

Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street Owensboro, KY 42303 March 27th, 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

Deacon Bill Bach, Phone (270)685-3743

Russ Hayden, Business Manager, phone ext. 21

Patty Woerter, Music/Liturgy, phone ext. 27

Matthew Cissell, Maintenance Mechanic, phone ext. 20

Darlene Quinn, Office Assistant, phone ext. 25

Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education ext. 26

Christina Barnard, Youth Director, phone ext. 28

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

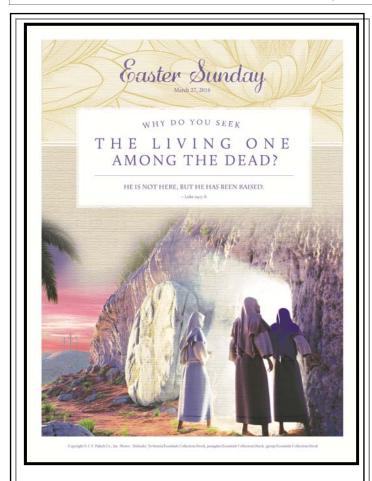
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.

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

March 28th Mondav 6:30 AM **Dorothy**

March 29th Tuesday 6:00 PM Gertrude

March 30th Wednesday

6:30 AM Edith Conkright (dec)

March 31st Thursday 9:00 AM School Mass

12 Noon Zula Conder (dec)

Friday April 1st

12 Noon Stewart Schrecker (dec. b-day)

April 2nd Saturday

4:00 PM Vincent Reynolds (dec)

Sunday April 3rd

7:00 AM DCN. Heriberto Rodriguez John Hodakins (dec) 10:00 AM Blessed Mother Parish 5:30 PM

Liturgical Ministers April 2nd & 3rd

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4 PM

Joan Collins, Judy Coomes, Karen Dueker Marjorie Early, Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman Cecelia Hamilton, Rob Harris, Whitney Haynes

Sunday 7 AM

Mark Potts, Dennis Sandefur, Carolyn Taylor Dan Thomas, Sandra Thomas, Mike Thompson

Sunday 10:00 AM

Sabrina Johnson, Scott Johnson, Nicholas Johnson Thomas Johnson, Steve Hayden, Andrew Hayden Ed Higdon, Angie Judd, Julie Murphy

Sunday 5:30 PM

Carlton Goodman, Katina Hayden, Ken Keller Emily Marshall, Mason Miller, Deanna Brasher

Readers

Sat	4:00	PM	Carol Goetz
Sun	7:00	AM	John Kazlauskas
Sun	10:00	AM	Phil Hagan
Sun	5:30	PM	David Marshall

Servers

Sat	4:00	PM	Bailey Harris, John Cason
Sun	7:00	ΑM	Hank Dotsey, Jack Higgins
Sun	10:00	AM	Luke Beaver, Gabe Vincent
Sun	5:30	PM	Brett Conder, Matthew Graviss

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat	4:00	PΜ	Jennifer Hayden
Sun	7:00	AM	Bob Bahnick
Sun	10:00	AM	Elizabeth Eaves
Sun	5:30	PM	Shannon Wright

Children's Lituray

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

Vocation Cross Family

Pat Cason

Hillcrest: Carol & Darryl Murphy

Ministers of Hospitality April

4:00	PΜ	Jim Hodgkins,	Denice	Kemper
		Mark Kemper,	Martha	Marsh

7:00 AM Jack Murphy, Bob Bahnick Raychel Bahnick, Russell Corley

10:00 AM Cindy Vaughan, Eric Vaughan

Steve Wall, Bill Young

Catherine Nunley, Stacy Nunley Cameron O'Nan, Walter Redd 5:30 PM

Catholic Q&A

Since Easter is now only *one week away*, I want to take this opportunity to make my case for why I think YOU should go to the Easter Vigil.

Reason #1: You've never seen anything like it

The Mass for the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night is the liturgy of all liturgies. All of the symbolism that makes the typical liturgy so rich and meaningful is multiplied by 100 for the Easter Vigil. What this means is that you're going to see and experience something truly unique.

For one, the Mass begins with the lights out. The only illumination comes from a massive bonfire burning outside. Once the Paschal candle is lit by the fire, its flame is used to light small candles held by those in the congregation. To see the church ultimately alive not by the force of electricity but by a holy fire is truly a sight to behold.

The Liturgy of the Word during the Vigil Mass is also much more substantial. It is essentially a grand tour through salvation history, as reader after reader tells the story of God's interventions into human history. It is awe-inspiring to see the plan of God unfolding and to reconsider the often arduous path that lead to the moment when God finally gave us His Son and raised Him from the dead for our salvation.

Thirdly, the Vigil happens much later in the evening then we are used to celebrating Mass. This may be off-putting at first, but the late hour is instructive and meaningful for us. The dark sky reminds us that we live in darkness without the light of Christ in our lives. It also reminds us that those who celebrate the Vigil are in waiting, are truly taking vigil, anticipating the moment when our Savior will rise from the dead and share His new life with us.

Reason #2: Welcome to the party!

Since the revival of the RCIA process after the Second Vatican Council, the Easter Vigil has taken on new significance as the liturgy that welcomes new members into the Church. This year we have one catechumen and an infant who will be baptized, three candidates who will receive with her the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion, and two teenagers who will be Confirmed.

