



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
September 11th, 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
Parochial Vicar Rev. Emmanuel Udoh, Phone ext. 22
Deacon Bill Bach, Phone (270)685-3743
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Darlene Quinn, Office Assistant, phone ext. 24
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. 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

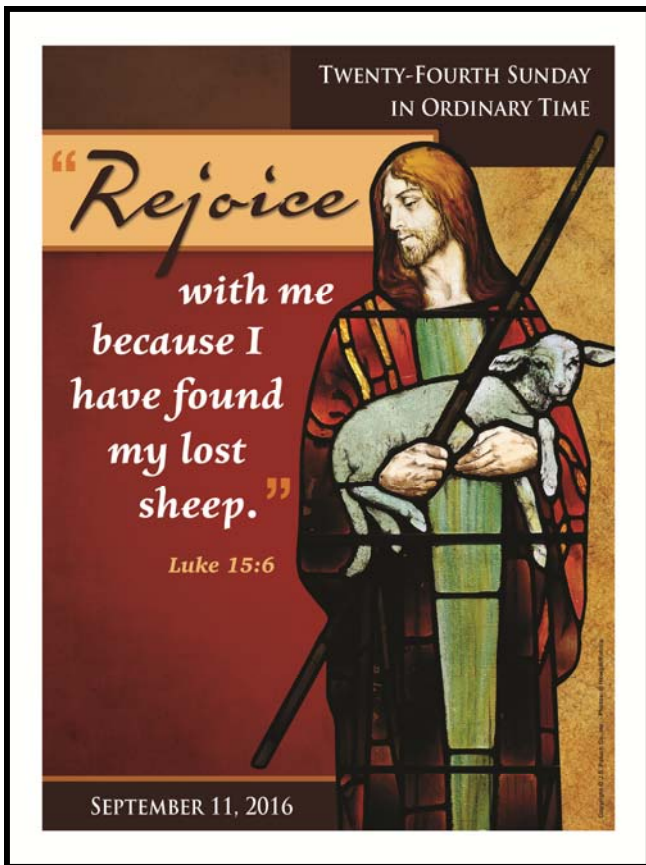
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.

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 12th (Labor Day)**
6:30 AM **Luke Howard (dec)**
- Tuesday** **September 13th**
6:00 PM **Fr. Dave Willett (dec)**
- Wednesday** **September 14th**
6:30 AM **Ben & Thelma Crump (dec)**
- Thursday** **September 15th**
9:00 AM **School Mass**
12 Noon **Robert Englert (dec)**
- Friday** **September 16th**
12 Noon **Chris Redd (dec, annv)**
- Saturday** **September 17th**
4:00 PM **Vince Reynolds (dec)**
- Sunday** **September 18th**
7:00 AM **Camillia Baker (dec)**
10:00 AM **Mr. & Mrs. Felix Roby (dec)**
5:30 PM **Blessed Mother Parish**

Liturgical Ministers September 17th & 18th Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4:00 PM

Rob Harris, Sandra Henry, Theresa Henry
J. Murray Adams, Judy Kapelsohn, Shirley Kent
Joe O'Bryan, Maggie O'Bryan, Dan Pearl

Sunday 7:00 AM

Darlene Kazlauskas, Randy Lee, Michele Linn
Pete Linn, Mark Potts, Dennis Sandefur

Sunday 10:00 AM

Mary Lu Payne, Tony Powers, Jon Robertson
Cliff Russell, Nick Russell, Kelly Trogden
Eric Vaughn, Dr. Drew Ward, Jeannette Ward

Sunday 5:30 PM

Bobby Bastin, Phyllis Bastin, Lisa Carmon
Laurie Elliott, Carlton Goodman, Katina Hayden

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Mary Hagan
Sun 7:00 AM	Joy Bach
Sun 10:00 AM	Sabrina Johnson
Sun 5:30 PM	Bev Payne

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Bailey Harris, Kristen Harris
Sun 7:00 AM	Hank Dotsey, Joseph Watts
Sun 10:00 AM	Jacob Harley, Nathan Harley
Sun 5:30 PM	Charly Hayden, Jolee Hayden

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Sarah Towery
Sun 7:00 AM	Tracy Danzer
Sun 10:00 AM	Charlie Kase
Sun 5:30 PM	Janet Bowlds

Children's Liturgy

Preschool	Laura Vincent, Katherine Riney (Asst) Shelby Sandifer (Asst)
K-3rdGrade	Helen Ann Hays, Shelby Cecil (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

David Graham

Hillcrest: Judy Coomes, Karen Thompson

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

How do we recognize the voice of God in prayer? Also, who are we to pray to, the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit?

