



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm Weekdays: Wednesday, 6:00 pm
 Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 7:00 am

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Our Mission

We are a Catholic Community of Faith, called to be Jesus to all people, striving to live the Gospel message through the Eucharist and the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 2-8

Mon. 7:00a.m.	Skeeter Hagan: dec.
Tues. 7:00a.m.	Mary Virginia Ballard: dec.
Wed. 6:00p.m.	Shirley McCarter: dec.
Thur. 7:00a.m.	Teresa Hall: dec.
Fri. 7:00a.m.	Jean Yeand: dec.
Sat. 5:00p.m.	OUR PARISH FAMILY
Sun. 7:30a.m.	Austin Millay: dec.
10:30a.m.	Joe Bill Merimee: dec.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Budget to meet Expenses	\$8,729.00
April 24, 2016 Contributions	\$9,146.34
Children's Contributions	\$13.00
Total	\$9,159.34
Under/Over this week	\$430.34
Under/Over (July 1, 2015 to present)	-\$2,234.01

Parish Renovation Fund	
April 24, 2016 Contributions	\$636.00
Total Parish Renovation Funds	\$23,924.20

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please remember Jim Head, Helen Schwartz, Rose Slone, Pat Roby, Elizabeth Mattingly, Alice Devine, Ronnie Osborne, Mary Jo Meadows, Nancy Best, Jeanette Ebelhar's mother, Janie Payne, Trino Martinez, Penny Blandford's mother, Marie Montanez's brother, Jewell Brown's sister & grandson, Glenn Young's brother, Hillary Thomas, Tim Blandford, Regina Young's sister-in-law, Mamie McDaniel's brother, Jeanette Goodwin's brother, Nelda Bickwermer's brother, sister & brother-in-law, Donnie Bowlds, Helen Schwartz's daughter, John & Clarice Kuegel, Eric Fulkerson, Todd Carwile, Kristina Quig, Jewell Brown, Sabrina Kamuf, Margaret Lancaster, Marie Hester, Ralph Murphy, Brent Trogden

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Students in grades 1-6 will practice on Wed., May 4th at 6:45 p.m. in the Choir Room located in the Parish Center.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Dorothy Wathen, winner of our 3rd Picnic Incentive Prize. Dorothy won a gift card to Beef O'Brady's.

MINISTRIES

SERVERS: May 7-8: 5:00PM/Ashton Logsdon, Maggie Ward; 7:30AM/Natalie & Megan Goodwin; 10:30AM/Lance Dickens, Havanah John

LECTORS: May 7-8: 5:00PM/Terry & Molly Ward; 7:30AM/Kim & Steve Collignon; 10:30AM/Mary June & Joe Cecil

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

May 7-8: 5PM/Amanda Murphy; 10:30AM/Danielle Durbin & Sr. Rosanne Spalding

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: May 7-8:

5:00PM/Sharon & Bruce Tucker, Mamie McDaniel, Robert Smith, Carol Riney, Mike Howard, Kristy Fulkerson ; 7:30AM/Cindy Schwartz, Katie Rudy, Donald & Jennifer Thompson, Rose McCarter, Betty Murphy, Sr. Rosanne Spalding; 10:30AM/Lisa & Bob Wimsatt, Mike Head, Elaine Johnson, Sandra Midkiff, April & Lydea Dickens

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: May 7-8:

5:00PM/Mike Howard; 10:30AM/Cindy Schwartz

NURSING HOMES: May 7-8: Davco:Katie Rudy; Twin Rivers: Mamie McDaniel

USHERS: May 7-8: 5:00PM/Lynda Trogden, Tony Powers, Bob Devine, Charles Connor; 7:30AM/Kathy & Phil Carr, Jeanette & Lauren Goodwin; 10:30AM/Sheila & Larry Abel, Amy Claycomb, Joe Bittel

CHURCH CLEANERS: May 8-14: Jeanette, Lauren, Megan & Natalie Goodwin, Carol Riney, Vicky Rudy

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Pete & Mary Barham (35) - 5/06/81
John & Clarice Kuegel (61) - 5/07/55
Please pray for these and all married couples.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mary, David & Mike Murphy on the death of their sister/aunt, Dorothy "Dot" Basham; to the family and friends of Eldred Robertson. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace!

BBQ FESTIVAL - MAY 13-14

This is a BIG fundraiser for the parish requiring lots of help. If you are interested in helping cook burgoo, contact John Rudy at 270-993-9997; cook meat, contact Bruce Tucker at 270-771-0095; helping Parent Tuition Supplement sell sandwiches, contact Rhonda Logsdon at 270-929-1800 or Kristen Powers at 270-314-332; help the Picnic Committee sell Raffle tickets, contact Chrissy Axley at 270-314-6403.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Our own need to be Christian should not end with the tithe; it should begin with it. Because God's favor turns to many things, and usually we are blessed in direct proportion to the difficult jobs God has given to us. But while God's love may be easy for us, it almost never is. Ours are the hands that do His jobs daily and much needs doing. Ours are the hearts that show God's love to those who have not learned to understand it. And ours are the shoulders people cry on when they need God's love.

To be a Christian is simple, but sometimes so difficult. However, it becomes less difficult once we've committed ourselves to God's service. And tithing is a form of commitment. Even people who are difficult to like become easier to know and love once we look for God in the people around us. This is our most important commitment. However, we must follow that commitment of resources with a commitment of our lives, although this may not happen consciously. The beauty of tithing is that we may only know that our hearts are warmed to more of the people we meet, and that somehow the grace of God seems very close.

