



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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270-684-6888

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 31, 2019

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Psalm 34

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

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: APRIL 1-7

Tues. 7:00a.m. Linda Jackson Family
Wed. 6:00p.m. Ronnie Osborne: dec.
Thur. 7:00a.m. Bob Goetz: dec.
Fri. 7:00a.m. Ruth Konkright: dec.
Sat. 5:00p.m. Greg Devine: dec.
Sun. 8:00a.m. OUR PARISH FAMILY
10:30a.m. Florence McCarthy: dec.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,000.00
March 24, 2019 Contribution	\$9,099.79
Children's Contributions	\$9.42
Total	\$9,109.21
Under/Over this week	\$109.21
Under/Over (July 1, 2018 to present)	
In Regular Collections	\$5,622.44
Parish Renovation Fund	
March 24, 2019	\$472.00
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$12,819.68

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WORD

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he's been given.

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: APRIL 6—5:00PM

SERVERS: Juan Cruz, Will Fulkerson, Gavin Herrmann
LECTORS: Bruce Tucker, Dan Chelstrom
CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD: Madison Chino, Virginia O'Connell
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Olivia Hayden, John & Kristy Fulkerson, Guy & Linda Connor, Logan Jones, Mamie McDaniel
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Mike Howard
GIFT BEARERS: Rita Cecil, Shirley Ralph
VOCATION STATUE: Stefanie Oller
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Dot Lomax
USHERS: Sarah Gaddis, Terry & Tracey Black, Mary Boling
SACRISTAN: Chrissy Axley

MINISTRIES: APRIL 7—8:00AM

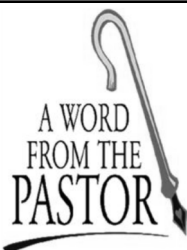
SERVERS: Zack & Danyelle Thompson
LECTORS: Carolyn Hust, Stephanie Millay
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Kim Collignon, Donald & Jennifer Thompson, Sarah Calvin, Tony Gilmore, Sr. Mary Diane Taylor
GIFT BEARERS: Sherman & Dolores Roberts
VOCATION STATUE: Gary & Betty Murphy
USHERS: Gary & Betty Murphy, George & Anna Carol Murphy
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Vickie Osborne
SACRISTAN: Sr. Rosanne Spalding

MINISTRIES: APRIL 7—10:30AM

SERVERS: Kambri Hamilton, Matthew Molnar, Hunter Wimsatt
LECTORS: Joe & Mary June Cecil
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Leslie Clark, Lydea Dickens
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Charlie Johnson, Tonya Hamilton, Lisa Fulkerson, Mike Head, Elaine Johnson, Sandra Midkiff
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Tony Gilmore
NURSING HOMES: Davco: Melissa Riney
Twin Rivers: Mamie McDaniel
GIFT BEARERS: Tom & Debbie Durbin Family
VOCATION STATUE: Tom & Debbie Durbin Family
USHERS: Brad & Alissa Wimsatt, Bob & Lisa Wimsatt
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Betty Whitehouse
SACRISTAN: Michelle Baize

CHURCH CLEANERS: Mar.31-April 6: Kathy & Jennifer Phillips, Carter Moss, Donna O'Flynn, Karen Osborne, Tricia Scott

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 31, 2019



Experiencing God’s Forgiveness: Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). Anticipating Easter joy, today’s readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and the confession of our sins and by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God. Today’s Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his “homecoming” where he discovers his father’s forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the rejoicing of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honor, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community and his God. At the same time, by presenting a self-righteous elder brother, the parable invites us to avoid self-righteousness and self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother.

Experience of Gandhi: Mohandas K. Gandhi, in his famous autobiography, “My Experiments with Truth”, writes about his own experience of theft, confession and forgiveness as a schoolboy. “I was fifteen when I stole a bit of gold out of my Dad’s armlet to clear a debt of about twenty-five rupees, (U.S. \$3 in those days), which he had incurred. Well, it was done, and the debt cleared. But this became more than I could bear. I resolved never to steal again. I also made up my mind to confess it to my father. But I did not dare to speak.... I decided at last to write out the confession, submit it to my father, and ask his forgiveness. I wrote it on a slip of paper and handed it to him myself. In this note not only did I confess my guilt, but also requested an adequate punishment for it, and closed with a request to him not to punish himself for my offence. I also pledged myself never to steal in the future. I was trembling as I handed the confession to my father. He was then confined to bed. I handed him the note and sat on his bed. He sat up to read it. He read it through, and pearl-drops trickled down his cheeks, wetting the paper. For a moment he closed his eyes in thought and then tore up the note. Those pearl-drops of love cleansed my heart and washed my sin away. Only he who has experienced such love can know what it is.... I had thought that he would be angry and say hard things. But he was so wonderfully peaceful, and I believe this was due to my clean confession. I know that my confession made my father feel absolutely safe about me and increased his affection for me beyond measure.”

Born to Eternal life: The death of someone we love, or sharing the pain of the family and friends of a loved one, can leave our souls in deep sorrow. The loss of a loved one is probably the most difficult time in life. Grief is never comfortable for any of us -sometimes it can seem unbearable. It was a shock to hear about the death of Dean Ewing. I want to express my deepest condolence and prayers to Melanie Ewing and the family. May the Lord strengthen you and walk with you during this sorrow. We know for us believers death is going home to the Lord. May his soul Rest in Peace.

Sad at Prodigal’s Return: The Sunday School teacher was explaining the story of the Prodigal Son to his class, clearly emphasizing the resentment the older brother expressed at the return of his brother. When he finished telling the story, he asked the class, "Now who was really sad that the prodigal son had come home?" After a few minutes of silence, one little boy raised his hand and confidently stated, "The fatted calf."

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.

