



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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270-684-6888

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 9, 2018

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Luke 3:4

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.



Congratulations to the following who received the Sacrament of First Penance on December 4th: Front Row: Connor Johnson, Mason Hardesty, Riece Coomes, Delaney Calloway, Sophie Moss, Leeandra Powell, Eli Wimsatt, Hunter VanBussum, Mathias Herrmann, Shaun Powell, Kinsley Nazario. Back Row: Laney West, Austin Murray, Brenden Murray, Bryce Lanham, Braxton Bishop, Connor Nazario. Also pictured are Fr. Sinoj, Fr. Shaiju, Fr. Suneesh and Sr. Rosanne Spalding.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Suneesh Mathew HGN, Pastor, suneesh.mathew@pastoral.org
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Mike Howard, Maintenance, tvjmike3@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 10-16

Tues.	7:00a.m.	Faith Hayden: dec.
Wed.	6:00p.m.	James Gilles: dec.
Thur.	7:00a.m.	Jeffrey Cecil: dec.
Fri.	7:00a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of Daughters of Isabella
Sat.	5:00p.m.	Dave & Ima Axley: dec.
Sun.	8:00a.m.	OUR PARISH FAMILY
	10:30a.m.	Larry Stites & Chad Winters: dec.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,000.00
November 25, 2018 Contribution	\$7,426.35
December 2, 2018 Contribution	\$13,966.35
Children's Contributions	\$21.37
Total	\$21,414.07
Under/Over this week	\$3,414.07
Under/Over (July 1, 2018 to present)	
In Regular Collections	\$64.63

Parish Renovation Fund	
November 25, 2018	\$405.00
December 2, 2018	\$1,062.00
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$37,424.41

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy!"

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember Ronnie Osborne & sister, Nancy Best, Janie Payne, Glenn Young, Marie Hester, Bonnie Glenn, Jerry Blandford, Mary Ann Postlewaite, Mary Ellen VanVactor's brother, Sharon Bumm's mother, Karen Osborne, Mary Kittinger & brother & mother, Janie Howard's brother, Bill Johnson, Paul Westerfield, Libby Girten, Charlene Meadows, Tony Powers, Tony Gilmore's mother, Matthew Molnar, Steve & Carol Crisp's son-in-law, Guy Connor, Earl Hayden, Bill & Rita Elder, Pat Roby, Doris Schrecker, Jim Head, Liz Hawkins, Mike Thompson, Jess Lowe, Ray Jones' brother, Charles & Sandra Posey's granddaughter, Margaret Lancaster's brother, Jamie Berry, Robbie Stinnett, Paul Bickwermert Jr., Tony & Donna Gilmore's niece, Dale & Kristie Meserve's daughter-in-law, Pat Fogle, Joe Cecil's father, Ruth McCarty's grandson-in-law, Barbara Mingus, Marion Willett's brother, Neil Rudy, Tony Payne's sister, Ron Boarman, Travis VanBussum, Kathy Carr's nephew, JB Smith, Tancy Payne, Anita Jones, Tim Blandford's sister, Mary Byrne, Helen Byers, Gary Millay's sister (DiAnn Millay), Vicki Howard, Maxine Smith. **ASSISTED LIVING:** Please remember: Shirley Jarboe, Doug & Betty Howard, Debbie Sapp, Helen Schwartz, Clara Gilles, David Vowels, Lois Sims



MINISTRIES: DECEMBER 15—5:00PM

SERVERS: Luke Larsen, Isaiah Cruz, Ben Murphy
LECTORS: Chrissy Axley, Ashley Stewart
CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sarah & Gavin Herrmann
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Linda & Guy Connor, John & Kristy Fulkerson, Mike Howard, Mary Kittinger, Travis VanBussum
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Mike Howard
GIFT BEARERS: Justino & Juanita Cruz Family
VOCATION STATUE: Dot Hodges
ROSARY LEADER: Charlotte Powers
USHERS: Scott & Karen Hayden, Stacy Hentz, Larry Jollay
SACRISTAN: Chrissy Axley

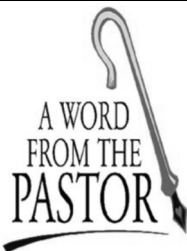
MINISTRIES: DECEMBER 16—8:00AM

SERVERS: Natalie Goodwin, Ethan Daugherty
LECTORS: Kaleb Daugherty, Andrea Finley
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Stephanie Millay, Sherman Roberts, Tony Gilmore, Monti Millay, Betty Murphy, Dolores Roberts
GIFT BEARERS: Gary & Stephanie Millay
VOCATION STATUE: Glenn Young
USHERS: Katie Rudy, Tony Payne, Jim & Joyce Riney
ROSARY LEADER: Vickie Osborne
SACRISTAN: Cindy Schwartz

