



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
October 16, 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

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OFFICE ADDRESS: 601 East 23rd Street

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M Monday - Friday

WEBSITE: blessedmotherchurch.com

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: 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.

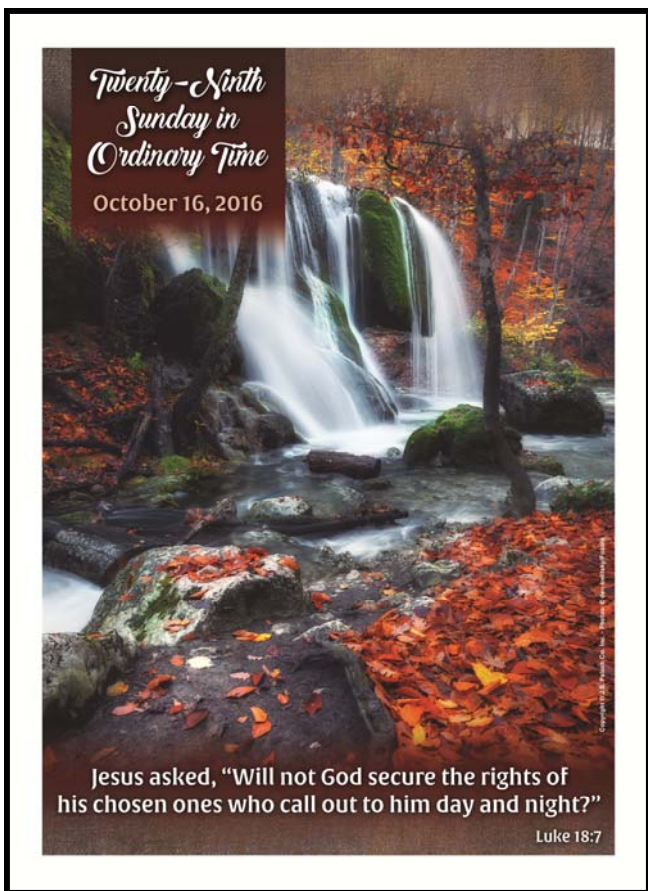
Contact the Parish Office.

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

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| Monday 6:30 AM | October 17th <i>Louise Riddle & Virginia Collins</i> |
| Tuesday 6:00 PM | October 18th <i>Edward Payne</i> |
| Wednesday 6:30 AM | October 19th <i>Kim Terry</i> |
| Thursday 9:00 AM 12 Noon | October 20th No School Mass <i>Blake Powers (b-day)</i> |
| Friday 12 Noon | October 21st <i>Amanda Payne</i> |
| Saturday 4:00 PM | October 22nd <i>Vincent Reynolds</i> |
| Sunday 7:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM | October 23rd <i>Blessed Mother Parish</i> <i>Marietta Alvey</i> <i>Stanley & Doris Fulkerson</i> |

Liturgical Ministers October 22nd & 23rd Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4:00 PM

Jeff Williams, J. Murray Adams, Jason Adcock
Christina Barnard, Marian Bennett, Jeannie Best
Rose Clark, Joan Collins, Judy Coomes

Sunday 7:00 AM

Eva Cash, Charlotte Cecil, Don Cecil
Stacy Duke, Brenda Hagan, Kaytlin Hagan
Kendra Hagan, Nicholas Jackson

Sunday 10:00 AM

Christina Lowe, Brenda Millay, Jerry Millay
Carol Murphy, Darryl Murphy, Julie Murphy
Mary Lu Payne, Tony Powers, Jon Robertson

Sunday 5:30 PM

Bev Payne, Mason Robertson, Debbie Smeathers
Bobby Bastin, Phyllis Bastin, Kristen Linn, Lisa Carmon

Readers

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| Sat 4:00 PM | Bonnie Stuart |
| Sun 7:00 AM | Sharon Ward |
| Sun 10:00 AM | Molly Thompson |
| Sun 5:30 PM | Deanna Brasher |

