

**Pastor's Greetings,**

To pray is to make a humble request or entreaty, at least that is its basic meaning in English. It describes the action of a gentle asking by one person of another. By contrast, it is not a demanding of a right, nor is it any form of command. When in reference to God the action does not lose its simple sense, it only deepens infinitely, for the relationship it acknowledges is that between Creator and creature. God's creating of a human being can span from over a hundred years to the space of seconds. In every case God's creative act is a call which forms a personal creature and makes it stand forth from nothing. It is an absolute call that addresses the human personally and invites a response. Ultimately we hear that divine voice call us by name (which suits us to a "t"), giving us a name by which we may respond to God. Jesus told us that the Holy Spirit of the Creator God calls out the name of God within us and with us, crying, "ABBA". The active relationship in which we already find ourselves when we come to self-consciousness, that "vital and personal relationship with the living God," the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** calls "prayer."

In the three Sundays which remain in the Church year leading to Advent, I intend to explore part four of the Catechism, the concluding section dedicated to Christian prayer. I do this for several reasons. Prayer is the crux, the living center of our faith, without which the rest is an empty shell. Prayer is vast and rich, a world hardly explored. Although we do indeed have many maps (and the Catechism is one of them) until I personally travel the paths of prayer and experience its encounter with the living God I only know another's tale and not my own. As St. Paul says, "We do not know how to pray as we ought." And I have yet another reason for exploring this section of the Catechism. Prior to this I have searched within it here and there, but I have not read it whole. It calls to me and I intend to answer that call. I invite you to come with me.

The Catechism exploration of what prayer is immediately presents the sacred scriptures and the saints. St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. John of Damascus, St. Augustine, and St. Gregory of Nazianzus. Prayer is a "surge of the heart," "the raising of one's mind and heart to God," "a thirst for God," "the union of the entire holy and royal Trinity ... with the whole human spirit." Prayer is a visit to the well in John 4 where Jesus asks for a drink so that he may give living water. Prayer is a visit to the cross where Jesus about to be overtaken by Death says, "I thirst," so that our seeking to quench his thirst may allow him to slake our thirst for overflowing life. Prayer is a trek to attain the hidden center at our core, to the heart, which God alone can fathom, but the place from which God calls to us to abide with God and find our own true selves in God. Prayer is a gift, a covenant relationship, and a communion. Prayer is this relational communion with God in Christ and with all those who are membered to Christ in his Body, the Church. Although my response of prayer to God is so very intimately my own, if it is in Christ, it is also inseparable from the voice of Christ, a symphony in the Holy Spirit of the voice of Christ with the countless voices of all those who are in Christ praying.

Prayer is a symphonic dialogue, the song of the Creator in which answering, creation finds its voice. If I could choose one word to summarize the entirety of prayer addressed to ABBA, that word in Hebrew would be "Amen" or in English "Yes." It is quoted of Jesus himself. It is the word by which the Church voices the entire worship of the Liturgy together at the climax of the Eucharistic Prayer. It is the word in the spirit of which we can embrace the hand of God in every circumstance of life and death. It does not affirm evil. It affirms the hand of God upon me greater than any evil. It pierces the blackest darkness, shatters temptation, conquers every sin, reaches through the most intense suffering. It affirms the will of ABBA, however it is known or unknown to me. It is the only prayer I of which I am aware that lasts when all other words fail. It is the prayer of heaven.

Fr. Richard

**WHAT'S A NOVENA? PART II: MEANING**

The life of prayer in the Catholic Church centers on Jesus Christ and his most powerful and real expression: the Eucharist or Mass. Novenas, among other forms of popular piety, help nourish our Christian life: "[T]he Church fosters the forms of popular piety that expresses an evangelical instinct and a human wisdom and that enrich Christian life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1679). When we think about what it means to nourish our Christian life, we look at the example set by Jesus Christ. We receive a radical invitation to love God and neighbor, to forgive seventy times seven, to take care of the poor, the widow and orphan, to share the Gospel with deed and word and to be the best version of ourselves. It may seem that we receive a call to do the impossible! But for God all things are possible. We look at the lives of the Saints, real people just like us. They were not perfect, but did all they could do in order to respond to that radical call they too received in Baptism. When we pray a novena, we are given opportunities to meditate about virtue, hope, charity and love, through different settings of prayers and reflections. We will talk more about the structure of a novena next week, but for now save the date: **Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe from December 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the church.** For questions or further information, or if you would like to help in the novena, please contact Byron (Paco) Macias at the parish office.

**Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to: Mk 12:38-44**      **Glory to You O Lord!**

### Adults

Whose way of life has helped me know and understand the possibilities for generous self-sacrifice?

### Children

When was I surprised at how good someone was to me? How did that help me to be good

### Religious Education/Faith Formation Schedule

During the month of Nov. children/youth are invited to bring in nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets.

<b>November</b>	8	Regular Session		
	15	Regular Session		22 Regular Session
	29	<b>No Session--Thanksgiving Break</b>		

### RCIA TOPICS and SCHEDULE

<b>November</b>	11	Love for the Poor		
	18	Eschatology		25 <b>No Session--Thanksgiving Break</b>

### NOVEMBER FEAST DAYS

<b>November</b>	9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome	10	Pope Leo the Great
	11	St. Martin of Tours	13	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
	17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	22	Christ the King	24	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
		30	St. Andrew	



**Karaoke Family Evening** will be held on Friday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Karaoke will follow a potluck dinner. **What to bring--**your karaoke voice and a side dish or dessert for the meal. The entire St. Pius X parish is invited to come together for this fun-filled evening of singing.

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office conference room. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or know someone interested, please contact Nancy at 684-4745, ext. 205.

**THANKS!!!** to everyone who came and handed out treats to the children/youth and/or donated candy or food at St. Pius X 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treating. The event was held inside the parish hall, and despite the rainy weather the hall was filled with children and family members for an evening of Halloween fun!! **Thanks** also to Aaron Williams, Mark Howard, Joe Brooks, and Dan Bennett for preparing the spaghetti dinner. The meal was very delicious!! **Thanks** to the "Great Pumpkin" for visiting with the children and handing out treats!! A **BIG** thank you to everyone who helped make this family evening a success.

**NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE.** St. Pius X is collecting nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets. Donations may be placed in the food bin in church or the food basket in the parish hall on Sunday mornings. Your donation will be a blessing to a family on Thanksgiving Day. Thanks for your continued generosity and practice of the Corporal Works of Mercy. *We ask that you check the expiration dates on your food donations.* **THANKS!!**

### **Bulletin Material needed by Friday, November 20 for the November 29th bulletin.**

### **A big WELCOME to all of Our New Families Registered in the Parish.**

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan. 15-17, 2009 call 270- 683-1545 ext 357 or email: [dpretrowens@aol.com](mailto:dpretrowens@aol.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**Middle School & High School - Shanty Town**  
**November 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm-8:00am @ Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall**

Get your boxes and blankets ready! It's Lourdes third annual "ShantyTown" night and St. Pius X is invited! This event is a social justice experience where you feel what it's like to be homeless for a night. Dress warm! **WE WILL BE SLEEPING OUTSIDE.** Please bring large box, sleeping bag, blanket and pillow. No electronics allowed! (IPODS, MP3, cell phones, etc). There is no cost, but please bring an item to donate to St Benedict Homeless Shelter. (Travel size shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc) **Shanty Town is open to 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. For forms and more information contact Matt Hunt**

**ODYO Jingle Fest - December 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8:30pm @ Diamond Lakes**

Do you have an undiscovered talent? Then we want you to share it with every one of the ODYO youth ministry community at Jingle Fest. Jingle Fest is a variety talent show at Diamond Lakes Theater. Each parish attending could create and perform a skit or act. **Deadline for sign up to do an act or skit is Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>.** Tickets will be sold at the door. The cost of the event is \$5.00 + money for food per person.

**Remember ODYO is open to 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**High & Middle School EPICFLIGHT Night**

**Tonight, EPICFLIGHT Night is 6:00pm-7:45pm.** The theme for the night is Homes in America with special Guest Speaker Kim Jagoe. Kim is the coordinator of St. Benedict Homeless Shelter. Kim will help relate the Church's justice teaching to homelessness and explore how individuals, the local community and national organizations can help.

**Middle School F.L.I.G.H.T Night**

The next Middle School FLIGHT night is November 18<sup>th</sup>. It's just that simple: Nooma Night come and see how to simplify your life with shells. The night starts with Mass at 6pm then we follow with the theme of the night till 8pm.

**Confirmation 09-2010**

The next mini-retreat is *Guided & Strengthened by the Holy Spirit* Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm-4pm in the Parish Hall.

