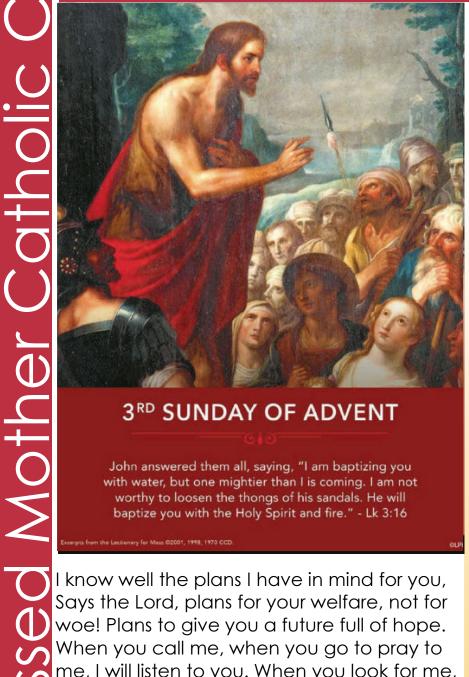


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3rd Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021



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

Welcome to Blessed Mother Catholic Church

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OFFICE HOURS

7:00 AM to 3:00 PM | Monday - Friday

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday by Noon to Cyndi Vaughan bmcgo2@outlook.com. Holiday deadlines will be determined by publisher.

PRAYER LINE NUMBERS

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Fr. Mike Clark **Pastor**

Fr. Jamie **Dennis Parochial** Vicar



BAPTISM

Parents must be registered in the parish and attend the baptism class. Call the parish 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. Jamie Dennis.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKEND: Saturday 4:00 P.M. Sunday 7:00 & 10:00 A.M., 5:00 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 Noon, 6 P.M.

(Unless otherwise noted)

Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration Monday 7:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M. Tuesday 6:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. Friday 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 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 K-8

BEREAVEMENT DINNERS

Dinners for family and friends after the funeral. Contact the parish office.

Calendar for the Week

Monday 6:30 AM Mass

December 13 7AM-6PM Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 6 AM-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration

December 14 6 PM Mass

Wednesday 6:30 AM Mass

December 15 7 AM- 10 PM Eucharistic Adoration

4-5 PM Bible Study

6-7 PM RCIA

Thursday 12 Noon Mass

December 16

7 AM-3PM Eucharistic Adoration Friday

December 17 12 Noon Mass

Saturday 12:30-2PM Confessions

December 18 4 PM Mass

Sunday 7 AM, 10 AM, 5 PM Mass

December 19 8:30-9:30 AM Religious Education

No 6-8 PM Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

7-8 PM Men's Prayer Group

7:30 PM AA Meeting (School Cafeteria)

Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 13 6:30 AM Raymond E. Duffy

Tuesday, December 14

Mary Ruth & Bernard Cecil † 6:00 PM

Katherine Osowicz †

Wednesday, December 15 6:30 AM Donna Powers

Thursday, December 16 12 Noon Dorothy Schell †

Friday. December 17

Eric & Cyndi Vaughan 12 Noon

Anita Séttles †

Saturday, December 18

4:00 PM **Bill & Florence Bemboom Family**

Sunday, December 19 7:00 AM **Bob Hood †** 10:00 AM Phillip Hagan †

Blessed Mother Parish 5:00 PM

Liturgical Ministers December 18 & 19

Eucharistic Ministers Saturday 4:00 PM

Jenny Glaser, Rob Harris, Teresa Henry, Richard Howard, Shirley Kent, Dan Pearl, Jan Storm

Sunday 7:00 AM

Charlotte Cecil, Donald Cecil, Brad Hinton, Donna Hinton, Michelle Linn, Pete Linn, Leslie Phelps

Sunday 10:00 AM

Elizabeth Mallette, Brenda Millay, Carol Murphy, Darryl Murphy, Sheila Nealen, Tony Powers

Sunday 5:00 PM

Ken Keller, marl Gleason, Lois Laboy, Kim Marshall, **Bev Payne**

Readers

Sat. 4:00 PM Olivia Wilgus Sun. 7:00 AM Greg Cash Sun. 10:00 AM Barbara Cecil Sun. 5:00 PM Charlie Castlen

Servers

Sat. 4:00 PM Henry Best, Quinn Best Sun. 7:00 AM Curtis Watts, Joseph Watts Sun. 10:00 AM Nathan Hardesty, Sam Hardesty Sun. 5:00 PM Colton Huff, Alex Marshall