Servers

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| Sat 4:00 PM | Joseph Henry, Sean Henry |
| Sun 7:00 AM | Madelyn Cash, Joseph Watts |
| Sun 10:00 AM | Kathleen Brocato, William Brocato |
| Sun 5:30 PM | Seth Bruner, Brett Conder |

Families to Take Up Gifts

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| Sat 4:00 PM | Bucky Coomes |
| Sun 7:00 AM | Joe Higdon |
| Sun 10:00 AM | James Mayfield |
| Sun 5:30 PM | Eric Hicks |

Children's Liturgy

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| Preschool | Laura Vincent, Katherine Riney (Asst) Shelby Sandifer (Asst) |
| K-3rdGrade | Diane Fulkerson, Madalyn Hyland (Asst) |

Vocation Cross Family

Mike Hays

Hillcrest: Judy Coomes, Karen Thompson

Ministers of Hospitality October

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| 4:00 PM | Jim Hodgkins, Martha Marsh Mark Kemper, Denice Kemper |
| 7:00 AM | Jeff Hofer, Lynn Hofer Michelle McClellan, Ed Hoskins |
| 10:00 AM | Ed Hidgon, Richard Howard Jan Hubbs, Mark Hubbs |
| 5:30 PM | Ken Keller, Jacob Linn Ben Marshall, John Marshall |

Catholic Q & A

How do I respond to someone who says that devotion to Mary takes the focus off of Jesus and detracts from our relationship with Him?

A devotion to Mary is certainly not detrimental to our relationship with Christ. In fact, Marian devotion both flows from and leads to a relationship with Him.

Marian devotion **flows from** a relationship with Christ in that, when we seek to live as Christ lived and to love as He loved, we can't help but love His mother! After all, Jesus himself was obedient to her (cf. Lk 2:51), and despite the agony of the Cross her care was at the forefront of His mind (cf. Jn 19:26-27). He performed His first miracle at least in part because of her request (cf. Jn 2:3-9). Jesus, who is Himself the fulfillment of the Law, undoubtedly fulfilled the command to "Honor your father and mother" to the fullest extent. The Book of Revelation tells us that Mary is *our* mother too:

And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had borne the male child. [. . .] Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus (Rev 12:13,17).

If we are the offspring of the woman, and the woman is Mary, then Mary is our spiritual mother and we should honor her when we attempt to follow the 4th Commandment as faithfully as Jesus did.

Marian devotion **leads to** a relationship with Christ because, as we seek to live as Mary lived and to love as she loved, we can't help but love her Son! Mary lives to bring Christ to the world. That was the result of her humble *fiat* ("let it be done to me according to your word"). She is forever saying to us, "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5). When we pray the Rosary, we are contemplating the events of Jesus' life. At the center of the "Hail Mary" is the name of Jesus. All nations shall call her blessed, but why? Because she is "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:43). Mary always points to Christ, and no one who has a true devotion to her would ever say that she stood between Christ and any person who longs for a relationship with Him.

Now, some may scoff at the idea that we should devote ourselves to someone who *leads us* to Jesus. "Too many mediators," they say. But, how many of them can actually say that they came to know and love Christ without any help or encouragement from anyone or anything? It simply does not work that way. Until we see God face to face in heaven, our relationship with God will *always* be mediated in some way, be it through the Bible, the love of a friend, your worship service, a rousing sermon, etc. Thus, we should not be ashamed of the role that Mary plays in our lives.

At any rate, how could you *not* love a woman who gave Jesus to the world and who leads us to Him with a most tender act of love? I say: love as Jesus loved. Love His mother.

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

Young Disciples

October 16: Movie Night!!

October 23: Halloween Party!! Come dressed in your costume!

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:

October 16: Keith & Jeannie Best, Carlton Goodman

October 23: Katie Ballard, Phyllis Bastin,
Lanita Robertson

Thank You!

**Junior Youth Group
(Grades 5-6)**

Coming Soon...

October 23: KICK-BALL!!!!