"Carry one another's burdens," God said, and what else is it when we support the church that does God's work, and when we tend a sick child, or serve the kind of dinner that makes a family happy? These little ways are the real ways to happiness- and to God. We shouldn't wait for God at the end of a rainbow or the end of our lives, as God is here with us...God's here with us now as we stir the oatmeal on rainy mornings. God is with us when we pass around the popcorn on the cold nights and the drowsy children sit before the crackling fire.

God blesses us with the warmth of love, too, when we receive it from those around us, and this can be the real joy of the human heart. In direct proportion to the service we give humankind, we will receive the here and now reward of God's love, as it reflects from the hearts of the everyday people we know. The grocer may not look like Christ, but his smile on a chilly morning gives us a good start to the day. The baby may not look like the Christ-child as it spits up on your shoulder, but home life centers in this littlest of the people of God. From the grocer, to the baby, to the doctor, to the mechanic who fixed the broken down car, all can be a part of Christianity and what it means to us.

The world can become a many-mirrored world where love multiplies and where it flits from one heart to the other from here to the ends of the earth. That's what Christianity ought to be. Whether it is, of course, will depend upon just when we get around to starting this miracle for ourselves. Remember, it begins with a commitment, and a good commitment is the tithe!

Blessings of Peace, Joy, and Love~
Fr. Brian J. Roby

BULLETIN COVER

This week's bulletin cover features 1st Communion - Congratulations to the 10 girls & boys who received the Body & Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on Sun., April 17th: Elise Beaty, Landen Aaren-Denver Dickens, Jocelyn Herrmann, Aubrey Johnson, Tristan Jones, Matthew Molnar, Addison Oller, Easton Quinn, Braden & Brenton Thomas. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make this celebration so beautiful--the singing, the bell choir, the homily (partially written by them), reception, parents and teachers for preparing and showing them by example how great the Eucharist is in our lives.

PRECIOUS BLOOD PICNIC - Sat, June 4, 2016

***SELL THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS!!!!** 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** - Tea bags, lemonade mix (no pink), bottled water, canned soft drinks, rolls of clear cellophane wrap (can be found in craft section at K'Mart, Walmart, Hobby Lobby) or will accept cash donations to help purchase these items. Items can be placed in boxes located at the entrances of church or bring by the Parish Office. We would like to have by the weekend of May 14th & 15th.

***The CAKE WHEEL** needs 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 CAKE BAKING DAY** - Thurs., June 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please bring cake mixes, frosting, eggs, milk, oils, mixing bowls, spoons, bundt pans, disposable pans, etc. Want to donate cake mixes and frostings, these can be dropped by the Parish Office.

***PICNIC CAKE FROSTING & POTATO PEELING** - Fri., June 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be frosting the cakes we made and peel potatoes to be used for burgoo. Bring your favorite potato peelers or knives.

***The SILENT AUCTION BOOTH** is in need of empty baskets of all sizes. We need baskets of all types for the picnic (Sports Theme, Garden, Fishing, Golf, Laundry, Beach, Restaurant, etc). If you want to donate items for a basket, we can put it together for you. Questions, call Cindy Schwartz at 270-570-4146 or the Parish Office.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS

05/02: Jaden Wall, Bob Wimsatt

05/03: Marley Baize, Jackie Bartlett, Kelsey Brown, Eddie Millay, Ed Sullivan

05/04: Gary Blandford, Vanessa Calvin, Charlotte Dickens, Mary Ann Postlewaite

05/05: Julian English, Connor Nazario, Lori Roberts

05/07: Paula Martin

05/08: Kenneth Kelley

PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME TO PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH

If you are visiting our parish, we are happy that you have joined us for the celebration of the Eucharist. If you would like to become a member of Precious Blood or would like information about our parish family, we invite you to call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual Confessions at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday; the Sacrament of Reconciliation is also celebrated during Adoration every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By appointment. Communal anointing is also celebrated on the fourth Wednesday of each month during the evening Mass.

ADORATION

Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Church.

COMMUNAL ROSARY

Sat. 4:35 p.m.; Sun. 7:05 and 10:05 a.m. Questions, contact Mary June Cecil 502-939-3633

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples call Fr. Brian at the Parish Office or email robby042569@gmail.com for marriage preparation. The first appointment must be scheduled 6 months before proposed date of marriage.

ANNULMENTS

Contact Fr. Brian at the Parish Office or email robby042569@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Persons wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith are invited to call any member of the pastoral staff for information. The RCIA meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Sr. Rosanne directs RCIA.

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH

Call any member of the pastoral staff. It's often a simple matter of making a good Confession.

INFANT BAPTISMS

Parents call Fr. Brian for appointment prior to child's baptism.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K-12)

Wednesday evenings at 6:45p.m. Contact Sr. Rosanne to register.

OWENSBORO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (K-12)

Register with the Catholic Schools at 270-686-8896.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for next weekend will be Acts 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26. 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.

dearPadre

May 1, 2016

Spiritual direction vs. advice

What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling and simply asking for religious advice?

In spiritual direction, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God's presence in human experience; the primary focus is on this individual's relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the "director" in all spiritual direction.

In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and self-discovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person's faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it.

Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process; they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development; but it further aims toward holiness and "toward ever more intimate union with Christ"

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and one with Christ's Church. "This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments" (*CCC* 2014). "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (*CCC* 2013).

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Sun., May 1st, 6:00 p.m. in the KC Room.

EDUCATION/FORMATION MEETING: Tues., May 3rd, 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 2.

FAMILY/SOCIAL LIFE COMMITTEE: Wed., May 3rd, 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 1.

RELIGIOUS ED: Wed., May 4th, 6:45 p.m.

SPECIAL THANKS TO CHURCH CLEANERS

Special thanks to Linda Jackson, Pauline Langdon, Sherman & Dolores Roberts for cleaning church the week of April 18.