



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

3306 Fenmore Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 Website: Precious-blood.net

270-684-6888

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 11, 2018

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

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.

*For God so loved the world
That He gave His only begotten Son.*

John 3:16

AGCM, Inc.

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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: MARCH 12-18

Tues. 7:00a.m. Rebecca Spurlock Family
 Wed. 6:00p.m. Billy Taylor: dec.
 Thur. 7:00a.m. Alexander Goodman: dec.
 Fri. 7:00a.m. Skeeter Hagan: dec.
 Sat. 5:00p.m. Mary & George Lanham Jr.
 Sun. 8:00a.m. Janice Evans Pike: dec.
 10:30a.m. OUR PARISH FAMILY

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,000.00
March 4, 2018 Contribution	\$11,767.32
Children's Contributions	\$24.50
Memorial Flower Fund	\$526.00
Total	\$12,318.82
Under/Over this week	\$3,318.92
Under/Over (July 1, 2017 to present)	
In Regular Collections	\$3,471.89
Parish Renovation Fund	
March 4, 2018	\$640.00
Roofing Fund	\$150.00
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$81,527.10

ROOFING FUNDS: Money needed: **\$70,000.00**
 (Replace roof of Parish Hall/School Building, and replace ceiling tiles.) Money received to date: **\$46,027.00** (138 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, 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, 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, Joyce Young, Mike Howard, Cheryl Blum, Linda Ziegler, Jim Head

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



MINISTRIES: MARCH 17-5:00PM

SERVERS: Olivia Hayden, Macy Ward
LECTORS: Vickie Payne, Stefani Oller
CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD: Amanda Murphy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Mamie McDaniel, Margaret Lancaster, Charlene Meadows, Eric Wedding, Norma Moss, Michael Murphy, Carol Riney
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Michael Murphy
GIFT BEARERS: Terry & Lisa Ward Family
VOCATION STATUE: Emma Lanham
USHERS: Louis & Cathy Travis, Bruce & Sharon Tucker
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Bruce Tucker
SACRISTAN: Chrissy Axley

MINISTRIES: MARCH 18-8:00AM

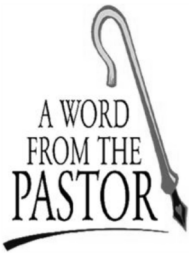
SERVERS: Natalie & Megan Goodwin
LECTORS: Andrea Finley, Jeanette Ebelhar
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Donald & Jennifer Thompson, Sherman & Dolores Roberts, Cindy Schwartz, Lois Sims
GIFT BEARERS: Donald & Jennifer Thompson Family
VOCATION STATUE: Cheryl Gabbert
USHERS: Melanie & Natalie Ewing, Jeanette Goodwin, Imelda Madison
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Jeanette Ebelhar
SACRISTAN: Cindy Schwartz

MINISTRIES: MARCH 18-10:30AM

SERVERS: Ethan & Hunter Wimsatt, Aubrey Johnson
LECTORS: Tami Norris, Denise Pace
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sr. Rosanne Spalding, Lydea Dickens
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Vickie Belcher, Elaine Johnson, Mike Head, Ruth McCarty, Sandra Midkiff, Tom Peak, Kristen Powers
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Cindy Schwartz
NURSING HOMES: Davco: Katie Rudy
 Twin Rivers: Kay Berry
GIFT BEARERS: Brian & Kristen Powers Family
VOCATION STATUE: April Dickens
USHERS: Robbie, Michelle, Linkin & Marley Baize
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Scripture Study Group
SACRISTAN: Susie Westerfield

CHURCH CLEANERS: Mar. 11-17: Linda Jackson, Bridget Larsen, Imelda Madison, Marie Montanez, Sue Thomas

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 11, 2018



Stewardship Sunday: Every Church in the diocese has a weekend where we spend time on reflecting about each person's role in their respective Church family which is called Stewardship Sunday. Often times when we hear the word "Stewardship" we associate it with money. Stewardship is more than money. It is more than the concept of giving of our time, talents and financial resources. Stewardship is a Way of Life. It is recognizing that ALL we have is a gift from God, and because we are SO grateful for what we have received, we freely share those gifts with others. A Church member who actively participates will always be a happy parishioner. Because of our participation in ministry and church life we form relationships, which in turn become the catalyst for us to grow in our faith. March 16-17th will be the Stewardship Weekend here at Precious Blood. You will receive the stewardship forms this week either by mail or at Church. Please fill them out and bring it the weekend of March 16th and 17th. There will be a basket in front of the baptismal font where you can place it.

