

Parish of the Precious Blood



July 27, 2025



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17th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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When we need something from a friend—whether it's a favor or an item they have—we don't hesitate to ask. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples to approach God with the same confidence. He assures us that our Heavenly Father listens to our prayers and encourages us to pray persistently because we are a people in constant need of God's grace.

Long before Jesus emphasized the importance of persistent prayer, Abraham demonstrated this same boldness in his conversation with God about Sodom. He kept asking, How many righteous people would be needed to spare the city? Through this back-and-forth, Abraham wasn't trying to change God's mind but rather to understand the depth of His mercy. God's response revealed that even ten righteous people would have been enough to save Sodom. Sadly, the city was destroyed, meaning not even ten could be found. This story shows both the consequences of widespread sin and the power of a few righteous lives.

Centuries later, Jesus would offer Himself as the ultimate solution to humanity's sin—not just individual wrongdoing but the brokenness we all share. His sacrifice brings salvation to all who believe.

Bread plays an important role in today's readings. First, it appears in the Lord's Prayer as a daily need we ask God to provide. Then, Jesus tells a story about a man who knocks on his friend's door at midnight, desperate for bread to feed an unexpected guest. In Middle Eastern culture, hospitality is sacred, so the man persists until his friend helps. If even a reluctant human friend will respond to such boldness, how much more will our loving God answer when we call on Him?

Pastors in Solidum

Fr. Anthony Korir, SMA, "Fr. Tony"

Fr. Thomas Xavier, SAC, "Fr. Tom"

Fr. Sahaya Remgius, SAC, "Fr. Sahaya"

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Carl Joseph Gallagher 'Deacon Carl'

PARISH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OFFICE HOURS

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207-498-2536

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Hours: Monday—Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Closed Friday

For Business Purposes Call:

207-498-2536



Welcoming Our Missionaries

This weekend, we have the honor of hosting two missionaries from the Missionaries of St. Paul—Rev. Stephen Bamishaye and Rev. Julius Otoaye. They will share their work in spreading the Gospel, and we will have an opportunity to support their mission through a second collection. Let's welcome them with open hearts and generosity.

Fr. Anthony K. Korir, SMA
With you a Christian,
For you, a priest

SANCTUARY LAMP



Holy Rosary

For the Health and Healing of
Dustin Haines
by
Don & Cindy Blanchette

Sacred Heart

For a Favor Obtained
by Nancy Thibodeau

St. Denis

In Prayerful Memory of
Arthur & Alberta Cyr
by Their Children

OUR LADY LAMP



If you would like to have a lamp
burned in memory of someone or for a
special intention, please contact the
rectory during normal business hours.



*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

7 Though I walk in the midst of
trouble, you preserve me against
the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and
your right hand delivers me.
8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose
for me; your steadfast love,
O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your
hands. Psalm 138

BULLETIN MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of MAURICE & ANITA SOUCY & LOVED ONES By Their Loved Ones	In Loving Memory of SHAWN BERNARD By His Dad Charles	In Loving Memory of WENDI VOISINE LEAVITT By The Voisine Family
In Loving Memory of Kenneth G. Murchison, Sr. By The Murchison Family	In Loving Memory of DEPUTY SHERIFF MATTHEW LONG By Mom, Julia & Nieces	In Loving Memory of ALBERT POWERS By His Wife Lorraine & Family
In Loving Memory of GILBERT GUERRETTE By his Loving Wife & Family	<i>In Loving Memory</i> 	In Loving Memory of LINDA PAGE By Norman & Family
In Loving Memory of LIONEL, DORIS & RAYMOND BLANCHETTE, LINDA & BERT OUELLETTE By The Family	In Loving Memory of ELAINE HAINES By Her Husband, Neal	In Loving Memory of PRECIOUS GLENNA WIFE & MOTHER By Her Husband Peter, Audrey, Carla, Ned & Athena
 In Loving Memory of SANDRA BEAUPRE By Her Loving Husband Gordon & Family	In Loving Memory of SONIA & DANNY LABBE By The Labbe Family	In Loving Memory of OMERINE CYR By Her Loving Husband Peter Cyr & Family
In Loving Memory of THE COTE & JOHNDRO FAMILY By Michealla & Family	In Loving Memory of BRENDA THIBODEAU By Her Husband Galen & Family	<i>In Loving Memory of</i> DALE CORBIN & MICHAEL POISSON By Sharon Corbin & Families
		

