



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 18, 2019

I have come to set the earth on fire and how I wish it were already blazing. Luke 12:49

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: August 19-25

Tues. 7:00a.m. David McIntosh: dec.
 Wed. 6:00p.m. Mary Orth: dec.
 Thur. 7:00a.m. Bill Potter: dec.
 Fri. 7:00a.m. Austin Millay: dec.
 Sat. 5:00p.m. Hugh Thomas Stallings: dec.
 Sun. 8:00a.m. OUR PARISH FAMILY
 10:30a.m. Henry S. Payne: dec.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,100.00
August 11, 2019 Contribution	\$7,628.39
Children's Contributions	\$7.13
Total	\$7,635.52
Under/Over this week	-\$1,464.48
Under/Over (July 1, 2019 to present)	
In Regular Collections	-\$5,346.35
Parish Renovation Fund	
August 11, 2019	\$590.00
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$23,584.07

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WORD

In today's first reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember, Nancy Best, Janie Payne, Glenn Young, 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, 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, Marion Willett's brother, Ron Boarman, Travis VanBussum, Vicki Howard, Maxine Smith, Anna Carol Murphy & daughter Oleta, Declan Fogle, Gary Murphy's brother, Helen Byers, Tim Blandford's sister, Luke Dickens, Paul Bickwermert Jr., Carol Crisp's nephew, Kaitlin Nugent., Stephanie Millay's brother, Mary June Cecil, Kay Berry's son-in-law, Ed Sullivan, Robert Johnson's mother, Ruth McCarty, Pat Vowels, Mary Edna Payne, Mary Hartz, Jewell Brown's niece, Theresa Skaggs, Jim McCarter, Lillian Taylor, Glenn & Joyce Young's daughter, Carolyn McDaniel, Cathy Cooper

ASSISTED LIVING: Please remember: Shirley Jarboe, Doug & Betty Howard, Debbie Sapp, Helen Schwartz, Clara Gilles, Lois Sims, Mary Ann Postlewaite, JB Smith, DiAnn Millay, Judy Fischer, Barbara Mingus, Becky Bowlds



MINISTRIES: AUGUST 24-5:00PM

SERVERS: Mark & Audrey Wedding, Triston Logsdon
LECTORS: Shirley Ralph, Charlotte Powers
CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD: Amanda VanBussum
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Kristy & John Fulkerson, Guy & Linda Connor, Olivia Hayden, Mike Howard, Logan Jones
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Mike Howard
GIFT BEARERS: John & Kristy Fulkerson Family
VOCATION STATUE: Bonnie Glenn
ROSARY LEADER: Shirley Ralph
USHERS: Sandy & Bob Devine, Sam & Will Fulkerson
SACRISTAN: Chrissy Axley

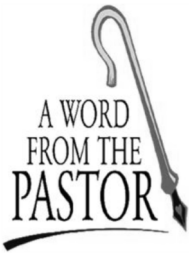
MINISTRIES: AUGUST 25-8:00AM

SERVERS: Ethan Daugherty, Megan Goodwin
LECTORS: Zack & Donald Thompson,
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Matthew McCarty, Kim Collignon, Jeanette Ebelhar, Tony Gilmore, Jim & Rose McCarter
GIFT BEARERS: Bryan & Bryce Lanham
VOCATION STATUE: Melanie & Natalie Ewing
USHERS: Bryan Lanham, De'Shaun Chatman, Ji'Airius Webb, Eddie Millay
ROSARY LEADER: Vickie Osborne
SACRISTAN: Jeanette Ebelhar

MINISTRIES: AUGUST 25-10:30AM

SERVERS: Briley Powers, Jeremy Gillihan, Lydea Wimsatt
LECTORS: Youth
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Patti Gutierrez
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Youth
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Tony Gilmore
NURSING HOMES: Davco: Melissa Riney
 Twin Rivers: Kay Berry
GIFT BEARERS: Youth
VOCATION STATUE: Lisa Edge
USHERS: Youth
ROSARY LEADER: Youth
SACRISTAN: Susie Westerfield

CHURCH CLEANERS: August 18-24: Tricia Scott, Karen Osborne, Linda Jackson, Vickie Belcher, Kateleigh Lowe, Theresa Lowe



Do We Stand For God?: Some time ago a newspaper columnist, Arthur Jones, shared an important moment in his earlier life with his readers. It happened when he was drafted into the Royal Air Force and found himself in military barracks with 30 other men. On the first night he had to make a decision. He had always knelt to say his prayers. Should he continue to kneel now that he was in military service? He squirmed a little and then said to himself: “Why should I change just because people are watching? Am I going to begin my life away from home by letting other people dictate what I should do or not do?” He decided to kneel. By the time he had finished, he became aware that everyone else was aware of him. And when he made the Sign of the Cross, he was aware that everyone else knew he was a Catholic.

