



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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270-684-6888

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 3, 2017

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

Mark 13: 33

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.



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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: DEC. 4-10

Tues. 7:00a.m. McKenna Hagan: Birthday
 Wed. 6:00p.m. Estle Hayden: dec.
 Thur. 6:00p.m. Jim Thomas: dec.
 Fri. 8:00a.m. Evelyn Tapp: dec.
 Sat. 5:00p.m. OUR PARISH FAMILY
 Sun. 8:00a.m. Bernard Peralta: dec.
 10:30a.m. Larry Stites: dec.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,000.00
November 26, 2017 Contribution	\$
Children's Contributions	\$
Total	\$
Under/Over this week	\$
Under/Over (July 1, 2017 to present)	\$
In Regular Collections	\$
Parish Renovation Fund	
November 26, 2017	\$
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$

(Information not available at time of printing.)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember Alice Devine, Ronnie Osborne & sister, Nancy Best, Janie Payne, Jewell Brown's grandson, 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, Phil & Kathy Carr's daughter-in-law, Christine Stanfel's father, Tim Blandford, Sherman & Dolores Roberts' grandson, Lisa Shivley, Michelle Howard, Paul Westerfield, Joyce Young's family friend, Libby Girtten, Ray Jones' aunt, Charlene Meadows, Kristen Powers, Tony Powers, Billy O'Bryan's son, Sharon Bumm, David Osborne, Tony Gilmore's mother, Matthew Molnar, Martha Stites, Bill Calhoun's brother-in-law & nephew, Marie Montanez's friend, Penny Blandford's mother & brother-in-law, Eric Wedding's mother, Mary Mills, Jeremy Vowels, Clara Gilles, Rita Webb's sister

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



MINISTRIES: DECEMBER 9—5:00PM

SERVERS: Mark & Audrey Wedding
LECTORS: Charlotte Powers, Ashley Stewart
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Virginia O'Connell
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Linda & Guy Connor, John & Kristy Fulkerson, Logan Jones, Margaret Lancaster, Gene Roberts
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Mike Howard
GIFT BEARERS: Stefanie, Addi & Tucker Oller
VOCATION STATUE: Judy Brown
USHERS: Jeanie Wahl, Bill Allen, Mary Boling, Mary Ellen VanVactor
COMMUNAL ROSARY: Bruce Tucker
SACRISTAN: Chrissy Axley

MINISTRIES: DECEMBER 10—8:00AM

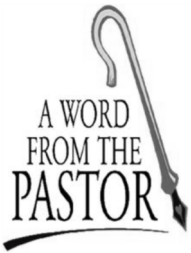
SERVERS: Ethan Daugherty, Natalie Goodwin
LECTORS: Joyce Riney, John Rudy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Dolores Roberts, Donald & Jennifer Thompson, Sherman Roberts, Vickie Osborne, Kaleb Daugherty
GIFT BEARERS: Jim & Joyce Riney
VOCATION STATUE: Ed & Judy Sullivan
USHERS: Jeanette Goodwin, Melanie & Natalie Goodwin, Bryan Lanham
COMMUNAL ROSARY: Jeanette Ebelhar
SACRISTAN: Cindy Schwartz

MINISTRIES: DECEMBER 10—10:30AM

SERVERS: Aubrey Johnson, Ethan & Hunter Wimsatt
LECTORS: Travis VanBussum, Morgan Rudy
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Lisa Edge
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sandra Midkiff, Mike Head, Elaine Johnson, Scott & Tami Norris, Tom Peak, Kristen Powers
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Cindy Schwartz
NURSING HOMES: Davco: Vickie Osborne; Twin Rivers: Gene Roberts
GIFT BEARERS: Robbie & Michelle Baize Family
VOCATION STATUE: Jeannie Howard
USHERS: Robbie, Michelle, Linkin & Marley Baize
COMMUNAL ROSARY: Betty Whitehouse
SACRISTAN: Michelle Baize

CHURCH CLEANERS: Dec. 3-9: Natalie Davis, Bridget Larsen, Karen Osborne, Kathy Phillips, Tricia Scott, Susie Westerfield

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Advent: In our lives we encounter different types of preparation because we are waiting for someone to come or something to happen in our lives. We spend a lot of money and energy for these preparations. For example, preparing for a party, preparation for our own career or for our own wedding and for the birth of a baby. Another one is preparation for moving into another house or for building a new home or for retirement and many more. We are so very excited about these to come or to happen. But how many of us are preparing for our own death so that we can enter into the Kingdom of God. We do prepare by our worthy living of our vocation, our charity works, our participation in the Liturgy etc. Our Church emphasizes and gives different seasons to spend more time in these preparations and with this Sunday we are entering in to a special time of preparation. We know Advent is a time of watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. We will have an Advent wreath placed on our Baptismal font. The Advent wreath reminds us of our yearning for God. Its circular shape tells us of God’s everlasting love and faithfulness. Its evergreen branches tell us of eternal life and of God’s desire for us to live with him forever. The four candles remind us of the passing of time, our human history into which God has entered through his son, Jesus. I wish you all a fruitful Advent.

