



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
January 15th, 2017

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

WEBSITE: blessedmotherchurch.com

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at Noon

PRAYER LINE NUMBERS:

Bulletin Prayer Line: Russ Hayden — 270-683-8444 ext. 21
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 the office 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 6:30 AM	January 16th William Hinton (dec)
Tuesday 6:00 PM	January 17th Kathy Gray (b-day)
Wednesday 6:30 AM	January 18th Jerry Blandford Sr. (dec, b-day)
Thursday 9:00 AM 12 Noon	January 19th School Mass Robert Hurm (dec)
Friday 12 Noon	January 20th Barbara Hurm (dec)
Saturday 4:00 PM	January 21st Sharon Boone
Sunday 7:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM	January 22nd Blessed Mother Parish Stanley & Doris Fulkerson (dec) Nancy Byrum

Liturgical Ministers January 21st & 22nd

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4:00 PM

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

Sunday 7:00 AM

Charlotte Cecil, Don Cecil, Stacy Duke, Randy Lee
Sr. Mary Timothy, Darlene Kazlauskas, Mark Potts

Sunday 10:00 AM

Carol Murphy, Darryl Murphy, Julie Murphy
Mary Lu Payne, Tony Powers, Jon Robertson,
Cliff Russell, Nick Russell, Kelly Trogden

Sunday 5:30 PM

Katina Hayden, Ken Keller, Kristen Linn
Leesa Moman, Rick Moman, Beverly Payne
Mason Robertson, Debbie Smeathers

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Teresa Henry
Sun 7:00 AM	Mark Potts
Sun 10:00 AM	Keith Murphy
Sun 5:30 PM	David Marshall

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Ella Cason, John Cason
Sun 7:00 AM	Krisalyn Elder, Joseph Watts
Sun 10:00 AM	Ella Goetz, Dylan Hagan
Sun 5:30 PM	Seth Bruner, Brett Conder

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Teresa Henry
Sun 7:00 AM	Mike Wade
Sun 10:00 AM	Laura Sandifer
Sun 5:30 PM	Kathy Wilson

Children's Liturgy

Preschool	Laura Vincent, Katherine Riney (Asst)	Shelby Sandifer (Asst)
K-3rdGrade	Barbara Cecil, Stephanie Wall (Asst)	

Vocation Cross Family

Dorothy Lanham

Hillcrest: Susan Hale & James Gerald

Ministers of Hospitality January

4:00 PM	Tom Wedding, Jolene White Billy Cason, Mike Clark
7:00 AM	Clarence Elder, Tom Foster Vince Frey, Paul Garner
10:00 AM	Jim Mattingly, Lee Miller David Ralph, Kevin Ralph
5:30 PM	Ken Terry, Angela Clark Anne Alexander, Sam Clore

**Blessed Mother Parish -
Director of Religious Education and
Adult Faith Formation**

Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro, KY has a job opportunity for a full-time Director of Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation working under the supervision of the Pastor.

Contact Details:

Blessed Mother Parish is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. All interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter to:

Email – Diocese.hr@pastoral.org

Online – www.owensborodiocese.org/human-resources/

YOUTH 2000

Youth 2000 is a Eucharistic-Centered Retreat for youth and young adults. Registration brochures are available in the office, in the back of church.

This year's Retreat will be held March 10-12 at the Owensboro Convention Center. Cost is \$60 which includes registration and lunch and dinner on Saturday. Youth must register with a parish as there needs to be one chaperone per every seven youth registered. So, register today. Also, this being the 20th Anniversary of Youth 2000 in Owensboro,

T-shirts are available for sale. Youth can purchase and pay for Youth 2000 t-shirts online <https://owensborodiocese.org/youth-2000/> with an option to ship the shirts for an additional price. If not shipping, please pick up your order within 7 days. Place your order now before they are gone!! \$10 for any size Small-4X.

"They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh"

The Magi went searching for Jesus and when they found him, they did him homage and offered their gifts for him. In our search for happiness, joy, peace, and fulfillment, we realize that these can be found only in giving our lives to Him who first gave his life for us. We are all searching for Jesus. To learn more about discerning your vocation, contact the Vocations Office at 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com

Young Disciples

January 15: BUNCO!!!!

January 22: We are family!

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:

January 15: Keith & Jeannie Best,
Carlton Goodman

January 22: Katie Ballard, Phyllis Bastin, Lanita Roberston

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

January 19: TBA

RELIGIOUS ED CALENDAR

Jan. 8: Class

Jan. 15: Class

Jan. 22: Class (except for 2nd Graders and Siblings)

Jan. 29: Class

Sacramental Prep Calendar

First Reconciliation:

Sat., Jan. 21, 11 AM - 3 PM: Mini-retreat

Sun., Jan. 22, 2 PM: Celebration of the sacrament

First Communion:

Wed., Feb. 22, 7 PM: Parent meeting

Sat., Mar. 18, 11 AM - 3 PM: Mini-retreat

Sat., Apr. 29, 11:30 AM: Practice

Sun., Apr. 30, 2 PM: Celebration of the sacrament

Opportunities for Life Collection

January 14-15 is the weekend designated for the Annual Collection to support **Opportunities for Life**. Opportunities for Life is a life affirming ministry of the Bishops of Kentucky. The OFL ministry is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to offer confidential, non-judgmental emotional support, and information to those affected by an untimely pregnancy. Please be generous in your support of this ministry. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for the OFL volunteers and for those the ministry serves. To learn more about the **Opportunities for Life** ministry, please call (888) 496-3638

Laugh for the Week

Can't Go To Heaven

The teacher asked her preschool class, "Now, how many of you would like to go to heaven?"