As it turned out, he was the only Catholic in the barracks. Yet, night after night he knelt. He said that those ten minutes on his knees often led to discussions that lasted for hours. On the last day in boot camp, someone said to him, “You are the finest Christian I’ve ever met.” He replied, “Well, I might be the most public Christian you’ve ever met, but I don’t think I’m the finest. Still, I thank you for what you said.” – That story illustrates one of the points of today’s Gospel. Commitment to Jesus means taking a stand on certain things. And sometimes that stand sets us in opposition to other people

Congratulations To My Niece: Many years ago, there was a holy nun that went to the great Saint Teresa and was telling her how she wished that she had been alive at the same time that Jesus was walking around on the earth. She kept thinking what a joy it would have been to see his face, to hear his voice and just to be near Him. “Imagine what it would have been like to even talk with Jesus!” she exclaimed. Saint Teresa looked at her with love and said, “My dear sister, have you forgotten that Jesus is still on earth, and that He lives near you — yes, in the house with you (for there was a church in the convent where the nuns lived that had a tabernacle), and often in your very soul. Have you also forgotten that you can see Him and can speak to Him as often as you like? Is not Jesus with us in the Most Holy Sacrament? Why then do you wish to have lived long ago, since that same Jesus who lived with Mary and Joseph lives also with you? Eucharist is one of the greatest gift the Lord has given us. I want to bestow all God’s blessings to my niece, Mia as she will be receiving the most Holy Eucharist this Saturday the 17th at the 5:00pm Mass. I pray that she will always honor and cherish the Eucharist and grow closer to the Lord always.

The Cop and the Priest: A priest was driving and gets stopped for speeding. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest’s breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, “Father, have you been drinking?” “Just water,” says the priest, fingers crossed. The trooper says, “Then why do I smell wine?” The priest looks at the bottle and says, “Praise be to God! He’s done it again!”

God’s blessings,
Fr. Suneesh Mathew

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE HELP OFFICE

Martin Luther King Junior said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, “What are you doing for others?”

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Help Office of Owensboro, Inc. We are open 4 days a week and rely on volunteers to deliver our services. The basic requirements for volunteering at the Help Office are compassion, and the desire to make an impact in the lives of the less fortunate in our community. In 2018, we provided 78,320 meals for our clients, clothing to 5,492 clients (no cost), and emergency assistance for rent and utilities to 3,196 individuals to help them avoid becoming homeless.

We provide on-the-job training (no orientation session) and continuing support. We urge you to come in, try things out and find what works for you. We are flexible and grateful for your interest. Here is a brief description of what our volunteers do: welcome the clients and prepare them for the, interview clients, answer the phone and prepare files, assist in the food pantry and assist in the clothing closet.

Help for the less fortunate begins at the Help Office. Local churches and organizations require clients to visit us first to receive a voucher before they will assist with any emergency needs. Please visit us at 1316 W. 4th Street Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am-12:00 pm or call 270-685-4971.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will be Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30. 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.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

The Rite of Christian Initiation is a process for anyone wishing to become Catholic or learn more about the Catholic Faith. This process will begin on Thursday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. If you know of anyone, please invite them and come with them or give their name to Sr. Rosanne or Fr. Suneesh.

CHOIR

The Fall Choir season begins on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:45 p.m. in the Choral Room. If you like to sing, we'd love to have you join us. Call or text Ray Jones at 270-903-6839 for more information.

FULTON MISSION

Have you ever wanted to serve on mission, but cannot see yourself going to Haiti, Jamaica, or out of the U.S.? Do you want to help the poor in our own diocese? If you said yes to either of these two questions, Catholic Charities and the Family Life office have an opportunity for you. We are partnering with St. Edward's Parish in Fulton, KY for a day of mission...a Block Party to benefit the people of Fulton, KY. Fulton is located in the most impoverished county in our diocese, where 43% of the children live in poverty. On September 14, 2019 we will bring volunteers and items to Fulton to give to the community. To do this, we need your help. We need donations of the following items: Backpacks, Dry erase markers, pencil boxes, pencil pouches, vinyl folders with fasteners, Ticonderoga pencils, crayons, scissors, erasers, glue sticks, composition notebooks, wide rule paper, paper towels, Kleenex, bleach wipes, Toilet paper, paper towels, house-cleaning supplies, lice treatment kits, coms/brushes, body-cleaning supplies (body wash, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush/toothpaste/floss) non-perishable food items and diapers of all sizes. Bring the items in to church marked "Fulton Mission" before September 7, 2019 and we will get them from there. Monetary donations are appreciated as well and can be sent to Catholic Charities 600 Locust St. Owensboro, KY 42301. If you would like to donate your time, please call Susan Montalvo-Gesser or Danny May at 270-683-1545 or e-mail Susan.Gesser@pastoral.org or Danny.May@pastoral.org.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

If you know of any dates that you will be unavailable during the months of October thru December, please let Ray know ASAP so that he can schedule accordingly. Deadline is September 1st.

