



# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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270-684-6888

## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—JANUARY 7, 2018

*We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2:2

**Our Mission:** We are a Catholic Community of Faith, called to be Jesus to all people, Striving to live the message through the Eucharist and the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.



### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Suneesh Mathew HGN, Pastor, [suneesh.mathew@pastoral.org](mailto:suneesh.mathew@pastoral.org)  
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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, 6:00 pm      Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 7:00 am  
Saturday, 5:00 pm      Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Holy Days—See bulletin for Mass schedule

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**MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 8-14**

Tues.	8:00a.m.	Tony Cox Jr.: dec.
Wed.	6:00p.m.	Willett Family
Thur.	8:00a.m.	Jean Yeand: dec.
Fri.	7:00a.m.	Bishop Elect J. Mark Spalding: Birthday
Sat.	5:00p.m.	Shelby Wright: dec.
Sun.	8:00a.m.	Jeffrey Cecil: dec.
	10:30a.m.	OUR PARISH FAMILY

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,000.00
December 31, 2017 Contribution	\$6,996.99
Children's Contributions	\$17.25
Nativity of the Lord	\$110.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,050.00
Total	\$8,174.24
Under/Over this week	-\$825.76
Under/Over (July 1, 2017 to present)	
In Regular Collections	\$3,021.36
Parish Renovation Fund	
December 31, 2017	\$6,120.00
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$41,559.93

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember Alice Devine, Ronnie Osborne & sister, Nancy Best, Janie Payne, Doris Westerfield's sister, Glenn Young, Marie Hester, Betty Murphy's brother, Ima Axley, Lois Sims' nephew & brother, Cheryl Gabbert's daughter & mother-in-law, Becky Bowlds, Steve Cecil, Bonnie Glenn, Rita Hill, Jerry Blandford, Mary Ann Postelewaite's son, Mary Ellen VanVactor's brother, Anna Carol Murphy, Mary Murphy's son, Dot Hodges' grandson, James P. Bowlds, Sharon Bumm's mother, Karen Osborne, Mary Kittinger, Janie Howard's brother, Lynda Trogden's son, Sissy Allen, Bill Johnson, Christine Stanfel's father, Sherman & Dolores Roberts' grandson, Lisa Shivley, Michelle Howard, Paul Westerfield, Libby Girten, Ray Jones' aunt, Charlene Meadows, Kristen Powers, Tony Powers, Billy O'Bryan's son, Tony Gilmore's mother, Matthew Molnar, Martha Stites, Bill Calhoun's brother-in-law & nephew, Marie Montanez's friend, Eric Wedding's mother, Jeremy Vowels, Clara Gilles, Rita Webb's sister, Eva Gentry, Jewell Brown's nephew, Kathy Carr, Gene Thompson, Rose Chapman, Sr. Rosanne's aunt, Steve & Carol Crisp's son-in-law, Henry Schwartz, Jeff Moss

**ASSISTED LIVING:** Please remember: Elizabeth Mattingly, Rose Slone, David Vowels, Shirley Jarboe, Doug & Betty Howard

Called to *Serve*

**MINISTRIES: JANUARY 13-5:00PM**

**SERVERS:** Luke & Rose Larsen

**LECTORS:** Norma & Jeff Moss

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Virginia O'Connell

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Sharon Tucker, Jeanie Wahl, Mike Howard, Logan Jones, Eric, Jennifer & Audrey Wedding

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** Mike Howard

**GIFT BEARERS:** Peter & Sarah Herrmann Family

**VOCATION STATUE:** Libby Girten

**USHERS:** Susan Johnson, Jarred & Tristan Jones, Emma Lanham

**COMMUNAL ROSARY:** Stefanie Oller

**SACRISTAN:** Chrissy Axley

**MINISTRIES: JANUARY 14-8:00AM**

**SERVERS:** Natalie Goodwin, Ethan Daugherty

**LECTORS:** John Rudy, Joyce Riney

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Jeanette Ebelhar, Kaleb Daugherty, Kim Collignon, Tony Gilmore, Jim & Rose McCarter

**GIFT BEARERS:** Melanie & Natalie Ewing

**VOCATION STATUE:** Glenn Young

**USHERS:** Cheryl Gabbert, Vanessa, Sarah & Ava Calvin

**COMMUNAL ROSARY:** Jeanette Ebelhar

**SACRISTAN:** Sr. Rosanne Spalding

**MINISTRIES: JANUARY 14-10:30AM**

**SERVERS:** Aubrey Johnson, Ethan & Hunter Wimsatt

**LECTORS:** Denise Pace, Tami Norris

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Sr.

