



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! Philippians 2:8-9

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, 6:00pm; 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: MAR. 26-APRIL 1

Tues. 6:30p.m. Chrism Mass/Sportscenter
 Wed. 6:00p.m. Roland & Anna L. Pike: dec.
 Thur. 6:00p.m. *Holy Thursday:*
 Marie Montanez: Birthday
 Fri. 6:00p.m. *Good Friday*
 Sat. 8:00p.m. *Holy Saturday:* Ima Axley
 Sun. 8:00a.m. *Easter:* Virginia Rudy: dec.
 10:30a.m. *Easter:* OUR PARISH FAMILY

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,000.00
March 18, 2018 Contribution	\$
Children's Contributions	\$
Total	\$
Under/Over this week	\$
Under/Over (July 1, 2017 to present)	
In Regular Collections	\$
Parish Renovation Fund	
March 18, 2018	\$
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$

Financial information not available at time of printing.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

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, Clara Gilles, 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, Cherlyn Blum, Linda Ziegler, Jim Head, Liz Hawkins

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



HOLY THURSDAY: MARCH 29, 6:00PM

12 APOSTLES FOR THE WASHING OF FEET: Jim & Rose McCarter, Olivia Hayden, Linniah Powell, Carol Riney, Susie Westerfield, Spencer Clark, Tristan Logsdon, Ben Murphy, Terry Edge, TBA, TBA

MINISTRIES: MARCH 31—8:00PM

SERVERS: Lance Dickens, Aubrey Johnson, Daniel Jacobs/Candle

LECTORS: Jeff Hagan, Vickie Payne, Joyce Riney, Bridgette & Tim Molnar

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Linda Connor, Jeanie Wahl, Need Four Volunteers

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Michael Murphy

GIFT BEARERS: Bob & Dalton Devine Family

VOCATION STATUE: Mamie McDaniel

USHERS: Marion & Aleta Willett, Bill Allen, Mary Boling,

SACRISTAN: Sr. Rosanne Spalding

MINISTRIES: APRIL 1—8:00AM

SERVERS: Zack & Danyelle Thompson

LECTORS: John Rudy, Donald Thompson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sherman & Dolores Roberts, Betty Murphy, Vickie Osborne, Cindy Schwartz, Sr. Mary Diane Taylor

GIFT BEARERS: Melanie & Natalie Ewing

VOCATION STATUE: Stella Kaelin

USHERS: Tony Payne, Jim Riney, Katie & Laura Rudy

SACRISTAN: Sr. Rosanne Spalding

MINISTRIES: APRIL 1—10:30AM

SERVERS: Elise Beaty, Lance Dickens, Luke Quinn

LECTORS: Travis VanBussum, Susie Westerfield

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Lisa Edge, Debbie, Tom & Kaitlyn Durbin, Lydae Dickens, Lisa Fulkerson, Jeff Hagan

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Cindy Schwartz

NURSING HOMES: Davco: Vickie Osborne
 Twin Rivers: Gene Roberts

GIFT BEARERS: Denise Pace, Hunter Small

VOCATION STATUE: Jeannie Howard

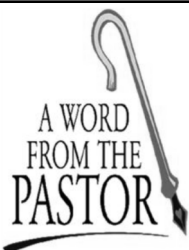
USHERS: Jerry Blandford, Gary Blum, Linda Clark, Cindy Dowell

SACRISTAN: Sandra Midkiff

CHURCH CLEANERS: Mar. 25—31: Vickie

Belcher, Theresa Lowe, Carol Riney, Katie Rudy, Kelly Vanover, Joyce Young

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Holy Week: Philippians 2: 6-9 summarizes beautifully, the meaning of Holy Week- what it truly means. Christ Jesus, who “though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, becoming obedient to death; even death on a cross, Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Lent is the time to “empty ourselves” so we can “become obedient.” God fills that emptiness with enough grace to break the chains that keep us bound to sinfulness.

