



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
July 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. 25
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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

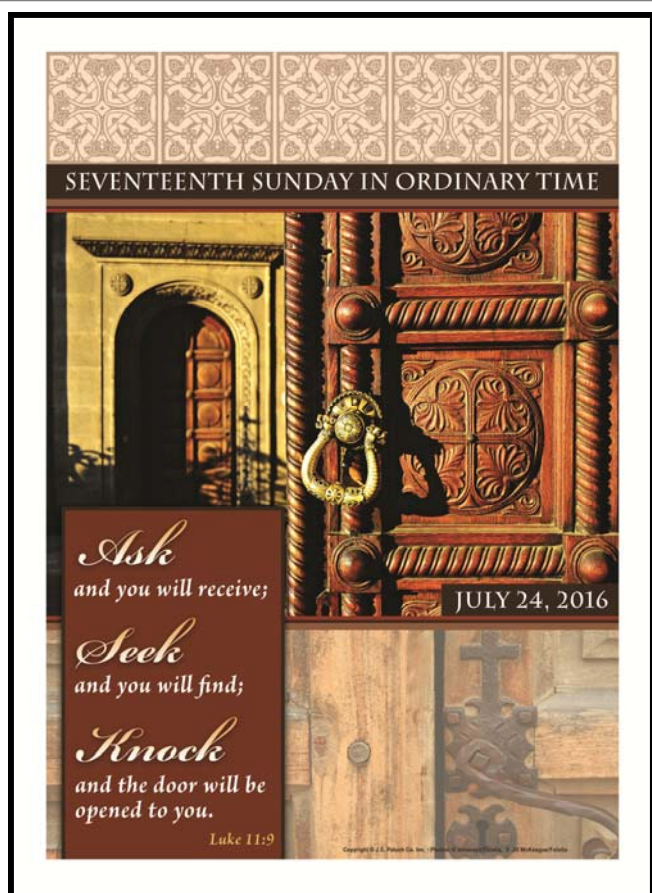
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.

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** July 25th
6:30 AM Marietta Alvey (dec)
- Tuesday** July 26th
6:00 PM Cletus H. Bittel (dec)
- Wednesday** July 27th
6:30 AM Fr. Dave Willett (dec)
- Thursday** July 28th
9:00 AM NO School Mass
12 Noon Charles Wedding (dec, b-day)
- Friday** July 29th
12 Noon Robert Englert (dec)
- Saturday** July 30th
4:00 PM Joe Stinnett (dec)
- Sunday** July 31st
7:00 AM Fr. Mike & Youth safe return from Poland
10:00 AM Muriel Gillim
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Liturgical Ministers July 30th & July 31st

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4:00 PM

Rob Harris, Sandra Henry, Theresa Henry
Dan Pearl, Judy Kapelsohn, Shirley Kent
Joe O'Bryan, Maggie O'Bryan, Mike Pearl

Sunday 7:00 AM

Darlene Kazlauskas, Randy Lee, Michele Linn
Pete Linn, Mark Potts, Dennis Sandefur

Sunday 10:00 AM

Ed Higdon, Nicholas Johnson, Sabrina Johnson
Scott Johnson, Angie Judd, Christina Lowe
Brenda Millay, Jerry Millay, Julie Murphy

Sunday 5:30 PM

Leesa Moman, Rick Moman, Bev Payne
Mason Robertson, Debbie Smeathers, Deanna Brasher

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Rose Clark
Sun 7:00 AM	Mike Williams
Sun 10:00 AM	Dolores Aull
Sun 5:30 PM	Brett Mills

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Bailey Marie Harris, Kristen Harris
Sun 7:00 AM	Abigale Bahnick, Hank Dotsey
Sun 10:00 AM	Kathleen Brocato, William Brocato
Sun 5:30 PM	Charly Hayden, Jolee Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Joseph Rush
Sun 7:00 AM	Kathy Shaver
Sun 10:00 AM	Tim Honadle
Sun 5:30 PM	Leanne Payne

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Tiffany Coombs, Madalyn Hyland (Asst)
Renee Guinn (Asst)

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

Vocation Cross Family

Becky Franey

Hillcrest: Susan Hale, James Gerald

Ministers of Hospitality July

4:00 PM	Tony Fiorella, Jack Hamilton Cathy Goetz, Tim Goetz
7:00 AM	Bob Bahnick, Theresa Bahnick Russell Corley, Stacy Duke
10:00 AM	Steve Frey, Chris Glaser Jerry Goetz, Jim Hagan
5:30 PM	Walter Redd, Mason Robertson Jessie Schartung, Daniel Steitler

Catholic Q & A

Instead of the usual Q&A, I would like to use this space to let you know about some things I need your help with.