PARISH GROUP PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

HOLY ROSARY, CARIBOU

Monday

7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Mondays ~

Men's Faith Sharing

Wednesday

9:00 AM Scripture Study with Tea & Coffee
at the Parish Center

Thursday

5:00 PM Confession
7:00 PM Burning Bush Prayer Group
7:00 PM That Man Is You—Men's Group

1st Friday:

5:00 PM Adoration & Confession
6:00 PM Mass

1st Saturday:

9:30 AM-12:00 PM Followers of the
Cross Parish Center Large Room
9:30 AM -10:15 AM Rosary &
Confession

ST. DENIS, FORT FAIRFIELD

Rosary: 8:00 AM prior to Daily Mass.
8:00 AM on Sundays

Tuesday

9:00 AM. Faith Sharing

Thursday

9:15 AM. Cenacle of the Marian
Movement of Priests.

3rd Friday

3:00 PM—Adoration & Confession.
4:00 PM Mass

SACRED HEART, N. CARIBOU

Saturday

3:30 PM Rosary before Mass



*First Friday
August 1st*

*First Saturday
August 2nd*

ST. MARY'S, PRESQUE ISLE

Confession is offered after Daily Mass &
before Sat. & Sun. Masses.

Tuesday

9:00 AM Rosary Making Team

Wednesday

6:30 PM Faith Sharing in the Rectory.
All are welcome. (In Session)

1st Friday

5:00 PM Adoration & Confession
6:00 PM Mass.

Sunday

Rosary before the 11:00 AM Mass

ST. MARK, ASHLAND

Tuesday and Friday

9:00 AM Rosary

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE, PORTAGE

Sunday 8:00 AM Rosary before Mass

Saturday, Jul 26: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Sacred Heart ** Kerry & Kevin Staples by Their Father, Kermit
 4:00 PM St. Mary ** Gisele Levesque St. Pierre (Mother of Gilles St. Pierre) by Always Hope
 4:00 PM St. Theresa ** For the People
 6:00 PM St. Catherine ** Donald Dube by The Knights of Columbus
 6:00 PM St. Joseph ** Marie Finlayson by Bob & Joan Tweedie & Family

Sunday, Jul 27: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year C

8:30 AM Our Lady ** Greg Saucier (2nd Anniversary) by The Saucier Family
 8:30 AM St. Denis ** Adrienne Bernard (8th Anniversary) by David Bernard & Family
 9:15 AM St. Louis ** Rob & Fred Pelletier by The Pelletier Family
 10:30 AM Holy Rosary ** Brenda Thibodeau by Her Husband, Galen
 11:00 AM St. Mary ** Todd Michaud & Edmund Michaud by Carol Michaud

Monday, Jul 28:

8:30 AM Holy Rosary ** Noel & Germaine LaPlante by The Family
 1:30 PM Leisure Village ** Ronald Guerrette by Lela Guerrette

Tuesday, Jul 29: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8:30 AM St. Denis ** Bob Walker by Rose Walker
 6:00 PM St. Mary ** Marion Keenan by Frank & Darrylin Keenan

Thursday, Jul 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola

6:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Roland Babin by Linda & Children
 6:00 PM St. Mark ** Tom Fisher by Don & Barb Paradis

Friday, Aug 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori

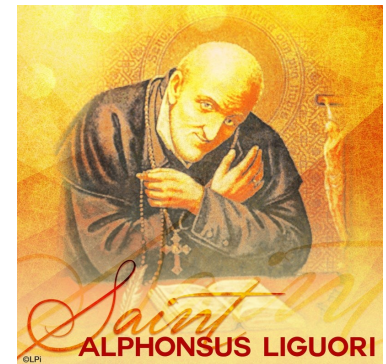
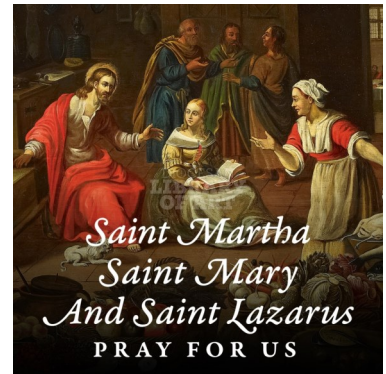
8:30 AM Holy Rosary ** Jackie & Buddy Lagasse by The Family
 8:30 AM St. Mary ** Earl Kalkbrenner by Lela Guerrette

