



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
October 30, 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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OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M Monday - Friday

WEBSITE: blessedmotherchurch.com

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PRAYER LINE NUMBERS:

Bulletin Prayer Line: Russ Hayden — 270-683-8444 ext. 21
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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

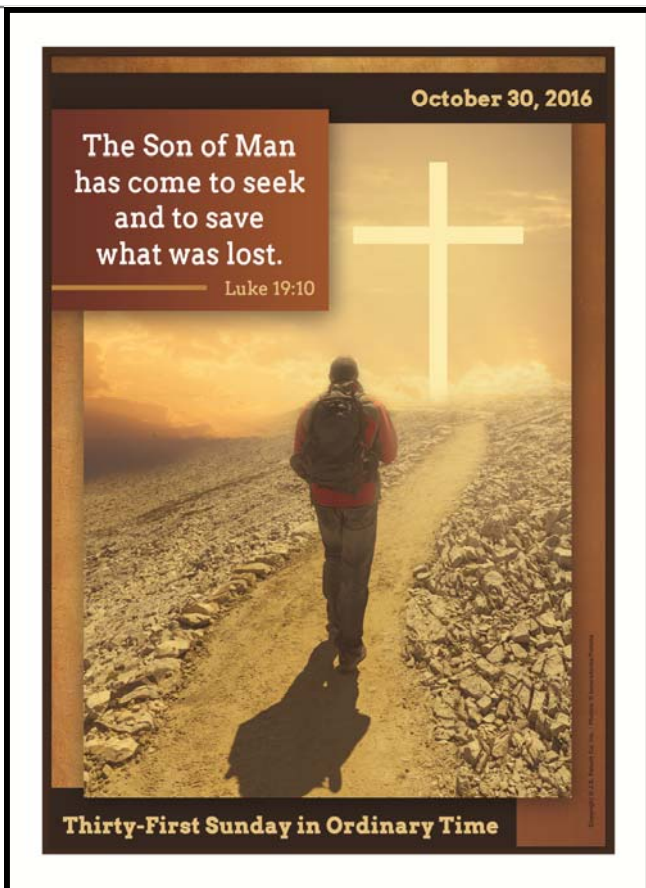
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.

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

- Monday** **October 31st**
 6:30 AM *David Jarboe Jr (dec)*
- Tuesday** **November 1st** *All Saints*
 6:30 AM *Arnold Conder (dec)*
 9:00 AM *School Mass*
 12 Noon *William Blandford (dec)*
 6:00 PM *William Samuel Hagan (dec)*
- Wednesday** **November 2nd** *All Souls*
 6:30 AM *Barbara Hurm (dec)*
- Thursday** **November 3rd**
 9:00 AM *NO School Mass*
 12 Noon *Ruth Ann Mattingly (dec, b-day)*
- Friday** **November 4th**
 12 Noon *Muriel Gillim (dec)*
- Saturday** **November 5th**
 4:00 PM *Aloysius M. Smith*
- Sunday** **November 6th**
 7:00 AM *Duncan Taylor*
 10:00 AM *Ben Onstott (dec)*
 5:30 PM *Blessed Mother Parish*

Liturgical Ministers November 5th & 6th Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4:00 PM

Shirley Kent, Dan Pearl, Jeanne Pointer
 Janet Ruth, Lahoma Stinnett, Jan Storm
 Rob Harris, Ethel Watrous, Jeff Williams

Sunday 7:00 AM

Dan Thomas, Sandra Thomas, Mary Margaret Brown
 Joy Bach, Sr. Mary Timothy, Mike Thompson, Eva Cash

Sunday 10:00 AM

Pauline Wigginton, Elaine Williams, Angela Bell
 John Bell Jr., John Bell Sr., Sharon Bell
 Stephanie Wall, Ann Blanford, Sarah Blincoe

Sunday 5:30 PM

Beverly Payne, Mason Robertson, Debbie Smeathers
 Bobby Bastin, Phyllis Bastin, Deanna Brasher
 Lisa Carmon, Laurie Elliott

Readers

Sat	4:00 PM	Jason Adcock
Sun	7:00 AM	Stacy Duke
Sun	10:00 AM	Raymunda Calhoun
Sun	5:30 PM	Dion Moorman