MINISTRIES: DECEMBER 16—10:30AM

SERVERS: Ethan Wimsatt, Aubrey Johnson, Matthew Molnar
LECTORS: Joe & Mary June Cecil
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sr. Rosanne Spalding, Hunter Small
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Bob & Lisa Wimsatt, Michelle Baize, Jared Wink, Theresa Skaggs, Susie Westerfield, Caleb Wimsatt
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Tony Gilmore
NURSING HOMES: Davco: Melissa Riney
 Twin Rivers: Kay Berry
GIFT BEARERS: Karen Osborne, Samira Crowe
VOCATION STATUE: Ray & Marianne Jones
USHERS: Charlie Small, Yvonne & Griffin Rudy, Danny Triplett
ROSARY LEADER: Marie Montanez
SACRISTAN: Susie Westerfield

CHURCH CLEANERS: December 9-15: Vickie Belcher, Theresa Lowe, Carol Riney, Katie Rudy, Joyce Young, Geri Jones



Make Ready The Way Of The Lord: A blizzard hit the Kansas prairie. Two feet of snow drifted to five and six feet in places. The telephone rang in the doctor's home. The time had come for John Lang's wife to have her baby. But it was impossible for the doctor to get through those drifts. John Lang called his neighbors: Can you help the doc to get through? In no time, from all directions, came men and boys with plows and shovels. They labored with all their might almost for two hours until finally the old doc was able to make it, just in time to deliver the Lang boy. The Second Sunday of Advent through the scriptures comes a call to all of us from another Father, God the Father through His prophet Isaiah and repeated by Jesus' own cousin John the Baptist: "Make ready the way of the Lord." But we are called, not to remove piles of snow, but piles of sin, neglect, thoughtlessness, the things that make it difficult and often impossible for the divine child to be reborn to our hearts and lives. We have to straighten out whatever crooked paths we've been walking, like involvement in some secret or habitual sins or in a sinful relationship. If we have been involved in some dishonest practices at work or at home, we are called to straighten them out and make restitution. If we have been harboring grudges or hatred, or failing to be reconciled with others, now is the time to clear away all the debris. And we all have to level the "mountains" of our pride and egocentrism by practicing the true humility of rendering humble service to others.

Bell Choir Concert: Can you believe Christmas is just a few weeks away. For me the past one year has been the fastest, has gone like the blink of an eye. I love this season of Christmas as most everyone decorates their houses with Christmas trees and lights. Let us all remember the reason behind all these decorations, parties and fun events. It is JESUS CHRIST. During this season of preparing for the birth of Christ I want to invite everyone to join our Bell Choir this coming Sunday the 16th to sing and praise God. The Bell Choir along with our Parish Choir will be doing the Lessons and Carols at 6:00 pm.

When I Go To Church: I saw this article in a book about why and when I go to Church. Thought of sharing. When I go to Church, I go not because the priest is holy but because his function is holy. When I go to Church, I go not because the place is beautiful but because Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is beautiful. When I go to Church, I go not because I am sinless but because my sins will be forgiven. When I go to Church, I go not because the people need to love me but because I need to love them. When I go to Church, I go not because the music is lively but because God is alive! When I go to Church, I go not because I can give so much but because I need so much. When I go to Church, I go not because of myself but because of Him Who ardently awaits my coming. I go to Church because Church is Home.

Oh, Well, Soap Only Works When It Is Applied: A soap manufacturer and a pastor were walking together down a street in a large city. The soap manufacturer casually said, "The Gospel you preach hasn't done much good, has it? Just observe. There is still a lot of wickedness in the world, and a lot of wicked people, too!" The pastor made no reply until they passed a dirty little child making mud pies in the gutter. Seizing the opportunity, the pastor said, "I see that soap hasn't done much good in the world either; for there is much dirt still here, and many dirty people are still around." The soap man said, Oh, well, soap only works when it is applied." And the pastor said, "Exactly! So, it is with the Gospel."

God's blessings,
Fr. Suneesh Mathew

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 DECORATING: We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 23rd at 1:00pm for anyone who would like to help out. Many hands make for light work.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Monday, December 24th, 4:00p.m. and 8:00p.m.; Tuesday, December 25th, 9:00a.m.

RECTORY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE:

Fr. Suneesh will have an Open House at the Rectory on Saturday, December 22nd from 6:00-9:00pm. and on Sunday, December 23rd after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. All are welcome!



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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will be Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18. 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

Mount St. Joseph—December 10, 6:00pm
Our Lady of Lourdes—December 10, 6:00pm
St. William—December 11, 6:00pm
St. Peter—December 12, 6:00pm
St. Alphonsus—December 13, 6:30pm
Blessed Mother—December 16, 2:00pm
St. Mary Magdalene—December 16, 6:00pm
St. Mary of the Woods—December 17, 6:00pm
Immaculate—December 18, 6:00pm
St. Lawrence—December 18, 6:00pm
St. Sebastian—December 19, 6:00pm
Sts. Joseph & Paul—December 19, 6:30pm
Precious Blood—December 20, 6:00pm
St. Pius Tenth—December 20, 6:00pm
St. Elizabeth—December 21, 6:30pm
St. Stephen Cathedral—December 23, 2:00pm
St. Martin—Mondays of Advent—Lights On For You

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 15th & 16th, 2018. 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.