Pleasing Everyone: An old man, a boy and a donkey were going to town. The boy rode on the donkey and the old man walked. As they went along, they passed some people who remarked it was a shame the old man was walking and the boy was riding. The man and boy thought maybe the critics were right, so they changed positions. Then, later, they passed some people who remarked, What a shame, he makes that little boy walk. So they then decided they would both walk. Soon they passed some more people who thought they were stupid to walk when they had a decent donkey to ride. So they both rode the donkey. Now they passed some people who shamed them by saying how awful to put such a load on a poor donkey. The boy and man figured they were probably right, so they decided to carry the donkey. As they crossed the bridge, they lost their grip on the animal and he fell into the river and drowned. The moral of the story? If we try to please everyone, we might as well. Kiss our "donkey" goodbye. And even this ending won't please everyone.

The Tradition: A Jewish father in the U.S. was concerned about his son. He had not truly raised him in the faith of Judaism. So, hoping to strengthen his son's faith, the father sent him to Israel so that the boy could experience his heritage. A year later the young man returned home. He said, "Father, thank you for sending me to the land of our Fathers. It was wonderful and enlightening. However, I must confess that while in Israel I converted to Christianity." "Oh (groan) what have I done?" the father thought. So, in the tradition of the patriarchs, he went to his best friend and sought his advice and solace. "It is amazing that you should come to me," stated his friend, "I, too, sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian." So, in the tradition of the Patriarchs, they went to the Rabbi. "It is amazing that you should come to me," stated the Rabbi, "I, too, sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian. What is happening to our sons?" "Brothers, we must take this to the Lord," said the Rabbi. They fell to their knees and began to wail and pour out their hearts to the Almighty. As they prayed, the clouds above opened, and a mighty voice stated, "Amazing that you should come to Me. I, too, sent My Son to Israel..."

God's blessings,
Fr. Suneesh Mathew

The Men's Lenten Discernment Retreat is a retreat for men ages 18-30 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. There will be time for prayer, reflection, and rest. The Men's Discernment Retreat will be held on March 23-25 (Palm Sunday Weekend) at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. There is no cost to attend but registration is necessary. Registration deadline is March 19th. For more information and to register online, contact the vocations office: [270-683-1545](tel:270-683-1545), jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com

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 _____

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will be Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33. 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light."

Fear often keeps us from discerning God's will for us. Today's Gospel reminds us to live in God's light – a call to be courageous in following Christ wherever he leads us and to trust that he will only lead us to goodness. If you would like more information about discerning a vocation to priesthood, contact the vocations office: [270-683-1545](tel:270-683-1545)
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OPERATION RICE BOWL

Encounter Andrise—We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety and better opportunities? Visit csrcricebowl.org for more.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

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 16

Tim & Bridgette Molnar, Jeanette Ebelhar, Chris & Karen Thompson, Susie Westerfield, Debbie Durbin, Vickie Payne, Betty Whitehouse, Terry Edge, Rina Coppage

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to Sherman & Dolores Roberts, Anna Marie Roberts for cleaning church the week of February 25; to Jeanie Wahl for watering plants.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship forms will be mailed out this week. We ask that you review the commitment form, fill it out and return it to Church on Stewardship Sunday, March 17-18.

Please place forms in the baskets on the Baptismal font when you enter Church. Even if your family is unable to commit time and talent to a ministry, we ask that you still complete the form to verify that our Church records are up to date with your address, phone numbers, email, etc.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK

Volunteers are needed for all ministry positions for Holy Thursday (March 29, 6:00pm), Good Friday (March 30, 6:00pm) and the Easter Vigil (March 31, 8:00pm). Sign up sheets will be in the Gathering Space next weekend, March 17th & 18th..