Ministers of Hospitality/Ushers December

David Higdon, Mike Hays 4:00 PM Lewis Mattingly, Tina Mattingly 7:00 AM Diane Hoffman, Steve Hoffman Steve Orth, Dennis Phelps 10:00 AM Dillon Schuler, Marian Baker Seth Baker, John Bell 5:00 PM Jessie Schartung, Ken Keller Miguel Laboy, Ben Marshall

Confessions

Along with our normal Saturday confession schedule, we will continue to offer Monday confessions 5-5:45 PM. Eucharistic Adoration will be from 7:00 AM—5:45 PM with Benediction at 5:45 PM on Mondays until further notice.

visit our website:

http://www.blessedmotherchurch.com

Parish News

Giving Tree

Many thanks to all who have taken tags from our giving tree. We ask that you please return your gift to the church or church office, with the tag attached to the gift (they are coded as to where each gift goes) no later than December 17th. The gifts will be delivered on Tuesday December 21st. Anyone who is able to help with deliveries, please call the office 270-683-8444 ext. 24.

Carina Cards For Christmas

Let us not forget those members of our parish who are homebound or in nursing homes. We would like to let them know they are not forgotten. Our goal is to send each member 12 Christmas cards. We ask that you gather 12 cards and sign your name (example: From Your Blessed Mother Church Family, John & Mary Jones.) On the upper left corner of the envelope please put your name and address or if you prefer put the church address. Each person will receive cards from different parishioners. The cards will be hand delivered, so no need to put a stamp on the envelope. There will be a basket at each door of church to drop off the cards or you may bring them by the office.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanks to all who donated food for the food drive and for those who helped box and deliver. Fourteen families were helped this year by your efforts. This was the biggest year yet!!!

Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Lectors & Ushers are Needed for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. We will have two live Masses at 4 & 8 PM on Christmas Eve in both the church and parish hall.

If you are able to help, please contact Cyndi at the parish office or sign up on the sheet on the breezeway side of church.

Weekly Collections — November 28 , 2021		
	Actual	Budget
Reg. Collections	\$31,797.81	23,243.27
Online Collections	\$3111.78	
Weekly Total	\$34,909.59	
YTD Total	\$424,345.23	-52,203.42



COVID-19 Parish Guidelines

There is a growing concern in our medical communities that the Delta variant could begin to overwhelm local healthcare facilities, as it is in other parts of the state, country and world. Due to the strong recommendation of the healthcare community, which includes consultation with the local community: There is an expectation that all unvaccinated be masked at all indoor parish functions including the Celebration of the Mass. We would also strongly encourage all vaccinated parishioners to mask at this time, because there is growing evidence that vaccinated transmissions can still take place. We continue to strongly recommend that everyone mask indoors and to please postpone unnecessary meetings. Large gatherings that include a meal are also being discouraged for the time being. Everyone dispensing the Eucharist should be masked and Eucharistic Ministers should sanitize their hands after receiving the Eucharist.

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary During **Coronavirus Pandemic**

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

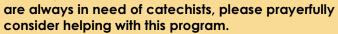
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

K-8 Religious Education

8:30-9:30 AM Parish Hall

Registration information for 2021-

2022 is posted on our website. We



December 12- Class

December 19- Class

December 26- No Class (Christmas Break)

January 2– No Class (Christmas Break)

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Registration information for 2021-2022 is posted on our website. Please contact the office if you know of anyone who may be interested in being in full



communion with the Catholic Church. We are always in need of catechists for our program.

This group meets 6-7 PM In the youth room.

December 15-Class

December 22-No Class (Christmas)

December 29-No Class (New Year)

January 5- Class

Bible Study (Wednesday Evening)

Bible Study meets on Wednesday's from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. We will meet in the youth room.



Do you have personal relationship with Jesus?

December 15- In Session

December 22– Not In Session (Christmas)

December 29– Not In Session (New Year)

January 5– In Session

Eucharistic Adoration

The Lord would like to spend time quietly with you. Wouldn't you like to do the same with Him? That is why we have Eucharistic Adoration at Blessed Mother Church each Monday 7:30am-6pm, Tuesday from 6 am-10pm, Wednesday 7:30am-10pm and Friday 7am–3pm. Many of you come to spend time with Him but some have had to stop due to health problems or change in work schedule. We hope to bring in more and more for Adoration so we are appealing to you to prayerfully consider spending some quiet time with God.

Men's Prayer Group meets the 2nd & 4th Sunday each month, 7-8 PM in the youth room. All are welcome to attend.