Advent Giving Tree: 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Mathew 25: 40. Visit the Advent Giving Tree in the Gathering Space, starting this weekend. This Christmas Season we will support Birthright, St. Benedict Homeless Shelter, Centro Latino, Davco Nursing Home, Audubon Elementary School Families and Neighborhood families. Thanks for your generous heart toward the needy around us.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: A famous artist once held an exhibition of all his choice paintings. One painting which bore the face of a woman was extraordinarily beautiful. “Who’s this?” Aspectators ask. “Is she your girlfriend?” The artist replied smiling, “it is the portrait of my mother when she was younger. You know how it is. One has to give the best for his mother.” As the artist of that beautiful painting put it, “One has to give his best for a mother.” That is what God had bestowed on Jesus’ mother — that special honor and privilege to be conceived without the stain of Original Sin. On the 8th of December we echo this age old Catholic belief that Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of God was free from all stain of original sin. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and we will have two Masses. I invite you to be part of our celebration either on Thursday the 7th at 6:00pm or Friday the 8th at 8:00am. Let us honor and venerate our Mother and the Mother of the world. Hail Mary full of grace...

Inducing Sermon: "I hope you didn't take it personally, Father," an embarrassed woman said to her pastor after the Holy Mass, "when my husband walked out during your sermon on Sunday." "I did find it rather disconcerting," the pastor replied. "It's not a reflection on you, Father," she insisted. "Ralph has been sleep walking ever since he was a child."

God’s blessings, Fr. Suneesh Mathew

MEN’S DISCERNMENT RETREAT: *The Men’s Discernment Retreat* is a retreat for men ages 18-25 who are seriously thinking about their vocation and who have the desire to courageously give their lives to Christ. This retreat is an opportunity to set some time out in silence to listen to the voice of God in your life; receive guidance for the discernment process; learn the tools of discernment, and sharpen your discerning skills. Discernment wisdom from St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Ignatius Loyola, and St. John Paul II will guide the direction of this retreat. There will be time for prayer, reflection, and rest. The Men’s Discernment Retreat will be held December. 8-10 at St. Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology. There is no cost to attend but registration is necessary. Registration deadline is December 6, 2017. For more information or to register online, contact the vocations office: 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will be Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8. 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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. Anthony—December 6, 6:00p.m.
St Sebastian—December 6, 6:00 p.m.
Blessed Mother—December 10 2:00p.m.
St. Williams—December 12, 6:00p.m.
Precious Blood—December 13, 6:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes—December 13, 6:30 p.m.
St. Lawrence—December 14, 6:00p.m.
St Mary Magdalene—December 14, 6:00 p.m.
St. Stephen—December 17, 2:00 p.m.
St. Peter—December 20, 6:00 p.m.
Mount Saint Joseph - December 21, 6:00 p.m.
St. Alphonsus—Every Wednesday “The Light is On”
St. Martin—Sundays during Advent, 6:45 p.m.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Parishioners are asked to take an ornament, purchase the gift, return it wrapped with original ornament to know what the gift is and what family it belongs to. **Gifts need to be returned to Church or the Parish Office by the weekend of December 16th & 17th, 2017. It is VERY important that they be turned in by the deadline to allow us time to sort and deliver to families.** We will gladly accept any donations to help with additional families in need. Donations can be brought by the Parish Office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. or dropped in the collection basket at church—Attention: Penny.

RECTORY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE:

Mark your calendars! Fr. Suneesh will have an Open House at the Rectory on Saturday, December 16th from 6:00-9:00pm. and on Sunday, December 17th after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. All are welcome!

HANDBELL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

Come and relax as the Precious Blood Hand Bell Choir presents a Christmas Program on Saturday, December 23rd at 6:30 pm in Church. A small reception will follow in the Gathering Space.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: When sending out Christmas cards this year, you might want to remember our parish shut-ins. If interested, call the Parish Office at 270-684-6888 for an address list.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday, December 24th, 4:00p.m. (Youth Mass) and 8:00p.m.; Monday, December 25th, 9:00a.m.

BULLETIN COVER

This week's bulletin cover features our youth who attended NCYC along with their chaperones. Front Row: Lydea Dickens, Sr. Rosanne Spalding, and Jared Wink. Back Row: Zack Thompson, Caleb Wimsatt, Logan Jones, Megan Goodwin, Morgan Rudy, Carmen Cruz, Kaleb Daugherty, Monti Millay, Natalie Goodwin, and Brad Wimsatt

HELP OFFICE

December is Precious Blood's month to help furnish food for the Help Office. Your non-perishable food items can be placed in the baskets at Church.

CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES

We are in need of volunteers for all ministries for the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Masses. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Gathering Space the weekends of December 9th & 10th and December 16th & 17th.

ATTENTION USHERS

There will be a Usher Workshop after all Masses the weekend of December 9th & 10th. Fr. Suneesh would like to meet with all Ushers, new and experienced. We ask that you plan to attend after the Mass that you usually attend.

OWENSBORO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Just a reminder - As we head into the winter snow season, the SCRIP Office will be closed if school is out for inclement weather. If school is out for an extended period, then the SCRIP Office will open as soon as is deemed appropriate. Please call 270-686-8896 or 270-852-8033.

Christmas is just around the corner, please consider using SCRIP whenever and wherever you can. The SCRIP Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00a.m.—5:00p.m.

HELP RAISE FUNDS, BUY SCRIP

Simply tell the SCRIP volunteer your family name is “**Precious Blood.**”

Buy **GameStop, iTunes, Starbucks, Ozone Laser Tag, ProNails, Legends, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, Arby's, Colby's, Kohls, Macy's, Briarpatch, Dairy Queen, Cheddars, Culvers, Hallmark, Meijer, Miller House, Sammy's Auto Wash, and the list goes on.** Some of our local merchants give up to 20% and Precious Blood Parish will receive three quarters of that at the end of the school year.

If you do not already purchase SCRIP for your family or friends, we invite you to call the OCS SCRIP Office at **270-852-8033** with any questions you might have!

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, December 3—First Sunday of Advent

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

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers

Confirmation Formation: 9:00-10:15am

Precious Blood Advent Holy Hour: 2:00-3:00pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:00pm

MONDAY, December 4

St. John Damascene, *Confessor, Father and Doctor of the Church*

TUESDAY, December 5

St. Sabas, *Abbot Confessor*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

Parish Staff Meeting: 9:00am

Picnic Committee Meeting: 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari, *Bishop Confessor*

Living as Missionary Disciples—Staff Prayer Day: 9:00am—3:00pm—Parish Office Closed

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

Daily Mass: 6:00pm

Religious Ed Mass: 6:00pm

St. Sebastian Advent Penance Service: 6:00pm

Choir Practice: 6:45pm

Religious Ed: 6:45pm

THURSDAY, December 7

St. Ambrose, *Bishop Confessor, Father and Doctor of the Church*

Communion to the Homebound: 9:00am

Holy Day Vigil: 6:00pm

RCIA: 6:30pm Topic: Who Shepherds the Church

FRIDAY, December 8—**Holy Day of Obligation**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Mass: **8:00am**

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 9

Confessions: 3:30-4:30pm

Communal Rosary: 4:30pm

Mass: 5:00pm

First Penance Prayer Morning: 8:30am-12:00pm

SUNDAY, December 10—Second Sunday of Advent

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

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

Youth Group: 5:00-7:00pm



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ted & Sheila Williams (47) - 12/5/70

Please pray for these and all married couples.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**



12/04: Sheila Head, Adalynn Mayfield,
Paige Murphy, Kathy Small

12/05: Toby Boarman, Paulette Boswell, Brandy
Fairchild, Yvonne Rudy

12/06: Lorene Glenn

12/07: Mary Edna Payne, Henry Schwartz

12/08: Elijah Beaty, Jewell Brown, Houston Gore,
Patty Small

12/09: Carson Ebelhar, Nancy Kamuf, Ron Roberts,

12/10: Melanie Ewing



We welcome into our faith community
Lillian Nicky McFadden, daughter of
Brent & Kathleen McFadden, baptized
11/25/17.



**LIVING AS
MISSIONARY DISCIPLES**

Join us here at Precious Blood on
Sunday, December 3rd from 2:00-
3:00pm for an Advent Holy Hour.

Bishop Medley is inviting all 78
parishes to come together in prayer
before the Blessed Sacrament with the
intention of promoting Evangelization in our diocese.
Imagine 78 parishes praying in front of our Lord at the
same time with the same intention! Not only does this
Holy Hour begin Advent, but it also kicks off the Office
of Evangelization's "Year of Encountering Jesus
Through Prayer."

**HONORARIUM/MEMORIAL
FLOWER FUND**



Anyone interested in having a Christmas
Poinsettia purchased in honor/memory of a
loved one, envelopes are available in your monthly
packet. Donations should be placed in the collection
basket at Church. You are asked to write the name(s) of
loved ones in whose honor/memory these are for.

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