

# Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street Owensboro, KY 42303 March 13th, 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

Parochial Vicar Rev. Richard Powers, Phone ext. 23

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Kristin Tichenor, Pastoral Associate, phone ext. 33

**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**

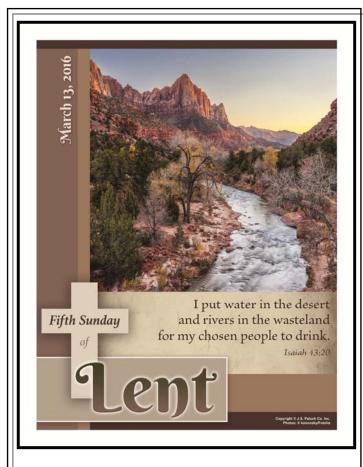
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.

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 March 14th

6:30 AM Marty & Cindy Stallings

Tuesday March 15th

6:00 PM Choya Burcham (dec)

Wednesday March 16th

6:30 AM Mary Elizabeth Hill

Thursday March 17th

9:00 AM School Mass

12 Noon Richard Hendler (dec)

Friday March 18th

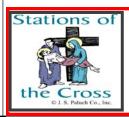
12 Noon Nancy Grimes (dec)

Saturday March 19th

4:00 PM Marian & Don Bennett (50th Annv)

Sunday March 20th

7:00 AM Blessed Mother Parish 10:00 AM Bill Peay (dec, annv) 5:30 PM Tina Visconti (dec)



Fridays
During Lent
6:30PM

#### **Liturgical Ministers March 19th & 20th**

## **Eucharistic Ministers** Palm Sunday

#### Saturday 4 PM

Cecelia Hamilton, Rob Harris, Whitney Haynes Sandra Henry, Shirley Kent, Mary Lu Payne Jeannie Pointer, Mike Pearl, Dan Pearl

#### Sunday 7 AM

Brenda Hagan, Kaytlin Hagan, Kendra Hagan Nicholas Jackson, Darlene Kazlauskas, Randy Lee

#### Sunday 10:00 AM

John Bell Sr., Sharon Bell, Sarah Blincoe John Calhoun, Raymunda Calhoun, Darlene Church Mark Church, Tiffany Coombs, Sr. Marie Joseph

#### Sunday 5:30 PM

Rick Moman, Leesa Moman, Emily Marshall Mason Miller, Steve Hayden, Andrew Hayden

#### Readers

0-4	4.00 DM	Ludy Coopers (Noverton)
Sat	4:00 PM	Judy Coomes (Narrator)
		Jennifer Hayden (Speaker)
Sun	7:00 AM	David Payne (Narrator)
		Dennis Sandefer (Speaker)
Sun	10:00 AM	Doug Dunn (Narrator)
		Barbara Cecil (Speaker)
Sun	5:30 PM	Kristie Hayden (Narrator)
		Norm Havden (Speaker)

#### Servers

Sat	4:00 PM	Hayden Riney, Katherine Riney
Sun	7:00 AM	Jack Higgins, Joseph Watts
Sun	10:00 AM	Kaylee Shupe, Landon Shupe
Sun	5:30 PM	Brett Conder, Matthew Graviss

#### **Families to Take Up Gifts**

Sat	4:00	PΜ	Davis Harris
Sun	7:00	ΑM	Will Wathen
Sun	10:00	AM	Marty Cravens
Sun	5:30	PM	Amy Taylor

#### Children's Liturgy

Preschool No Children's LiturgyK-3rdGrade No Children's Liturgy

#### **Vocation Cross Family**

Joe Carr

Hillcrest: Bobby & Phyllis Bastin

#### Ministers of Hospitality March

**4:00 PM** Rodney Hawes, Alex Haynes Steve Haynes, Mike Hays

7:00 AM Ed Hoskins, Eddie Jackson

Angie Lee, Randy Lee

10:00 AM Cliff Russell, Nicholas Russell

Chase Trogden, Paul Trogden

5:30PM Emily Linn, Jacob Linn

Eli Miller, Lee Miller

#### Catholic Q&A

Note: What follows is the second Q&A I ever wrote for this column (with a few minor corrections). It touches on a central theme during the season of Lent: the afflictions of Christ and how we are called to embrace this suffering.

What does Paul mean when he says that he "completes what is lacking in Christ's afflictions" (Col 1:24-25)? I thought Jesus' work on the Cross was perfect! What could anyone do that Jesus has not already done for us?