Please visit our website at http:// www.blessedmotherchurch.com/ to find forms, handbooks, and/or information to register for any of our programs.

Laugh of the Week

The Advent Wreath



A few weeks before Christmas, Reverend Johnson of Christ Lutheran was leading a children's service featuring an Advent wreath. He told them what the three purple candles represented, then asked, "Does anyone know what the pink one means?" No one answered. Finally little Sara's hand went up. "Are they expecting a girl?"

Happy Birthday

12/13 Alex Bumm, Kevin Hamilton, Eric Howard, David Marshall, Nicholas Orth

12/14 Teresa Aull, Hugh Bittle, Katy Holland, Shelly Jenkins 12/15 Leesa Aud, Carmen Elder, Gary Faucheaux,

Margaret Kelley, Sydney Kemper, Miranda Mahoney, Josh Merritt, Aaron Newton, Donna Powers, Katie Shelton

12/16 Hope Hawes, Terry Storm, Benjamin Wathen

12/17 Daniel Best, Jimmy Brooks, Becky Francy, Tim Harper, Kristie Hayden, Geraldine Jarboe

12/18 Nancy Byrum, Doris Keller, Laura Sandifer, Steve Sims, Mary Stinnett, Andrew Street, Laura Vincent, Olivia Voyles 12/19 David Blandford, Lisa Dotsey

Young Disciples (Grades 7-12) 6-8 PM Coming Soon...



December 12: : Ugly Sweater Christmas Party!! (Rock your ugliest Christmas wear and bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped gift you'll take one home too! Come ready for food, games, gifts, and fun!)

December 19: No Youth Group!! Christmas Break!!

Questions, concerns, comments: call or e-mail me @: Christina Barnard: bmcyouth@bellsouth.net or 683-8444 Ext. 28

Junior Youth Ministry (Grades 4-6) 3:30-4:30 PM Coming Soon...

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Outreach to the Unaffiliated

On our website and FB page, there is an excellent YouTube video from the USCCB. This resource explores questions related to the increasing number of people who identify as religiously unaffiliated, and it highlights five effective avenues for reaching out to them. The median age of individuals who leave the Catholic Church is 13!!! Please watch the 25 minute video and reach out to others who have left the Church or do not believe in God. Then, help them contact Fr Mike or Fr Jamie to ask questions about their Faith.



Music Corner

Our Mass Setting Is: Mass of Joy and Peace

Men/Women's Choir: Rehearsals are every Wednesdays from 5 – 7 pm in the Church. Music is reviewed at 9 am on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall prior to the 10 am Sunday Mass.

The Contemporary Group: This group is open to vocalist of all ages - youth through adult. Practice is every Sunday at 4:00 pm. to prepare for the 5:00 pm Mass.

Children's Choir: Contact Patty if interested.

Choir rehearsal for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass will be on Sunday mornings beginning November 7th from 11:10 am - 12 noon.

Children, teens, and adults are all welcome to join. If interested, contact Patty so enough materials will be available.

We always welcome interested vocalist and instrumentalist. Please contact Patty for more information. 270-683-8444 ext. 27; bmcliturgy@bellsouth.net; Office hours: Mon. 9-3: Tues and Wed. 9-5.

Remember In Prayer Those Sick In Our Community:



Mary Pat Adams, Edward Arnold, Jason Aud, Mary Aull, Ricky Aull, Theresa Barnett, Greta Beals, Marian Bennett, Gary Blandford, Robbie Blandford, Rileigh Bullington, Nancy Byrum, Joe Cecil, James Clark, Mike Clark, Rose Clark, Alice Cole, Virginia Corley, Boone Cowan, Ernie & Lou Davis, Dennis Dehart, James Dennison, Gary Dukate, RoseMary Duncan, Mary E. Durbin, Stephen Eaves, Joe Emberger, Jean Estes, Jim Fallin, Elena Maria Finley, Janice Foster, Stacy Foster, Joan Froehlich, Thomas Fulkerson, Lucy Goetz, Richard Greenwell, Sheila Gunterman, Nancy Hall, FreDella Hancock, Martha Hardesty, Tamara Harper, Kenton Hayden, Martha Faye Hayden, Henry Head, Margaret Head, Thelma Hinton, Donna Hodskins, Dorothy Hood, Bruce Howard, Linda Howard, Mary Howard, Jan Hubbs, Mary Hurm, Hattie Hurst, Joseph Janes, Donna Kamuf, Darlene King, Lavonne Knott, Debbie Koenig, Sue Koett, Margaret Lee, Barbara Mattingly, Margaret Mattingly, Rita McGovern, Ann McIntyre, Sharon McPherson, Brian Merimee, Charlene Michener, Ken Millay, Billy Morton. Norman Morton, Roger & Mary Alice Mossburger, Diane Murphy, Cindy Neuner, Martha Payne, Theresa Payne, Charlie Pickrell, Jeanne & Mike Pointer, Mark Potts, Sonny Potts, Tom Quinn, Lillian Redd, Lynda Reynolds, Pat Richards, Eric Roby, Jordan Saalwaechter, Katie Shelton, Wayne Shelton, Norbert Smith, Amanda Storm, Linda Tanner, George Taylor, Larry Taylor, William Thomas, Beth Thompson, Mary Thompson, Rhonda Tipton, Alma Topper, Anita Travis, Glynda Turner, Wanda Ward, Thomas Wedding, Elaine West, Kenneth Williams, Chuck Winters, Joe Wink, Fred Woerter, Anna Ruth Wooldridge, Bea Wooldridge

