



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts"

Psalm 95

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, 6:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 7:00 am
Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Holy Days—See bulletin for Mass schedule

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MASS INTENTIONS: SEPT 11-17

Tues. 7:00a.m. Nannie Hayden: dec.
 Wed. 6:00p.m. Brent Trogden: dec.
 Thur. 7:00a.m. Linda Connor: Birthday
 Fri. 7:00a.m. Louis Cecil: dec.
 Sat. 5:00p.m. T.J. Davis: dec.
 Sun. 8:00a.m. OUR PARISH FAMILY
 10:30a.m. The Hayden Brothers

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$9,000.00
September 3, 2017 Contribution	\$11,441.19
Children's Contributions	\$10.58
Assumption Collection	\$27.00
Total	\$11,478.19
Under/Over this week	\$2,478.77
Under/Over (July 1, 2017 to present)	
In Regular Collections	-\$5,169.21

Parish Renovation Fund	
September 3 2017	\$435.00
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$24,234.85

Hurricane Harvey Collection	\$3,038.86
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Thanks for your tremendous generosity!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

SPECIAL PRAYERS:

Please remember Alice Devine, Ronnie Osborne & sister, Nancy Best, Janie Payne, Jewell Brown's grandson, Doris Westerfield's sister, Glenn Young, Marie Hester, Betty Murphy's brother, Ima Axley, Lois Sims' nephew, Cheryl Gabbert's daughter & mother-in-law, Becky Bowlds, Steve Cecil, Bonnie Glenn, Rita Hill, Jerry Blandford, Mary Ann Postelewaite's son, Mary Ellen VanVactor's brother, Anna Carol Murphy, Mary Murphy's son, Dot Hodges' grandson, James P. Bowlds, Sharon Bumm's mother, Karen Osborne, Mamie McDaniel's nephew, Mary Kittinger, Janie Howard's brother, Jane Johnson's brother, Lynda Trogden's son, Sissy Allen, Bill Johnson, Phil & Kathy Carr's daughter-in-law, Christine Stanfel's father, Tim Blandford, Penny Blandford's niece, Sherman & Dolores Roberts' grandson, Lisa Shivley, Michelle Howard, Paul Westerfield, Joyce Young's family friend, Libby Girten, Ray Jones' aunt

ASSISTED LIVING:

Please remember: Gloria Conrad, Elizabeth Mattingly, Rose Slone, David Vowels, Shirley Jarboe, Doug & Betty Howard



MINISTRIES: SEPTEMBER 16-5:00PM

SERVERS: Mackenzie & Shelbee Ayers
LECTORS: Terry & Molly Ward
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Dan Chelstrom
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jeff & Norma Moss, Logan Jones, Margaret Lancaster, Charlene Meadows, Michael Murphy, Gene Roberts
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Michael Murphy
GIFT BEARERS: Susan Johnson, Deanna Newton
VOCATION STATUE: Mary Kittinger
USHERS: Charles Connor, Mary Boling, Bob & Sandy Devine
COMMUNAL ROSARY: Jeanne Johnson
SACRISTAN: Chrissy Axley

MINISTRIES: SEPTEMBER 17-8:00AM

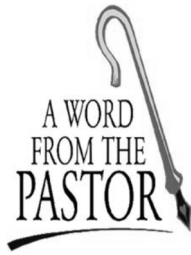
SERVERS: Natalie Goodwin, Ethan Daugherty
LECTORS: Zack & Donald Thompson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Lois Sims, Tony Gilmore, Sherman & Dolores Roberts, Sr. Mary Diane Taylor, Jennifer Thompson
GIFT BEARERS: Jim & Joyce Riney
VOCATION STATUE: Jeanette Ebelhar
USHERS: Imelda Madison, Tony Payne, Jim & Joyce Riney
COMMUNAL ROSARY: Andrea Finley
SACRISTAN: Cindy Schwartz

MINISTRIES: SEPTEMBER 17-10:30AM

SERVERS: Matthew Molnar, Braxton Powers, Ethan Wimsatt
LECTORS: Mary June & Joe Cecil
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sr. Rosanne Spalding
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tom Peak, Caleb Wimsatt, Kristen Powers, Theresa Skaggs, Travis VanBussum, Susie Westerfield, Bob Wimsatt
COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Tony Gilmore
NURSING HOMES: Davco: Charlene Meadows; Twin Rivers: Gene Roberts
GIFT BEARERS: Tom & Debbie Durbin Family
VOCATION STATUE:
USHERS: Cindy Dowell, Kaitlyn & Matthew Durbin, Linda Clark
COMMUNAL ROSARY: Danielle Durbin
SACRISTAN: Sandra Midkiff

CHURCH CLEANERS: Sept. 10-16: Doris Westerfield, Donna Gilmore, Susan Johnson, Pauline Langdon, Theresa Lowe, Imelda Madison

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RCIA: We want you to be part of our parish community here at Precious Blood. Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? We invite you to come to our RCIA session! There is no commitment to learn more about the faith. Perhaps you are a non-Catholic that has been attending Mass with your family for years. You are most welcome! Perhaps your child will receive their first Communion this year and you think the time is right for you. You are most welcome! Perhaps you were raised Catholic but missed some of your sacraments. You are most welcome! Please prayerfully consider joining us for this no-commitment experience to drive deeper in your faith and learn what is at the heart of Catholicism. Please email or call the office and let Sr Rosanne know if you would like to join us!

