$60. Deadline to Register is February 3rd.

Youth 2000- This retreat is for youth 13+. It will be March 11-13 @ the Owensboro Convention Center. Cost to attend is \$60. If needing a chap-erone, please contact Christina by March 4th.

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 31: Richard & Natalie Hayden,
Al & Molly Thompson

February 7: No Youth Group! No Team Needed!

Thank You!

Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-6)

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

SACRAMENTAL PREP CALENDAR

First Communion:

Wed., Feb. 24, 7 PM: Parent meeting

Sat., Mar. 5, 11 AM - 3 PM: Mini-retreat ([note the change](#))

Sat., Apr. 16, 11:30 AM: Practice

Sun., Apr. 17, 2 PM: Celebration of the sacrament

RELIGIOUS ED CALENDAR

Jan 31: Class

Feb 7: Class

Feb 14: No class (Family Life Center unavailable)

Feb 21: Class

Lenten Bible Study Coming Soon!

In order to help you enter into the Season of Lent, we will be offering a **6-week bible study** called "The Good News of God's Mercy", which focuses on the theme of God's mercy as it is presented in Luke's Gospel. We will meet the first six Wednesdays of Lent, **starting on Feb. 10, in the Youth Room**. There will be a **morning session at 10 AM** and an **evening session at 7 PM**, in order to accommodate the most people. Please join us!

Laugh for the Week

"Sheriff And Vet"

In one small rural town the sheriff also fulfilled the role of the town's animal Vet.

One night the phone rang, and his wife answered.

An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?"

"Well, do you need him as the sheriff or the vet?" the wife asked.

"Both!" was the reply.

"We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's a burglar in it."

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

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The program is free!
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DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 4:21-30

And Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."

If we become a star athlete or acquire great wealth our high school or home town may honor us as "Person of the Year" or dedicate a plaque to us. But if we challenge people to do great things, there may be no plaque for us. Jesus entered the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth and read a passage from Isaiah that prophesied the coming of the Messiah and then He said it had been fulfilled in their midst. The people of Nazareth knew Jesus well. He grew up and lived among them. He was one of them. He was like them. He had not yet done anything to indicate that He was the Messiah. But the people knew the Messiah would do great things. If Jesus was the Messiah, there was no reason why they, too, could not do great things. If Jesus could not prove to them that He was the Messiah, there would be no pressure on them to be better than they wanted to be. Jesus knew that familiarity breeds doubt. He challenged the people of Nazareth to accept Him despite their doubt - to have faith in Him. Do we sometimes doubt Jesus? Do we accept Him as Messiah despite our doubt? Do we have faith in Him?

January 24th, 2016

| Parish | Actual | Avg Ytd | Budget |
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| Operating | \$ 21,388 | | |
| Maintenance | \$ 579 | | |
| Total | \$ 21,967 | \$26,876 | \$25,591 |
| Other/ Restricted | \$ 1,251 | | |

Blessed Mother's Social Justice Project for February

Please join us in helping to *fill the Help Office's food pantry with DIABETIC-FRIENDLY FOODS during the month of February*. Beginning the weekend of Feb. 6-7...bins will be placed at the doors to church for collecting all items donated. Our food drive will run the entire month and conclude the weekend of Feb. 27-28.

As you are looking for items to donate, remember the following food guidelines:

look for items that are "low-calorie", "low-cholesterol", and "sugar-free"; canned chicken, tuna and salmon are good sources of protein; all canned vegetables and sauces should be "low-sodium", or labelled as "no salt-added"; 100% whole grain pasta, brown rice, rolled oats, wild rice, and whole grain crackers are best; canned fruit needs to be "without sugar added" as well as no corn syrup or artificial sweeteners; low sodium soups, broths; unsalted nuts; no sugar added jams and jellies; and no-salt seasoning (like Mrs. Dash) can naturally flavor meals

Hopefully as you are shopping, you can find ways to place healthier items into your OWN pantry as well as the pantry that so many others in our area are dependent upon.

Many thanks and prayers!
The Blessed Mother Social Justice Committee

**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, 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, 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, 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

Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War. Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home soon.

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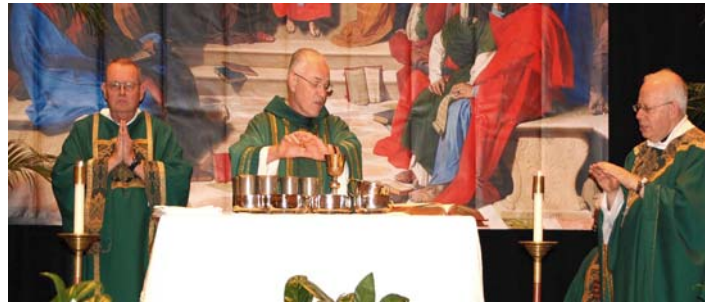
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

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 family of Jim Hodgkins on the death of his brother John P. Hodgkins. May he 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.

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

Children's Choir: Children's Choir will continue on Tues. Jan. 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

"As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ."

In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us that each of us, as a part of the Body of Christ, has been designated for a specific vocation. If you think you might have a vocation to the priesthood or if you know someone you think God might be calling to priesthood, contact the Vocations Office: 270-683-1545, ja-son.mcclure@pastoral.org, or www.owensborovocations.com

Attention Parents:

If your child will be 3, 4 or 5 years old by August 1, 2016, now is the time to think about registering for preschool. On Tuesday, February 16, 2016 Cathedral Preschool will begin accepting registration forms from families new to the preschool. Families with children currently attending will automatically receive registration packets.

For more information about our curriculum or to request a packet, just call (270) 926-1652 or visit us at 600 Locust Street.

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. | Eucharistic Adoration 6 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 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: | 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20 |
| Tue: | Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32] |
| Wed: | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6 |
| Thur: | 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13 |
| Fri: | Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29 |
| Sat: | 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34 |
| Sun: | Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11 |

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!

SAVE THE DATE!

OCS PTO K-8 DINNER and AUCTION
JOIN US FOR THE “TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS”
SATURDAY, MARCH 19th, 2016

One God, One Team, One Goal
TICKETS WILL BE LIMITED!

\$40 each or \$320 to reserve your table of 8. Going on sale soon!

- Come for a delicious dinner and stay for dancing and the After Party.
 - Join us to -Fund a Need- by upgrading technology and classrooms in our school system
 - You won't want to miss out on the “Pick -n- Roll” ticket. One lucky winner will get to choose ANY live auction item with the purchase of this \$50 ticket. A limited number will be sold, so odds are in your favor!
 - New auction format for handmade, one of a kind class projects.
 - **TWO TUITION RAFFLES THIS YEAR!!!** Get your ticket to win FREE tuition for one student in grades K-6. Tickets are limited so your chances are good!
- Quality silent auction baskets to choose from plus an exciting live auction as well!

Parish Council Members

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| 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 |