



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
May 8th, 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.

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.

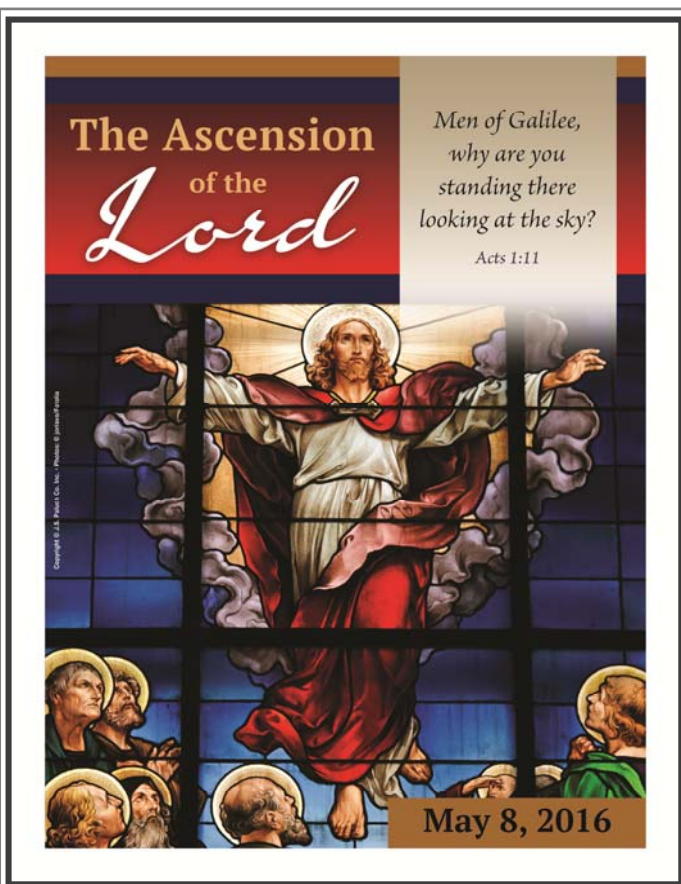
Contact the Parish Office.

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** **May 9th**
6:30 AM **Ambrose**
- Tuesday** **May 10th**
6:00 PM **Joe Lewis (dec)**
- Wednesday** **May 11th**
6:30 AM **Choya Burcham (dec)**
- Thursday** **May 12th**
9:00 AM **School Mass**
12 Noon **Marietta Alvey (dec)**
- Friday** **May 13th**
12 Noon **Edward Payne (dec)**
- Saturday** **May 14th**
4:00 PM **Janet Haynes (dec)**
- Sunday** **May 15th**
7:00 AM **Blessed Mother Parish**
10:00 AM **Luke Howard (dec)**
5:30 PM **Tina Visconti (dec)**

Liturgical Ministers May 14th & May 15th

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4 PM

Marian Bennett, Christina Barnard, Jeannie Best
Rose Clark, Joan Collins, Judy Coomes
Karen Dueker, Marjorie Early, Cecelia Hamilton

Sunday 7 AM

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

Sunday 10:00 AM

Scott Johnson, Sabrina Johnson, Nicholas Johnson
Thomas Johnson, Ed Higdon, Julie Hayden
Angie Judd, Christina Lowe, Julie Murphy

Sunday 5:30 PM

Susie Alvey, Bobby Bastin, Phyllis Bastin
Deanna Brasher, Lisa Carmon, Laurie Elliott

Readers

- Sat 4:00 PM Mike Clark
- Sun 7:00 AM Ann Higgins
- Sun 10:00 AM Karissa Riter
- Sun 5:30 PM Kristie Hayden

Servers

- Sat 4:00 PM Owen Towery, Bailey Harris
- Sun 7:00 AM Garrison Danzer, Madelyn Cash
- Sun 10:00 AM Ella Goetz, Evan Goetz
- Sun 5:30 PM Luke Frey, John Michael Frey