CHRISTMAS CAMP AT GASPER RIVER

Every December 29th to January 1st, current 8th graders and high schoolers are invited to attend Christmas/New Year's Camp. It's a great way for 8th graders to meet kids they'll be going to Camp Life with next summer, and for High School Campers to reconnect with old friends. This camp is much more laid back than summer camp; campers still do all the activities, celebrate the Sacraments, and have Adoration, but with a more relaxed atmosphere. This is a great way to end one year, and begin the next! For more info.: <http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org/>

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 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Masses. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space through December 16th.

BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Birthright (512 W. 7th St.) is a non-profit, nonpolitical, interdenominational organization offering an alternative to abortion and services to those experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Services are free and confidential. Caring, non-judgmental office volunteers are needed to answer calls and greet clients Monday—Friday, 8:00am—12:00noon. Contact Terri LaHugh at 270-926-7561 — birthright.org

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even how to communicate this with their spouse. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 11, 2019 call the Family Life Office at 270-683-1545 or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to Janie Howard, Kathy & Jennifer Phillips and Marie Montanez. for cleaning church the week of Nov. 18; to Pauline Langdon, Tricia Scott and Karen Osborne for cleaning church the week of Nov. 25; to Rose Larsen for cleaning and organizing the supply room; to Jeanie Wahl for watering plants, to Guy & Linda Connor for cleaning the brass candle holders.; to Randall Jones for cleaning leaves off the Parish building roof and church grounds.

Thanks to the following volunteers who helped answer the phone and the door while Penny was out of the office for vacation: Katie Rudy, Joyce Riney, Vickie Osborne, Kristie Meserve and Sharon Bumm; to the following volunteers who helped answer the phone and the door while the staff was out for the Diocesan Staff Retreat: Delores Roberts, Anna Marie Roberts and Jeanette Ebelhar

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, December 9—2nd Sunday of Advent
Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am
Youth Group: 4:00-6:00pm

MONDAY, December 10
St. Miltiades, *Pope Martyr*
St. Vincent de Paul Society: 5:30pm
Mount St. Joseph Advent Penance Service: 6:00pm
Lourdes Advent Penance Service: 6:00pm
Men's Club Appreciation Dinner: 6:00pm

TUESDAY, December 11
St. Damasus I, *Pope Confessor*
Daily Mass: 7:00am
Parish Staff Meeting: 9:00am
80 And Over Dinner: 4:00pm
St. William Advent Penance Service: 6:00pm
Finance Committee: 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, December 12
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Daily Mass: 6:00pm
Communion to the Homebound: 9:00am
Adoration & Confession: 5:00-5:45pm
St. Peter Advent Penance Service: 6:30pm
Choir Practice: 6:45pm
Religious Ed: 6:45pm

THURSDAY, December 13
St. Lucy, *Virgin Martyr*
Daily Mass: 7:00am
St. Alphonsus Advent Penance Service: 6:00pm
RCIA: 6:30pm—Topic: The People of God

FRIDAY, December 14
St. John of the Cross, *Confessor, Doctor of the Church*
Daily Mass: 7:00am

SATURDAY, December 15
Confessions: 3:30-4:30pm
Mass: 5:00pm
Giving Tree Gifts Due Back

SUNDAY, December 16—3rd Sunday of Advent
Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am
Blessed Mother Advent Penance Service: 2:00pm
Handbell Christmas Program: 6:00pm
St. Mary Magdalene Advent Penance Service: 6:00pm
Giving Tree Gifts Due Back



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for all married couples.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**



12/10: Melanie Ewing, Geri Jones
12/11: Kamden Johnson
12/12: Tommy Merimee
12/14: Stephanie Millay, Scott Norris, Jennifer Thompson, Audrey Wedding
12/15: Liam Wimsatt
12/16: Casey Hardesty



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mary Ann Postlewaite, Linda (Roger) Haynes and families on the death of their son/brother, Steve Postlewaite; to Sam Slone on the death of his mother, Rose Slone. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace!

HANDBELL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

Come and relax as the Precious Blood Hand Bell Choir presents a Christmas Program on Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 pm in Church. A small reception will follow in the Gathering Space.



Pictured are Youth Group members who helped with the Christmas decorations at the Rectory.



Pictured are parish couples who attended the Marriage Anniversary Celebration that was held here on November 26th.



YOUTH GROUP MEALS
Dec. 9: Joni Blair, Monti Millay