Religious Ed Calendar

Sept. 18: Class

Sept. 25: Class

Oct. 2: Class

Oct. 9: *No class* (Fall break)

Oct. 16: *No class* (Fall break)

Oct. 23: Class

Speakers Series 2016

Nov. 5: Meg Hunter-Kilmer, "Life with the Blessed Virgin"

Dec. 10: Dr. Scott Hahn:

- "The Lamb's Supper"

- "Evangelizing Catholics"

- "The Healing Power of Confession"

**For more info and to get your free tickets, go to:
www.blessedmotherchurch.com**

Carmel Home Christmas Bazaar

Carmel Home Annual Christmas Bazaar fundraiser is Saturday November 5, 2016. Homemade Baked goods, Silent Auction, 8 Raffle Prizes, Barbeque Chicken and Burgoo 8am-1pm Serving at 11:00

Laugh for the Week
Great Truths Children Learn

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats
 When your mom is mad don't let her brush your hair.
 Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato
 Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
 School lunches stick to the wall
 Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts
 Never hold a dustbuster and a cat at the same time
 You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk

“Burgoo & Chickens”

**Next Saturday October 22nd
 Blessed Mother will be cooking
 Burgoo and Chickens.
 Available after 3PM.**

Daughters of Isabella
 Card Party/ Bunco/ Raffle
 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
 Thursday, October 27, 2016
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 \$7.00 includes Lunch
 Bring your group to play cards or
 join others for a fun game of Bunco

From Death to New Life 

We pray for the family of Pat Goetz on the death of her husband: Robert Louis “Bob” Goetz. May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

We pray for the family of Lisa Castlen on the death of her mother: “Geneva Glasscock”. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

**Forming Good Stewards
 Sunday Collections**

Luke 16:19-31

“Abraham told the rich man, ‘My child, remember you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad.’”

Jesus paints a depressing picture of Lazarus, a poor man covered with sores laying at the door of a rich man who obviously ignored the poor man just outside of his house. Both men die. From the netherworld [hell] the rich man sees Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham [where all Jews hope to be when they die]. The rich man had clearly ignored the Word that God gave Moses to reveal to the Israelites: to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lazarus, laying outside the rich man’s house was clearly his neighbor. He was obviously in need of love and care. But the rich man ignored him. He did not love Lazarus as he loved himself. He did not even love him enough to provide him with the basic necessities of life. Jesus uses this graphic story to teach us that our neighbors can be just outside our door or across the street. In our current age of instantaneous global communications, our neighbors are all over the world. And many of them are in the same condition as Lazarus. Will we love and help them before it is too late for us?

October 9th, 2016

| Parish | Actual | Avg Ytd | Budget |
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| Operating | \$ 19,204 | | |
| Maintenance | \$ 432 | | |
| Total | \$ 19,636 | \$25,131 | \$26,859 |
| Other/ Restricted | \$ 285 | | |

**October 23rd
 Blessed Mother Celebrates
 Priesthood Sunday
 Brunch honoring
 Fr. Mike & Fr. Emmanuel
 Following 10AM Mass
 All are invited to come
 celebrate the gift of
 Fr. Mike and Fr. Emmanuel
 to our Parish**

A basket will be available at the main entrance at all Masses that weekend for cards, and thank-you notes to Fr. Mike & Fr. Emmanuel

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

Dorothy Aud, Margaret Beyke, Alice Bittel, Donna Bowlds, Megan Briggan, Connie Brown, Mike Carr, Joan Cecil, Jane Hoskins Cecil, Melody Cecil, Joyce & Paul Christian, Dennis Clark, Dessie Clark, James Clark, Thelma Clark, Alice Cole, Kenny 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, Sheila 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, Wilbur Jarvis, Betty Jo Johnson, Annie Jones, Charlotte Kamuf, 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, Janet Love, 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, Doris M. Payne Melida Payne, Corine Pearl, Carolyn Pierce, Becky Powell, Vanessa Priest, Stewart Rearden, Otto Reisz, Paul Robertson, 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, 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, Betty Watkins, Zach Watts, Jim "Bun" Wedding, Denny Wheatley, Greg & Jennifer Weise, Katherine Whittinghill, Theresa Wilhite, 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

