



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
September 4th, 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. 25
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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. 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: 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

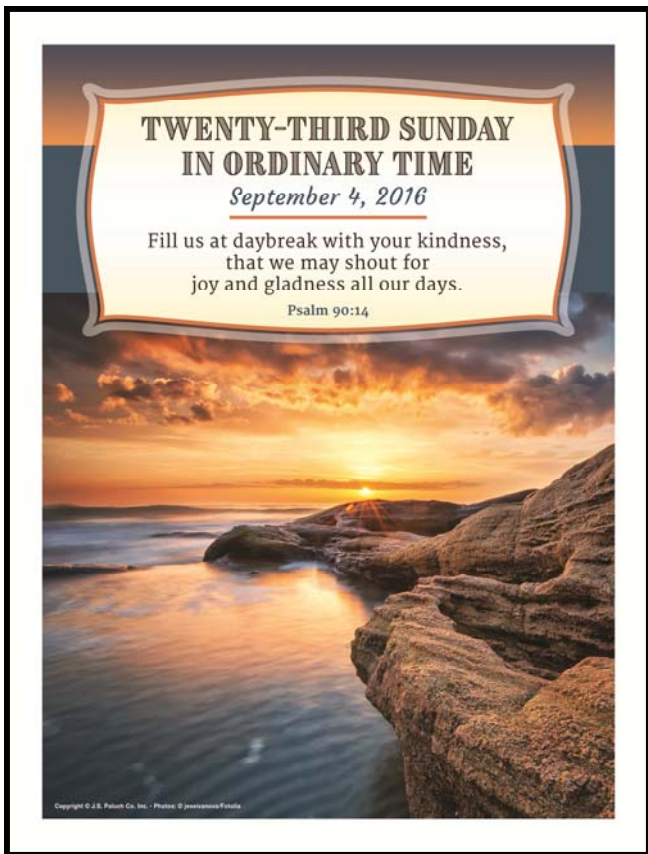
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.

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** September 5th (Labor Day)
9:00 AM Tina Visconti (dec)
- Tuesday** September 6th
6:00 PM Bonnie Carter (dec, b-day)
- Wednesday** September 7th
6:30 AM Beatrice Peay (dec, b-day)
- Thursday** September 8th
9:00 AM School Mass
12 Noon Steve Towery
- Friday** September 9th
12 Noon Marietta Alvey (dec)
- Saturday** September 10th
4:00 PM Edward Payne (dec)
- Sunday** September 11th
7:00 AM Joe Hoffman (dec)
10:00 AM William Samuel Hagan (dec)
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

Liturgical Ministers September 10th & 11th

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4:00 PM

Marian Bennett, Rose Clark, Joan Collins
Judy Coomes, Karen Dueker, Marjorie Early
Jay Fillman, Susie Fillman, Cecelia Hamilton

Sunday 7:00 AM

Charlotte Cecil, Don Cecil, Brenda Hagan
Kaytlin Hagan, Kendra Hagan, Nicholas Jackson

Sunday 10:00 AM

Sabrina Johnson, Scott Johnson, Angie Judd
Christina Lowe, Brenda Millay, Jerry Millay
Carol Murphy, Darryl Murphy, Julie Murphy

Sunday 5:30 PM

Leesa Moman, Rick Moman, Debbie Smeathers
Bobby Bastin, Phyllis Bastin, Deanna Brasher

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Paul Howard
Sun 7:00 AM	Mark Potts
Sun 10:00 AM	Phil Hagan
Sun 5:30 PM	Dion Moorman

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Hope Hawes, Abbie Millay
Sun 7:00 AM	Cooper Danzer, Houston Danzer
Sun 10:00 AM	Sterling Hardesty, Zachary Hardesty
Sun 5:30 PM	Ray Ann Howard, Brett Conder

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Christal Towery
Sun 7:00 AM	Russell Corley
Sun 10:00 AM	Tom Johnson
Sun 5:30 PM	Karla Arnold

Children's Liturgy

Preschool	Amy Espinoza, Ashtyn Husk (Asst)	Beth Young (Asst)
K-3rdGrade	Laura Cecil, Shelby Cecil (Asst)	

Vocation Cross Family

Carlton Goodman

Hillcrest: Carol Murphy, Darryl Murphy

Ministers of Hospitality September

4:00 PM	Alex Haynes, Steve Haynes Sean Henry, Steve Henry
7:00 AM	Vince Frey, Paul Garner Billy Hamilton, Joe Higdon
10:00 AM	Stephen Hardesty, John Hayden JT Hayden, Luke Hayden
5:30 PM	Samuel Clore, Dan Goedde Kenny Hamilton, Tricia Hamilton

Catholic Q & A

What is the RCIA Process?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults become full members of the Catholic Church. The high point of the process is the Easter Vigil, when the participants in the process receive the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church.