Rosanne Spalding

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Kaitlyn Durbin, Vickie Belcher, Michelle Baize, Lydea Dickens, Tom & Debbie Durbin, Lisa Edge

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** Tony Gilmore

**NURSING HOMES:** Davco: Melissa Riney;

Twin Rivers: Kay Berry

**GIFT BEARERS:** Joe & Lisa Edge

**VOCATION STATUE:** Yvonne Rudy

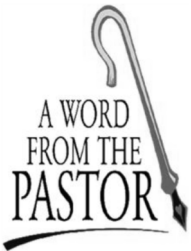
**USHERS:** Jeannie Howard, Kambri & Tonya Hamilton, Jamie Head

**COMMUNAL ROSARY:**

**SACRISTAN:** Susie Westerfield

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Jan. 7-13: Natalie Davis, Bridget Larsen, Karen Osborne, Kathy Phillips, Tricia Scott, Susie Westerfield

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—JANAURY 7, 2018**



**Happy Feast of the Epiphany:** This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Epiphany. The feast of Epiphany, commemorates the visit of ‘Magi’ as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. According to medieval legends, the three wise men were named Melchior, Balthazar and Gaspar. Each of them came from a different culture: Melchior was Asian, Balthazar was Persian and Gaspar was Ethiopian, thus representing the three races known to the old world. Epiphany shows to the world that Christ is for everyone. The story of the Magi focuses on their long journey, seeking the Savior of the world. They placed their time, talent, and treasure at the service of their mission. Their journey of a thousand miles or more westward from their countries in the East which could have taken almost three months is really a symbol of the inward journey they made in their hearts, a journey from paganism to belief in Jesus as the Savior of the world. Let us seek the Lord always. Let us be the stars, leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Him. We can help to remove the darkness of evil around us by being like burning candles, radiating Jesus’ love in selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care.

**Epiphany Party:** It’s a time of gatherings and I am sure everyone had lots of get together with your family, friends and co-workers during this Christmas season and may be ready to slow down. We also know that we have a bigger family that’s our faith family, the Church with whom we worship the Lord together. It’s also very important that we get together and get to know one another in our large family, the Church. I want to invite everyone to be part of our Epiphany Party and singing of Christmas songs this Sunday at 5:00 pm. Looking forward to having lots of fun with you all.

**Word of Thanks:** Thanks to everyone who rendered their hands to make our Christmas celebrations so meaningful. Thanks to Cindy Schwartz and Jeannie Wahl who spent lots of their precious hours to decorate the Church. Thanks to Ray Jones, the Choir members and the Bell Choir for the wonderful music. Thanks to Guy Connor for entertaining the kids by being Santa Clouse at the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Thanks to T.O O’Bryan and all others who helped to set up the Nativity scene. You are all amazing. Thanks for the beautiful cards and gifts sent to me. Thanks for your thoughtfulness and love. I am beyond blessed to be here amongst you all.

**Three Wise Women:** While they were talking about the story of the three wise men, a woman asked her parish priest, this question, "Do you know why God gave the star to the wise men?" When he professed his ignorance, she told him: "God knows men are too proud to ask directions. If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and given some practical gifts!"

God’s blessings,  
Fr. Suneesh Mathew

<i><b>Parish Pastoral Council</b></i>	<i><b>Committee Chairpersons</b></i>
Joe Cecil, Chair 270-231-5111	Education/Formation - Lori Hodskins 270-316-7815
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**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Precious Blood welcomes all newcomers to our Parish Family. We look forward to having you as a member. Please fill out this section, cut it out, and turn in or mail it to the Parish Office (3306 Fenmore Street, Owensboro, KY 42301). We will send you papers for membership.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—JANAURY 7, 2018

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will be 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42. We invite you to read and study these passages for your own reflection as we prepare for the liturgy we will celebrate as a parish community.

### YOUTH 2000

The YOUTH 2000 RETREAT will be held at Brescia University on March 9-11. This retreat is a weekend experience that includes talks, music, the celebration of Mass, fellowship, panel discussions and opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This retreat is for ages 13-30. Registration papers need to be completed by anyone who attends. Please contact Sr. Rosanne for registration papers. The cost for this weekend retreat is \$60.00, this includes lunch and dinner on Saturday and a drink with each meal and snacks during breaks. Deadline is February 18. The registration will be limited to the first 900 applications and money received. For more information call Sr. Rosanne at [270-684-6888](tel:270-684-6888) or [270-925-3712](tel:270-925-3712)

### ST. BENEDICT'S EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR MEN—BED SPONSORS

(Owensboro) is in need of bed sponsors. Bed sponsors made it possible for the shelter to aid 460 men last year with laundry facilities, hot meals and a warm bed. These men also received life skill classes and assistance with mental illness or substance abuse. In 2017, 48 men were able to find permanent housing while ten transitioned into independence. Two regular transitional homes and a Veteran's transitional house were opened this year. All of this is possible because of bed sponsors. Consider donating \$500 to sponsor a bed this year for one of the men at the shelter. All donations are tax deductible and can be made online at [stbenedictsowensboro.org/donate](http://stbenedictsowensboro.org/donate) or call 270-541-1003 or mail a check to 1001 West 7th Street, Owensboro, KY 42301.

### THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to Vickie Belcher and Theresa Lowe, for cleaning church the week of December 24; to Jeanie Wahl for watering plants.

### BULLETIN MATERIAL DEADLINE

The deadline for bulletin announcements is Tuesday afternoon. Please submit, in writing, any announcement to the Parish Office or email [pblandford77@gmail.com](mailto:pblandford77@gmail.com)

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFE

January 13-14 is the weekend designated for the Annual Collection to show support for 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 Opportunities for Life, and volunteer opportunities, please call 1-888-496-3638.

### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky will host their seventh annual conference at the RiverPark Center on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Keynote speakers this year will be Christopher West and Doug Barry. Mr. West is a best-selling author, speaker, teacher, and expert in John Paul II's "Theology of the Body." Mr. Barry is the host for EWTN's "Battle Ready," a mission to help strengthen and encourage the soldier of Christ. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$30 for adults. Buy them online at [kycatholic.com](http://kycatholic.com). Brochures are available at the entrances of church

### CATHEDRAL 5-STAR PRESCHOOL!!!

The Cabinet for Health & Family Services, Department for Community Based Services, Division of Child Care and the Kentucky Department of Education certify that: Cathedral Preschool has earned a 5 STAR rating by meeting the standards for Level Five in the Kentucky All STARS Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System.

- Family and Community Engagement
- Staff Qualifications
- Professional Development Classroom
- Instructional Quality Administration
- Leadership Practices and an Early Childhood (on site)
- Environmental Rating along with the rating of 5 stars we will receive funds from the Commonwealth!

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD THAT WILL BE 3, 4 OR 5 YEARS OLD by August 1, 2018, NOW is the time to consider sending them to preschool. Please contact Cathedral Preschool to request a registration packet at 270-926-1652 or email [pam.weafer@pastoral.org](mailto:pam.weafer@pastoral.org)

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

**SUNDAY**, January 7—Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Communal Rosary: 7:30am, 10:00am

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

**Confirmation Formation: 9:00-10:15am**

**Epiphany Party & Potluck: Begins in Church at 5:00pm then go to Parish Hall for a meal.**

**MONDAY**, January 8

St. Severin of Noricum, *Abbot*

**Take down Christmas Decorations: 6:00pm**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society: 5:30pm**

**TUESDAY**, January 9

St. Adrian of Canterbury, *Abbot Confessor*

**Daily Mass: 8:00am**

**WEDNESDAY**, January 10

St. Agatho Thaumaturgus, *Pope Confessor*

Communion to the Homebound: 9:00am

Adoration & Confession: 5:00-5:45pm

Daily Mass: 6:00pm

Choir Practice: 6:45pm

Religious Ed: 6:45pm

**THURSDAY**, January 11

St. Theodosius the Cenobiarch, *Confessor*

**Daily Mass: 8:00am**

RCIA: 6:30pm Topic: The Early Church

**FRIDAY**, January 12

St. Benedict Biscop, *Abbot Confessor*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

**SATURDAY**, January 13

Confessions: 3:30-4:30pm

Communal Rosary: 4:30pm

Mass: 5:00pm

**SUNDAY**, January 14—2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Communal Rosary: 7:30am, 10:00am

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

**Youth Group: 5:00-7:00pm**



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Rhonda Logsdon (25) - 01/08/93

Ryan & Ali Crowe (5) - 01/11/13

Please pray for these and all married couples.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS



01/09: Larry Abel, Michelle Baize, Libby Girten, Elizabeth Schwartz

01/10: Linda Hodskins, Luke Larsen, John Mark Madison, Norma Moss

01/11: Becky Bowlds, Mason Cecil, Gene Roberts, Lisa Ward, Regina Young

01/14: Kathy Carr, Declan Crowe, Lucy Goetz



### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Diana Conrad and family on the death of her mother, Gloria Conrad. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace!

### PARISH EPIPHANY PARTY & POTLUCK

Please join the Family/Social Life Committee to help celebrate the end of the Christmas Season on Epiphany Sunday, January 7th. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. in Church with prayer and singing of carols, then go to the Parish Hall for a meal. Please bring your dish to the Parish Hall when you arrive, and then join us in Church. Those who last names beginning with A-M, please bring a main dish (ham, chicken, meatloaf, BBQ, Pasta, etc.). Last name beginning with N-Z, please bring a side dish (vegetable, salad, casserole, etc.). In the case of bad weather Fr. Suneesh will issue a call to inform you of cancellation.



### BUNCO NIGHT/REVERSE RAFFLE TICKET SALES KICK-OFF



The Fundraising Committee is hosting a Bunco Night and Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales Kick-off on Saturday, January 20, 2018 in our Parrish Hall. Everyone is invited to bring potluck and the beverages of their choice. Doors will open at 6:00pm. We will eat and socialize until 7:00 pm. Bunco starts at 7:00pm and ends at 9:00pm. Cost is \$15.00/person. Cash prizes will be awarded. Proceeds from the Bunco event will help with expenses for the Reverse Raffle. **Mark your calendars!** Our Reverse Raffle will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Tickets will be available at the Bunco event for \$70.00/person. Please contact our Parish Office 270-684-6888; Danny Triplett 270-993-2866; or Jeanette Ebelhar 270-684-0932 to reserve your spot for Bunco!



Special thanks to Sr. Rosanne, Tom & Debbie Durbin, Carmen Cruz, Mary Barham, Gary & Betty Murphy, Jeannie Howard and Vickie Payne for feeding the hungry at St. Benedict Homeless Shelter.