



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—APRIL 22, 2018

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. John 10:14

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 is the Star Sprinkles Quilt that we are raffling at the Parish Picnic on June 2nd. Also pictured are a few of the Gift Baskets to be auctioned in the Silent Auction Booth. Special thanks to Katie Rudy for making and donating the quilt again this year.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Suneesh Mathew HGN, Pastor, suneesh.mathew@pastoral.org
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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: APRIL 24-29

Tues. 7:00a.m. Brent Trogden: dec.
 Wed. 6:00p.m. Charlie Ebelhar: dec.
 Thur. 7:00a.m. Paul & Gertrude Castlen: dec.
 Fri. 7:00a.m. Jeff Moss
 Sat. 5:00p.m. Rick Kamuf: dec.
 Sun. 8:00a.m. Austin Millay: dec.
 10:30a.m. OUR PARISH FAMILY

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,000.00
April 15 2018 Contribution	\$8,972.56
Children's Contributions	\$9.83
Total	\$8,982.39
Under/Over this week	-\$17.61
Under/Over (July 1, 2017 to present)	
In Regular Collections	\$6,554.95

Parish Renovation Fund

April 15, 2018	\$140.00
Roofing Fund	\$700.00
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$84,655.10

(This figure includes Roofing Funds received to date.)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

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, 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, Charlene Meadows, Tony Powers, Tony Gilmore's mother, Matthew Molnar, Marie Montanez's friend, Eric Wedding's mother, Eva Gentry, Jewell Brown's nephew, Rose Chapman, Sr. Rosanne's aunt, Steve & Carol Crisp's son-in-law, Tim Blandford's cousin, Jeff Moss, Guy Connor, Earl Hayden, WaNell Lanham's nephew, Bill Elder, Pat Roby, Jerry Ezell Sr., Mary June Cecil's great-niece, Doris Schrecker, Joyce Young, Cherlyn Blum, Jim Head, Liz Hawkins, Mike Thompson, Sharon Tucker, Jess Lowe, Ray Jones' brother, Rita Elder, Debbie Sapp.

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



MINISTRIES: APRIL 28-5:00PM

SERVERS: Luke & Rose Larsen
LECTORS: Bobby Lomax, Stefanie Oller
CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD: Dan Chelstrom
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Linda Connor, John & Kristy Fulkerson, Mary Kittinger, Margaret Lancaster, Charlene Meadows, Michael Murphy
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Michael Murphy
GIFT BEARERS: Susan Johnson, Deanna Newton
VOCATION STATUE: Carol Riney
ROSARY LEADER: Vickie Payne
USHERS: Sarah & Peter Herrmann, Bob & Sandy Devine,
SACRISTAN: Chrissy Axley

MINISTRIES: APRIL 29-8:00AM

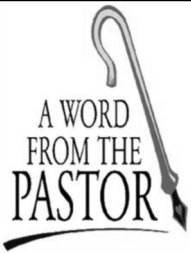
SERVERS: Natalie & Megan Goodwin
LECTORS: John Rudy, Jeanette Ebelhar
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jennifer Thompson, Sr.
Mary Diane Taylkor, Vickie Osborne, Cindy Schwartz, Donald Thompson, Sr. Rosanne Spalding
GIFT BEARERS: Jim & Joyce Riney
VOCATION STATUE: Jim & Joyce Riney
USHERS: Imelda Madison, Bryan Lanham, Eddie & Monti Millay
ROSARY LEADER: Andrea Finey
SACRISTAN: Sr. Rosanne Spalding

MINISTRIES: APRIL 29-10:30AM

SERVERS: Aubrey Johnson, Ethan & Hunter Wimsatt
LECTORS: Youth
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sr. Rosanne Spalding, Leslie Clark
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Youth
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Cindy Schwartz
NURSING HOMES: Davco: Vickie Osborne
 Twin Rivers: Kay Berry
GIFT BEARERS: Youth
VOCATION STATUE: Tim & Bridgette Molnar
USHERS: Youth
SACRISTAN: Susie Westerfield

CHURCH CLEANERS: April 22-28: Karen Osborne, Kathy Phillips, Tricia Scott, Kelly Vanover, Susie Westerfield, Betty Whitehouse

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Jesus the Good Shepherd: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday, we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection. This is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today, we celebrate the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. In the Gospel passage, Jesus introduces himself as the “Good Shepherd.” Jesus claims that as Good Shepherd he knows his sheep and loves them so much that he is ready to die for them. The Gospel text offers us both comfort and challenge. The comforting Good News is that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows us, provides for us and loves us. The challenge is for us to become good shepherds to those entrusted to our care and good sheep in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials and politicians are all shepherds. Since shepherding a diocese, a parish, a civil community or a family is very demanding, the shepherds need dedication, commitment, sacrifice and vigilance every day. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers.

Our Eternal Home: There was a very rich woman, who lived in a beautiful palatial mansion. She lacked nothing; she enjoyed all the comforts that money could buy. However, she was a selfish soul; she had no thought for others. Her doors were always shut in the face of people who came to ask her for donations and help for good causes. Not a penny of her money would she give away to another. Years passed. Her long, self-centered life was drawing to a close. Gradually, life after death began to haunt her. One day, she had a strange dream in which she saw herself die, and mounted up to the heavenly world. It was a strange and fascinating place, and she felt quite lost, not knowing where to go. Meeting an angel, she inquired of him, "Can you please show me the way to my eternal home? I have come up to heaven after a long life. I am weary, and I would like to rest a bit!" "Come with me, I shall show you the way," said the Angel. And he led her through the beautiful territory of the heavenly world. Here she saw vast palaces, exquisite villas, beautiful mansions. But the Angel led her on until they entered a slum like territory. There were crumbling huts and humble cottages everywhere. The Angel stopped outside a poor, shabby hut, and said to her, "This is to be your eternal home." The woman recoiled in horror at the sight of the hut. "How is this possible?" she cried. "On earth God gave me a beautiful mansion to live in! How can my heavenly home be so poor and shabby?" The Angel said to her, "Your eternal home is built with what you sent to us here from earth. This is the best we could do with all that you sent to us." The rich woman awoke from her dream in a cold sweat. The help we render to those in need, the alms we give to the poor, the little and big sacrifices we make to lighten the burden of others, are the materials with which the angels construct our eternal abode in heaven. If it happens to be shabby, there is no one else to blame. Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others will be ensuring it in their own lives for all eternity.