Holy Thursday: We remember the Last Supper and the context of the Passover Feast Jesus shared with his beloved disciples. We celebrate the Institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper- the First Holy Communion. We reenact Christ’s service and humility in the washing of feet. We know of His real presence in the simple bread and wine we consume at Mass, but we must see Christ in the faces of our neighbor. “We are confronted with the reality that we can not love God unless we love people around us. We strip the altar and take the consecrated bread to a place of repose where we adore Christ’s real presence. It will be in our Parish Hall. We leave in silence to continue the paschal fast. Our Holy Thursday service will begin at 6:00pm.

Good Friday: For the Good Friday Service the altar is bare, without cloths, candles, or a cross. It is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. We hear God’s Word, we send our Universal Prayers to God and venerate the cross. There will be no celebration of Mass - our Lord waits in the form of bread and will be brought in for the Communion Service which concludes the Good Friday Service. We leave in silence continuing the paschal fast. Our Good Friday Service is at 6:00pm.

Easter Vigil: The Mass in the Holy Night is “Purposeful or watchful staying awake during the ordinary hours of sleep.” We gather, we wait, we watch. We wait in longing for Christ to rise from the tomb. We begin in darkness outside the church with the service of light to remember that Christ is the light of the World. We fill the church with Alleluias and sing the Gloria for the first time in six weeks which shows our Joy of Christ’s resurrection. Incense is offered and bells are rung. Those preparing for full communion into our faith receive their Sacraments of Initiation and we all renew our Baptismal promises. Our Easter Vigil Service will begin at 8:00pm. Easter Sunday Masses will be 8:00am and 10: 30am.

To Heaven or to Hell: The miserly millionaire called a family conference. I am placing a box of money in the attic, he said. When I die, I intend to grab it on my way up to heaven. See to it that no one touches it until it’s my time to go. The family respected his wishes. After his death the millionaire’s wife looked in the attic, the box was still there. “The fool!” she said. “I told him he should have put it in the basement.”

God’s blessings,
Fr. Suneesh Mathew

ACETTES DANCE COACH – OCHS

OCHS is looking for an experienced and knowledgeable Acettes Dance coach to run team practices, events and performances. This position will help with the development of the program by working closely with dancers on skill development, team work and leadership. Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to work cooperatively with students, staff, administration and parents. Candidates must have a bachelor’s degree. Preferred Practicing Catholic. Employment is conditional upon successful completion of a background check. Owensboro Catholic High School is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. Resumes should be submitted to Gates Settle, Owensboro Catholic High School, [1524 W. Parrish Ave., Owensboro, KY, 42301](https://www.owensborocatholic.org), or e-mail to gates.settle@owensborocatholic.org

HEAD CHEERLEADING COACH – OCHS

OCHS is looking for an experienced and knowledgeable Cheerleading coach. Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to work cooperatively with students, staff, administration and parents. Candidates must have a bachelor’s degree. Preferred Practicing Catholic. Employment is conditional upon successful completion of a background check. Owensboro Catholic High School is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. Resumes should be submitted to Gates Settle, Owensboro Catholic High School, [1524 W. Parrish Ave., Owensboro, KY, 42301](https://www.owensborocatholic.org), or e-mail to gates.settle@owensborocatholic.org

FULL TIME SPANISH TEACHER – OCHS

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will be Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9 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 Our Neighbors—We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit rsricebowl.org for more.

LENTE PENANCE SERVICES

St. Stephen—Sunday, March 25, 2:00pm

ST. BENDICT HOMELESS SHELTER

Feed the Hungry—Saturday, March 31, 2018

Volunteers Scheduled: Mary Barham, Kay Berry, Gary Blum, Terry, Lisa, Macy, Maggie & Molly Ward, Jeanette Goodwin

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CARD PARTY/ BUNCO/ RAFFLE

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall—Thursday, April 19th, 10:00am—2:00pm. \$7.00 includes lunch. Bring your group to play cards or join others for a fun game of Bunco

SPECIAL OLYMPICS & ARC OF OWENSBORO

Presents Blacklight Bingo! Guest caller will be Chad Benefield from WBKR!! Friday, April 13, 2018. Calling starts at 6:45pm but the party starts at 5:30pm! Price of tickets are \$25.00 (Includes dinner, music, prizes, raffles, bingo papers, daubers and blacklight bling!) To purchase tickets, please contact Sally Phillips at 270-577-8856 or Kim Johnson at 270-314-7621.

