



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—APRIL 8, 2018

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. John 20:29

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.



Congratulations to the above pictured who became member of our Precious Blood Community at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31st. They are seated in front row: Derek Schmalz (C,E), Shanua Thomas (B, C, E), Jessie Mattingly (B, C, E), John Leonard (C), Cameron Devine (E), Dalton Devine (C, E), Crystal Johnson (B,C,E) and Riley Schmalz (E). Also pictured are their sponsors, RCIA team members, Fr. Suneesh, Fr. Jason McClure and Fr. Sinoj. (B for Baptism, C for Confirmation and E for Eucharist).

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Suneesh Mathew HGN, Pastor, suneesh.mathew@pastoral.org
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Ray Jones, Worship & Music, rljones1@roadrunner.com
Penny Blandford, Business Manager, pblandford77@gmail.com
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 9–15

Tues. 7:00a.m. Lena Hayden: dec.
 Wed. 6:00p.m. Ima Axley: dec.
 Thur. 7:00a.m. Mr. & Mrs. James Cecil
 Fri. 7:00a.m. Mary Virginia Ballard: dec.
 Sat. 5:00p.m. Jeffrey Cecil: dec.
 Sun. 8:00a.m. Estle Hayden: dec.
 10:30a.m. OUR PARISH FAMILY

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,000.00
March 25, 2018	\$7,359.20
April 1, 2018 Contribution	\$11,130.89
Children's Contributions	\$45.39
Memorial Flower Fund	\$120.00
Total	\$18,655.48
Under/Over this week	\$655.48
Under/Over (July 1, 2017 to present)	
In Regular Collections	\$5,825.04
Parish Renovation Fund	
March 25, 2018	\$305.00
April 1, 2018	\$233.00
Roofing Fund	\$613.00
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$82,685.10

ROOFING FUNDS: Money needed: **\$70,000.00**
 (Replace roof of Parish Hall/School Building, and replace ceiling tiles.) Money received to date: **\$47,740.00** (145 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, 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 aunt, Steve & Carol Crisp's son-in-law, Henry Schwartz, Jeff Moss, Guy Connor, Earl Hayden, Pat Roby, Jerry Ezell Sr., Mary June Cecil's great-niece, Doris Schrecker, Joyce Young, Mike Howard, Cherlyn Blum, Linda Ziegler, Jim Head, Liz Hawkins, Mike Thompson, Sharon Tucker, Jess Lowe.
ASSISTED LIVING: Please remember: Rose Slone, Shirley Jarboe, Doug & Betty Howard, Regina Young



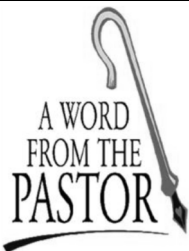
MINISTRIES: APRIL 14–5:00PM
SERVERS: Nolan Murphy, Zack Thompson
LECTORS: Bob Wimsatt,
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Audrey, Eric & Jennifer Wedding, Tom Peak, Kristen Powers, Lisa & Caleb Wimsatt
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Michael Murphy
GIFT BEARERS: Rick & Bridgette Larsen Family
VOCATION STATUE: Paul & Tancy Payne
USHERS: John & Sam Fulkerson, Gary & Betty Murphy
SACRISTAN: Chrissy Axley

MINISTRIES: APRIL 15–8:00AM
SERVERS: Ethan Daugherty, Natalie Goodwin
LECTORS: Steve & Kim Collignon
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sherman & Dolores Roberts, Vickie Osborne, Cindy Schwartz, Sr. Rosanne Spalding, Sr. Mary Diane Taylor,
GIFT BEARERS: George & Anna Carol Murphy
VOCATION STATUE: Vickie Osborne
USHERS: Phil & Kathy Carr, Vanessa, Sarah & Ava Calvin
ROSARY LEADER: Jeanette Ebelhar
SACRISTAN: Sr. Rosanne Spalding

MINISTRIES: APRIL 15–10:30AM
SERVERS: Samira Crowe, Jeremy Gillihan, Luke Quinn
LECTORS: Tom Durbin, Jeff Hagan
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Morgan & Griffin Rudy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Debbie Durbin, Lisa Edge, Kaitlyn Durbin, Lisa Fulkerson, Vickie Belcher, Sandra Midkiff, Jared Wink
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Cindy Schwartz
NURSING HOMES: Davco: Katie Rudy
 Twin Rivers: Mamie McDaniel
GIFT BEARERS: Otis & Rita Webb
VOCATION STATUE: Ray & Marianne Jones
USHERS: Michelle, Linkin & Marley Baize, Ashley & Aliyah Berry
ROSARY LEADER: Morgan Rudy
SACRISTAN: Michelle Baize