Please call Cyndi at the parish office 270-683-8444 ext. 24 to have a name added as they need prayer, or removed as they get better.

Please Pray For Our Troops Serving In War. Keep Them Safe, O Lord And Bring Them Home Soon.

Sgt. David Farley, US Army

Other:

Nicholas Tucker, US Navy (grandson of Joyce Payne) SPC Jesse D. Finley, US Army (grandson of Doris Haragan) Nathaniel J. Pearl, US Army (Grandson of Dan Pearl) Cap. Jon Robertson, US Army (Beth Robertson, Wife) Josh Hofmann, Airforce Space Corps Ryan Hofmann, Airforce

Madeline Boyd 1st Lt. Army

Luke Hood, Navy (Great Grandson of Bob & Connie Hood) Travis Morgan

YouTube Channel

Visit the Blessed Mother Church YouTube Channel or the link posted to the website. You may view the recorded Mass there each week.

Join us out in the community for Holy Mass Sponsored by Blessed Mother Church

Hillcrest Not currently open for mass First Wednesday of the month @ 3:00pm 3740 Old Hartford Rd. Owensboro, KY, 42303

Wellington Parc

Third Monday of the month @ 10:00am Beginning 12/20 2885 New Hartford Rd. Owensboro, KY, 42303

One Park Place Fourth Wednesday of the month @ 2:30pm 2701 Frederica St. Owensboro, KY, 42301

This ministry is an important way for Blessed Mother to care for those whose mobility is declining. All are welcome to join us!

E-mail Cyndi Vaughan at bmcgo2@outlook.com or call the office at (270)683-8444 to stay up to date on this ministry.

Readings for the Week of December 12, 2021



Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/ls12:2-3, 4, 5-6

[6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and

7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19

and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and

10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a,

and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf.

7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf.

7]/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

[4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

From Death to New Life

We pray for the repose of the soul Deborah Vowels & JoAnn Knott. May they share in the Resurrection of the Lord! Please pray for the families.



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 (Commonwealth Attorney 270-687-7451); local law enforcement (270-687-8888 or 270-685-8444; or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597-2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (https://owensborodiocese.org/safe).



Offer It Up!

Join our new at home parish ministry for the home-bound and elderly. We invite you to lead our parish community to a deeper spiritual meaning of our daily prayers and sufferings by pledging to offer your prayers and sufferings for Blessed Mother Church, the Diocese of Owensboro, the Church, and the whole world. Email: BlessedMotherOFFERITUP@gmail.com or call the parish office to enroll 270-683-8444. We need volunteers to assist with prayer booklet assembly and distribution to our homebound and elderly parish members. Email or call if you wish to participate in this ministry.



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.

Address Phone

Parish Council Members

Joe Carr- 683-3176 Dion Moorman-929-4004 Meredith Dolinger-256-8600 Darryl Murphy-313-3966 Rob Harris-686-8731 Michelle Valeao-993-3395 Olivia Wilgus Andrew Hayden Charles Zambrano-485-3486 Julie Hayden-485-6912

Scott Johnson-222-0264

The Diocese of Owensboro's Clean Heart **Initiative** asks for your prayers. The mission of this initiative is to help educate and make resources and information available to parents and to those wanting freedom from pornography addiction. We ask you to offer Holy Hours of adoration, Masses, rosaries, sacrifices, and other prayers for the efforts and fruitfulness of this initiative. Please visit cleanheartinitiative.org for more information, or contact Danny May in the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 270-683-1545, ext. 336 or cleanheart@pastoral.org.







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