



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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270-684-6888

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—FEBRUARY 25, 2018

"This is my beloved son. Listen to him."

Mark 9:7

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

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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: FEB. 26-- MAR. 4

Tues.	7:00a.m.	Ann Connor: dec.
Wed.	6:00p.m.	Charles Russelburg: dec.
Thur.	7:00a.m.	Gene Scheidegger dec.
Fri.	7:00a.m.	Linda Jackson Family
Sat.	5:00p.m.	Jeff Moss
Sun.	8:00a.m.	OUR PARISH FAMILY
	10:30a.m.	Marion & Mary Roby Living & Deceased Family Members

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,000.00
February 18, 2018 Contribution	\$8,120.16
Children's Contributions	\$30.03
Nativity of the Lord	\$7.00
Total	\$8,157.19
Under/Over this week	-\$842.81
Under/Over (July 1, 2017 to present)	
In Regular Collections	\$1,988.18

Parish Renovation Fund

February 18, 2018	\$450.00
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$75,465.10

(This figure includes Roofing Funds received to date.)

ROOFING FUNDS

Money needed: **\$70,000.00** (Replace roof of Parish Hall/School Building, and replace ceiling tiles.) Money received to date: **\$41,212.00** (129 Families) Thanks for your most generous hearts. God loves a cheerful giver.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember Alice Devine, Ronnie Osborne & sister, Nancy Best, Janie Payne, Glenn Young & brother & sister-in-law, 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, 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 & brother, Janie Howard's brother, Lynda Trogden's son, Bill Johnson, Christine Stanfel's father, Sherman & Dolores Roberts' grandson, Lisa Shivley, Michelle Howard, Paul Westerfield, Libby Girten, Ray Jones' aunt, Charlene Meadows, Tony Powers, Tony Gilmore's mother, Matthew Molnar, Martha Stites, Marie Montanez's friend, Eric Wedding's mother, Jeremy Vowels, Eva Gentry, Jewell Brown's nephew, Rose Chapman, Sr. Rosanne's brother & aunt, Steve & Carol Crisp's son-in-law, Henry Schwartz, Tim Blandford's cousin, Jeff Moss, Guy Connor, Earl Hayden, WaNell Lanham's nephew, Bill Elder, Pat Roby, Sarah Camp, Mary June Cecil's great-niece, Doris Schrecker

ASSISTED LIVING: Please remember: Rose Slone, David Vowels, Shirley Jarboe, Doug & Betty Howard, Regina Young



MINISTRIES: MARCH 3--5:00PM

SERVERS: Daniel & Gavin Herrmann
LECTORS: Bobby Lomax, Dianne Kelly
CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD: Chrissy Axley
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Carol Riney, Gene Roberts, Michael Murphy, Jeanie Wahl, Eric, Jennifer & Audrey Wedding
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Michael Murphy
GIFT BEARERS: Mary Ellen VanVantor
VOCATION STATUE: Margaret Lancaster
USHERS: Virginia O'Connell, Stefanie, Addi & Tucker Oller
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Knights of Columbus
SACRISTAN: Chrissy Axley

MINISTRIES: MARCH 4--8:00AM

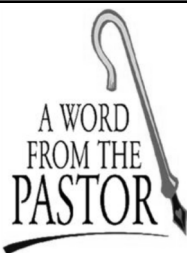
SERVERS: Megan Goodwin, Ethan Daugherty
LECTORS: Kim & Steve Collignon
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Kaleb Daugherty, Vickie Osborne, Jeanette Ebelhar, Cindy Schwartz, Donald & Jennifer Thompson
GIFT BEARERS: Sherman & Dolores Roberts
VOCATION STATUE: Melanie & Natalie Ewing
USHERS: Phil & Kathy Carr, Melissa Daugherty, Cheryl Gabbert
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sr. Rosanne Spalding
SACRISTAN: Cindy Schwartz

MINISTRIES: MARCH 4--10:30AM

SERVERS: Braxton & Briley Powers
LECTORS: Scott Lowe, Rita Jacobs
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Morgan & Griffin Rudy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Michelle Baize, Bob & Lisa Wimsatt, Vickie Belcher, Lydea Dickens, Susie Westerfield, Caleb Wimsatt
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Cindy Schwartz
NURSING HOMES: Davco: Vickie Osborne
 Twin Rivers: Mamie McDaniel
GIFT BEARERS: Scott, Tami & Riley Norris
VOCATION STATUE: Mary Barham
USHERS: Kristen, Brian & Braden Powers, Jared Wink
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Susie Westerfield
SACRISTAN: Michelle Baize

CHURCH CLEANERS: Feb 25-Mar 3: Jeanette, Megan & Natalie Goodwin, Anna Marie Roberts, Sherman & Dolores Roberts

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Daily Transformation Of Ourselves: Fr. Anthony De Mello tells “I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayer to God was: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change the world.’ As I approached middle age and realized that half of my life was gone without changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me; just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied.’ Now that I am old and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change myself.’ If I had prayed for this right from the start, I should not have wasted my life.” Today the second Sunday of Lent the gospel is about the transfiguration of Jesus at Mount Horeb. The transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles to be strong followers. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as the transfiguration strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against our own temptations and a source of renewal for each day.

