



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
July 31st, 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

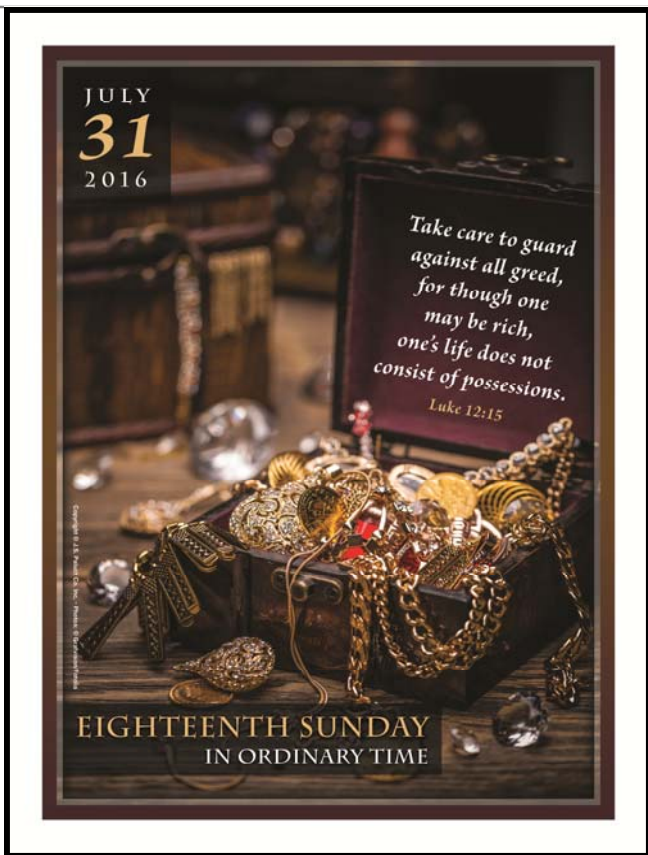
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.

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** August 1st
6:30 AM Bill Yancy
- Tuesday** August 2nd
6:00 PM Jeannie Toon
- Wednesday** August 3rd
6:30 AM Steve Towery
- Thursday** August 4th
9:00 AM NO School Mass
12 Noon William Samuel Hagan (dec)
- Friday** August 5th
12 Noon Steve Onstott (dec, b-day)
- Saturday** August 6th
4:00 PM Betty Hamilton
- Sunday** August 7th
7:00 AM Dorothy Hoffman Draegar (dec)
10:00 AM Ben Onstott (dec, b-day)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Liturgical Ministers August 6th & 7th

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4:00 PM

Mike Pearl, Debbie Riney, Jeanne Pointer
Janet Ruth, Lahoma Stinnett, Jan Storm
Bonnie Stuart, Ethel Watrous, Jeff Williams

Sunday 7:00 AM

Carolyn Taylor, Dan Thomas, Sandra Thomas
Mike Thompson, Joy Bach, Sr. Mary Timothy

Sunday 10:00 AM

Carol Murphy, Darryl Murphy, Mary Lu Payne
Tony Powers, Jon Robertson, Cliff Russell
Nick Russell, Kelly Trogden, Eric Vaughan

Sunday 5:30 PM

Emily Marshall, Carlton Goodman, Bobby Bastin
Phyllis Bastin, Deanna Brasher, Lisa Carmon

Readers

- Sat 4:00 PM Mike Clark
- Sun 7:00 AM Charlie Castlen
- Sun 10:00 AM Molly Thompson
- Sun 5:30 PM David Marshall

Servers

- Sat 4:00 PM Joseph Henry, Sean Henry
- Sun 7:00 AM Madelyn Cash, Joseph Watts
- Sun 10:00 AM Briley Elder, Emma Elder
- Sun 5:30 PM Reese Hayden, Sarah Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

- Sat 4:00 PM Sheri Ruth
- Sun 7:00 AM Shelby Thompson
- Sun 10:00 AM Paul Howard
- Sun 5:30 PM Steve Payne

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Erinn Ballein, Lindsey Hargitt (Asst)

K-3rdGrade Jill Goetz, Jarrett Goetz (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Vince Frey

Hillcrest: Carol & Darryl Murphy

Ministers of Hospitality August

- 4:00 PM David Harris, Jan Harris
Larry Franey, Mike Hays
- 7:00 AM Bernie Dotsey, Thomas Dotsey
Clarence Elder, Tom Foster
- 10:00 AM David Graham, Cathy Graham
Matt Hagan, Pat Hardesty
- 5:30 PM Ken Terry, Anne Alexander
Ken Keller, Angela Clark

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

A Cowboy's Guide to Life

Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket

Good judgment comes from experience; experience comes from bad judgment

Never squat with your spurs on

Don't worry about biting off more than you can chew, your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger than you think.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.

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

July 17th, 2016

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

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY FAIR

Monday August 1, 2016

Blessed Mother Parish Hall

The Social Justice/Family Life Committee needs YOUR help to create an amazing community-wide event!

Involving 7 different churches, multiple local businesses, and generous individuals across the community. We are prepping for the LARGEST Back to School Supply event yet. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday night July 31st, in the parish hall - from 6 pm until we are ready for the Monday crowds. We are also in GREAT need of volunteers all throughout the day on Monday, August 1. Any amount of time that you can volunteer between the hours of 9 am - 8 pm to help set up, organize, check students in, walk them through the line to pick out school supplies, direct them to the various services that will be available at the event (hair cuts, eye screenings, information on low cost health care, free toothbrushes, etc.), and clean up the event at the end of night...would be MORE than appreciated!

This is a TOTALLY family-friendly event - and it definitely takes a VILLAGE to make it a success. Children are GREAT at helping each other through the supply line...plus there are always younger kiddos who just need friends to PLAY with. Please remember, the GOAL of the Social Justice/Family Life committee is to BUILD stronger families...in this church and this community. Do not forget to bring YOUR children to get school supplies, too! This event is open to ALL! School supplies are expensive...this Back to School Fair aims to lighten the financial load for ALL families as we head into the 2016-2017 school year. Spread the word! Spread God's love! Spread MERCY!

Social Justice Committee

**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, Muriel Gillim, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, MurSheila 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, 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, Bea Wooldridge, Bonnie Wright, Bill Yancy, Randy Zaremba

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 rehearse from 5 -7pm on Wed. evenings. Our next rehearsal is **Aug. 10th** to prepare for mass on **Sun, Aug. 14th**.

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 bmcliturg@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:	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Tue:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wed:	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thur:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Fri:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Sat:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Sun:	Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

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

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