Saturday, Aug 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli

10:15 AM Holy Rosary ** For the Holy Spirit To Guide Our Holy Father, Pope Francis
 4:00 PM Sacred Heart ** Curt Fournier by Kay & Jim Judkins
 4:00 PM St. Mary ** The Health & Healing of Dustin Haines by Don & Cindy Blanchette
 4:00 PM St. Theresa ** Josie Thibodeau by Her Husband, Maynard
 6:00 PM St. Catherine ** Christine Theriault by The Knights of Columbus #1870
 6:00 PM St. Joseph ** Frank Buckley by Bob & Joan Tweedie & Family

Sunday, Aug 3: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM St. Denis ** Vina & Tom Bolstridge by Bolstridge & Gorneault & Family
 8:30 AM St. Mark ** For the People
 9:15 AM St. Louis ** Emma Cote by Her Husband, Elson
 10:30 AM Holy Rosary ** Sally Coooper & Susan Peterson by Jacqueline Shaw
 11:00 AM St. Mary ** Xavier Joseph (Fr. Tom's Father) by Terry & Norma Levesque



Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in our Diocese. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. USCCB



Readings for the week of July 27, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Parish Prayer Line Contacts

St. Louis ~ (Gail Hjort) 492-7901
 Sacred Heart ~ Sandy Levesque Staples 540-7634
 Holy Rosary ~ Gail Hjort 492-7901
 St. Mary's ~ Marilyn Peary 762-0401
 St. Joseph ~ (Volunteer Needed)
 St. Denis ~ Stephanie Beaulieu 551-5835
 St. Mark & Our Lady ~ Joan Goodblood 435-6017



St. Mary's Church Meditation and Memorial Garden is coming to life. The garden, for the Blessed Virgin and unborn children, will feature engraved memorial stones which you can purchase in honor and memory of the special people in your life. This is a fundraising effort to complete the garden.

The stone pavers can be purchased as follows: **\$200 for a 1 foot by 1 foot stone with up to 7 lines of engraving with up to 12 letters per line. A 1/2 ft by 1 foot stone for \$150 with 3 lines of engraving is also available.** Please make checks payable to Daughters of Isabella and drop in the offertory baskets at Masses. **Work will begin in late July so don't delay purchasing your stones today.**

Please, Open the Door

Our Parish children need **Catechists** and **Catechist Aides** to guide them through the faith formation year ahead. Open the door to opportunity by seeing your pastor today and saying **YES** for the children. You have what it takes to make a difference.



St Mary's Church is looking for **Altar Servers** both adult and children.

Those interested may fill out the application located in the entryway to the church. Please drop off completed forms in the drop box located in the Narthex. Applications will be accepted until the end of July. Training will be provided.

Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry

Holy Rosary is a member of the Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry. They welcome volunteers to help stock shelves, pack boxes, clean, etc. The following dates and times are needed: **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from approximately 8:00 until 11:00 a.m. for the entire month of July. The number to the pantry is: (207) 493-4860 should you have any *questions*. *Thank you for supporting the pantry!*



Mother Cabrini

Maine Catholic Education Initiative

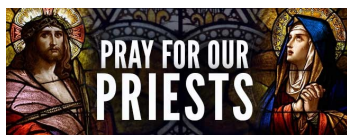
"I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me."

St. Francis Xavier or "Mother" Cabrini was an Italian American religious sister who founded nearly

70 schools, orphanages and charitable endeavors supporting the poor. **The Mother Cabrini Maine Catholic Education Initiative** is a work of the Diocese of Portland to proclaim the Gospel, bring others to Jesus Christ, and build the Reign of God through Catholic Education.

