



Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
September 18th, 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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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

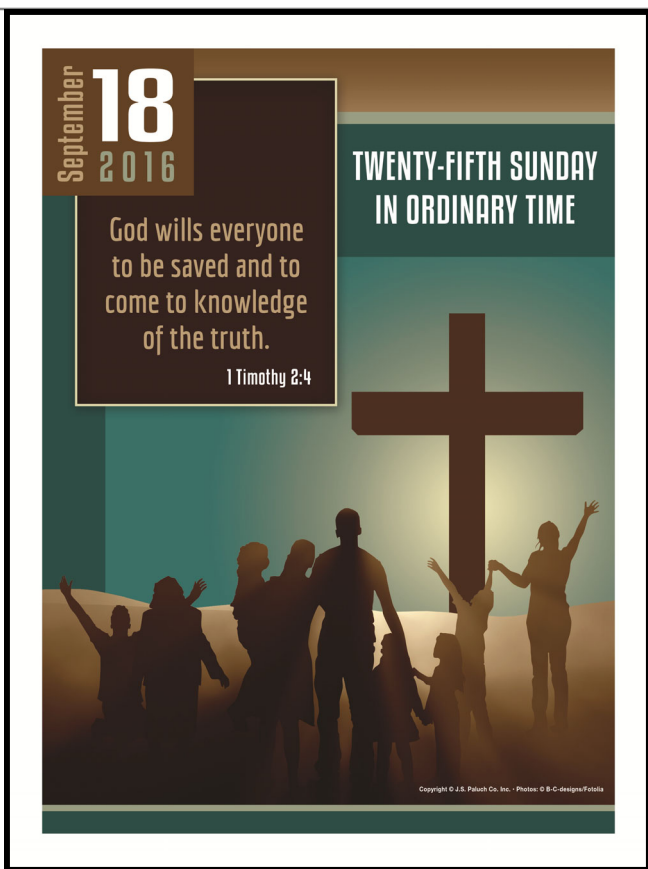
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.

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** **September 19th**
6:30 AM **Joe Lewis (dec)**
- Tuesday** **September 20th**
6:00 PM **Edward Payne (dec, annv)**
- Wednesday** **September 21st**
6:30 AM **Ruth Ann Mattingly (dec)**
- Thursday** **September 22nd**
9:00 AM **School Mass**
12 Noon **Ernesto & Pedrina Nunez**
- Friday** **September 23rd**
12 Noon **Vincent Reynolds (dec)**
- Saturday** **September 24th**
4:00 PM **Matt Logsdon (dec)**
- Sunday** **September 25th**
7:00 AM **Blessed Mother Parish**
10:00 AM **Marietta Alvey (dec)**
5:30 PM **Donald G. French (dec)**

Liturgical Ministers September 24th & 25th Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4:00 PM

Mike Pearl, Debbie Riney, Jeanne Pointer
 Janet Ruth, Lahoma Stinnett, Jan Storm
 Bonnie Stuart, Ethel Watrous, Jeff Williams

Sunday 7:00 AM

Carolyn Taylor, Dan Thomas, Sandra Thomas
 Mike Thompson, Joy Bach, Sr. Mary Timothy

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lori Whitehouse, Richard Whitehouse, Elaine Williams
 Pauline Wigginton, Angela Bell, John Bell Jr.,
 Katie Blandford, Ann Blandford, Sarah Blincoe

Sunday 5:30 PM

Kenneth Keller, Kristen Linn, Emily Marshall
 Leesa Moman, Rick Moman, Debbie Smeathers

Readers

Sat 4:00 PM	Carol Goetz
Sun 7:00 AM	Dennis Sandefur
Sun 10:00 AM	Lanell Lilly
Sun 5:30 PM	Dion Moorman

Servers

Sat 4:00 PM	Ella Cason, John Cason
Sun 7:00 AM	Krisalyn Elder, Abigale Bahnick
Sun 10:00 AM	Allison Hargitt, Elizabeth Hayden
Sun 5:30 PM	Bailey Harris, Kristen Harris

Families to Take Up Gifts

Sat 4:00 PM	Fran Watrous
Sun 7:00 AM	Vincent Dick
Sun 10:00 AM	Matt Lanham
Sun 5:30 PM	Deanna Brasher

Children's Liturgy

Preschool	Tiffany Coomes, Madalyn Hyland (Asst) Renee Guinn (Asst)
K-3rdGrade	Heidi Dees, Caroline O'Nan (Asst)

Vocation Cross Family

Mary E. Hagan

Hillcrest: Bobby & Phyllis Bastin

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

I understand that Mary gave birth to Jesus without pain, but in the Book of Revelation it says that she was in pain. Is there a contradiction here?

The passage you are referring to is Rev 12:1-2. It reads as follows:

1 And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; 2 she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery.

Now, we have to remember that the Book of Revelation is full of symbols that have many layers of meaning. The woman from Rev 12 is representative of Mary, Israel, and the Church. Sometimes only one of the three is evoked, other times all three are present. The meaning of symbols in apocalyptic literature is often very fluid in this way.

So, we have a woman experiencing the pangs of child birth. In one sense, this woman is Mary. After all, she is the mother of all Christians (vs. 17) and gives birth to a son who will rule all the nations (vs. 5). But, since Mary did not receive the stain of original sin, she could not have experienced pain when Jesus was born. Therefore, this pain must refer to something else.