Families to Take Up Gifts

- Sat 4:00 PM Steve Hyland
- Sun 7:00 AM Vince Frey
- Sun 10:00 AM Steve Gillim
- Sun 5:30 PM Nick Clark

Children's Liturgy

Preschool Laura Vincent, Sarah Riney (Asst)

K-3rdGrade Laura Cecil, Shelby Cecil (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Paul Coomes

Hillcrest: Judy Coomes, Karen Thompson

Ministers of Hospitality May

- 4:00 PM Steve Orth, Mary Lu Payne
Bill Shelton, Mark Vincent
- 7:00 AM Bernie Dotsey, Thomas Dotsey
Stacy Duke, Billy Hamilton
- 10:00 AM David Blanford, Debra Burden
Donnie Blanford, Mary Ann Blanford
- 5:30 PM Mason Robertson, Ken Terry
Anne Alexander, Jessie Schartung

Catholic Q&A

What is a prophet?

In the Old Testament, a prophet was someone who brought the word of God to the people by the power of the Holy Spirit. "He has spoken through the prophets," as we say in the Nicene Creed.

Sixteen books in the Old Testament (the "prophetic books") are by or about these prophets. The four "major prophets" are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. The 12 "minor prophets" are Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Of course, Moses, the greatest Old Testament prophet, is traditionally regarded as the author of the first five books of the Bible. There are also many noteworthy prophets who did not contribute to the canon of the Bible, such as Samuel, Nathan, and Elisha. There were female prophets too: Miriam, Deborah, Huldah, Anna, and Philip's four daughters.

Sometimes, in speaking for God, a prophet would foretell the future, and the legitimacy of his prophetic office was confirmed when his prophecies came true. Often his role was to convict the Israelites of their sin and to implore them to return to the Lord and remember the covenants He established with them. A prophet would also interpret current events in light of God's plan for his people and warn them of His impending judgment (which usually came by way of the Israelites being conquered by their enemies). After the exile, when all the nations of Israel were scattered, the prophetic message was one of accepting the justice of God's punishments and preparing for the coming Messiah.

A genuine Old Testament prophet was always directly called by God Himself, and he received the message he was to deliver by way of visions, dreams, and audible encounters. The prophets always spoke the "hard truths" that no one wanted to hear, and as a result they were often persecuted by their own people. The last and greatest of the prophets was John the Baptist, who was the immediate precursor of the Messiah and paved the way for Him with his message of repentance.

Jesus, of course, is *the* Priest, Prophet, and King *par excellence*, and in Baptism we are empowered to participate in that three-fold ministry of Christ. We are prophets today whenever we speak the truth with boldness, convict people of their sin, bring people to Christ, or share the teachings of His Church with others. Such actions often require sacrifice, just as they did in Old Testament times, but it is a calling that we all have been given and that we must undertake.

Now go out and be a prophet!

Peace of Christ to you,
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education
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...

June 20-24: Vacation Bible School from 9am-noon!
Any incoming 7th through outgoing 12th grade students interested in serving, contact Christina!

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!

It's Not Too Late

It's not too late to help! If you missed the second collection, or just weren't ready for it, but would like to make a donation towards our World Youth Day trip to Poland...it's not too late! Just mail it in, or bring by the office c/o Christina Barnard. Again, to all who have donated, we truly appreciate it!



Happy Mothers Day

**Thank You all for the beautiful love
you bring into this world!!
God Bless You All!!!**

Laugh for the Week

“A Funny Test”

Answers appear after questions, No Cheating!!

1. The maker doesn't want it; the buyer doesn't use it; and the user doesn't see it. What is it?
2. In what year did Christmas and New Year's fall in the same year ?
3. How many times can you subtract the number 5 from 25 ?
4. How many animals of each sex did Moses take on the Ark ?

ANSWERS

1. A coffin.
2. They fall in the same year every year. New Year's Day just arrives very early in the year and Christmas arrives very late in the same year.
3. Only once, and then you are subtracting it from 20
4. Moses took no animals. It was Noah on the Ark

WELCOME BRUNCH!!