Tri-Parish Mission

As our Parish Mission approaches, we urge every parishioner to pray for its success. Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI, who will preach the Mission, is merely an instrument in the hands of our Savior. It is God "who gives growth," as St. Paul reminds us. The **principal Mission presentation** will be each evening at **6:30 p.m. on October 24, 25, and 26**. For anyone who simply cannot attend in the evening, Father John Mark will celebrate **Mass at 8:30 a.m. and deliver a short message afterwards**. **IT'S TOO GOOD TO MISS!**



A Stewardship Moment

Christmas Music



Preparations have begun for our Christmas liturgies. Do you play an instrument such as trumpet, oboe, clarinet, flute, violin, viola, cello or sing? Then consider sharing your gift of music with your parish. We are recruiting musicians to play and sing at our

Christmas masses. If you are interested contact Patty. Mass times are as follows:

**Dec. 24th 4 pm - Children's Choir
8 pm - Men & Women's Choir
12 am - Vocal Ensemble??**

Dec. 25th 9 am - Cantor/ Vocal Ensemble?

The music ministries at Blessed Mother include:

Cantors practice with Patty as schedules allow or as needed. There will also be a rehearsal before mass with the pianist.

Men and Women's Choir rehearse from 5 -7pm on Wed. evenings. The next rehearsal is **October 19th** to prepare for mass on **Sun. Oct. 23rd** at the 10 am mass. We will meet in the Children's Liturgy Room to pick up materials and pray. Then, we will move to the church.

Contemporary Group (Sun. 5:30 pm mass) Rehearsals are before mass at 4:30 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. **Children's Choir will sing again on Sun. Oct 30th.**

Instrumentalist: For more information concerning any of our music ministries, contact Patty Woerter at:

bmcliturg@bellsouth.net or 270-683-8444 ext. 27.

Winter Warmth

It is time again for us at Blessed Mother to think about children who do not have warm clothes for the winter season. We will have the annual Winter Warmth Clothing Drive during the month of October. We will be collecting gently used winter clothes for children preschool to 6 grade. Coats, jackets, hats, scarves and gloves would be greatly appreciated. There will be a box in the entrance of the Church to receive the clothing. New Winter clothes would also be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon. & Thurs, 4 PM

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| Mon. | Mass 6:30 AM Bunko, 1 PM Meeting for Divorced & Separated 7PM SVDP Mtg 7:00 PM (New Members Welcome) |
| Tues. | 6AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Mass |
| Wed. | 6AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration Mass 6:30 AM Bible Study Series 10AM & 7PM |
| Thurs. | NO 9AM School Mass 12 Noon Mass |
| Fri. | 12 Noon Mass 6AM—5PM Eucharistic Adoration |
| Sat. | Confessions 12:30 — 2:00 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

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| Mon: | Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21 |
| Tue: | 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9 |
| Wed: | Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48 |
| Thur: | Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53 |
| Fri: | Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59 |
| Sat: | Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9 |
| Sun: | Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14 |

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

Sts. Joseph and Paul, Owensboro Catholic Schools and Martin Custom Building are teaming up once again to raffle off a new house!

This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home is located in one of the most desired neighborhoods in Owensboro - Bon Harbor! Located at 4135 Mayflower Drive, this home will be raffled off on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016.

Tickets are \$100, with a maximum of 4,000 tickets sold, and can be purchased at Sts. Joseph and Paul parish office, Owensboro Catholic Schools Central Office, and the Owensboro locations of Independence Bank.

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Lighthouse Recovery Services Beacon Awards Dinner

You are invited to the annual Beacon Awards Dinner and Recovery Celebration sponsored by Lighthouse Recovery Services at the Owensboro Christian Church's Community Events Room at 6:00 PM on Tuesday October 18, 2016. The special guest speaker will be David "Oz" Osborne. The dinner /fundraiser is \$25, which includes the meal provided by Chef's Kitchen. To purchase tickets contact Richard Murphy at 270.315.7897 or Derrick Arthur at 502.712.6662.



Parish Council Members

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| Tom Anderson | 685-0348 |
| Phil Hagan | 926-1483 |
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