The first thing is **Religious Ed**. This is a program for children who belong to the parish but do not go to Catholic schools. It's an opportunity for the parish to supplement what you are doing at home in order to ensure that our children grow up with a firm grasp of their Catholic faith.

Religious Ed classes are on Sundays during the school year. After the 10 AM Mass, the children and their families gather in the Parish Hall, where they have about 10 or 15 minutes to grab a donut and some juice. Then I dismiss them from there to the various classrooms. **Class is from 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM**. Parents go to the classroom to pick up their children.

The cost is \$50 for one child, \$65 total for two children, and \$75 total for three or more. If you need financial assistance, please let me know. We will make it work.

There are other important items to add to your calendar:

-- **Registration** for Religious Ed starts now! You can register online by going to www.blessedmotherchurch.com, or you can fill out the forms in the Parish Office.

-- There is no parent meeting this year. I think it will be easier to just email parents the information they need. **Make sure you give me a working email address** when you register so that you can receive the Religious Ed Handbook and the calendar for when class is in session.

-- The **first day of class** for the 2016-2017 school year is Sunday, Aug. 14th. We'll be off on Sept. 11 (when we usually start) so that families can attend the Mount picnic.

The next item of importance is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or **RCIA**. This is for any non-Catholic adult who has questions about Catholicism or who might be interested in becoming Catholic. **I rely on you heavily to bring to me individuals for this process.**

Please take the time, on the way home from Mass today, to consider as a family who you might want to invite to join the RCIA process. You could make a list of your non-Catholic friends, relatives, and co-workers, and then divide up the names among yourselves. Or, make a game out of it and see who can invite the most people!

Everyone reading this article has someone in his or her life who is waiting for that invitation to know God better and to consider the Catholic faith. Someone is waiting on you. The Holy Spirit is waiting on you. We have a large parish here at Blessed Mother. We could fill a classroom with inquirers if we really put our mind to it!

RCIA begins on Thurs., Sept. 1 at 7 PM in the "Youth Room" in the Family Life Center.

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

Thanks for an amazing year everyone!! To our seniors~ we love you, we are proud of you, and you will be missed! To our underclassmen~ We love you too! See you in the fall!

Coming Soon...

Please keep all those attending summer Camps in your prayers!

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:

Thank you to all who served our youth group on the cooking teams this school year!! We are thankful for you and your service!!

Thank You!

Parish Feast Day The Assumption of the Virgin Mary August 14th, 2016

Come celebrate our Parish's Feast Day. We celebrate this holyday on Sunday August 14th after the 10 AM Mass. We invite you to bring your lawn chairs to a party on the front lawn of the Parish Center. We will be grilling, and serving up ice cream cones. There will be games for all ages...

All Are Invited!!!

Follow Our World Youth Day Pilgrims Online!!

Thanks to all of our parish family for your love and support as we have been preparing for our pilgrimage to Poland!! Please pray for us... for safety in travel and worship, and especially for open minds and hearts to the workings of God! Know that we will be praying for you as well!! If you would like to follow our travels, we will be posting info, stories, links, and pictures of our pilgrimage through our Facebook page! You can find a link to the page at both the Blessed Mother Parish Page and the Blessed Mother Youth Ministry or by going to <http://www.facebook.com/BMCPolandPilgrims>

Laugh for the Week

I went to the store the other day, I was only in there for about 5 minutes and when I came out there was a motorcycle cop writing a parking ticket.

So I went up to him and said, 'Come on buddy, how about giving a guy a break?'

He ignored me and continued writing the ticket.

So I called him a pencil neck.

He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having bald tires!!

So I told him that was a bunch of *#!*#@.

He finished the second ticket and put it on the car with the first.

Then he started writing a third ticket!!

This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote. I didn't care! My car was parked around the corner

Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus

Extended School Day Program Caregivers Needed: at least 18 years of age, Monday – Friday, 2:00 – 5:30 PM starting August 10, 2016. Pay rate to be determined by experience. Work with students in grades 4, 5, and 6. Application available by contacting Maria Carr at maria.carr@owensborocatholic.org.