GASPER RIVER SUMMER CAMP

Registration is open to attend summer camp at Gasper River! Campus fill up quickly so visit www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org to get signed up today! Camps available for incoming third graders through young adults. Come and Encounter Jesus Christ this summer!

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, birthdays, anniversary dates, etc.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

Mark your calendars

Parish Picnic—Saturday, June 2, 2018.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

No one should have to live with abuse, and the Diocese of Owensboro, in keeping with the laws of Kentucky and of the Church, encourages any victim of sexual abuse to make the abuse known by contacting local law enforcement (911), the Child Protection Hotline 1-877-KYSAFE (1-877-597-2331 toll-free). If the abuse involves Church personnel, either paid or volunteer, please also contact the Diocese's Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, to make a report and begin the healing process. The diocese's commitment to combat sexual abuse concerns can be noted in its revised sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014, which can be found in the Parish Office as well as on the diocesan website, www.rcdok.org/safe.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, March 30th in observance of Good Friday.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, March 25—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

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

St. Stephen Cathedral Lenten Penance Service: 2:00pm

Youth Group: Elite Air Trampoline Park: 4:00pm

Return for Food, Fun & Fellowship: 6:00pm

Palm Sunday Holy Hour at St. Stephen Cathedral: 7:00-8:00pm

MONDAY, March 26

St. Ludger *Bishop Confessor*

TUESDAY, March 27

St. John of Egypt, *Hermit*

No Daily Mass

Parish Staff Meeting: 9:00am

Chrism Mass: 6:30pm at Sportscenter

WEDNESDAY, March 28

St. Sixtus III, *Pope*

Daily Mass: 6:00pm

Communion to the Homebound: 9:00am

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

Sacrament of Anointing: 6:00pm

Choir Practice: 6:45pm

Religious Ed: 6:45pm

THURSDAY, March 29—Holy Thursday

St. Rupert, *Bishop Confessor*

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:00pm

Adoration After Mass until 9:00pm in the Parish Hall

FRIDAY, March 30—Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)—Day of Fast and Abstinence

Good Friday Service: 6:00pm

Good Friday Blood Drive: 10:00am-2:00pm in Parish Hall.

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, March 31—Holy Saturday

Confessions: 3:30-4:30pm

Easter Vigil Service: 8:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt: 12:00pm on Church grounds

St. Benedict Homeless Shelter—Feed the Hungry: 6:00pm at Precious Blood

Holy Saturday Reception: After 8:00pm Service in Parish Hall

SUNDAY, April 1—Solemnity of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Tommy & Pam Leonard (44) 3/30/74

Please pray for these and all married couples.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**



03/26: Juan Cruz

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

03/28: Hessi Johnson

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

03/30: Mae Powers

03/31: Guy Connor



The Diocesan Chrism Mass—The oils to be used in the sacraments during the year are blessed and distributed by the Bishop to the parishes throughout the Diocese.

The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed while the Sacred Chrism used during baptism, confirmation and Holy Orders is consecrated by the Bishop. **Tuesday, March 27th at 6:30pm** at the Owensboro Sportscenter.

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

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday—Eucharistic Liturgy at **6:00 pm** in Church followed by a procession to the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall. **Adoration until 9:00 pm.**

Good Friday—The Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ Service at **6:00 pm** in Church.

Holy Saturday—The Easter Vigil—the night God turned death to Life: **Vigil at 8:00 pm.**

Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ: **Sunday—8:00 am, 10:30 am**

Good Friday Blood Drive—Knights of Columbus Council #10725 will sponsor a Blood Drive here at Precious Blood on Friday, March 30th from 10:00am—2:00pm in the Parish Hall. All donors must be at least 17 years old or be 16 with parental consent, donor must weigh at least 110 pounds and must check medications with center staff, donor should have eaten a good meal prior to donation, and must allow 56 days between donations. Donor gets a free T-shirt.

Easter Egg Hunt—The Family/Social Life Committee will have our Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 31st starting at noon** here on the church grounds for children preschool through 3rd grade. Don't forget to bring your basket! (Rain or shine)