LOOKING AHEAD

Parish Picnic—Saturday, June 2, 2018.

We are asking for donations of tea bags, lemonade mix (no pink), rolls of clear cellophane wrap (Can be found in craft section at Walmart, Hobby Lobby, Party Paper Place and Party Place.) for this year's picnic.

Start going through your stuffed animals—We need donations for the Adopt-A-Pet Booth. Please make sure they are clean and in good shape.

Also in need of empty baskets of all sizes for the Silent Auction Booth. Never too early to start thinking about what type of basket you want to make for the picnic: Garden, Fishing, Golf, Car Wash, Sports Theme, Beach, Laundry, Home Décor, Restaurant, etc.).

If you want to donate items for a basket, we can put it together for you, or you can make a cash donation. Questions, call the Parish Office at 270-684-6888.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Join us for an evening of fun at Elite Air Trampoline Park March 25th. Meet at the church at 4:00pm. We will return at 6:00pm for food, fun and fellowship. Bring \$8.00 to jump and a toiletry item for the men at St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter

St. Stephen Cathedral is hosting a Holy Hour on March 25th from 7:00-8:00pm for the Youth of Owensboro to gather in Adoration in preparation for Holy Week. All youth are welcome. If you come to Elite Air, we will leave for Holy Hour as a group from the church.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, March 11—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Stations of the Cross: 7:30am, 10:00am

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

Scrutinies: 8:00am

Youth 2000: 8:30am at Brescia

Pick-up KC Sausage: 9:00am-12:00pm

St. Martin Lenten Penance Service: 7:00pm

MONDAY, March 12

St. Theophanes, *Abbot*

St. Vincent De Paul Society: 5:30pm

Parish Education/Formation: 6:00pm

TUESDAY, March 13

St. Euphrasia, *Virgin*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

Parish Staff Meeting: 9:00am

St. Alphonsus Lenten Penance Service: 6:00pm

Finance Committee: 6:00pm

Worship/Spiritual Life Committee: 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, March 14

St. Matilda, *Queen*

Daily Mass: 6:00pm

Communion to the Homebound: 9:00am

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

St. Peter Lenten Penance Service: 6:00pm

Choir Practice: 6:45pm

Religious Ed: 6:45pm

THURSDAY, March 15

St. Louise De Marillac, *Widow*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

Mount St. Joseph Lenten Penance Service: 6pm

RCIA: 6:30pm Topic: Matrimony and Holy Orders

FRIDAY, March 16

St. Heribert, *Bishop of Cologne*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

Fish Fry: 5:30pm

SATURDAY, March 17—**Stewardship Weekend—**

Please Turn In Your Stewardship Forms

Confessions: 3:30-4:30pm

Stations of the Cross: 4:30pm

Mass: 5:00pm

Scrutinies: 5:00pm

Reverse Raffle: Doors Open: 6:00pm

SUNDAY, March 18—Fifth Sunday of Lent—

Stewardship Weekend—Please Turn In Your Stewardship Forms

Stations of the Cross: 7:30am, 10:00am (Scripture Study)

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

1st Communion Formation: 9:00-10:15am

Sr. Rosanne's Birthday



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dennie & Cindy Dowell (27) - 03/16/91

Justin & Stacy Hentz (6) - 03/17/12

Please pray for these and all married couples.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**



03/12: Timothy Fairchild, Larry Jollay

03/13: Louis Beldotti, Donna Osborne,
Joyce Riney, Myra Weis

03/14: Betty Howard, John Rudy

03/15: Sean Borland, Marianne Jones, Paul
Westerfield

03/17: Ashley Berry

03/18: Mikayla Berry, Jim McCarter, Sr. Rosanne
Spalding



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to David Vowels and family on the death of his son, Jeremy Vowels. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace.

Fish Frys here at Precious Blood are scheduled for March 16, 23. Serving time 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. **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 **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. Date: Saturday, March 17, 2018. Doors Open: 6:00pm. Dinner: 6:30pm. Raffle Starts: 7:00pm.



Special thanks to Steve Cecil, Gary Millay and Gary Murphy for cleaning out the gutters.