**TOB for Teens**

**Next Meeting is December 10<sup>th</sup> — 6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Dead Theologians Society, (DTS)**

*Dead to the World Alive in Christ*

*Romans 6:11*

The next DTS meeting will be **November 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8:30pm. DTS is for High School youth 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Benedict Shelter**

**Mark your calendars for November 14<sup>th</sup>. This is the opening month and is need of help.** High School and Middle School are scheduled to clean the St. Benedict Shelter. The cleaning would be in the morning **10am-12am** dressed to clean. Check the bulletin for a list of items. Also this month we will be doing an item drive the shelter is in need of cleaning material. Contact Matt Hunt if you're interested in helping a great ministry.

In January, the youth of our parish will make tie-blankets for the St. Benedict Shelter. The youth will fringe two 3 yard pieces of fleece and then tie it together making a twin-size blanket. They are very warm! We will need fleece to make this service project possible. If you would like to donate fleece for this project here is a tip- Walmart in Central City has solid colored fleece for \$2.84 a yard! I believe Beaver Dam & Tell City have it also. Fleece may be any color, solid or print (solids are cheaper). They need to be in 3 yard increments. Ebay is a good source also. I purchased 20 yards of solid-colored fleece for \$3.50 yard and received free shipping. Both prices are better than sale prices around here. If you have any questions call Chris Zoglmann (233-4836) or Matt Hunt.

**Mass Intentions - Nov. 9th—15th**

9th-Mon.	8am	Rick Clary
10th-Tue.	8am	Rose Mariam Payne
11th-Wed.	6pm	Mary & Jesse Turner
12th-Thur.	8am	Rose Head (birthday)
13th- Fri	8am	Alan & Ruth A. Thompson
14th-Sat	5pm	Harvey & Marie Johnson
15th-Sun.	8am	Parish Family
	11am	Pat Burns
	8pm	Dennis Hayden

**Vocation Crucifix-Nov. 14th & 15th**

5:00pm	Larry & Pat Harralson
8:00am	Ed & Tammy Mattingly
11:00am	Gerald & Bonnie Castlen

**Scrip Schedule- Nov. 14th & 15th**

- 5pm**—Mary Lou Storm, Keith & Cathy Franey
- 8am**—Mark & Donna Howard,  
Jerry & Ginger McBride
- 11am**— Gene & Becky Krampe  
Edgar & Michelle Wright

**God's Housekeepers: -Nov. 9th—14th**

Marian & Roger Jones, Bruce & Ann Burns, Wilsie & Margie Ward, Lisa Burns-Kirby, Kenny Burns

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE**

**There will be a New Year's Eve Dance at our Parish Hall on Thursday, December 31, 2009. Food and drinks will be supplied. Doors will open @ 7:30PM, Music begins @ 8:30 until 12:30 and the doors will close @ 1:30AM. Must be 21 years of age or older. Tickets will be on sell within the next couple of weeks. There will be limited tickets sold. The price of the tickets are \$45/couple and \$25/single. We hope that everyone will come and join the fun. All proceeds will go towards the Capital Campaign. If you have any questions, you may contact Jeff Jones, Jerry Wells, Gail Ray or Dottie Kirk.**

**Taxes**

Volunteers are needed to help man the VITA tax site at St. Pius X. This will be the fourth year for a site here. And each year we have grown in number of tax returns prepared. Positions needed are greeters, screeners, and tax preparers. All necessary instructions will be provided. If interested call David Fleischmann at 685-2415 or Sharol at 685-1603.

**Tithing's-November 1st, 2009**

Goal.....	13,360.00
Actual.....	16,226.44
St. Vincent de Paul.....	35.00
Children's Collection.....	1.90
World Mission.....	5.00
KLEA.....	5.00



**Capital Campaign**

Goal.....	\$3,000.00
Actual.....	4,661.33

**Stewardship:** Like the widow from Zarephath, who baked a cake for Elijah with the small amount of flour and oil she had left for herself and her son, the widow in the temple gave all that she had - her whole livelihood, to God. Such generosity springs from sincere gratitude and great faith in God's love for us. It is important that we regularly reflect on *who we are and whose we are*. At our Baptism we are called "a child of God, for so indeed we are." Do we acknowledge and accept God as Father and Creator? Are we grateful to God for all that He has given us? Is our gratitude to God reflected in our generosity like the widow of Zarephath and the widow in the temple? Jesus was not favorably impressed by large sums contributed by the rich out of their surplus wealth. How much of what we have is because of what we *want*, not what we *need*? How much of what we claim to be *mine* is actually surplus that we could share with others in need?

