



# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 24, 2019**

*The Lord is kind and merciful. Psalm 103*

**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.



Pictured with Fr. Suneesh and Sr Rosanne are this year's RCIA Candidates and Catechumen who attended the Rite of Election this past Sunday evening at St. Stephen Cathedral. (Front Row) Randall Jones, Rachel Parsons, Justin Bailey and Harrison Spain. (Back Row) Sponsors: Susan Jones, Bryant Horsley, Catie Warren and Jacinta Young. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

#### ***PASTORAL STAFF***

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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 25-31**

Tues. 7:00a.m. Merici Millay: dec.  
Wed. 6:00p.m. Rosie Sims Bartlett: dec.  
Thur. 7:00a.m. Thomas Kasey: dec.  
Fri. 7:00a.m. Marie Montanez: Birthday  
Sat. 5:00p.m. Dell Storm: dec.  
Sun. 8:00a.m. Virginia Rudy: dec.  
10:30a.m. OUR PARISH FAMILY

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,000.00
March 17, 2019 Contribution	\$6,229.17
Children's Contributions	\$7.64
Total	\$6,236.81
Under/Over this week	-\$2,763.19
Under/Over (July 1, 2018 to present)	
In Regular Collections	\$5,513.23
Parish Renovation Fund	
March 17, 2019	\$230.00
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$12,347.68

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WORD**

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember, Nancy Best, Janie Payne, Glenn Young & brother, Marie Hester, Bonnie Glenn, Jerry Blandford, Mary Ellen VanVactor's brother, Sharon Bumm's mother, Karen Osborne, Mary Kittinger & mother & brother, 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, Jamie Berry, Tony & Donna Gilmore's niece, Pat Fogle, Joe Cecil's father, Ruth McCarty's grandson-in-law, Barbara Mingus, Marion Willett's brother, Ron Boarman, Travis & Amanda VanBussum, Vicki Howard, Maxine Smith, Anna Carol Murphy, Declan Fogle, Gary Murphy's brother, Judy Fischer, Helen Byers, Tim Blandford's sister, Kristen Powers, Joe Bittel, Luke Dickens, Clint Howard, Paul Bickwermert Jr., Dennie Blair, Judy Sullivan, Carol Crisp's nephew, Kathy Carr, Kaitlin Nugent

**ASSISTED LIVING:** Please remember: Shirley Jarboe, Doug & Betty Howard, Debbie Sapp, Helen Schwartz, Clara Gilles, Lois Sims, Mary Ann Postlewaite, JB Smith, DiAnn Millay

Called to *Serve*

**MINISTRIES: MARCH 30—5:00PM**

**SERVERS:** Youth

**LECTORS:** Youth

**CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Amanda Murphy

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Youth

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** Michael Murphy

**GIFT BEARERS:** Youth

**VOCATION STATUE:** Brad & Virginia O'Connell

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Youth

**USHERS:** Youth

**SACRISTAN:** Chrissy Axley

**MINISTRIES: MARCH 31—8:00AM**

**SERVERS:** Megan & Natalie Goodwin

**LECTORS:** Jeanette Ebelhar, Andrea Finley

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Rose & Jim McCarter, Sarah Calvin, Kim Collignon, Vickie Osborne, Cindy Schwartz

**GIFT BEARERS:** Jim & Joyce Riney

**VOCATION STATUE:** Eddie & Monti Millay

**USHERS:** Eddie & Monti Millay, Bryan Lanham, Imelda Madison

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Knights of Columbus

**SACRISTAN:** Cindy Schwartz

**MINISTRIES: MARCH 31—10:30AM**

**SERVERS:** Ben Johnson, Samira Crowe, Aubrey Johnson

**LECTORS:** Susie Westerfield, Bob Wimsatt

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Lydea Dickens,

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Lisa Edge, Lisa Wimsatt, Lance Dickens, Tom, Debbie & Kaitlyn Durbin, Jared Wink,

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** Cindy Schwartz

**NURSING HOMES:** Davco: Vickie Osborne  
Twin Rivers: Kay Berry

**GIFT BEARERS:** Paul & Carolyn Dornburg

**VOCATION STATUE:** Shane & April Dickens, Family

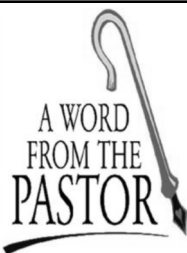
**USHERS:** Otis & Rita Webb, Tanner & Trey Roberts

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Knights of Columbus

**SACRISTAN:** Susie Westerfield

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** March 24-30: Doris Westerfield, Cameron & Kristina Devine, Marie Montanez, Susan Johnson, Pauline Langdon

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 24, 2019



**Clean and Contrite Heart:** The words of Jesus in the Gospel of this Sunday are very strong: “But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will perish as they did!” In other words, whatever misfortune happened to other people – whether they are natural disasters or personal sins and scandals - could also happen to us at any time. St. Augustine warns us on this: “There is no sin or crime committed by another which I myself am not capable of committing through my weakness; and if I have not committed it, it is because God, in His mercy, has not allowed me to and has preserved me in good.” Seeking forgiveness is the quality of the strong person. The Book of Proverb says, a just man sins 7 times a day. As we are in the season of Lent let us make use of the opportunity to make a good confession.