Servers

Sat	4:00 PM	Bailey Marie Harris, Kristen Harris
Sun	7:00 AM	Krisalyn Elder, Joseph Watts
Sun	10:00 AM	Mary Grace Johnson, Ella Goetz
Sun	5:30 PM	John Michael Frey, Luke Frey

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat	4:00 PM	Marjorie Early
Sun	7:00 AM	Stephen Hoffman
Sun	10:00 AM	Jerry Millay
Sun	5:30 PM	Ben Miller

Children's Liturgy

Preschool	Erin Evans, Cassidy Carrico (Asst) Bobbie Sandifer, Lindsey Hargitt (Asst)
K-3rdGrade	Diane Fulkerson, Anna Hyland (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Jim Hodgkins

Hillcrest: Susan Hale, James Gerald

Ministers of Hospitality November

4:00 PM	Steve Orth, Mary Lu Payne Mike Pearl, Bill Shelton
7:00 AM	Dianne Hoffman, Steve Hoffman Angela Lee, Randy Lee
10:00 AM	David Jarboe, Jacob Johnson Tom Johnson, Seth Baker
5:30 PM	Walter Redd, Holly McCormack, John McCormack, Jonah McCormack

Catholic Q & A

With the feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day coming up on Nov. 1st and 2nd, I thought it would be appropriate to reprint an early column on praying to the saints.

Where does Scripture say that we can pray to the saints in heaven?

There is no passage that explicitly states, "You may pray to the saints in heaven." But, we do have examples of people crying out to the angels and the hosts of heaven (cf. Psa 103:20-21; 148:2; Dan 3:58, 61), which is basically the same thing as praying to them.

But, let's say, for some reason, a person does not accept those examples. I think praying to the saints also follows logically from what Scripture says about the Body of Christ and the activity of the angels and saints in heaven.

First of all, the bible tells us that the saints are alive and full members of the Body of Christ. Jesus was able to call the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob a God "of the living" (cf. Mt 22:32) because Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were still alive, with God, in heaven. Death does not separate us from the love of God (cf. Rom 8:38-39). Furthermore, by holding fast to the Head the whole Body is joined and nourished and knit together (cf. Eph 2:20-21; 4:15-16; Col 2:18--19). God's "plan for the fullness of time" is "to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth" (Eph 1:9-10). This means that the saints in heaven are just as much members of the Body of Christ as you and I are. If I can ask you to pray for me, then I can ask St. Joseph to pray for me too.

Secondly, we see that those who go to heaven still care for us and are aware of our needs. Why else would there be joy among the angels in heaven over even one repentant sinner? (cf. Lk 15:7, 10). We are "a spectacle" to them (1 Cor 4:9). The virtuous men and women who have gone before us make up "a great cloud of witnesses" that surrounds us as we run with perseverance the race that is set before us (Heb 12:1).

Thirdly, not only do the saints care about what happens to the Church on earth, they are also doing something about it! As members of the Body of Christ, they intercede for us. That's just what you do (cf. 1 Tim 2:1), and there's no reason to believe that a righteous person would relinquish this duty once he got to heaven. In fact, we see that the saints continue to intercede for us and to take our needs to God, just as you have often prayed for people.

For example, in the Book of Job, we see an angel asking the Lord to deliver man from death and return him to his youthful vigor (cf. 33:23-26). The Lord Himself told Jeremiah about how Moses and Samuel (who were long since dead) pleaded with Him on behalf of the people (cf. Jer 15:1). An angel lamented to the Lord that He had yet to show mercy to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah (cf. Zech 1:12). The martyrs in heaven cry out to God to judge and seek vengeance upon those who take the lives of God's faithful people (cf. Rev 6:9-11). In heaven, the angels and saints offer our prayers to God like incense (cf. Rev 5:8; 8:3-4).

Finally, we can and should pray to the saints because it gives glory to God. The saints would not be in heaven, nor would they remain members of the Body of Christ, were it not for what Christ did in their lives and in ours to unite all things in Himself.

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

Young Disciples

October 30: Halloween Service Project and Movie!
Regular Time!

November 6: Loving our enemies??

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 30: Elizabeth Eaves, Beverly Payne,
Anne Higgins

November 6: Richard & Natalie Hayden,
Diane Hoffman

Thank You!

Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-6)

November 13: Games!!!!

Religious Ed Calendar

Oct. 30: Class

Nov. 6: Class

Nov. 13: Class

Nov. 20: Class

Nov. 25: *No class* (Thanksgiving break)

Dec. 4: *Catch the Spirit party!*

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**. Homemade Baked goods, Silent Auction, 8 Raffle Prizes, Barbeque Chicken and Burgoo **8am-1pm**. Serving at 11:00

Laugh for the Week

Murphy's Laws Of Combat

- Incoming fire has the right of way
- No combat ready unit has ever passed inspection
- No inspection ready unit has ever passed combat
- If the enemy is within range, so are you
- The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire
- Anything you do can get you killed, including nothing
- Tracers work both ways
- If you take more than your fair share of objectives, you will get more than your fair share of objectives to take

Needed / Wanted

Blessed Mother is currently working on getting a current list of Ministers to the homebound and homebound parishioners. If you are currently taking communion to the homebound or would like to be a part of this ministry please call the office. If you are aware of someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion who is currently not, please let us know.

The Book of Life

We invite you to take a moment and list the names of your deceased loved ones into the Book of Life. All entered will be remembered in the Holy Masses during the month of November. Envelopes are available for Masses to be offered during the year.

All Souls Day Liturgical Ministers Wednesday November 2nd

6:30 AM: Volunteers
6:00 PM:
Eucharistic Minister: Shirley Kent, Judy Coomes
Bill Hayden, Julie Murphy, Mary Lu Payne
Mark Potts, Stacy Duke
Server: Reese Hayden, Sarah Hayden
Reader: Jennifer Hayden

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 23rd, 2016

Parish	Actual	Avg Ytd	Budget
Operating	\$ 18,365		
Maintenance	\$ 418		
Total	\$ 18,783	\$24,405	\$26,859
Other/ Restricted	\$ 591		

All Saints Day Liturgical Ministers Holy Day of Obligation Tuesday November 1st

6:30 AM Volunteers

9:00 AM School Mass

12 Noon:

Eucharistic Minister: Shirley Kent, Judy Coomes
Rose Clark, Ethel Watrous, Sabrina Johnson
Joan Collins, Lahoma Stinnett

Server: Mark Potts

Reader: Mike Clark

6:00 PM:

Eucharistic Minister: Dr. Drew Ward, Jeannette Ward
Julie Murphy, Debbie Smeathers,
Deanna Brasher, Julie Hayden

Server: Joseph Henry, Sean Henry

Reader: Judy Coomes

**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, 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 of 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
Nathaniel J. Pearl, US Army (Grandson of Dan Pearl)



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 (K-Adult)

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. We will meet in the Children's Liturgy Room. 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 : We welcome new members. Rehearsals are on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 - 4:45 pm in the Children's Liturgy Room.

Note: Sign your child up soo. Rehearsal for Christmas Eve music has already begun.

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

From Death to New Life

We pray for the families of Darleen King and Linda Shouse on the death their her mother: "Mary Agnes Henderson". May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon. & Thurs, 4 PM

- Mon.** Mass 6:30 AM
Bunko, 1 PM
Meeting for Divorced & Separated 7PM
SVDP Mtg 7:00 PM
(New Members Welcome)
- Tues.** 6 AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM Mass
12:00 Noon Mass
6:00 PM Mass
- Wed.** 6AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration
Mass 6:30 AM
Mass 6:00 PM
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

Readings for the Week

- Mon: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
- Tue: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a
- Wed: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or
from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
- Thur: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
- Fri: Phil 3:17 -- 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
- Sat: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;
Lk 16:9-15
- Sun: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;
2 Thes 2:16 -- 3:5;
Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

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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Tri-Parish Mission

A special “Thank You” goes out to all who worked and participated in helping the Tri-Parish Mission a great success. A special Thank You goes out to Judy Coomes, Deacon Bill Bach, Joy Bach and Mark Potts, who were representatives from Blessed Mother on the on the Tri-Parish Mission team. You represented Blessed Mother well.

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 13, 2017, call 270-852-8346, or email: felliott@audubon-area.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

Parish Council Members

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