Regarding your first question, it helps to get acquainted with God's voice in Scripture. Scripture is, after all, where we hear Him speaking. God speaks through the Law. He speaks through the prophets. He speaks His final word in the life and teachings of Jesus.

Once Scripture has shown you how God speaks, how He likes to operate, what He usually says and does not say, then when you hear that "small, still voice" (1 Ki 19:12) in prayer, you'll know it is God. As Jesus reminds us, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (Jn 10:27).

Of course, any message you receive in prayer that does not coincide with Scripture or with the teaching of the Church is not from God. Any message that is not loving is not from God. Any message that attempts to belittle you or fill you with shame is not from God. And message that tempts you to forsake prayer is not from God. Those messages are from the world, the flesh, or the devil.

In fact, praying more is probably what will help you to discern His voice more than anything. It is through prayer that God communicates to us and us to Him. When you first meet a person, you may not recognize his voice if he calls you on the phone. But, as you get to know him better, as your relationship with him grows, his voice becomes easier to recognize. So it is with God. The more you pray the more you will come to know God's voice when you hear it.

As for your second question, prayer is primarily to the Father so we should always pray to Him first. But, we are overwhelmingly encouraged to pray to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, and this is a very good, Christian thing to do.

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says:

2665 The prayer of the Church, nourished by the Word of God and the celebration of the liturgy, teaches us to pray to the Lord Jesus. Even though her prayer is addressed above all to the Father, it includes in all the liturgical traditions forms of prayer addressed to Christ.

2670 "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit." [. . .] Since he teaches us to pray by recalling Christ, how could we not pray to the Spirit too? That is why the Church invites us to call upon the Holy Spirit every day, especially at the beginning and the end of every important action.

Those who know God, pray to Him, and as you pray to Him, you will come to know Him better.

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

Young Disciples

September 11: DODGEBALL!!

September 18: Are You On Fire??

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:

September 11: Keith & Jeannie Best,
Carlton Goodman

September 18: Greg & Vicki Cash,
Michele Linn

Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-6)

Coming Soon...

September 18: Kick-Off!! 4:00-5:15. Be sure to bring a parent to fill out forms!

Religious Ed Calendar

Sept. 11: No class (Mount picnic)

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

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

From Death to New Life 

We pray for the family of Teresa Aull on the death of her mother Mary Lois Hagan. May she share in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Laugh for the Week

Kitchen Signs:

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.

Help keep the kitchen clean - eat out

Housework done properly can kill you.

My next house will have no kitchen ---
just vending machines.

A husband is someone who takes out the trash
and gives the impression he just cleaned the
whole house.

A messy kitchen is a happy kitchen and this
kitchen is delirious.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

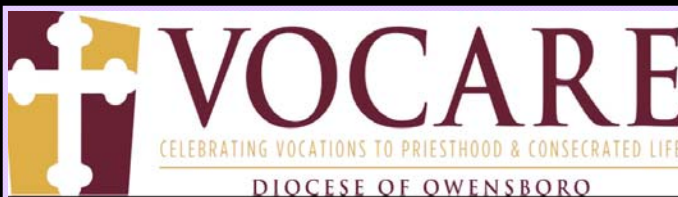
Luke 15:1-32

“While his son was still a long way off,
his father caught sight of him,
and was filled with compassion.”

We can imagine the chuckles and snickers among the crowd when Jesus told the story of the Jewish father who gave half his property to his younger son. Jesus and all who heard him knew the improbability of a Jewish father, then or now, giving his younger son half of his property, then welcoming him back with love. Jesus used this story to teach important lessons. First, God loves us unconditionally. Nothing we can do or fail to do will stop God from loving us. God does not abandon us. Second, it is very difficult for us to love unconditionally. We place conditions on our love in the form of expectations, even if it is to be loved in return. When people we love disappoint us we may love them less or not at all. But Jesus challenged the people of his day, and us, to love unconditionally. Such love is hard for us, and can be hard on those we love. Sometimes we must correct or discipline those we love for their benefit and the benefit of others. How do we love? Do we love unconditionally? If no, will we try harder?

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 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 Vesels, 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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TRI-MISSION

October 24, 25, and 26
AM and PM Sessions

Oct. 24th — St. Stephen

Oct. 25th — Blessed Mother

Oct. 26th — St. Joseph and Paul

Presenter: Fr. John Mark Etensohn



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.

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.

Attention Ladies

21 & Over

It's Back

**The Word with Wine
For Women**

Tuesday, September 13th

6:30 PM at the Rectory

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres will be served

**Please RSVP to Russ Hayden by
September 12th**

**bmcoffice@bellsouth.net or
270-683-8444 ext. 21**

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.	6AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Mass 6:30 Word with Wine for Women — Rectory
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 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tue:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wed:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thur:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50
Fri:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Sat:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sun:	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

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