CHURCH CLEANERS: April 8-14: Natalie Davis, Susan Johnson, Pauline Langdon, Jeanie Wahl, Doris Westerfield

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Divine Mercy Sunday: The first Sunday after Easter is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was established in the year 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II. The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting faith and our need for forgiveness. One of the most moving stories I read is something that happened on October 6, 2006, when an armed man entered an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. He chased out the little boys and lined up the 10 little girls in front of the blackboard. He shot all of them and then killed himself. Five of the girls died. After the medics and police left, the families of the fallen came and carried their slain children home. They removed their bloody clothes and washed the bodies. They sat for a time and mourned their beloved children. After a while they walked to the home of the man who killed their children. They told his widow they forgave her husband for what he had done, and they consoled her for the loss of her spouse. They buried their anger before they buried their children. Amish Christians teach us that forgiveness is central. They believe in a real sense that God's forgiveness of themselves depends on their extending forgiveness to other people. That's what the mercy of God is all about. One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

Benefits of Forgiving: It is necessary for our own forgiveness. Jesus said, "But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too." (Mark 11:25, 26) It restores Christian fellowship. Now it is time to forgive him and comfort him. Otherwise he may become so discouraged that he won't be able to recover. Now show him that you still love him. (2 Cor. 2:5-10) Spiritual cleansing. James says that the elders of the church should pray over those who are sick and the Lord will make them well, adding, "And anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven." (James 5:15-16)

Confirmation: This coming Saturday, April 14th, fourteen of our children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the evening Mass. Bishop Medley will be here to celebrate the Mass and to confirm them. The fourteen children have been going through Confirmation Formation this past year. I wish them God's many blessings as they are going to be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Photographer's Mercy: The story is told of a politician who, after receiving the proofs of a picture, was very angry with the photographer. He stormed back to the man's studio and screamed at him: "This picture does not do me justice!" The photographer replied, "Sir, with a face like yours, what you need is mercy, not justice!"

God's blessings,
Fr. Suneesh Mathew

BLACK CATHOLIC DAY OF REFLECTION IN THE OWENSBORO DIOCESE

The Diocese of Owensboro Office of Black Catholic Ministry will host the annual Day of Reflection on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Precious Blood Parish from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The theme will be "**Missionary Discipleship from a Multicultural Perspective; Effective Inclusion**" The keynote speaker, Sr. Desiré Anne-Marie Findlay, **a member of the Sisters of St. Felix (Felician Sisters)** brings a unique perspective to her audience through her Black and Hispanic heritage and the use of dance in her ministry.

Please join Bishop Medley and people of all races, cultures and faiths at a celebration of the Mass, fellowship and Joy in Christ (Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be included in the program.) Ethnic attire, decor and religious items (including bibles for Children of color) will be available for purchase. Although this is a free event which is open to the public we need a count for the meals and for handout materials. Please register online: <https://owensborodiocese.org/black-catholic-day-of-reflection/>; by email veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org. or call the Office of Black Catholic Ministry at 270 683-1545.

We are asking each attendee to bring a pack of pencils to the gathering as we are collecting them for school children for the Mandeville, Jamaica Diocese Container Project.

Hope to see you there.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will be Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-6a; Luke 24:35-48. 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

We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFE

Thank you for your participation in the Opportunities for Life Annual Appeal collection. Through your generous support this statewide ministry offers information, support, encouragement, hope, and referrals to those who are experiencing an untimely pregnancy. Please continue to pray for the Opportunities for Life Ministry and those who are in crisis pregnancy situations.

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.

OWENSBORO'S THEOLOGY ON TAP

On Monday, April 9, from 6-8:30 p.m., Owensboro's Theology on Tap will host Fr. Richard Powers at Fetta Specialty Pizza on St. Ann St. The gathering is open to ages 18-39, and all faith traditions are welcome too. To learn more, contact Charlie Hardesty, director of the Diocese of Owensboro's Youth & Young Adult Ministry, at charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org, or visit [Facebook.com/OwensboroYoungAdult](https://www.facebook.com/OwensboroYoungAdult).

REVERSE RAFFLE RESULTS

Income: \$22,625.00

Expenses: \$10,084.71

Net Income: \$12,540.29

Congratulations to our winners: First Out/Terry Ward; 50/50 Raffle/Mamie McDaniel; Quilt/Kannetha Sturgeon; Disney Tickets/Brent McFadden; Lake Getaway/Joe & Mary June Cecil; Dinner with Fr. Suneesh/June Johnson & Joan Frey; Grand Prize: Lauren Cates, Joe Cecil, Rita Jacobs, Mike Howard and Michael T. Murphy

SPECIAL THANKS

There are not enough words to thank everyone for their prayers and support during Ima's illness and death. How lucky we are to have such a loving and caring parish. Thank you especially to Fr Suneesh, Fr Sinoj, and Sr Rosanne. Thank you to Ray, the choir, and especially the bell choir. Thanks to the funeral meal workers and everyone who brought food. Ima loved this parish and everyone in it. May God bless you all.