This is cause for great celebration! These seven people each bring their own gifts, talents, and aspirations to the Church, for the benefit of all Her members. This can only work to build up and renew us here at Blessed Mother. But, beyond the benefit for us, we should also celebrate this occasion for the simple fact that seven more souls are receiving the fullness of grace and truth. Praise God!

Considering all this, what message would it send if the church was only half full, or if no one attended the reception afterwards? We should show these new Catholics that we are thankful for their presence and for the hard work that brought them here. I hope that you will come to welcome them and to experience the awesome beauty that only the Easter Vigil can bring.

Christ is coming soon. Are you ready?

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

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

March 27: Happy Easter!! NO YOUTH GROUP! April 3: Spring Break! NO YOUTH GROUP!

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 27: No Team Needed! April 3: No Team Needed!

Thank You!

Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-6)

April 24th 3:30-5:00 pm~ Year End Party!!

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!

Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.

-- Acts 10:43

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

- Q. Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?
- A. It might crack up!
- Q. How did the soggy Easter Bunny dry himself?
- A. With a hare-dryer!
- Q. How did the Easter Bunny rate the Easter parade?
- A. He said it was eggs-cellent!
- Q. How does the Easter Bunny travel?
- A. By hare-plane!
- Q. Why did the Easter egg hide?
- A. He was a little chicken!
- Q. How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?
- A. Eggs-ercise and hare-robics!
- Q. What do you call an Easter Bunny with fleas?
- A. Bugs Bunny!
- Q. Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?
- A. Because the chicken had his Easter eggs!

Devine Mercy Sunday April 3rd 1:30 - 4:00 PM

At Blessed Mother Parish 601 E 23rd Street Owensboro Ky

Speaker: Fr. Richard Cash

"The Mercy Desire"
"The Mercy Elevator"
"The Mercy Springs"

Parish Data / Stewardship Form

A mailing has gone out to all registered families of Blessed Mother Parish. Please update these forms and return them to the office or place in the collection basket on Sunday. If you did not receive a form please contact Russ in the office 270-683-8444.

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 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?

March 13th, 2016

Parish Actual Avg Ytd Budget Operating \$ 20,669

Maintenance \$ 917

Total \$ 21,586 \$26,479 \$25,591

Other/

Restricted \$ 2,365

Disciple's Response Fund Pledge Report As of 3/11/2016

Parish Target: \$21,840.00
Amount Pledged: \$44,396.83
Amount Paid: \$35,154.33
Remaining Balance: \$9,242.50

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp Made for More Summer Camp Designed for young men in high school June 26-29, 2016

Made For More (High School Boys Only who have completed their freshman year): This is our newest camp for 2016! Have you ever had the feeling that you are made for so much more than what the world seems to offer?

What are you supposed to do with your life? More importantly, what does God want you to do with your life? This camp will help you begin to ask those questions and seek God's will for your life. Do all the activities camp has to offer: zip-line, low elements, vertical playground, giant swing, Jacob's Ladder, and more while celebrating the sacraments, learning and praying to be open to being the best Catholic man you can be. This camp is for High School aged young men only. www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org

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, 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, 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



Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Julian Ibemere's mother. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord. Condolences may be sent to Saint Michael the Archangel Parish P.O. Box 505 Oak Grove Ky 42262



A Stewardship Moment

We offer a special THANK YOU to our choir, cantors, and instrumentalist who gave of their time and talent during Holy Week.

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: There will be no rehearsal on Wed. March 30, 2016
Contemporary Group (Sun. 5:30 pm mass)
Children's Choir: Children's Record 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.

Media Specialist

The Diocese of Owensboro has a job opportunity for a fulltime Media Specialist in the Office of Communications.

This position is located at the McRaith Catholic Center in Owensboro, KY. The Diocese encompasses 79 parishes and 17 schools in western Kentucky.

Contact Details:

The Diocese of Owensboro is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. All interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter to:

Diocese of Owensboro

Human Resource Department 600 Locust Street Owensboro, KY 42301 Or

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. 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, 5:300 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: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;

Mt 28:8-15

Tue: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;

Jn 20:11-18

Wed: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thur: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Fri: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27;

Jn 21:1-14

Sat: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sun: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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 <u>confidential phone line: 270-852-8380</u>. 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).

OCS

On-Line Registration for academic year 2016-2017 will open on Monday, March 7th. You will receive an email message for each student currently enrolled from admissions@owensborocatholic.org. The email will provide you with the necessary SnapCode to access the on-line registration form. If you are registering a new student, please go to the OCS website, click on the Admissions/Registration button, and then click on New Student Registration. Current families will be able to log-in and new families will be asked to create an InfoSnap account. Please submit your Parish Voucher/ Parish Membership Verification Form and the \$50.00 Enrollment Deposit to the OCS Central Office or any of our school site offices prior to Friday, March 25th. If your registration process is completed (on-line form submitted for each enrolled student, parish voucher/ parish membership verification form submitted and \$50 enrollment deposit submitted) by Friday, March 25th, your \$50.00 Enrollment Deposit will be credited toward your 2016-2017 tuition bill. Look for the email from admissions@owensborocatholic.org on Monday, March 7th. If you do not receive the email, please contact the OCS Central Office at 270.686.8896.

REMINDER

Catholic School Vouchers

Vouchers are required at registration. If you are a Parish Sponsored Family you must turn in your stewardship form before a School Voucher will be awarded.

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			