Parish Picnic

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Words can not express our gratitude to all those who gave so much to make this picnic a success! Thanks to office volunteers. Thanks to all those who made cakes and baskets. Thanks to all those who set up, managed and worked in the booths. Thanks to the fabulous cooks, servers, meat preparers, and food sales people. Thanks to all for coming together and being there to serve the parish in our Picnic endeavors!

Thanks be to God for the wonderful Day!!

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.

July 17th, 2016

Parish	Actual	Avg Ytd	Budget
Operating	\$ 21,044		
Maintenance	\$ 874		
Total	\$ 21,918	\$26,279	\$25,591
Other/ Restricted	\$ 527		

How Can I Keep from Singing:

An intimate concert of contemporary and traditional spiritual songs
in celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy
with Joe Simmons

Psalms for the Yankee Stadium Papal Mass

Friday, July 29 @ 7:00 p.m.

Immaculate Church, 2516 Christie Place, Owensboro
Free Admission

Donations at concert conclusion may be made to “CrossRoads”

CrossRoads is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created in 2006 to alleviate the symptoms of poverty, while fostering the growth and development of hope through community service. CrossRoads offers a variety of programs to provide hunger relief and operates an emergency shelter for women and children. To learn more about CrossRoads please visit their website at www.crossroadsowensboro.org.

Info: Mike Bogdan, Office of Music, Diocese of Owensboro
270.852.8327 | mike.bogdan@pastoral.org

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

John Albin, Dorothy Aud, Frances Ballard, 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, 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, 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, Chase Hofmann, Marjorie Howard, Mary Howard, Margaret Isbell, 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, Geraldine Ralph, Stewart Rearden, Otto Reisz, Paul Robertson, Beck Roby, 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, Laverne Speaks, 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, Jim "Bun" Wedding, Denny Wheatley, Greg & Jennifer Weise, Katherine Whittinghill, Joe Wink, 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

Cathedral Preschool still has a few openings for the 2016-2017 school year. We offer morning and afternoon classes for 3 and 4-year olds and a 4-hour morning class for 5-year olds. Call the office at(270) 926-1652 for information or log on to www.cathedralpreschool.com to download registration forms. You are welcome to stop by the office at 600 Locust Street. School begins mid August.



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 rehearsal **Wed. July 27th** from 5 -7pm to prepare for mass on **Sun, July 31st**.

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.

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.



Pianist/Organist Position Open ~

Our pianist Emma Hyland will be leaving for college in August. As a result, we are currently searching for a new pianist/organist. Please contact Patty if you are interested in applying and auditioning to be a part of our Music Ministry.

Online Giving Coming Soon!

Online Giving will soon be available for parishioners, making donating simple, safe, and secure. Be sure to check the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information or call the parish office if you have any questions.

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 6:00 PM Mass
Wed.	Eucharistic Adoration Mass 6:30 AM
Thurs.	NO 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 NO Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass NO 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:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tue:	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wed:	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thur:	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Fri:	Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sat:	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sun:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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

June 25 - July 9 - KHSAA Athletic 'Dead Period'
July 1 - PSAS Tuition Assistance Round 4 Deadline
July 13-14 - Used Uniform Sale - K-3 Campus 5-7PM
July 15 - Final day to pay tuition in full and receive 3% discount
July 18 - PSAS Tuition Assistance Round 4 awards mailed
July 27 - OCHS Back to school information day 2-6PM
Aug 1 - Back to school supply fair - Blessed Mother Church
Aug 3 - Meet Your Teacher - 4-6 Campus 6PM
Aug 3 - 7th Grade Orientation - Time TBA
Aug 3 - 8th Grade pick up schedules 11A-12P
Aug 3 - Freshmen Orientation and picnic 9A-12P
Aug 4 - Meet Your Teacher - K-3 Campus 5:30-7PM (Please bring school supplies)
Aug 10 - First day of school - all campuses
Aug 18 - Parents Only Curriculum Night - K-3 Campus 6-7PM
Oct 10-14 - Fall Break
Oct 24-25 - OCMS Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov 8 - Election Day (no school)
Nov 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 19-30 - Christmas Break
Jan 16 - MLK Day
Apr 3-7 - Spring Break

2016 Picnic Schedule

Date	Location	Time
July 23	Blessed Mother	4:00
July 31	St. Anthony Browns Valley	4:00
Aug 2	St. Martins (Drive Thru Only)	5:00
Aug 6	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro	12:00
Sep 11	Mount St. Joseph	11:30
Sep 17	St. Stephen Cathedral	12:00
Sep 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

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