Dave & Chrissy Axley

We wish to express our deepest thanks and sincere appreciation for all of your prayers and concerns during the illness and death of our father. Thanks to Fr. Suneesh, the Choir, Sr. Rosanne and those who prepared the amazing funeral meal.

The Family of Paul Bickwermert, Sr.

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: 60%

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.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Confirmation Practice: (With Sponsors) - Saturday, April 14th at 9:00am in Church.

Confirmation: Saturday, April 14th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Individual pictures at 4:00 p.m. Group picture at 4:15 p.m. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to Jeanie Wahl for watering plants; to Vickie Belcher, Theresa Lowe, Carol Riney, Katie Rudy, Kelly & Lee Vanover for cleaning church the week of March 25; to Cindy Schwartz, Jeanie Wahl, Marianne Jones, Janet Lawrence, Ed Sullivan, Sr. Rosanne, Mike Howard, Marion & Aleta Willett for decorating the church for Easter; to Joe Bittel for cleaning the candles used for the Easter Vigil.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, April 8—Second Sunday of Easter
Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am
1st Communion Formation: 9:00-10:15am
Youth Group: 4:00-6:00pm

MONDAY, April 9—Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
St. Waldetrudis, *Widow*
St. Vincent de Paul Society: 5:30pm

TUESDAY, April 10
St. Fulbert, *Bishop Confessor*
Daily Mass: 7:00am
Parish Staff Meeting: 9:00am
Picnic Stand Manager Meeting: 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY, April 11
St. Stanislaus, *Bishop Martyr*
Daily Mass: 6:00pm
Communion to the Homebound: 9:00am
Adoration & Confession: 5:00-5:45pm
Choir Practice: 6:45pm
Religious Ed : 6:45pm

THURSDAY, April 12
St. Gemma Galgani, *Virgin*
Daily Mass: 7:00am
RCIA: 6:30pm Topic: Conversion, Your Spiritual Gifts and Discernment
Worship/Spiritual Life Meeting: 7:00pm

FRIDAY, April 13
St. Martin I, *Pope Confessor*
Daily Mass: 7:00am

SATURDAY, April 14
Confessions: 3:30-4:30pm
Mass: 5:00pm
Sacrament of Confirmation: 5:00pm (Individual Pictures 4:00pm, Group Pictures 4:15pm)

SUNDAY, April 15—Third Sunday of Easter
Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am
1st Communion Formation: 9:00-10:15am



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Ashley Berry (19) - 4/10/99
Glenn & Joyce Young (45) - 4/13/73
Please pray for these and all married couples.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**

04/09: Logan Jones, Terry Ward
04/10: Rina Coppage, Steve Fain, Hayden Stewart, Sue Thomas
04/11: Kenton Mayfield, Charles Posey
04/12: Jerry Blandford
04/13: Patricia Gutierrez, David Lanham
04/14: Margie Robinson
04/15: Dot Hodges, Jane Johnson



Our apologies for omitting Allison Cecil—3/28 and Bill Allen—3/31.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Andy (Crystal) Johnson and Kyle (Lori) Johnson and families on the death of their grandmother, Joan Bernosky; to Samria Crowe and family on the death of her uncle, Steven Wallace. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace!



Holy Baptism

We welcome into our faith community Noah Francis Alexander Wimsatt, son of Brad & Alissa Wimsatt, baptized 4/01/18.

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA
CARD PARTY/ BUNCO/ RAFFLE**

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



CROSSROADS YARD SALE

Crossroads to Hope Shelter for Women & Children in Owensboro has served over 300 individuals since opening in September 2016. To help meet our many needs, we are planning a yard sale toward the end of April. We are in need of items for the sale including gently used clothing, furniture, toys, baby items, books, home décor, appliances, etc. We are also hoping to have many volunteers to help with setup, working the days of the sale or help with boxing things up. Items may be dropped off at Crossroads (1631 Breckenridge St.) after 6:00 pm nightly or during Food Pantry hours (Mon-Fri 12-2pm Tues-Wed 10am-4pm and Thurs. 4-6pm). Anyone who can help set up or help the day of the sale are asked to contact Angela Settle at [270-316-2328](tel:270-316-2328)



**EASTER FLOWER
OFFERING (CONTINUED)**

Easter Flowers were purchased in memory of the following: Bill & Libby Basham, Emmett & Edna Osborne, Larry Osborne, Carolyn Bullington, Bill & Margaret Sapp, Ann & Eugene Sullivan, David Sullivan, Edgar & Edith Greenlee, Jacob Davis