Through the new Mother Cabrini Maine Catholic Education Initiative, the Diocese of Portland seeks to support Catholic education in the state and to serve the mission of the Church more effectively. Mission-driven programs are at the heart of the initiative – bolstering our Catholic schools, supporting the development of a homeschool collaborative, and fostering the formation of teachers and school leaders. To learn more visit <https://mainecatholiceducation.org>

Do you have enough food to feed yourself and/or your family? If not, and you live in Limestone or Caswell, please contact the St. Louis Ecumenical Food Pantry at **227-8184** or **325-1167**.



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen



You are Invited! The Diocese of Portland, Office of Lifelong Faith Formation will be hosting

a Faith, Family & Fun day entitled "**Blast with the Bishop**" at St. Mary of the Visitation Church in Houlton on Saturday, **August 30th** from 9:45am to 6:00pm. The

day includes an address by Bishop Ruggieri, guided adoration, breakout sessions by age group, family discussion time, and concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Ruggieri. Cost is \$25. For information and to register visit:

<https://portlanddiocese.net/faithfamilyfunday>



Did you know that nearly 80% of Catholic high school seniors drift away from their faith after graduation? Many don't reject their faith — they just never get connected to a new Catholic community to help sustain their faith.

The Newman Connection Faith Forward movement is a national initiative ensuring every Catholic high school senior enters college with faith, not fear. By using the QR code below, students will get personally connected to their college or military Catholic campus ministry.



GRADUATING SENIORS
CONNECT HERE
signupnc.newmanministry.com



Sign up today to make sure you (or your child) stay connected to a Catholic faith community after graduation! Our parish will be praying for all of our youth.

Parish Faith Formation— Catholic Kids Page

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C



GOSPEL

It is important to remember that we can talk to God anytime and anywhere. We don't need to be in a church or a special place to pray the Lord's prayer. God is always with us and He is always listening. God loves you so talk to him often.



Our Father, Who
art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy
Name.

Parish Financial Stewardship

Parish of the Precious Blood Staff Openings:

Full-time Sexton - This person will be responsible for the day-to-day cleaning and maintenance of the facilities at Holy Rosary in Caribou and other sites as needed. Snow removal with the ability to operate a plow truck during winter months is essential, along with basic understanding of equipment functions and carpentry skills. A valid driver's license and pre-qualifying physical are required. Position is full-time with benefits including health insurance, vacation, paid holidays.

Parish Business Coordinator - This is a full time position with excellent benefits. The nature of this position requires occasional evening and weekend work in addition to regular office hours and reports directly to the Pastors. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Job descriptions and application are available on our website, theppb.org or the Parish Business Office, 498-2536.

Up Coming Second / Special Collections:

- July 27 - Holy Father-Peter's Pence /
Mission Appeal - Society of St Paul
- Aug 3 - Faith Formation
- Aug 10 - Maintenance Fund

Financial Blessings

OFFERTORY July 13, 2025

Collections Last Week :

First Collection	\$ 12,739
Second Collection	\$ 435

Total: \$ 13,174

Total Collections YTD:	\$ 27,057
Collections Budget:	\$ 27,216

+/- Budget: - \$ 159

Total of Weekly Collections
this time last year: \$ 24,932

Current Weekly Average: \$ 13,529

2024 Weekly Average: \$ 12,466

2023 Weekly Average: \$ 17,766

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DONATE ONLINE

At theppb.org

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Parish of Precious Blood Presents...

Lighted Wreath of Remembrance

Holy Rosary Cemeteries in Caribou ~ St. Mary Cemeteries in Presque Isle ~ St. Mark Cemeteries in Ashland
St. Louis Cemetery in Limestone ~ St. Denis Cemeteries in Fort Fairfield ~ Sacred Heart Cemetery in North
Caribou ~ Our Lady of the Lake Cemetery in Portage ~ St. Theresa Cemeteries in Stockholm



Honor the life of your faithful departed by purchasing a wreath for your loved one's monument during this season of Advent and Christmas. Lighted wreaths displayed through the Holiday and Winter Season.

Cost of the wreath is \$40.00 each (Presales Only)

Wreaths will be blessed prior to placement in cemeteries.

Order online!

Checks payable to:
Parish of Precious Blood
P.O. Box 625
Caribou, ME 04736

<https://theppb.org/wreath-sale>



Everyday Faith

There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He's got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Get Your Lighted Wreath of Remembrance Order Form at the Church Entrance Today!