We Are Accountable: A young woman, Lydia, strayed from the church as a teenager. After nine years of experimenting with atheism, Spiritism, and new age, she found her way back again to the Church, by the grace of God. Relating her story, Lydia said that what hurt her the most in all her nine years of spiritual exile is that nobody in the Church missed her. Nobody ever phoned or visited to find out what was wrong. "I got the impression that the Church does not want me," she said. Of course the Church wants her. But what are we doing to help the many men and women in her situation find their way back into full communion with the Church? Today's readings invite us to review our attitude towards fallen and lax members of the Church, reminding us that, yes, it should be our business to reach out to them. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches us how to be responsible and accountable spiritual brothers and sisters. We are obligated to privately approach the sinner so we will not publicly humiliate him or her. Jesus never humiliated anyone in public, and He could never tolerate such attitudes. When the adulterous woman was presented before Jesus by the crowd. He rebuked the crowd and corrected the woman in private. Jesus wants us to follow his example. Let us reach out to the broken and fallen away.

That Man Is You: It is a program for men. It honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! This program is hosted by St Stephen Cathedral every Thursday beginning September 7, 2017 from 6:00am to 7:30am with breakfast and coffee provided. If any of our men would like to attend these sessions let me know by calling the office or sending an email to Suneesh.mathew@pastoral.org

Triumph of the Holy Cross: The Paschal Mystery that is the life, passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is the source and promise of eternal life. The ultimate and abiding symbol of this glorious of all Mysteries is the Cross, on which hung the world's salvation! The victory of the cross over sin and death was total. And it is the totality of this victory, this joyful triumph that the Church celebrates in this feast on September 14th. The feast was originally known as the Exaltation of the Cross. The word exaltation meaning placing high. Lifting up of the Cross on Calvary Hill that fateful Friday had involved much suffering and shame. Yet, it was a sacrifice for the love of the Father, and for the love the Father bore for all humankind. Raised high up, Jesus made the cross a pulpit whence he preached, by word and example, the most stirring sermon of his entire ministry on earth- he forgave and he gave. The Crucifix has a place of honor in every Christian heart, home and place of worship. Let the cross remind us that when we endure suffering there is a glorious resurrection awaiting us.

God Is Watching: The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE, God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

God's blessings,
Fr. Suneesh Mathew

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will be Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35. 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.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts”

Each of us is called by God to a specific vocation. For some it's marriage. For others it's holy orders or consecrated life. And for some, it's the single missionary life. Discerning our vocation requires that we take time to pray and listen for the voice of the one who does the calling. When we hear his voice, may we have the courage to follow him with an undivided heart. If you feel that God might be calling you to the vocation of priesthood, contact the Vocations Office for resources/support at jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, or www.owensborovocations.com. or call 270-683-1545.

SCRIPTURE SUNDAY 2017

Mark your calendar for Scripture Sunday 2017 in the Diocese of Owensboro! In Pope Francis' apostolic letter, *Misericordia et misera*, he explained that the Year of Mercy reminds us that mercy isn't only for a specially designated year, but is part of the ongoing life of the Church. He said it would be a good idea if "every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known." Following up on Pope Francis' suggestion, Bishop William F. Medley has designated the third Sunday of October as Scripture Sunday in the Diocese of Owensboro. This year it falls on Sunday, October 15. Watch for more information, and visit owensborodiocese.org/scripturesunday

2016-17 DISCIPLES RESPONSE FUND

Parish Target Amount: \$10,407.20
Pledged: \$9,131.00
Paid: \$8,881.00
Remaining Balance: \$250.00

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to Carol Riney and Betty Whitehouse for cleaning church the week of August 27; to Betty Whitehouse for watering plants; to Joe Bittel for taking care of the votive candles in church every week; to Randall Jones for trimming the big bushes around church facing Fenmore Street.

BULLETIN MATERIAL DEADLINE

The deadline for bulletin announcements is Tuesday afternoon. Please submit, in writing, any announcement to the Parish Office or email pblandford77@gmail.com

BULLETIN COVER

This week's bulletin cover features our youth helping with the Pancake Breakfast to raise funds to attend NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference). Thanks to the Knights of Columbus Council for sponsoring the breakfast. We raised \$493.00.