All the children raised their hands except Tommy.

The teacher asked Tommy why he wouldn't like to go to heaven.

Tommy answered, "I'm sorry, but I can't. My mother told me to come right home after Sunday school."

Blessed Mother Celebrates Epiphany/Volunteer Appreciation Saturday January 14th, 2017

Blessed Mother will be hosting an appreciation dinner for all that volunteer in the Parish.

The evening will be a fun filled evening with a catered meal at 5:30PM. Great door prizes to be given away.

Tickets for the prizes will be given one per household.

Seating is limited to the 1st 400 that call the office and reserve a seat.

Blessed Mother Craft Ministry

The Blessed Mother Craft Ministry will meet Saturday, January 21st, in the Youth Room of the Parish Center from 9-11 am. All Crafters or interested persons are invited to join us. Any questions contact Jane Coomes 270-929-4924

From Death to New Life

**We pray for the repose of the soul of Terry Riney.
May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!**

**We pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Wathen.
May he 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?

January 8th, 2017

Parish	Actual	Avg Ytd	Budget
Operating	\$ 17,009		
Maintenance	\$ 910		
Total	\$ 17,919	\$25,705	\$26,859
Other/ Restricted	\$ 810		

Save the Date

Living the Gift of Marriage

March 25-26 Lake Barkley Lodge
Cadiz, KY

Marriage Retreat led by Mario Sacasa

Register online at

OWENBORODIOCESE.ORG/MARRIAGE-RETREAT/

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Is being offered at Blessed Mother Church starting January 8 @ 3:30pm. There are 9 sessions and you are welcome to attend the first 2 for FREE! The cost is \$90 per family and this includes a kit with a lifetime membership and all graduates of the course will earn a chance to receive back their full cost. FREE babysitting will also be offered, so no more excuses! DID YOU KNOW, graduates of the course have an \$8,000 financial turnaround in their first 3 months! Make 2017 the year to improve your financial health. Contact Will or Mary Katherine Wathen to register for the class at 859-221-5767 or willwathen@yahoo.com or www.daveramsey.com.

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

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, Thelma 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, Rosemary Krampe, 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)
Cap. Jon Robertson, US Army, (Beth Robertson, Wife)

**Hymn Festival for the
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

At 6:00pm on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017, Christians from throughout the city of Owensboro will gather at St. Stephen Cathedral to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and observe the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

The prayer service will take the form of a Hymn Festival with scripture readings, a sermon by Rev. Jim Coleman and prayers for Christian unity. Afterwards there will be fellowship and refreshments downstairs.



A Stewardship Moment



Our next mass setting will be *Mass of a Joyful Heart*. If you want to listen to it, use the following youtube link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44eps8a1DhK>

Men/Women's Choir: Practice will be on Jan. 18th and will sing at the 10 am mass on Jan. 22nd.

Children's Choir: Practice is every Tuesday from 3:45 – 4:45. They will sing at the 10 am mass on Jan. 29th.

The Contemporary Group: Practice is every Sunday at 4:30 pm. to prepare for the 5:30 mass.

We always welcome interested vocalist and instrumentalist. Please contact Patty for more information.

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

Office hours: 9 – 3 Mon.; 9 – 5 Tues. & Wed.

Timothy Cardinal Dolan Announced as Catholic Men's Conference Keynote Speaker

The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky will host their sixth annual conference at the RiverPark Center in downtown Owensboro on February 11, 2017.

The keynote speaker will be His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York.

In years past, the conference was held at St. Stephen Cathedral, but conference organizers expect a sell-out this year and selected a larger space.

Men across the diocese and beyond are encouraged to purchase a ticket by visiting <http://kycatholic.com> and clicking on the "Tickets/Donations" tab. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students.

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.	6 AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Mass
Wed.	6AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration Mass 6:30 AM
Thurs.	9:00 AM 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 7:00 AM, 10 AM, 5:30PM 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:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tue:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wed:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thur:	Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Fri:	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Sat:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sun:	Is 8:23 -- 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

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, March 18, 2017.

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

catholiceducationhomeraffle.com
270-683-5641 License # ORG0002156

Crossroads to Hope Shelter

This new emergency shelter for women and children opened in September at 1631 Breckenridge Street. The shelter is near or at capacity (20) on most nights. It is **ALL VOLUNTEER DRIVEN** and needs **your help, the help of the faith community of Owensboro**. If you/your church are able to **serve overnight for a shift OR provide an evening meal at 6:30 pm** one night a month, please call: **Michele Ison, executive director, 270-313-5943**. The winner of the recent raffle for UK tickets was Sherry Hoffman from Henderson. Thanks to those who purchased tickets. Your help is another act of Mercy as we end the *Year of Mercy*. CrossRoads is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and end of year **charitable donations are tax deductible**.

"Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for Me." (Sr. Suzanne Sims, OSU, Board Member)

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
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Scott McCain	929-5923
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