The Rite speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church He founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful.

The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate that was developed during the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church’s way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the whole Church (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 64).

There are four periods or stages to the RCIA process:

Precatechumenate: This is a time for inquiry and evangelization, an opportunity for the beginnings of faith. Here the seed is planted through the proclamation of the Gospel and the story of salvation history.

Catechumenate: This is an extended period for pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training participants in the Christian life; it includes a thoroughly comprehensive catechesis on the truths of Catholic doctrine and morality.

Purification and Enlightenment: Coinciding with Lent, this period consists more in interior reflection than in instruction. It is intended to enlighten the minds and hearts of participants with a deep knowledge of Christ.

Mystagogy: This time of post-baptismal catechesis extends through the Easter season, the seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. It is a time for deepening the Christian experience, especially in appreciation for the sacramental life, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the Catholic community.

Who might you invite to join the RCIA process and consider becoming Catholic? Our first session was Thurs., Sept. 1 at 7 PM in the Youth Room in the Family Life Center. Its not to late to join, If you have any questions, please let me know.

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

Young Disciples

September 4: NO YOUTH GROUP!!

Labor Day Weekend!

September 11: DODGEBALL!!

(Grades 7-12)

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:

Sign-Ups are underway in the back of Church!

Thank You!

Religious Ed Calendar

Aug. 28: Class

Sept. 4: *No class* (Labor Day weekend)

Sept. 11: *No class* (Mount picnic)

Sept. 18: Class

Sept. 25: Class

Speakers Series 2016

Sept. 17: Fr. Eugene Hensell, “Parables of Jesus”

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

Prayer Services for the November Elections

Rosary, Mercy Chaplet & Other Prayers.

Sermons by Fr. Louis Caporiccio, CPM

Passionist Monastery, Whitesville, Ky

Monday Sept 5th, 2016 6:30—8PM

Monday October 3, 2016 6:30—8PM

Monday November 7th, 2016 6:30—8PM

Bring your family and friends

**“For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us!”**

From Death to New Life 

We pray for the family of Sarah Withrow on the death of her mother Julia Ann Anderson. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Laugh for the Week

"Church Signs"

"Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!"

"How will you spend eternity- Smoking or Non-smoking?"

"Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives"

"Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world."

"Our arms are the only ones God has to hug His children."

"Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church."

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

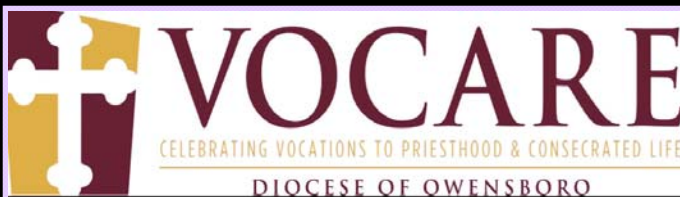
Luke 14:25-33

"Whoever does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

The right to own and legally use property is deeply ingrained in the Bill of Rights and psyche of the citizens of the United States. Some take that right to own property to extreme and turn possessions and the acquisition thereof into their God. They worship at the altar of the almighty dollar. The ownership and legally use of property is also a Natural Law right and a teaching of the Catholic Church. But Jesus taught us that we will not get to heaven based on the number and value of our possessions, but whether we acknowledge we are God's possessions and that everything we are and every thing we have is a gift from God that he wants us to use and enjoy to the best of our ability for ourselves and for others. Jesus also knew that giving to others what we do not need for ourselves would be a cross many would not be willing to carry. So he taught his disciples that "Whoever does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Do we really want to be a disciple of Jesus? Are we willing to take up our cross and follow Jesus?