Transformation From Pro-Choice To Pro-Life: Dr. Peggy Hartshorn, president of Heartbeat International, tells a dramatic story about a young woman seeking an abortion. She simply could not handle having a baby at this time. But she agreed to an ultrasound. When the baby appeared on the screen, the woman was amazed to see the perfectly formed body, the tiny legs and arms moving inside her womb. But the woman kept saying, "No, no, I have to have an abortion." Dr. Hartshorn felt sad. She knew that seventy-five percent of women who see an ultrasound decide to keep their baby - but that twenty-five percent, nevertheless, still have the abortion. It seemed like this woman would be in that twenty-five percent. All of sudden, Dr. Hartshorn's assistant said, "Reach out and take your baby's hand." Dr. Hartshorn thought, "Oh, gosh, why is she saying that?" But the woman raised her hand and touched the monitor. As if by some divine cue, the baby stretched out his arm to the exact place of his mom's hand. On the screen his tiny fingers met hers. She kept her baby. There is a mystery inside each one of us - the mystery of the image of God. Let us pray for an end to abortion and for the acceptance of pro-life.

Funeral Meals: We know death is not the end but is a tunnel through which we enter into the other world. But it is always very sad to see people dying. There is always sadness about departure of the one we love, even if, the departure is only for a short time. But the departure at death brings us the greatest sadness. One of the great ways to comfort and to be with the family is to gather together for a meal after the burial of the departed one. Thanks to Kay Berry, Theresa Lovelace, the Men’s club and all those who do a wonderful job here at Precious Blood with our funeral meals. Thanks to all the families that bring food for the funeral meals. May God bless you for your beautiful service to the grieving families.

Pill for Memory: Two old men are chatting. One man says, "My friend, you must try this memory pill I'm taking. I remember everything. It's an amazing memory booster." The other man says, "Sounds wonderful. What is the name of the pill?" The first man says, "Hmm! The name of the pill ... Let’s see ... Hmmm, what is the name of the flower produced on a garden plant with thorns? It's red ... You give it on Valentine's Day." The other man says, "A rose?" The first man says, "Yes, that's right!" Then, calling for his wife, he says, "Rose, what is the name of that pill which I take to boost my memory?"

God’s blessings,
Fr. Sunnesh Mathew

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will be Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25. 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"Here I am."

Abraham had total trust and confidence in the Lord. The call to priesthood and religious life is about trusting in God enough to give your life to him. If you would like more information about discerning a vocation to priesthood, contact the vocations office: [270-683-1545](tel:270-683-1545)
jason.mcclure@pastoral.org or
www.owensborovocations.com

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Encounter Cesia—We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

St. Sebastian—Wednesday, March 7, 6:00pm
St. Martin—Sunday, March 11, 7:00pm
St. Alphonsus—Tuesday, March 13, 6:00pm
St. Peter—Wednesday, March 14, 6:00pm
Mount St. Joseph—Thursday, March 15, 6:00pm
Immaculate—Tuesday, March 20, 6:00pm
St. Mary Magdalene—Wednesday, March 21, 7:15pm. with Parish Mission
Precious Blood—Thursday, March 22, 6:00pm
St. Stephen—Sunday, March 25, 2:00pm

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS: MARCH 2

Betty Murphy, Mary Kittinger, Diann Shock, Cathy Travis, Monti Millay, Mary Mills, Mary Barham, Vickie Osborne, Pam Leonard, Jeanette Ebelhar, Carol Riney, Tim & Bridgette Molnar, Sharon Tucker, Yvonne Rudy

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to Karen Osborne for cleaning church the week of February 11; to Jeanie Wahl for watering plants.

BULLETIN COVER

This week's bulletin cover features our RCIA participants pictured with Bishop Medley during the Rite of Election at St. Stephen Cathedral.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry here at Precious Blood is in need of the following: peanut butter, jelly, crackers, soups, tuna, tuna helper, hamburger helper, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, instant potatoes, cereal, dry milk, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, paper towels. Thank you for helping us provide for those in need.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Anytime you are needing to get a substitute, Ray can provide you with a list of ministry contacts. See him after mass to get a printed copy. You can also email (rljones1@roadrunner.com) or text ([270-903-6839](tel:270-903-6839)) your request and it will be sent to you.