<i>Parish Pastoral Council</i>	<i>Committee Chairpersons</i>
Joe Cecil, Chair 270-231-5111	Education/Formation - Mike Head 270-724-0836
John Fulkerson, Vice-Chair 270-993-4203	Family/Social Life - Jeannie Howard 270-570-1384
Bridgette Molnar, Secretary 270-686-3737	Family/Social Life – Andy Johnson 270-314-3534
Carrie Ebelhar, Finance 270-929-6724	Finance/Stewardship - Tom Durbin 270-688-0729
Andrea Jones, Social Justice/SVDP 270-316-4134	Fundraising - Danny Triplett 270-993-2866
Brett Stallings, Worship/Spiritual Life 270-686-7951	OCS Board Rep - Alissa Wimsatt 270-993-7267
Elaine Johnson,, Education/Formation 270-771-5581	Picnic Committee - Stefani Oller 270-302-4926
Terry Edge, Family/Social Life 270-314-3305	Social Justice/ SVDP - Tony Powers 270-691-6337
	Worship/Spiritual Life - Ed Sullivan 270-570-3192

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11. 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 Kumba—We encounter Kumba from Sierra, Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HOPE AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard is the largest post-abortion healing ministry in the world. Since its beginning in Philadelphia in 1995, Rachel's Vineyard has spread to 80 countries, and is offered in around 700 locations worldwide, in 35 languages. There will be a spring 2019 retreat offered in the Daviess County area April 5-7. For more information or to register to attend, please reach out to Jennifer at 931-242-5506 or jennifer@hopeafterabortionky.com.

GASPER RIVER CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Registration is currently underway for all summer youth camps as well as summer camp staff! Find registration forms: www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org.

Accompany Camp Gasper River is pleased to present an Adult Weekend Camp, April 26-28. This will be a weekend of camp for those 18 and over to come and do all the camp activities, celebrate the Sacraments, learn about your faith and make memories and friends that will last a lifetime! Register online at <http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org> or call our office if you have any questions at 270-781-2466.

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. Received to date: 42%

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.

CATHEDRAL PRESCHOOL HAS EXCITING NEWS...

Their "After School Care Program" will begin Fall 2019 for children registered for preschool. Hours will be from 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday when school is in session. Please call (270) 926-1652 for details. Also, preschool registration for 3, 4 and 5-year old is ongoing. Come check us out!

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!!!

EMPTY BOWLS OF OWENSBORO

Tickets are currently on sale for the annual Empty Bowls of Owensboro Fundraiser. This year's event will take place on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00pm in the Brescia University Gym, located at 717 Frederica St. Tickets are \$16 and allow participants entrance to the event, plus selection of a ceramic bowl to keep and take home. Dinner will include soups by local chefs and churches and bread donated by Great Harvest. T-shirts and silent auction items will also be available. Purchase a ticket at the Brescia University Spirit Shop, located in the Moore Center, Monday through Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm. For more information, contact Rachel Whelan, 270-686-2110 or Rachel.whelan@brescia.edu.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to Janie Howard, Carol Riney, Sherman & Dolores Roberts, Anna Marie Roberts and Jeanie Wahl for cleaning church the week of March 17; to Jeanie Wahl for watering plants.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sr. Rosanne will be out of the office April 1-5 for vacation. Please pray for her safe return.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

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

Spring Break: April 1-5

MONDAY, April 1—April Fool's Day

St. Hugh, *Bishop Confessor*

Funeral of Dean Ewing: 11:00am (Visitation 9:00am-11:00am here at Precious Blood.)

TUESDAY, April 2

St. Francis of Paola, *Confessor*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

Parish Staff Meeting: 10:00am

St. Elizabeth Lenten Penance Service: 6:00pm

Worship/Spiritual Life: 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, April 3

St. Richard of Chichester, *Bishop Confessor*

Daily Mass: 6:00pm

Communion to the Homebound: 9:00am

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

Choir Practice: 6:45pm

No Religious Ed

THURSDAY, April 4

St. Isidore, *Bishop Confessor, Doctor of the Church*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

St. Alphonsus Lenten Penance Service: 6:00pm

St. Pius Tenth Lenten Penance Service: 6:00pm

FRIDAY, April 5

St. Vincent Ferrer, *Confessor*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

Fish Fry: 5:30pm

SATURDAY, April 6

Stations of the Cross: 4:30pm

Confessions: 3:30-4:30pm

Mass: 5:00pm

SUNDAY, April 7—5th Sunday of Lent

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

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

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

Confirmation Formation: 9:00-10:15am

3rd Scrutiny for the Elect: 10:30am

Knights of Columbus: 6:00pm

St. Martin Lenten Penance Service: 6:45pm



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Linda Hodskins (41) - 4/07/78

Please pray for these and all married couples.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**



04/01: Michael Conder, Marie Hester, Terry Wahl

04/02: Lori Johnson, Eric Wedding

04/03: Jennifer Weding

04/04: Natalie Ewing

04/05: Cheryl Gabbert, Mary Phillips, Rita Webb

04/06: Jonathan Cooper

04/07: Jamie Head, Joyce Young

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE



We wish to express our deepest sympathy to John (Patricia) Kramer and family on the death of his sister, Mary Lou Kramer; to Melanie & Natalie Ewing, Rose (Jim) McCarter, Catie Warren and families on the death of their husband/father/son-in-law/ Uncle, Dean Ewing. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace!

Fish Frys here at Precious Blood are scheduled for March 29, April 5, and 12. 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: \$11.00, Children under 12: \$5.00, Children under 4: Free. Carry-Out available.

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



Picnic Stand

Manager Meeting:

Thursday, April 11th, 6:00pm
in the Parish Hall.

YOUTH GROUP MEALS

April 14: Vickie Osborne, Yvonne Rudy