Sunday May 15th, Blessed Mother Parish will welcome our new our new Parishioners after the 10:00AM Mass. Please join us in the Parish Hall and give them a warm welcome to Blessed Mother as you see them.

Everyone is Invited!!

Blessed Mother Cooking Team Will be cooking down on the river for the BBQ Fest again this year

Saturday May 14th.

Help is needed to continue this ministry.

If you are interested in joining the cooking team to help continue the BBQ Fest please contact Russ In the office.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

John 13:31-35

“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

At the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples He tried to prepare them for the persecution He was expecting from the Jewish leaders and the Romans. Jesus had done nothing wrong, but it was the good He had done that was a threat to the power and wealth of the people in control. Jesus was also preparing His disciples to carry on his mission and teach His message after he was gone. And they could only do that if people knew they were his disciples by the way they loved one another, and loved others. Jesus knew His disciples would face the same threats and treatment by the people who wanted to stop Him. Jesus also knew that true love can be difficult for many reasons: people do evil things; people betray us; people must be corrected or punished for inappropriate or unacceptable behavior; people are an imminent threat to us or others. Love is not easy, but Jesus demonstrated it is possible.

May 1st, 2016

Parish	Actual	Avg Ytd	Budget
Operating	\$ 27,614		
Maintenance	\$ 1,938		
Total	\$ 29,552	\$25,922	\$25,591

**Other/
Restricted \$ 632**

Disciple's Response Fund Pledge Report As of 4/12/2016

Parish Target:	\$21,840.00
Amount Pledged:	\$44,396.83
Amount Paid:	\$36,134.33
Remaining Balance:	\$ 8,372.50

Carmel Home Annual Picnic May 17th, 2016

BBQ Chicken, Burgoo

Eat In or Carry Out

Serving at 11 AM

Raffle 7 Prizes

2 - \$250

5 - \$100

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

John Albin, Dorothy Aud, Frances Ballard, Margaret Beyke, Bill Bland, 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, Katherine Dueker, 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, William 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, 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, Britany 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.

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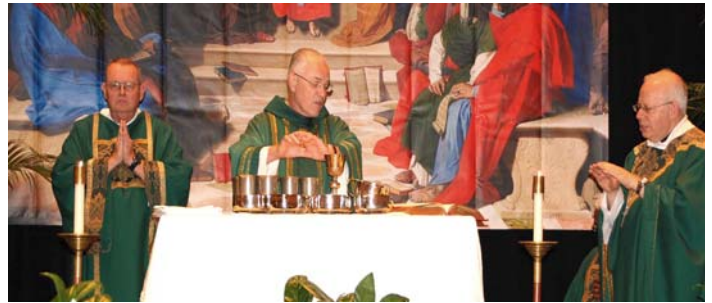
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad
Sgt. David Farley, US Army

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

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.



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. May 11th** from 5 -7pm to prepare for Pentecost mass on May 15th. All encouraged to wear red on Pentecost Sunday.

Contemporary Group (Sun. 5:30 pm mass)
Rehearsals are before mass at 4:00 pm.

Children's Choir will meet every Tuesday from 3:45 - 4:45 in the Children's Liturgy Room.

Children's 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.

Parish Council Members

Due to expiring terms, Blessed Mother Parish is looking for 4 new members to add to the Parish Council. If you are interested in or know of someone that would be a good council member please call Russ in the Parish office.

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 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tue:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wed:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thur:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Fri:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Sat:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sun:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day:	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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

Important Dates:

Deadline for Tuition Assistance Submission –
Fri, May 13

K-3 Picnic at the Park - Fri, May 20

OCHS Baccalaureate - Sun, May 22

K-3 Spring Fling - Wed, May 25

OCMS Graduation - Thu, May 26

4-6 Campus Ceremony for 6th Gr. - Fri, May 27

Last Day of School - Friday, May 27

OCHS Graduation - Sun, May 29

First Day of School - Wed, August 10

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
Jarrold Malone	314-5810
Greg Mullican	314-7514
Cliff Russell	316-1133
Dan Thomas	314-5848