



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1ST, 2024

1st Sunday *of Advent*



Dear Parish Family,

Advent begins this Sunday, December 1. Throughout this Sunday's bulletin you will find some of the spiritual tools that we are using here at Precious Blood to help us in our preparation for the coming of Jesus this Christmas. These tools include: our Advent and Christmas Preaching Series, a list of the Advent Penance Services dates and times that are taking place throughout the Western part of Owensboro and Daviess County, our Advent supplemental prayer and reading guide with our ever popular "Little Blue Books," an invitation to our children K –8 Grades to assist with the Christmas Play at our 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, and the Advent Giving Tree that will be up from Dec 1 – 15 and located in our Narthex (Gathering Space) with all gifts benefiting the needy in our local community. Let us use these special days of Advent to prepare our hearts for the most perfect gift of Jesus in this upcoming Christmas Season. Please know of my prayer for each of you throughout this sacred time.

In Peace, Fr. Carl McCarthy, Pastor



Whether you are a first-time visitor or a returning parishioner, we are glad you are here! Welcome Packets with registration forms are available at both entrances. For more information about Precious Blood, please contact the office 270.684.6888. We would love to hear from you!

OFFICE HOURS: M-TH 8-2pm & Friday 8-12pm
SVDP OFFICE HOURS: M & TH 9-11am

MASS INTENTIONS: DEC 3RD— DEC 8TH

Tues. 7:00a.m. Sylvester Fischer ✕
 Wed 6:00p.m. Mary Ellen VanVactor ✕
 Thurs 7:00a.m. Mike Head ✕
 Fri 12 :00p.m. Tim Jackson ✕
 Sat 5:00p.m. Steve Crisp ✕
 Sun 8:00a.m. James Gilles ✕
 10:30a.m. OUR PARISH FAMILY

Stewardship not available at time of print

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. Amen

PRAYER
requests

Katie Basham, Jamie Berry, Nelda Bickwermert, Kay Berry, Louis Beldotti, Lauren Bertke, Glen Bickwermert, Marvin Bickwermert, Larry Boswell, Christine Brown, Shirley Brown, Mary June Cecil, Shelby & Breanna Clark, Joseph Paul Clements, Tony Clayton, Rachel Ann Cline, Darrell Connor, Guy Connor, Goretti Coomes, Rosa Cruz, Tonie Denton, Shane Dickens, Huberta Edge, Bill Elder, Tim & Maude Fornes, Jesse Fulkerson, Angela Gentry, Terri Girten, Debby Glenn, Sheila Head, Terri Hendon, Tonya Hamilton's friend, Charles Henderson, Adriana Hentz, Marie Hester, Bob Holt, Heather Hudson, Willie Hudson, Lenox Hughes, Robert Jackson, June Johnson, Linda Jollay, Elaine Johnson, Robert Johnson's mother, Randall Jones, Kenny Kelley, Ruth and Kenny Kelly's daughter, Mary Kittinger, Francie Lanham, Janet Lawrence, Bailey Lindsey, Theresa Lowe, Donna Mason, Carolyn McDaniel, Mamie McDaniel's great niece, Ray McDaniel, Barbara Magan, Jordan McIntosh, Charlene Meadows, Mary Miller's son Charles Miller, Raden Poll, Anna Carol Murphy & her daughter Oleta, Gary Murphy's John Patton, brother, Mary Murphy, Karen Osborne's mother, Janie Payne, Mary Edna Payne, Phil Phelps, Sandra Posey, Tony Powers, Shirley Ralph, Frank Riney, Michael Roach, Doris Schrecker, Tommy Schwartz, Mike Sims, Bob Slack, Ed Sullivan's brother, Lillian Taylor, Eugene and June Thomp-sons daughter Debra Peach, Steve Tuttle, Dorothy Westerfield, Joey Westerfield, Dorothy Wathen and her daughter, and Kirsten Wood.

