

Pastor's Greetings,

Our living Tradition of faith is both apostolic and catholic. In that its source is the "overflowing" gift of the Holy Spirit in Jesus Christ (of which Jesus speaks in John 4:14, and see also the river of life in Revelation 22), this Tradition is likened to "living water." It is a marvelous image which the Catechism uses to speak of our communion of life in prayer. We participate in the living current of Christian prayer [Catechism, IV, Ch. 2]. Like a great river, this communion runs through time and space, uniting all God's people in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. The Catechism then leads off chapter two, "The Tradition of Prayer," with the image of the wellsprings of prayer. Following that, it speaks of the of "the way of prayer"; and "guides for prayer."

Building upon all that has already been said about Christian prayer, the Catechism identifies Jesus Christ as the source of our prayer life and the Holy Spirit as the "living water" flowing out, in, and through us by way of our praying. In this regard then there are four primary "wellsprings" or "fountains" in the Church for our prayer: the Word of God in Sacred Scripture; the Sacramental Liturgy of the Church; the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love; and "today" or our present moment of life and God's gracious presence.

No one should be surprised that the Word of God is the first source mentioned. What may surprise is the idea that for the scripture to become alive in a person, it must be prayed not just read. The Bible is not just a "mine" from which to "extract" prayer material, it is entirely an encounter with the Word of God praying with us. The text is received as God speaking, that means one reads as a listening to God. The reading is paced with an answering or a speaking back to God, followed by a new listening and taking to heart (a way of praying also called "lectio divina"). The believer prays the scriptures as a dialogue with God.

All of the Church's liturgies are the prayer of Jesus Christ himself in which he draws us to participate. Each is a communion in the Holy Spirit. This is true not only of the sacramental ritual moment of prayer, for the liturgy opens out into being lived, to be an ongoing sacrifice and act of living worship of the individual Christian as well as the of the Church corporately, the Body of Christ.

Faith, Hope, and Love are the greatest of the Spirit's gifts. Each is also, as a living dialogue with God, a living prayer. Most have heard of the little prayers called "acts" of faith, hope, or love. But these are just suggestive formulas for igniting a continuous receiving and responding in the Spirit, through Christ, to the Father. Here is where one may do as Saint Paul urges, i.e., "pray always." This then leads into the final "wellspring," our "today." We are creatures living and becoming in time. The present is our "now." The future is always approaching, the past always flying away. The first requires some planning and responsibility. The latter likewise requires responsibility, but also a letting go with thanks and/or contrition. The present or today is all that we ever actually have. Even memory of the past and anticipations of the future are aspects of the present. There is a grace for living the present with the Lord, a walking with God. This commends us to a "practice of the presence of God" in our present moment, a welcoming of God, a giving of ourselves to God, a receiving of the moment in all its reality from God. The prayer of the "now" of the "today" employs all the other "wellsprings." It begins so simply, but it may well require our greatest struggle of conversion. It was this font of prayer which Adam and Eve set aside to accept the serpent's offer. But we are designed for this kind of prayer, God intending the prayer of "today" to be transfigured in us into the prayer of "eternity."

I am amazed and delighted in the reflections on prayer offered for our reflection and growth in the Catechism. There are still nine substantial articles of varying lengths remaining. I intend to continue through them all as we journey through Advent toward Christmas. For me this is very much a walking with God. Fr Richard

Do you have more time than money, but still have a heart for helping struggling families? Please consider volunteering as a Greeter, Screener, or Tax Preparer with the Green River Asset Building Coalition. You will receive first rate training, and on site mentoring as you work with area families in one of over a dozen area locations. The Coalition helped over 2300 area families to file their tax returns free of charge last year. These families received over \$2.7 million in tax refunds, including \$1.13 million from the Earned Income Tax Credit. Please join over 70 volunteers already serving at the free "Meet & Greet" Volunteer Breakfast on 11-20-09 at 7:30 AM at Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish Hall in Owensboro to learn more about this unique opportunity, or call Sharol Coder at 685-5707 for information.

Right to Life of Owensboro would like to thank everyone for their support. We are truly grateful that so many sacrificed to donate to our organization. Please keep us and our work in your prayers. We can all help change hearts and minds so that human life is respected in all its stages. THANK YOU!!!

Gospel: Lk 21:25-28,34-36 (The Son of Man)

Adults

What one habit do I possess which disrupts the harmony of my family? How can I change it?

Children

Can I remember one way I have hurt a friend? Am I willing to say that I am sorry?

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Sunday December 6th at 2:00 p.m. Please remember these twenty-three children and their families as they prepare to meet Jesus in this sacrament of forgiveness and healing.