FAMILY DAY AT GASPER RIVER

Sunday, August 25th, 1:30-7:00pm. Spend the afternoon enjoying the beautiful grounds, making memories, and praying as a family. Then end your day worshipping under the setting sun with Adoration and Benediction on the outdoor stage. Please bring camping chairs or a blanket.

ST. GERARD LIFE HOME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Gerard, Catholic Charities home for women in crisis pregnancy, needs volunteers. St. Gerard's house mother, Sr. Consolata Ojemeh, will be out of the country for the month of September. We want to continue our mission to shelter and accompany homeless women and their babies, so we are seeking volunteers who can stay at the shelter for a day, a week, or a month starting August 29 through October 1. Any volunteer should be safe-environment certified. To volunteer, please contact Susan Montalvo-Gesser at 270-683-1545 or Susan.Gesser@pastoral.org.

SISTER DIOCESE IN MANDEVILLE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE

Our sister Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica recently contacted the Diocese of Owensboro informing us that their minibus used for mission immersion trips is falling apart. The bus is 12 years old, heavily used and in need of major repairs. We've set a goal of raising \$10,000. If you would like to assist our sister diocese, please send a check to the Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 with "Mandeville Bus Drive" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Penny will be out of the office on Friday, August 23rd. Please call before stopping by due to irregular office hours.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to Susan Johnson and Marie Montanez for cleaning church the week of August 4; to Jeanie Wahl for watering plants; to Jeanie Wahl and Cindy Schwartz for purchasing new plants for the altar; to Joe Bittel for defrosting the refrigerator in the Sacristy; to Kathy Phillips, Michael & Pauline Langdon for cleaning in the Parish Center; to Michael & Gerri Thompson for doing yardwork around the church. We appreciate each and every one of you!

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, August 18—20th Sunday Ordinary Time
Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

MONDAY, August 19
St. John Eudes, *Confessor, Father of the Church*

TUESDAY, August 20
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, *Abbot Confessor, Doctor of the Church*
Daily Mass: 7:00am
Parish Staff Meeting: 10:00am

WEDNESDAY, August 21
St. Pius X, *Pope Confessor*
Daily Mass: 6:00pm
Communion to the Homebound: 9:00am
Adoration & Confession: 5:00-5:45pm
Religious Ed: 6:45pm

THURSDAY, August 22
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Daily Mass: 7:00am
K-3 Campus Parent Info. Night: 6:00-7:00pm

FRIDAY, August 23
St. Rose of Lima, *Virgin*
Daily Mass: 7:00am

SATURDAY, August 24
Confessions: 4:00-4:45pm
Mass: 5:00pm
Ursuline Sisters Selling Raffle Tickets After Mass

SUNDAY, August 25—21st Sunday Ordinary Time
Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am (Youth Mass)
Ursuline Sisters Selling Raffle Tickets After Mass
Gasper River Family Day: 1:30-7:00pm



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Louis & Beverly Beldotti (36) - 8/19/83
Bill & June Johnson (59) - 8/20/60
Paul & Nelda Bickwermer (40) - 8/22/79
Chris & Vickie Belcher (22) - 8/23/97
Please pray for these and all married couples.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**



08/19: Doug Howard
08/20: Billy VanBussum
08/21: George Lanham III, Ashley Stewart, Sam Tucker
08/24: Aubrey Coomes, Brent Davis, Stacy Hentz, Bobby Lomax
08/25: Terry Edge, Gary Murphy



**SUPPORT THE
URSULINE SISTERS
49TH ANNUAL RAFFLE**

It's time to buy your tickets for the 2019 Mount St. Joseph Raffle! The proceeds support the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph, especially those who are retired. Raffle winners will be announced during Escape to the Mount on September 8, 2019!

The Ursuline sisters will be selling raffle tickets at all Masses here at Precious Blood the weekend of August 24th & 25th or contact Sr. Rosanne at 270-684-6888 or 270-925-3712. Tickets are just \$5.00 a piece, with the top prize of \$10,000! Second place winner receives \$3,500. The rest of the prizes are a handmade quilt worth \$1,000, and cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100.

GARDENING/WEEDING

August 25-31: Andrew & Leslie Clark Family



**OUTDOOR MOVIE
NIGHT
ON THE LAWN**



Saturday, September 7th
after Mass—Join us for a night of family fun! We will eat around 6:30pm. Movie (Secret Life of Pets) starts at dusk. Hotdogs, chips and all the fixings will be provided by the Men's Club. We ask that you bring drinks, lawn chairs, pillows and blankets. In case of rain the event will be canceled.

**RIGHT TO LIFE OF
OWENSBORO**

ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE

The annual RTLO Walk for Life raises awareness for the pro-life movement in our community. With signs, banners, cheers, and prayers, we walk down Frederica Street to spread our message of truth. This 3-mile walk begins and ends at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on Saturday, September 7, 2019. Registration begins at 9:00am. Walk begins at 10:00am.



For more information or for sponsorship forms call the Right to Life of Owensboro Office at 270-685-4922.