OWENSBORO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENT MEETING

Fr. Suneesh invites any new families enrolling their children into the Owensboro Catholic School System for the first time to join him for prayer and talk on Tuesday, March 6th at 6:00 pm in Church. Families will be given their Parish Sponsored Voucher for the 2018-2019 school year during this time. If you are not able to attend that day, please make arrangements to meet with Fr. Suneesh personally to get your Parish Sponsored Voucher. Please call Fr. Suneesh at the Parish Office at 270-684-6888 or email suneesh.mathew@pastoral.org to schedule an appointment if needed.

KC SAUSAGE SALE:

Knights of Columbus will be making sausage which will be ready for pickup on Sunday March 11th, 2018 from 9:00 A.M. until 12 P.M. at the burgoo building next to the Parish Hall @ Precious Blood. Sausage will be \$3.50 per pound and will come in 2 lb. bags in fresh, hot, and smoked or links sold by the pound both fresh and smoked. Call Tim Molnar at [270-993-8577](tel:270-993-8577) or Ed Sullivan at [270-570-3192](tel:270-570-3192). If you get no answer please leave a message and we will get back with you.

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

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, February 25—Second Sunday of Lent
Stations of the Cross: 7:30am, 10:00am (Youth Group)

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am (Youth Mass)

Youth Group: 5:00-7:00pm

MONDAY, February 26

St. Mechtilde, *Virgin*

TUESDAY, February 27

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, *Confessor*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

Parish Staff Meeting: 9:00am

Parish Pastoral Council: 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY, February 28

St. Hilarius, *Pope Confessor*

Daily Mass: 6:00pm—**Sacrament of Anointing**

Communion to the Homebound: 9:00am

Adoration, Confession & Stations of the Cross: 5:00-5:45pm

Choir Practice: 6:45pm

Religious Ed: 6:45pm

THURSDAY, March 1

St. David, *Bishop Confessor*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

RCIA: 6:30pm Topic: Reconciliation and Scrutinies

FRIDAY, March 2—World Day of Prayer

St. Chad, *Bishop Confessor*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

Fish Fry: 5:30pm

SATURDAY, March 3

Confessions: 3:30-4:30pm

Stations of the Cross: 4:30pm

Mass: 5:00pm

Pick-up Burgoo/Boston Butts: 4:00pm

SUNDAY, March 4—Third Sunday of Lent

Stations of the Cross: 7:30am (Knights of Columbus), 10:00am

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am (Youth Mass)

Scrutinies: 10:30am

KC Meeting: 6:00pm

**PRECIOUS BLOOD MEN'S CLUB
BURGOO & BOSTON BUTT SALE**

The Men's Club will be selling burgoo (\$18.00 per gallon) and Boston Butts (\$35.00 each) to be ready for pick-up on Saturday, March 3rd at 4:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of church or you may contact Steve Cecil 270-926-1163, Gary Murphy 270-302-1440 or Bruce Tucker 270-771-0095. All proceeds go to the Roofing Fund.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Guy & Kelly Vanover (15) - 3/01/03

Paul & Doris Westerfield (61) - 3/04/57

Please pray for these and all married couples.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**

02/27: Dallas Oost, John Phillips, Brian Powers

02/28: Tim Gabbert

03/01: Lydea Dickens, Joe Edge

03/02: Lori Roberts

03/03: Ryan Arnold, Dean Ewing, Bridgette Molnar, Doris Westerfield

03/04: Chris Castlen, Curtis King



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Andy (Crystal) Johnson, Kyle (Lori) Johnson and families on the death of their father, Curtis "Skip" Johnson Jr.; to Josh (Brandy) Fairchild and family on the death of his aunt, Carol Ruxer May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace!



Precious Blood Fish Fry Schedule:

March 2, 9, 16, 23. Serving time 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. Menu: Fried tilapia, French fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, white beans, baked beans, cornbread, dessert, drink (tea & lemonade). **All you can eat!** Prices: Adults: \$10.00, Children under 12: \$4.00, Children under 4: Free.

In need of desserts (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, cakes) if anyone would like to make a donation.



**PRECIOUS BLOOD
5TH ANNUAL STEAK
DINNER/JOHN DEERE
GATOR REVERSE RAFFLE**

\$70.00 Ticket Price includes: Steak dinner, beverages and chance to win \$5000.00 or John Deere Gator, and several other fantastic prizes ****Only 250 tickets will be sold. Must be 18 years of age to attend. Attendance not required to win**** Please contact Danny Triplett 270-993-2866; Jeanette Ebelhar 270-684-0932, Rita Jacobs 270-302-2142 or stop by the Parish Office (8:00am—2:00pm). Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish Hall, 609 East 4th Street. Saturday, March 17, 2018. Doors Open: 6:00pm. Dinner: 6:30pm. Raffle Starts: 7:00pm.