August 28th, 2016

Parish	Actual	Avg Ytd	Budget
Operating	\$ 19,128		
Maintenance	\$ 1,028		
Total	\$ 20,156	\$26,619	\$26,859
Other/ Restricted	\$ 1,440		



Friday, September 23, 2016
Owensboro Convention Center

5.00 PM Social Hour

6.00 PM Dinner

Vocare is a latin word meaning "to call; to summon".

The Diocese of Owensboro is now accepting registrations for VOCARE 2016, the event of the year for the Diocese. This event is an opportunity to dress your finest and help our Diocese increase awareness of vocations, celebrate vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and provide financial support for seminarian education.

The evening begins at 5:00 PM at the Owensboro Convention Center with a cocktail/social hour.

Dinner will promptly begin at 6:00 PM and will feature a keynote address by Andy Day, Diocese of Owensboro native and southeast regional director of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students).

Those interested in attending can purchase an entire table, a single seat or seats for two. Visit www.owensborodiocese/vocare to register and pay for the event.

If you have any questions regarding VOCARE, please contact Kathy Rasp in the Bishop's Office at 270-683-1545.

Blessed Mother
will be hosting a 12 week program for
Divorced and Separated
Starting Monday September 12th
For more information or to register
please contact
Angela Clark 270-929-4022
Or call Russ in the parish office
270-683-8444 ext 21.

Bible Study Series (8 weeks)

Starting Wednesday September 14th
10—11:30 AM

Presented by Deacon Bill Bach
and Sabrina Johnson

7:00 — 8:30 PM

Presented by Nick Hardesty

For more information or to sign up please contact
Nick Hardesty 270-683-8444 ext 26 or
E-mail nicholashardesty@gmail.com

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

John Albin, 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, 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, Melida Payne, Corine Pearl, Carolyn Pierce, Becky Powell, Vanessa Priest, Stewart Rearden, Otto Reis, 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 Vesels, Dianne Walsh, Scott Ward, Joyce Warren, Betty Watkins, Zach Watts, Jim "Bun" Wedding, Denny Wheatley, Greg & Jennifer Weise, Katherine Whittinghill, 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

Congratulations
James Michael McCarty
son of Helen McCarty,
on being ordained a Deacon for the
Diocese of Louisville



A Stewardship Moment

♪Sing a joyful song to the Lord!♪

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 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 **September 14th** to prepare for mass on **Sun. September 18th** 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. Sept. 11th.**

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.

Liturgical Ministers

Labor Day

Monday September 5th

9 AM

Eucharistic Minister:

Mark Potts, Rose Clark, Marjorie Early
Lahoma Stinnett, Dr. Drew Ward,
Jeannette Ward

Server: Brett Conder

Reader: Scott Lowe

Calendar for the Week

Rosary is prayed Mon. & Thurs, 4 PM

- Mon.** **Mass 9:00 AM (Labor Day)**
 Bunko, 1 PM
 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
- Thurs.** **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

- Mon:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,
 or, for Labor Day, any readings from the
 Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor,"
 nos. 907-911
- Tue:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
- Wed:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;
 Lk 6:20-26
- Thur:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Fri:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12;
 Lk 6:39-42
- Sat:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
 Lk 6:43-49
- Sun:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;
 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

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.

catholiceducationhomeraffle.com
 270-683-5641 License # ORG0002156

Mount St. Joseph Picnic

“It’s time to come together for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph 46th Mount Saint Joseph Picnic on **Sunday, Sept. 11**. Be sure to get your Raffle tickets. You could win \$10,000, \$3,500, \$1,000, a handmade quilt, \$500, \$250 or \$100. Picnic proceeds benefit retired Ursuline Sisters.”

2016 Picnic Schedule

Sep 11	Mount St. Joseph	11:30
Sep 17	St. Stephen Cathedral	12:00
Sept 17	St. Columbia / Lewisport	4:00
Sep 18	St. Lawrence/St Williams	11:00
Sep 24	Immaculate Parish (Drive Thru)	2:00
Sep 25	St. Mary of the Woods	11:00

Parish Council Members

Tom Anderson	685-0348
Phil Hagan	926-1483
Rob Harris	686-8731
Julie Hayden	485-6912
Jennifer Hayden	926-0762
Richard Hayden	689-1422
Richard Howard	903-9314
Scott Johnson	222-0264
Jarrold Malone	314-5810
Scott McCain	929-5923
Greg Mullican	314-7514
Dan Thomas	314-5848