This is a very good question, and I think, one of the great mysteries of Scripture. What you have to ask yourself is this: What could still be lacking in the sufferings of Christ? He suffered to the fullest extent, and for all mankind. When He died and rose from the dead, he defeated sin and death and won for us all the grace we need to be saved. This victory is called the "objective redemption," and the quality or completeness of it is without question.

But, there is still something lacking. What is still required is the application of the grace of the Cross upon us. He won all the grace through his perfect suffering, but this grace must still be applied to us.

This application of grace is called the "subjective redemption." Any time we celebrate any of the sacraments, the grace of the Cross is applied to us and we experience this redemption. We know that this application is necessary because if it wasn't, then everyone would have been instantly saved as soon as Jesus said, "It is finished." But, we're not.

So, we have thus far established what is lacking. The grace of the Cross must still be applied to us. Now, Paul tells us in the passage you are quoting that one way to make up for what is lacking (to apply the grace of the Cross to men) is by taking up our Cross just as Jesus Christ took up His. Suffering for the sake of the Body is meritorious. It is a good deed that is rewarded by grace, and all such deeds serve to build up the Body of Christ.

This explains why Paul would *rejoice* in his sufferings, and see this as something that he did for the sake of the Church (cf. Col 1:24). He knows that when he suffers for the Gospel, to fulfill the duties of the "divine office" given to him (cf. Col 1:25), he builds up the Body of Christ and becomes a minister of the grace that flows from the Cross. Elsewhere, Paul said, "Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory" (2 Tim 2:10). He is a steward of God's grace for the benefit of others (cf. Eph 3:2).

What bit of sacrifice or suffering can you offer up for those who need it? In this season of Lent, may we all follow Paul's example, embracing the suffering of the Cross and building each other up as we walk along the way that leads to Easter.

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

# Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

March 13: NO YOUTH GROUP!

(Youth 2000 Weekend)

March 20: Bunco!!

**Retreat Opportunities:** 

Youth 2000- This retreat is for youth 13+. It will take place March 11-13 @ the Owensboro Convention Center. Cost to attend is \$60. If needing a chaperone, please contact Christina by ASAP.

**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:** 

March 13: No Youth Group! No Team Needed!

**March 20:** David & Dava O'Nan, Lanita Robertson

Thank You!

Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-6)

March 20th 3:30-5:00 pm~ Movie!!

#### **THANK YOU!**

The members of the World Youth Day group want to extend our most sincere thanks to our Blessed Mother Parish family! As always, your generosity amazes and inspires us! We are so grateful for you financial and prayerful support, and we promise to you in our thoughts and prayers throughout our time in Poland!

#### SACRAMENTAL PREP CALENDAR

**First Communion:** 

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**

March 6: Class March 13: Class

March 20: Class

March 27: No class (Easter Sunday)

## Laugh for the Week

#### Children's Notes to God

Dear GOD: If You watch me in church on Sunday, I'll show You my new shoes

Dear GOD: In school they told us what You do. Who does it when You are on vacation?

Dear GOD: Are You really invisible or is it just a trick?

Dear GOD: Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house?

Dear GOD: Did You mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident?

Dear GOD: I think about You sometimes even when I'm not praying.

## "The Light Is On for You"

"The Light is on for You" is an initiative to allow all Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Wednesday during Lent from 6:30-8:00PM.

## Marriage Retreat

Make plans to attend this mini-retreat on marriage enrichment, held at St. Pius Tenth, on Sat., March 19, 2016, from 8:30am - 4 PM. The retreat is open to married couples as well as engaged couples. For those who can attend, make plans to watch a movie on Friday evening in the parish hall, after the Stations of the Cross at 6PM. A light meal will be provided. The cost of the retreat is \$40.00/couple, which includes lunch. The theme of the retreat is "Embracing Marriage." The presenter will be Fr. Noel Mueller, OSB, from St. Meinrad. To register, please call Jane Strehl at 270-684-6833, or Nettie Noel at 270-313-3122. Child care will be provided.

# Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

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 plague 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?

### March 6th, 2016

Parish Actual Avg Ytd Budget

Operating \$ 26,202 Maintenance \$ 1,468

Total \$ 27,670 \$26,479 \$25,591

Other/

Restricted \$ 2,534

## Disciple's Response Fund Pledge Report As of 2/11/2016

Parish Target: \$21,840.00
Amount Pledged: \$44,361.83
Amount Paid: \$34,100.33
Remaining Balance: \$10,261.50

Third class of Deacon Formation (English) will begin this fall from 2016 to 2021.

Applicant age is a minimum of 30 and maximum of 60.