I think the pain and anguish we read about here is *spiritual*, not physical. After all, when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to Simeon, he prophesied that swords would pierce her heart because of her son (cf. Lk 2:34-35). Jesus' Passion and Death are the source of this pain. She suffered bitterly at the foot of the Cross as her Son hung there alone and dying.

Of course, like I said, this woman can also represent Israel. In this case, the pangs of childbirth symbolize the great suffering that the Israelites experienced in their exile and their intense longing for the Messiah who would save them. Isaiah said Israel was "like a woman with child, who writhes and cries out in her pangs, when she is near her time" (Isa 26:16-18). The prophet Micah uses this same analogy: "Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now you shall go forth from the city and dwell in the open country; you shall go to Babylon" (Micah 4:10).

As the Church, we experience this same suffering and longing as we await the Second Coming. Paul told the Galatians that he was "in travail" until Christ be formed in them (4:19). According to him, "the whole of creation has been groaning in travail" and "we ourselves ... as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies" (Rom 8:22-23).

Also, it often entails great suffering to make Jesus known in the world, to give birth to Him in the hearts of men. From loss of reputation to loss of life, this is what we must occasionally endure in order to proclaim the Gospel message of who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

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

Young Disciples

September 18: Are You On Fire??

September 25: Creating Masterpieces

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 18: Greg & Vicki Cash, Michele Linn

September 25: Becky & Scott Hargitt, Marti Castlen

Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-6)

Coming Soon...

**September 18: Kick-Off!! 4:00-5:15. INFLAT-
TABLE OBSTACLE COURSE, RELAYS, AND ICE
CREAM!! 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**

Life Chain

Life Chain, Stand and Pray to End Abortion, either side of Frederica, on the side-walk between Lourdes and Brescia. Signs will be available at Right to Life, 1115 Tamarack Rd. beginning at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 2nd. The Chain will be from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM on October 2nd.

Laugh for the Week

“Bulletin Bloopers”

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands".

Next Sunday is the family hayride and bonfire at the Fowlers'. Bring your own hot dogs and guns. Friends are welcome! Everyone come for a fun time.

Ushers will eat late comers.

The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.

Billboards for Life

There will be a brief presentation explaining this mission before each mass on September 24th and 25th, and a second collection to support this project. This Catholic Pro-Life effort has moved many hearts, saved lives, spared mothers, and helped avoid serious sins through their proclamation of the Gospel of Life. Please be generous so that these billboards can continue to be seen locally.

In This Year of Mercy Give Generously to the Disciples Response Fund

As you know, we are implementing a new way to increase support of the Disciples Response Fund and to assist our parish by returning to us 50% of all funds raised over our target.

Support of the work of our Diocese is important. There are many things that even the largest parishes cannot do on their own. For example, the Disciples Response Fund puts money into an endowment for the care of retired priests. Also, the fund assists with the expenses for the education of our seminarians. Pope Francis has designated 2016 as a “Year of Mercy”. He instructs us to open our hearts. The Diocese helps to make God’s mercy present throughout Western Kentucky.

If you received a letter from Bishop Medley asking for your support of the DRF, please make a generous gift today.

Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Luke 16:1-13

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.”

Jesus tells of a steward who is caught squandering his master’s property. The master gives him time to prepare to lose his position. He decides to make deals with the master’s debtors so they who will owe him a favor when he is no longer steward. In the time of Jesus a steward had the power to make such deals, even if they did not benefit his master. In our own time it is not unusual for people to make deals to curry favor with others and have them behold to them, even if such deals do not benefit, or even defraud, their employer. Jesus acknowledges that some may consider that to be shrewd. But it is probably dishonest and illegal in an effort to avoid the consequences of failure to be responsible or to take advantage of others. Jesus is not approving the actions of the worldly and dishonest wealth. He is challenging the people of his day, and us, to be trustworthy and responsible in all things. We cannot serve two masters. We can either imitate Jesus or be like shrewd and dishonest in the world. Which do we choose?

September 12th, 2016

Parish	Actual	Avg Ytd	Budget
Operating	\$ 18,049		
Maintenance	\$ 1,022		
Total	\$ 19,071	\$26,619	\$26,859
Other/ Restricted	\$ 650		

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

Bible, Billiard, Bratts, & Beverages

Where? Fr. Mike's / Fr. Emmanuel's (Rectory)

When? Tuesday September 27th, 2016
Time? 6:30 PM till ???

For Who? Men 21 and above

Join us for a great night of fun, food and fellowship in the rectory

If planning to attend please contact Russ in the Parish Office 270-683-8444 ext 21. or Email, bmcoffice@bellsouth.net

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.	6AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Mass
Wed.	6AM—10PM Eucharistic Adoration Mass 6:30 AM Bible Study Series 10AM & 7PM
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:	Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tue:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wed:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thur:	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Fri:	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Sat:	Eccl 11:9 -- 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sun:	Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

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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Thank You

A big Thank You goes out to all those who worked and attended the Mount Saint Joseph Picnic on **Sunday, Sept. 11**. What a great success the picnic was. All proceeds benefit retired Ursuline Sisters.”

2016 Picnic Schedule

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
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Julie Hayden	485-6912
Jennifer Hayden	926-0762
Richard Hayden	689-1422
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