RCIA Terms

Rite of Acceptance a liturgical rite marking the beginning of the catechumenate and the end of the inquiry period. The catechumens convey their intention to respond to God's call to follow the teachings and way of Christ. (RCIA, 14)

Rite of Welcoming a rite welcoming the baptized as they prepare for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Candidate a baptized Christian preparing to be received into the full communion in the Catholic faith. Candidates are part of the faith community through Baptism.

Catechumen an unbaptized person preparing for full initiation into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil.

Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the Rite of Welcoming Baptized Who Are Preparing For Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church will be celebrated today, the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Jessica, Rachel, and Will Holland will be accepted into the Order of Catechumens. Jonathan Wysong will celebrate the Rite of Welcome as he prepares to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Please remember Billy and Debbie McDaniel as they inquire about the Catholic faith.

Religious Education/Faith Formation Schedule

November 29 No Session--Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER FEAST DAYS

November 30 St. Andrew

Christmas Raffle

Below is a list of the items that are included in our 2009 Christmas Raffle. Drawing will be held December 15th. Everyone is invited to take extra tickets to sell at work or to family & friends. Note that # 7 is not printed on our tickets due to a timing issue. Please tell the people who are interested to write NYE on their ticket stub.

All money will go directly into our Capital Campaign for the Parish Center debt.

Tickets will be available at the Parish Office and after each Mass until December 15th.

#1 Package - Wii \$300.00 value

#2 Package - Car Care – Gas cards, car washes and gift certificate to Mattingly's Automotive - \$300.00 value

#3 Package - Cash \$300.00 value

#4 Package - Ladies Day out – Massages, hair cut & style, spa manicure, Crest Professional whitening strips, tanning gift certificate—\$300.00 value

#5 Package - Family Fun -2 season passes for KWC basketball, Momma Lea's Kids Zone - 50 free tokens, bowling, movies —\$300.00 value

#6 Package – Man Stuff – Builders Discount Lumber, gas card, golf balls, hats, pizza, driving range (unlimited golf balls, cooler plus beverages. \$300.00 value

#7 Package – New Year's Eve- 8 tickets to St. Pius Tenth dance \$200.00 value. Thanks.

High School EPIC Night

No high school EPIC meeting tonight because of Thanksgiving break enjoy the day with your family.

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

December 2nd is the next middle school FLIGHT night. The theme of the night is **A Wee bit of fun with the Wii—Whee!** The night will be a social night with a meaning! You will be surprised what you will see with the Wii! **The night starts with Mass at 6pm then we follow with the theme of the night till 8pm.**

Youth Ministry Christmas Bash

December 13th 5:30pm-7:45pm is the Youth Ministry Folksy and Fun Christmas Bash with Special Guest Ben Warrell Director of Gasper River Retreat Center and Catholic Youth Camp. The youth will enjoy food, fun, games, and folk dancing taught by Ben Warrell. We will also be having a Dirty Santa gift exchange. All youth and volunteers attending are asked to bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped gift for the Dirty Santa. There will also be a meal served so come hungry.

St. Benedict Shelter Activities — Tie Blanket Program

The Youth Ministry will organize a "tie blanket" program using fleece material (two, three yard panels) to provide blankets for local shelters. Donations of fleece material is requested (note close-out sales at regional Wal-Marts). They will collect fleece material until December 13th. They will cut the material and tie it into blankets on December 20th. **For all information for St. Benedict Shelter contact Matt Hunt.**

ODYO Jingle Fest—December 6th 6:30pm-8:30pm -@ Diamond Lakes

Jingle Fest is a variety talent show at Diamond Lakes Theater. 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 6th-12th grade. Friends and family of youth are encouraged to attend as well. Even if you don't have youth involved we encourage all people of St. Pius X to attend and support our youth.**

J-Mack-December 16th, 6:00pm-8:00pm-St. Pius X Parish Hall

Jeff McIntosh (J-Mack) is a Christian rapper/speaker from Indianapolis, Indiana. He will be at St. Pius X on December 16th 6:00pm-8:00pm. J-Mack uses hip-hop to reach youth and share the life of Christ, some would call him a rapvangelist. J-Mack will be giving a personal testimony on his life, and how he turned over it over to Christ. Did I forget to mention that J-Mack will be performing some of his awesome music.