Informational meetings with opportunity for questions and answers will be held:

Feb. 28, 2016 6-7 p.m. at

Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green

March 6, 2016 6-7 p.m. at

St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah

March 13, 2016 6-7 p.m. at

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro for more info: rcdok.org/vocations/

Permanent \_ diaconate

# 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 Briggin, Connie Brown, Joan 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, 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 Grifffith, 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, Terri Potts, Becky Powell, Vanessa Priest, Geraldine Ralph, Stewart Rearden, Otto Reisz, Paul Robertson, Beck Roby, Eric Roby, Bob Ross, Jacikie 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, Betty Thompson, Pearl Thompson, Alma Topper, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Amanda Vessels, Dianne Walsh, Scott Ward, Joyce Warren, Vickie Warren, Jim "Bun" Wedding, Denny 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.

#### 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

# From Death to New Life

We pray for the repose of the soul of "Paul William Thompson." May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

We pray for the repose of the soul of Geraldine "Rowland" Ralph. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

We pray for the family of Joe O'Bryan on the death of his mother Elizabeth O'Bryan. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!.



# A Stewardship Moment

Listen to our new mass setting, Mass of a Joyful Heart at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44eps8a1DHk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44eps8a1DHk</a>

Men, do you enjoy singing just for fun!! We are starting a men's choral group whose purpose will be to sing for the joy of the Lord. (NO Parts – Everybody sings melody!!) Watch the bulletin for more information.

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 and Women's Choir** will rehearse every Wed. evening until Easter week from 5 – 7 pm.

**Contemporary Group** (Sun. 5:30 pm mass) Vocalist rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 5 – 6 pm

Children's Choir: Children's Recorder Choir has begun. We welcome new members grade 3 and up. Rehearsals are on Tuesday afternoons from 3 – 4pm in the Children's Liturgy Room. Bring your recorder and join us. (If you do not have a recorder, contact Patty.)

**Instrumentalist:** Contact Patty for more information. For more information concerning any of our music ministries, contact Patty Woerter at <a href="mailto:bmcliturgy@bellsouth.net">bmcliturgy@bellsouth.net</a> or 270-683-8444 ext. 27.

### Lenten Penance Service

Blessed Mother	March 6th	2:00 PM
Mount St. Joseph	March 7th	6:00 PM
St. Anthony	March 9th	6:00 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes	March 10th	6:00 PM
Saint Martins	March 10th	6:00 PM
St. Mary of the Woods	March 13th	2: 00 PM
St. Mary Magdalene	March 13th	1:00 PM
Immaculate	March 13th	6:00 PM
St. Pius	March 14th	6:30 PM
St. Peter	March 14th	6:00 PM
St. Williams	March 15th	6:00 PM
St. Joseph & Paul	March 16th	6:30 PM
St. Sebastian	March 16th	6:00 PM
St. Lawrence	March 17th	6:00 PM
Precious Blood	March 17th	6:00 PM
St. Stephens	March 20th	6:00 PM

#### 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

The light is ON 6:30pm -- 8pm (Confessions)

Thurs. **9AM School Mass** 

12 Noon Mass

Fri. 12 Noon Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

Confessions 12:30 - 2:00 Sat.

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: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];

Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year

A readings were used on Sunday)

Tue: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;

Jn 8:31-42

Thur: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9: Jn 8:51-59

Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Sat: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16: Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29:

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or

Lk 2:41-51a

Sun: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);

> Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 -- 23:56 [23:1-49]

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** OPEN HOUSE - Thursday, March 17

6:00 - 7:00 PM

OCES K-3 Campus – 4017 Frederica Street OCES 4-6 Campus – 525 East 23rd Street

March 7 - Online Registration Opens

Contact Keith Osborne at the OCS Central Office 270-686-8896 for more information.

> The OCS PTO and Hall of Fame Sponsor, Specialty Foods Group, Inc. Are pleased to present the 10th Annual PTO Dinner and Auction "Tournament of Champions" Saturday, March 19th, 2016 At the Sportscenter

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

\$40 each or \$320 to reserve your table of 8. On Sale Now at all Campuses.

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!
- Contact Natalie Hayden for event tickets, raffles or information at 270-302-2039.

	Parish Council Members	
Tom Anderson	685-0348	
Marian Bennett	684-3955	
Jeannie Best	683-3075	
Ryan Coyne	314-3608	
Richard Hayden	689-1422	
Jarrod Malone	314-5810	
Greg Mullican	314-7514	
Cliff Russell	316-1133	
Dan Thomas	684-2120	