ASSISTED LIVING: Chautauqua: Nancy Best Fern Terra: Clara Gilles. Hillcrest: Marie Hester, Carmel Home: Doug Howard, Lois Sims and Rose McCarter. Hermitage: Tommy Schwartz

Ministry	December 7, 5:00 PM	December 8, 8:00 AM	December 8, 10:30 AM
Ushers	#1 - Sharon Tucker Jarrod Bradshaw Leslie Bradshaw Dale Meserve	#1 - Scott Hayden Karen Hayden Lovetta Davis Jeanette Goodwin	#1 - Kristen Powers Brian Powers Briley Powers Otis Webb
Eucharistic Min. (EM's designated #1 and #2 are responsible for cleaning the sacred vessels after mass.)	#1 - Bruce Tucker #2 - Jeanie Wahl John Fulkerson Vickie Osborne Guy Connor Linda Connor Deacon Jay VanHoosier	#1 - Kim Collignon #2 - Gary Millay Deacon Ken Bennett	#1 - Maryann Joyce #2 - Mike Joyce Theresa Skaggs Dona Hagerman Karen Hein Tom Peak Deacon Ken Bennett
Servers	Triston Logsdon Tucker Oller	Steve Collignon	Kendra Brown Cain Coomes Dominic Mills Coen Mejia
Lector #1	Tom Millay	John Rudy	Ray Hagerman
Lector #2	Kristy Fulkerson	Stephanie Millay	Denise Pace
Gift Bearers	Bob & Sandy Devine	Gary & Stephanie Millay	Andrew Clark Family
Vocation Statue	Judy Brown	Steve Cecil	Mark & Chris Castlen
Sacristan	Sharon Bumm	Tony Gilmore	Michelle Baize
Rosary Leader	Vickie Payne	Marie Montanez	Tim Molnar
Children's Liturgy	Kristie Meserve		Helen Bennett

ONE CALL NOW PARISH COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Our parish uses One Call Now as a communication system to our church family. This system allows our parish staff to send reminders, updates, the pastor's weekend message, and even cancellation notices due to weather. Any parish member for whom we have a phone number can receive this complimentary communication to their home or cellphone. We can also send text and emails through this system. If you are not receiving the One Call Now messages, call Michelle Clancy at the parish office or email her 270-684-6888 michelle.clancy@precious-blood.net

SPONSOR FLOWERS FOR OUR CHURCH

Flowers and plants provide beauty and praise to God for our worship space. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement of flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one in your family, please call the office and talk to Michelle Clancy (270-683-8444 / michelle.clancy@precious-blood.com) The way flower sponsorship works is that you would offer a financial donation and the name of your loved one would be placed in the bulletin on the weekend of the sponsorship.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8th falls on Sunday this year, consequently the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday December 9th. Initially this was not a Holy Day of Obligation. An inquiry was made to Rome and Rome returned with a decision that in this case the Holy Day Obligation cannot be abrogated. Consequently, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the December 9th and IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Please remember that if you celebrate a Sunday evening Mass on December 8th that mass must be for the 2nd Sunday of Advent. Also, keep in mind the Holy Day Obligation is for 2 masses so in some cases, even though the readings may be the same, a person could count the Sunday evening mass for their Holy Day Obligation.

For instance, if some one participated in the 8:00 am mass on Sunday, and then the 5:00 pm mass on Sunday evening (both masses for the 2nd Sunday of Advent), that person would be deemed as fulfilling both their Sunday obligation and their Holy Day obligation. **PRECIOUS BLOOD WILL CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MONDAY, DEC 9TH AT NOON**



LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS

HEALING RETREAT FOR
Adult Children of Divorce
MARCH 14 - 16, 2025



Learn more and register here

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Ministry Scheduling Updates Needed

Please take a few moments and look at your calendars for the period of January - March 2025 and let me know if there are any dates you are aware of (so far) that you will be unavailable. (Spring Break for Daviess County Schools is Mar. 28th - Apr. 4th.) **I need to hear from you by Dec. 10th.**

Thanks, Ray



Once again, our giving tree will be filled with ornaments! Please take an ornament, purchase the gift and return to the tree or the office wrapped with tag, so we know who the gift is for. If you wish to make a donation to purchase gifts just place your donation in the offering basket marked "GIVING TREE" or you may bring by the office. We ask that gifts be returned by December 19th. Questions please call Michelle or one of our volunteer angels in the office. 270.684.6888.