**Forever Young Pre Holiday Meal**

All Forever Young Members and anyone 50 and over is invited to a turkey & dressing meal on Thursday, November 12th. Meet @ 11:30 in Parish Hall & eat at 12 Noon. Turkey, Dressing & Drinks will be furnished. We need side dishes: corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, broccoli and desserts. If you are willing to bring any of these please call Bettie Wagner at 684-5036 or Mary @ the Office 684-4745. Come and let us kick-off the holiday season with a good meal and fun & fellowship.

**Writers Needed**-Let's share with the Diocese all the great things happening in our parish! If you like to write and would like to become a "reporter" of our parish life to the Western Kentucky Catholic, please call Byron (Paco) Macias at the parish office.

**Volunteers and Financial support are much needed at the St. Benedict Joseph Emergency Shelter.**

**Catholic Men's Fellowship**

A new organization has been formed here at St. Pius. The Catholic Men's Fellowship meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm here at St. Pius in the resource room. We would like to invite all men to come join us and bring a friend. If you would like to find out more please contact: Joe Wathen - 993-8351 Gary Estes - 314-4419, Tom Rhodes - 925-1442.

**Praying Hands Prayer Chain-Call 929-4914, 281-4729 or 686-8098, dgfas@earthlink.net** Becky Howard, Donna & Henry Head, Louise Miles, Richard Horn, Charles Aud, Chann Harris, Mary Coy, Pat Yeckering, Christina Downing, Linda McKinney, Donna Powers, James Martin, Billy Brackett, Mandy Lloyd, Johnnie Muncey, Robin Spinks, Kenneth Wright, Dalton Smiley, Susan Sweat, Barbara Alvey, Cody Cox, Mike Murphy, Tony Hamilton, Debra Morse, Billie Quisinberry, Dale Greenwell, Wendy Phelps, Laura Donahue, Aline Garrett, Pam Kehr, Mary Collins, Ann & James Wood, Roger Warren, Barbara Stites, Terrence Miller, Joseph Boehman, Morgan Young, Lukas Hall, Robert Massie, Shelia Phillips, Robert Newton, Nancy Bickett, David Baker, Scott Carter, Sharon Clary, Marsha Bradley, Edward Dowdy, Marvin Morris, Brigit Jones, Allen Payne, Brian King, Carol & Gerald Head, Glenn Grigsley, Louis Payne, James Cummins, Ethel Larossa, Becky Cook, Anna Clements, Becky Smith, Sue Willet, Kim Burcham, Deanna Wright, Tracy Blair, Norbert Smith, Jr., Larry Elliott, Paul M. Smith, Jo Ann Kimmel, Jane Smith, Dicki Conkright, Eleanor Richey, Theresa Wilkerson, Mary Hoover, Larry & Martha Stites, Preston Chappell, Dylan Evans, Janet Shartung, Jason Chambers, Lori Stanley, Judy Oelze, Eugenia Shultz, Gina Board, Easton Pedley, Christine Mulligan, Ray Riley, Mike Marsh, Jerry Clark, Anthony Clark, Laura Zapytowski, Bernice Bertke, James Barnett, Emily Storm, Harlan Best, Cayden Browning, Carol Atwell, Tom Franey, Deborah Watts, Joseph Roach, Mary Jo Jones, Kristi Rehauer, Lauren Girten, Pamala Chapman, Mrs. Estella Ubelor, Sharri Browning, David Leach, Todd Melton, Helen McCarty, Blake Midkiffs, Kathleen Kirk, Amy Cox, Barbara Coomes, Barbara Carrico, Vicki Troutman, Joe McCrystal, Brooklyn Kessenger, Debby Stallings, Christina Booth, Brian Martin, Herbert Johnson, Tara Phelps, David Vanover, Rhonda Williams, Tim & Zoila Davis, Frank Jones, Jr. Jan Mulligan, Kathleen Wettstain, Erika Vandiver, Ron Thomas, Neil Devine, Lisa Russellburg, Kelly Hedges, Judy Byrer, Earl Cecil, Shane Isbill, Clarence Merritt, Virginia Hagan, Chapel Rose Estes, Agnes Powers, Megan Boarman, Ryan Wahnsiedler, J.C & Jeanette Mayfield, Margaret Fischer, Carrie Weaver, Joe Raley, Mary Ellen Clark.