**Pearls of Our Church:** I love seeing parents bring their little children to Mass. They are pearls and make me happy. In his autobiography, “Out of My Life and Thought”, Albert Schweitzer said that one of the main things his parents did for him as a child was to take him to worship services, even though he was too young to understand much of what was going on. He claimed it is not important that children understand everything. What is important is “that they shall feel something of what is serious and solemn....” I sincerely thank all the parents who take extra initiatives to bring their children to the Church. Don’t ever hesitate to use the cry room if they are uncontrollable.

**Words of Gratitude:** We read in Hebrews 13:15-16 Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God. I want to express my sincere thanks to our Fundraising Committee that make our annual Reverse Raffle Dinner possible. They work hard and share their time and efforts. Thanks to Danny Triplett, Bruce Tucker, Rita Jacobs, Stefanie Oller, Jeanette Ebelhar, Bryan Lanham and Julie Stallings for their voluntary service and love toward this parish. We also thank all those who helped cook, cut up vegetables, serve, set-up, clean-up, help to sell the 50/50 and quilt tickets the night of the event.. May God bless you all!

**The Young Man and the Girl:** In a party, a handsome guy approached a girl and asked, “Are you going to dance?” The girl felt so happy that someone finally asked her. “Yes, of course!” she replied as she quickly stood up. The guy said, “That’s good because I need your chair.” It would not be surprising if the girl had smashed his face with the chair

God’s blessings, Fr. Suneesh Mathew

### PRECIOUS BLOOD ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Starting with our May envelope packets you will see that we now have envelopes for Precious Blood’s St. Vincent de Paul Society on a monthly basis instead of only the fifth Sunday. **ALL proceeds are used by our Precious Blood St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist those who are in need in our surrounding neighborhood/community.** Precious Blood’s St. Vincent de Paul Society has an office here at Precious Blood. Office hours are: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am—11:00am. Call the Parish Office at 270-684-6888 and we can transfer you to the St. Vincent de Paul Society office if assistance needed. Any donations are greatly appreciated! Thanks to your generosity we can help those in need.



**Register by PHONE** (for NEW participants) Call Kroger Customer Service at 1-800-576-4377. When prompted, choose Option #3. Tell the service representative you would like to enroll your Kroger Card in the Community Rewards Program. Be prepared to give them your Kroger Card number (on your card or key tag), or your telephone number or Alternate I.D. When asked, tell the service representative you would like to support Precious Blood Church. Our identification number is US778.

**Register ONLINE** (for NEW participants) Go to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) If you are not registered ONLINE as a Kroger Rewards customer click the "Create an Account" button and have your Kroger Plus Card handy. Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions. You will then get an e-mail message from Kroger and then you will know your online account is set up. Go back to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and click on "Enroll Now" button. Click on "Edit Kroger Community Rewards" information and input your Kroger Plus card number— it is the number on the back of your card. Update or confirm the rest of your account information on the Account Summary page including under Community Rewards. There you click the "Enroll" button and enter your name and address and hit the "Save" button. Now enter NPO number US778 or select Precious Blood Church from the list and click on confirm and click the "Enroll" button. Then you can sign out. Thanks for linking your Kroger Plus Card to Precious Blood parish.



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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will be Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. 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.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

**Encounter Dhathcroos Family**—The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Blessed Mother—Sunday, March 24, 2:00pm  
St. Mary Magdalene—Sunday, March 31, 6:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth—Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.  
St. Alphonsus—Thursday, April 4, 6:00 p.m.  
St. Pius Tenth—Thursday, April 4, 6:00pm  
St. Martin—Sunday, April 7, 6:45 p.m.  
St. Mary of the Woods—Monday, April 8, 6:00pm  
**Precious Blood—Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.**  
St. Lawrence—Tuesday, April 9, 6:00pm  
St. Peter, Wednesday—April 10, 6:00 p.m.  
Immaculate, Thursday—April 11, 6:00 p.m.  
St. Stephen, Sunday—April 14, 2:00 p.m.  
St. Sebastian—To Be Announced

### YOUNG ADULT LENTEN RETREAT

The Retreat will take place on Saturday, April 13th from 8:00am to 5:00pm at the Passionist Monastery, 8564 Crisp Road, Whitesville. Come join other Young Adults from across the Diocese for a day of prayer, renewal, and rest. Cost is \$25/includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register or if you would like for more info. go to <https://owensborodiocese.org/young-adult-retreat-day/> or visit Diocese of Owensboro Young Adult Ministry Facebook page.

### REGISTRATION AND TUITION ASSISTANCE DEADLINES

Tuition Assistance for returning families – Ends March 31, 2019  
Tuition Assistance for New Families – No deadline – but encourage families to apply as soon as possible as funds are limited.  
Registration for returning families – Ends March 31 – Late fee of \$200 begins April 1.  
Registration for new families – Ongoing – and never have a registration fee as a new family.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

If you haven't turned in your Stewardship form, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. 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.