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 contact the Commonwealth Attorney's 270-685-8429; local law enforcement at 270 -687-8888 OPD or Daviess County Sheriff's Dept at 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 Scott Ingram Assistance Coordinator 270-852-8380.

**AN ADVENT
PREACHING SERIES:
“FEEDING HUNGRY HEARTS:
Preparing for The Gift of Life in Jesus”
Begins Sunday December 1, and ends with Christmas, December 25.**

In a world where people are feasting on many things to fill their hungry hearts, we at Precious Blood want to help us all to feast on Jesus. This Advent our preaching will focus on the steps we can take to Feed our Hungry Hearts with the real life of Jesus, the true gift of Christmas and beyond.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC 1: HOPE FOR HUNGRY HEARTS - Dcn. Ken will speak about how Advent is a season of hopeful anticipation, preparing us to recognize God’s presence amid life’s uncertainties and anxieties.

- *Be sure to get your copy of the Little Blue Advent Book as your supplemental prayer and reading.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DEC 8: PEACE FOR HUNGRY HEARTS - Fr. Carl will speak about how John the Baptist’s call to “prepare the way” invites us to seek a peace that is rooted in repentance and reconciliation with God and others.

- *Please join us for adoration to follow the 10:30 am Mass, Eucharistic Procession though the community starting at 1:30 pm, with parish members going out two by two to check on our neighbors, and wrapping up back at the church for prayer and BENEDICTION.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC 15: JOY FOR HUNGRY HEARTS - Dcn. Jay will share how Gaudete Sunday invites us to rejoice because the Lord is near and that our joy is found in generosity and service to others.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC 22: LOVE FOR HUNGRY HEARTS - Fr. Carl will show how Mary’s visitation to Elizabeth reveals the transforming power of love and the presence of Jesus that radiates through it.

THE NATIVITY – DEC 24 & 25: THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR ADVENT LONGING - Fr. Carl will wrap up the preaching series by reflecting on how Jesus himself is the answer to our every longing and the fulfillment of all our hunger.





Monday, Dec. 2nd

No Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 3rd

7am-Mass

10am-Staff Meeting

6pm First Reconciliation

Wednesday, Dec. 4th

9am-Communion to the Homebound

Extended Adoration 9AM-9PM

Confession 5pm

6pm-Mass

6:45pm Children's Play Practice

Thursday, Dec. 5th

7am-Mass

Friday, Dec. 6th

12pm-Mass

Saturday, Dec. 7th

5pm-Mass with Confessions at 4pm

Sunday Dec. 8th

8:00 & 10:30am-Mass



12/3 Jeanne Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Kim Quinn, Patricia Scott

12/4 Sheila Head, Adalynn Mayfield, Paige Murphy, Kathy Small

12/5 Ethonil Boarman, Paulette Boswell, Martha Crabtree, Yvonne Rudy

12/6 Alex Nalley

12/7 Jayden Cook, Jaylen Cook, Mary Edna Payne

12/8 Theresa Adrey, Jewell Brown, Michael McCarty, Patty Small, Haley Thompson



12/2 Heath & Kristina Devin (24)

PASTORAL TEAM

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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



- Dec 2 - Mount Saint Joseph 6:00pm
- Dec 10 - St. Sebastian, Calhoun 5:00pm
- Dec 11 - St Martin, Rome 6:00pm
- **Dec 12 - Precious Blood 6:00pm**
- Dec 16 - Immaculate 6:00pm
- Dec 17 - St. Alphonsus 6:00pm
- Dec 19 - St. Peter, Stanley 6:00pm
- Dec 22 - St. Stephen Cathedral 2:00pm