**Military Prayer List:** 1 SG. David Bernosky, Ft. Dix, New Jersey, L/CPL Jimmy Wolter, Afghanistan, Airman David M. Smith, T. Sgt. Kevin Payne, SGT John R. Zaremba, Veterans Hospital-Richmond, Virginia, LTC Jason Jones, SGT Jesse Turner, Afghanistan, Sgt. Robert Timothy Wells-Afghanistan, Airman Kaleb Hedden—Iraq.

**November 14th**

**5:00pm**

**Euch.** Tommy Velotta/B-1, Father/B-2, Steve Clark /B-3, Sandy Langdon/B-4, Carol Schlachter/Bal-B,  
**Gifts** Bob & Mary Lou Storm  
**Lectors** Dennis Zoglmann, Josie Krueger  
**Greeters** Doug Langdon/D-1, Jane Strehl/D-2, Boots Crowe/D-3, Martha Walker/D- 4  
**Servers** Abbie Stallings, Paul Conder  
**Ushers** Tom & Tim Blair, Joey Dickens, Doug Crowe

**November 15th 8:00am**

**Euch.** Charlotte Hedges/Capt.B-1, Father/B-2, Cathy Foster/B-3, Pat Storm/B-4, Maria Thompson/Bal-B,  
**Gifts** Jerry & Ginger McBride  
**Lectors** Alicia Wells, Linda Calhoun  
**Greeters** Kathy Clark/D-1, Mary Jo Westerfield/D-2, Steve & Michelle Mattingly/D-3 & 4  
**Servers** Jessica Payne, Katelynn Roberts  
**Ushers** Larry Murphy, Nick Howard Ed Mattingly, Dan Higdon

**November 15th 11:00am**

**Euch** Rob Edge/Capt.B-1, Father/B-2, Taylor Edge/B-3, Caty Gerteisen/B-4, Lisa Gertiesen/Bal-B,  
**Gifts** Kenny & Angela Clark  
**Lectors** Justin Krampe, Wayne Zoglmann  
**Greeters** Mary, Josh & Ashley Morris/D-1 & 2, Gary & Nettie Noel/D-3&4  
**Servers** Dillon Nash, Colton &, Kennedy Roberts  
**Ushers** Dale Murphy, Eric Ratliff Mark Howard, Wayne Zoglmann

**Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be here at St. Pius on December 12th, and 13th weekend.**

**Musician's Schedule—November 14th,**

**5pm** Amanda, Sabrina & Mary Lou—  
**Nov. 15**  
**8am-** Paula & Tracie  
**11am—**Sarah & Tracie

**Thank You**

**A sincere Thanks for all the Prayers & Concern for Carrie during her recent illness.**

**Weaver Family**

**Readings for the Week**

**November 8 through November 15, 2009**

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10;  
Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44  
**Monday:** Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9;  
1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3,16-19;  
Lk 17:7-10  
**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4,6-7;  
Lk 17:11-19  
**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b-8:1;  
Ps 119:89-91,130,135,175; Lk 17:20-25  
**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 17:26-37  
**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9;  
Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43; Lk 18:1-8  
**Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5,8-11;  
Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32

**Rest In Peace**

**Janie Petri**

**Catherine Calhoun**, Mother to Ed Calhoun &  
Phyllis Whitaker

**Anna Keller**, Mother to Gerry Hamburg

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord!**

**Western Kentucky Elite Volleyball tryouts** for the 14U and 12U travel teams will be held Wednesday night, November 11th from 6-8 pm at the National Guard Armory, 1501 Parish Avenue. The tryout fee is \$25. The player fee is \$450 paid in three equal installments. The 14U team will be coached by Melody Clark, and the 12U team will be coached by Krystal Smith. The parent informational meeting will be held during tryouts at the gym. Please contact Greg Payne at [gregpay@gmail.com](mailto:gregpay@gmail.com) <<mailto:gregpay@gmail.com>> , or 270-316-4523. Also Perry Harney at [perhar40@aol.com](mailto:perhar40@aol.com) <<mailto:perhar40@aol.com>> , or 270-222-1120 with any questions. Visit our web site at [www.eteamz.com/wkev](http://www.eteamz.com/wkev) <<http://www.eteamz.com/wkev>> for details.

**The Glenmary Sisters invite everyone to an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. in the undercroft of St. Stephen Cathedral. Fr. John Vaughan will serve as Spiritual Director for the 12 night Mediterranean Pilgrimage/European Cruise with Royal Caribbean(June 20-July 2, 2010). All proceeds benefit the mission work of the Glenmary Sisters. For information: Faith in Travel at 270-389-1002 or [info@faithintravel.com](mailto:info@faithintravel.com)**