**GLENMARY SISTERS
PUMPKIN & MUM SALE**

The Glenmary Sisters Guild will be selling pumpkins, mums, decorative gourds, and straw after all Masses here at Precious Blood the weekend of September 23rd & 24th. All proceeds benefit the Glenmary Sisters Missions. We appreciate your generosity.

**NCYC
HANDCRAFTED GREETING CARDS
FUNDRAISER**

Youth planning to attend the NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in Indianapolis in November are selling handcrafted gift cards. \$30.00 per box—that's \$1.00 per card. For every box sold the Youth will receive \$13.00 to help out with their trip. Each box contains 30 unique, handcrafted cards with colored envelopes to match. The organizer box include dividers and high quality cards with a variety of occasions! Based on your selection, some of the cards included are: retirement, birthday, thank you, just to say hello, thinking of you, with love, anniversary, blank cards and more. If you are interested in purchasing a set of cards, order sheets are available at the entrances of Church. Deadline for ordering is October 1st. Questions, contact Sr. Rosanne at 270-684-6888 or 270-925-3712.

**ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH
FALL PICNIC**

St. Meinrad Catholic Church will hold its annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Time, on the parish grounds. The food court will feature fried chicken dinners, German Cuisine, St. Meinrad's famous soup by the bowl or in bulk and homemade cakes, pies and ice cream. Live music— other attractions will include air conditioned bus tours of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, bingo, tours of the parish church, cake walk and a kids zone. A cash raffle drawing will be held, along with a quilt raffle, theme basket raffle, country store and a silent auction. The public is welcome. For more information, call 1-812-357-5533, email smeinrad@psci.net or visit www.smatholic.church.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, September 10—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communal Rosary: 7:30am, 10:00am

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

Mount Crafts & Raffle: 1:00-3:00pm at

Mount St. Joseph Gymnasium

Sophia Award Mass: 2:00pm at St. Stephen

Youth Group: 5:00-7:00pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:00pm

MONDAY, September 11

St. Paphnutius the Great, *Bishop, Confessor*

TUESDAY, September 12

St. Guy

Daily Mass: 7:00am

Parish Staff Meeting: 9:00am

Education/Formation Meeting: 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, *Bishop Confessor, Father and Doctor of the Universal Church*

Communion to the Homebound: 9:00am

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

Religious Ed Mass: 6:00pm

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Choir Practice: 6:45pm

THURSDAY, September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Daily Mass: 7:00am

RCIA: 6:30pm

FRIDAY, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

Daily Mass: 7:00am

SATURDAY, September 16

Communal Rosary: 4:30pm

Mass: 5:00pm

Sign-up for Men's Club Burgoo & Boston Butts

Diaconate Ordination of 16 Married Men—

Bowling Green, KY: 10:00am

SUNDAY, September 17—24th Sunday Ordinary Time

Communal Rosary: 7:30am, 10:00am

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am

Sign-up for Men's Club Burgoo & Boston Butts

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

David & Audra Murphy (30) - 9/12/87

Jeff & Nancy Kamuf Jones (20) - 9/13/97

Dale & Kristie Meserve (26) - 9/14/91

Jeremy & Angela Riney (4) - 9/14/13

Ed & Judy Sullivan (39) - 9/15/78

Glen & Sheila Stewart (40) - 9/17/77

Jonathan & Rhea Cooper (6) - 9/17/11

Please pray for these and all married couples.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**

09/11: Andrea Finley, Virginia O'Connell

09/12: Megan Goodwin

09/13: Alexis Ebelhar

09/14: Linda Connor

09/15: Allie Belcher, Andrew Clark, Gail Mullen



**ANNUAL PARISH
ANNIVERSARY COOKOUT**



Precious Blood will celebrated 57 years as a Parish on September 5th. We invite you to join us on Sunday, September 24th for our Annual Parish Anniversary Cookout. Games start at 3:00 p.m. on the church grounds. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, balls, gloves, horseshoes, volleyballs, cornhole boards, etc. Join us for bingo and a chance to win prizes. We will eat at 5:00 p.m. Food provided by the Men's Club.

MEN'S CLUB

BURGOO & BOSTON BUTT SALE

The Men's Club will be selling burgoo (\$18.00 per gallon) and Boston Butts (\$30.00 each) to be ready for pick-up on Saturday, September 30th at 4:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be available at the entrances of church next weekend or you may contact any Parent Tuition Supplement Member, Yvonne Rudy (270-929-2561), Andrea Jones (270-316-4134), John Rudy (270-993-9997) or Gary Murphy (270-302-1440). All proceeds go to help the Parent Tuition Supplement Committee.



NCYC SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join us on Saturday, October 7th after the 5:00pm Mass for a Spaghetti Dinner and on Sunday, October 8th after the 10:30am Mass for a Spaghetti Luncheon in the Parish Hall. Donations accepted.



All proceeds will go to help out our youth with their NCYC Trip to Indianapolis in November.



GARDENING/WEEDING

Sept. 10-16: Phil & Lori Roberts
Family