If you did not receive a Stewardship form, call the Parish Office at 270-684-6888 and we can send you one or you can pick one up at the entrances of church.

### CATHEDRAL PRESCHOOL – AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Cathedral Preschool is currently seeking a Full-Time After-School Program Coordinator.

**Qualifications:** Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have two years or previous experience working with preschool aged children. Possess basic knowledge and understanding of preschool aged children. Be a self-starter and perform job with little supervision. Possess the ability to communicate verbally and in writing. Ability to maintain confidentiality in all aspects of job. The ability to successfully complete a criminal history and background check.

**Contact Details:** Cathedral Preschool is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. All interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter to Pam Weafer, Director at [pam.weafer@pastoral.org](mailto:pam.weafer@pastoral.org) or Cathedral Preschool, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301

### JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING!!!

The Owensboro Catholic High School Football team is having a Barky Beaver Mulch Fundraiser! Hardwood mulch \$5.00 a bag, each bag covers 2 cubic feet. Pick-up at Owensboro SportsCenter parking lot on Saturday, April 13th from 8:00am—11:00am or Free Delivery!!! All orders and money are due in by Monday, April 8th. Contact Lori Roberts at 270-993-8597 or any Aces high school football player!! Thanks for your support!!!

### THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to Geri Jones. for cleaning church the week of March 10; to Jeanie Wahl for watering plants.

Thanks goes to Dale Meserve, Michael Thompson and Louis Travis for installing the TV in the Youth Group room this past week.

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY**, March 24—3rd Sunday of Lent

**Stations of the Cross: 4:30pm**

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

**Lenten Bible Study with Fr. Suneesh: 9:00-10:00am in Parish Hall**

First Communion Formation: 9:00-10:15am

Blessed Mother Lenten Penance Service: 2:00pm

**Youth Group: Ice Skating 1:00-4:00pm, Meeting & Blessing of Youth Room: 4:00-6:00pm**

**MONDAY**, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

**TUESDAY**, March 26

St. Ludger, *Bishop Confessor*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

Parish Staff Meeting: 10:00am

**Parish Pastoral Council: 6:00pm**

**WEDNESDAY**, March 27

St. John of Egypt, *Hermit*

Daily Mass: 6:00pm

Communion to the Homebound: 9:00am

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

**Sacrament of Anointing: 6:00pm**

Choir Practice: 6:45pm

Religious Ed: 6:45pm

**THURSDAY**, March 28

St. Sixtus III, *Pope*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

RCIA: 6:30pm—Topic: Conversion, Discernment

**FRIDAY**, March 29

St. Rupert, *Bishop Confessor*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

**Fish Fry: 5:30pm**

**SATURDAY**, March 30

**Stations of the Cross: 4:30pm**

Confessions: 3:30-4:30pm

Mass: 5:00pm (Youth Mass)

**SUNDAY**, March 31—4th Sunday of Lent

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

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

2nd Scrutiny for the Elect: 8:00am

**Lenten Bible Study with Fr. Suneesh: 9:00-10:00am in Parish Hall**

St. Mary Magdalene Lenten Penance Service: 6:00pm



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Tommy & Pam Leonard (45) - 3/30/74

Please pray for these and all married couples.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS**



03/25: Joshua Fairchild, Janie Payne, Juan Cruz

03/27: Lisa Fulkerson, Earl Hayden, Jimmy Jones, Lolah Ebelhar

03/28: Allison Cecil, Hessi Johnson

03/29: Marie Montanez, Joe Newton, Tommy Schwartz

03/30: Jacob Payne, Mae Powers

03/31: Bill Allen, Guy Connor, Ben Johnson



**ST. BENEDICT HOMELESS SHELTER**  
**Feed the Hungry-Sat., March 30**

Volunteers scheduled: Jeanette Ebelhar, Cheryl Gabbert, Donna Gilmore, Mary Hartz, Pat Layson, Deanne Newton, Tony & Charlotte Powers, Eric, Jennifer, Audrey & Mark Wedding - Meet in the Parish Hall after the 5:00 p.m. Mass to prepare the meal.

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**



**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Raffle tickets have been ordered. We will get those out to families as soon as possible.

**ITEMS NEEDED:** We are asking for donations of tea bags, lemonade (NO PINK), bottled water, canned soft drinks, rolls of clear cellophane wrap (can be found in craft section at Walmart, Hobby Lobby, Party City, Party Paper Place) or we will accept cash donations to help purchase these items. All items can be placed in the boxes located at the entrances of church or bring by the Parish Office.

**ADOPT-A-PET:** 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.

The **SILENT AUCTION BOOTH** is in need of empty baskets of all sizes. Also be thinking about what type of basket you can put together to donate for the picnic (Sports Theme, Garden, Fishing, Golf, Car Wash, 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.



**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Toni (Mike) Conder, Sonja (Dennis) Jewell and families on the death of their father, Mike C. Goodman. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace!



**YOUTH GROUP MEALS**

March 24: Joni Blair, Monti Millay