Happy Birthday: On the 24th of this month, Penny Blandford, our Business Manager of Precious Blood is celebrating her birthday. She has been working here at Precious Blood for the last 29 years. We wish her all God's blessings on her birthday. Thanks for your service here at Precious Blood.

Building Boats: Professor to a student: Can you think of a solution to end unemployment? Yes sir I would put all the men on one island and the women on another. And what would they be doing then? Building boats.

God's blessings,
Fr. Suneesh Mathew

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will be Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8. 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 EASTER

Today, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

To learn more about discerning a vocation to priesthood, contact the Vocations Office at 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org or www.owensborovocations.com

MAY CROWNING

All are invited to participate in celebrating May as the month devoted to honoring the Blessed Mother at the 6:00pm Mass on Wednesday, May 2nd. We will have a crowning of the statue of Mary. We ask that everyone please bring flowers.

OCS REGISTRATION AND TUITION ASSISTANCE

Registration is on-going for both currently enrolled families and new families. Any questions you may have regarding registration or tuition assistance, simply contact Keith Osborne at 270-686-8896 or keith.osborne@owensborocatholic.org

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to Jeanie Wahl for cleaning church the week of April 8 and for watering plants.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

If you haven't turned in your Stewardship form, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. Received to date: 63%

FIRST ANNUAL "BE LIKE RICK" FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 28, 2018, 6:00pm at the Big Independence Warehouse (1875 Old Calhoun Rd.). Dinner Tickets: \$25.00. Catered by Pork Producers. Live Auction * Entertainment Provided * Donations Accepted * BYOB. Make checks payable to GRACF—Memo Line: "Rick Kamuf" For info. and ticket contact 270-929-4643 or Rita Jacobs has tickets for sale.

PRECIOUS BLOOD PICNIC SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018

SELL THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS!!!! We ask that you return your sold tickets and money to the Parish Office during office hours or put in an envelope marked "PICNIC" and drop in the collection basket. More tickets available upon request.

ITEMS NEEDED: 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 Place, 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. We would like to have these items by the weekend of May 12th & 13th.

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. Questions, call the Parish Office at 270-684-6888.

The **COUNTRY STORE** is in need of donated items such as birdhouses, yard flags, benches, outdoor games, etc. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

The **CAKE WHEEL** will need cakes galore for us to have plenty to go around. We are asking that **each family bring at least one cake**. Please bring these the morning of the picnic and leave them in the Parish Hall.

PICNIC SIGNS are available at the entrances of Church. We ask that families take one and place it in your yard. Thank you for doing your part to help advertise this year's Picnic.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, April 22—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

Sacrament of 1st Communion: 10:30am

Youth Group: 4:00-6:00pm

MONDAY, April 23

St. Adalbert of Prague, *Bishop Martyr*

TUESDAY, April 24

St. Fidelis, *Martyr*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

Parish Staff Meeting: 9:00am

Parish Pastoral Council: 6:00pm

Penny's Birthday

WEDNESDAY, April 25

St. Mark, *Evangelist*

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, April 26

St. Anacletus, *Pope Martyr*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

RCIA: 6:30pm Topic: Dignity of Life, Ethics of Life and Social Justice

FRIDAY, April 27

St. Zita, *Virgin*

Daily Mass: 7:00am

SATURDAY, April 28

Confessions: 3:30-4:30pm

Mass: 5:00pm

SUNDAY, April 29—Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Baptism of Eden Whitehouse: 10:30am



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

David & Donna Lanham (30) - 4/23/88

Brad & Virginia O'Connell (3) - 4/25/15

James & Kay Berry (41) - 4/29/77

Please pray for these and all married couples.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**



04/24: Penny Blandford, Larry Murphy

04/25: Alexis Hust, Stella Kaelin, Sandra
Midkiff, Jeremy Riney, Molly Ward

04/26: Ruth Kelley, Rose McCarter

04/27: Lisa Wimsatt

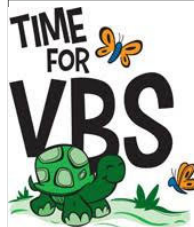
04/28: Evan Gaddis, Katelyn Head

04/29: Christine Brown, Linda Haynes



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Meredith (Steven) Fain and family on the death of her grandmother, Norma Quinn. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace!



**PRECIOUS BLOOD VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL** is scheduled for

June 25-29, 9:00a.m.-12noon. There will be a Planning Meeting on Monday, April 30th at 6:00pm in Meeting Room 2. Anyone is welcome to come to this meeting. To have a

successful program we need many volunteers, both youth and adult. For more information, please call Sr. Rosanne at 270-684-6888.

**GASPER RIVER
SUMMER CAMP**



Registration is open to attend summer camp at Gasper River! Campus fill up quickly so visit www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring "Family Day at Gasper" Sunday, August 19, 2018. The theme will be "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist" with activities, reflections by Fr. Mike Williams, and closing Mass with Bishop Medley.



Congratulations to Roger & Dana Hayden who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday, April 6th here at Precious Blood.