Confirmation 09-2010

The next mini-retreat is **December 13th 2pm-4pm in the Parish Hall.** The theme of the Mini-Retreat is *Confirmation: Sealed with the Holy Spirit.*

TOB for Teens—Next Meeting is December 10th 6:30pm-8:30pm**Dead Theologians Society -(DTS)-Dead to the World Alive in Christ-Romans 6:11**

The next DTS meeting will be **December 3rd 6:30pm-8:30pm. DTS is for High School youth 9th-12th**

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers by what you say and do, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity." I Timothy 4:12

An Advent "Day of Prayer" is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount. Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers, the Advent Prayer Day will help deepen one's faith during the celebration of this holiest of seasons. The \$10 fee includes lunch. To register, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0200, ext. 413 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org. To find out more about Retreat Center activities, visit www.mscenter.org

Mass Intentions - Nov. 30th—Dec. 6th

30th-Mon.	8am	Rose Payne
1st-Tue.	8am	Curt Calhoun
2nd-Wed.	6pm	Phil Clark
3rd-Thur.	8am	Margie Sloan
4th-Fri	8am	Special Intention (S.C.)
5th-Sat	8am	Irvin & Lena Wathen
5th-Sat	5pm	Roy Lindsey
6th-Sun.	8am	Parish Family
	11am	Pat Burns
	8pm	Rick Clary

Vocation Crucifix-December 5th & 6th

5:00pm	Gene & Jane Strehl
8:00am	Jeff & Charlotte Hedges
11:00am	Mike & Cindy Aull

Scrip Schedule— Dec. 5th & 6th

5pm-Charity Keller, Jeff & Kim Johnson
8am-Martha Hagan, David & Holly Johnson
11am- Robert & Suzann Millay

God's Housekeepers: -Nov. 30-Dec. 5th

Charles & Lois Hoskins, Sandy Morris, Tammy & Eddie Mattingly, Lynda Payne, Sharon Ford, Jerry & Ginger McBride.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

There will be a New Year's Eve Dance at our Parish Hall on Thursday, December 31, 2009. **NEW YEAR'S EVE TICKETS ARE GOING FAST --- THERE IS A LIMIT OF 150 TICKETS TO BE SOLD, ONCE THESE ARE GONE THERE WILL NOT BE ANYMORE SOLD. SO PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS SOON.**

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, Tracy & Cindy Christian.

Catholic Men's Fellowship

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. If you would like to find out more please contact: Joe Wathen - 993-8351 Gary Estes - 314-4419, Tom Rhodes - 925-1442.

Eucharistic Adoration will be after 8am Mass on Dec. 4th. Adoration will close with Benediction and 8am Mass on Saturday, Dec. 5th.

Titling's-November 22nd, 2009

Goal.....13,360.00
Actual..... 13,549.82
Parish Relief.....20.00
Children's Collection..... 5.10
Campaign for Human Development.....201.50

**Capital Campaign**

Goal.....\$3,000.00
Actual.....2,767.67

Stewardship: November 29th 2009

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.” 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
 Saul of Tarsus was a fundamentalist Jew from Tarsus who studied under the great Rabbi Gamilliel and would later be known as Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. On the road to Damascus Saul experienced a sudden awareness of God's love for him and that God created all of us to love one another, without exceptions. It became clear to Saul that when God gave us all dominion for His creation, He did not make any exceptions. Saul accepted that dominion brings responsibility. We each exercise that dominion and must fulfill our responsibility as stewards of God's creation by being grateful caretakers of all that we are and have so that we may be “blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the holy ones.” Have we accepted responsibility for our portion of God's creation? As we begin to prepare for Christmas it we should ask, *What have we done with our portion? What are we doing with our portion? What will we do with our portion?*

Gift baskets of homemade goodies for sale

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center is making gift baskets of homemade goodies to sell. The baskets are ideal for holiday gift giving. A large basket contains 1/2 lb. each of peanut butter fudge, chocolate fudge, peanut brittle, and buckeye candy treats, as well as three dozen cookies (a dozen each of oatmeal, chocolate chip, and peanut butter) and four mini loaves of bread, (one each of pumpkin, banana, cranberry, and zucchini). The cost is \$59.95. There is also a small basket available that contains half of what is in the large basket for \$39.95. There is a limited delivery area for the gift baskets in Owensboro or the baskets can be mailed for an additional fee to cover the cost of shipping. Gift baskets must be pre-ordered by Dec. 4. They will be completed and delivered between Dec.10-18. To place an order, contact Jennifer Byrd at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, 270-229-0200, ext. 260 or e-mail jennifer.byrd@maplemount.org. An order form can be found online at www.msjcenter.org.

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 Quisberry, 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 Rehrauer, Lauren Girten, Pamala Chapman, Mrs. Estella Ubelor, Sharri Browning, David Leach, Todd Melton, Helen McCarty, Blake Midkifs, 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, Agnes Powers, Megan Boarman, Ryan Wahnsiedler, J.C & Jeanette Mayfield, Margaret Fischer, Joe Raley, Mary Ellen Clark, Morgan Nave, Don Nonweiler, Vince Millay, Sue Leeper.

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.

Advent Penance Services

Sunday Dec. 6 First Reconciliation at St. Pius X 2:00
 Wed. Dec. 9 St. Anthony, Browns Valley 6:00
 Thurs. Dec. 10 Mary Carrico School 9:00a.m.
 Sun. Dec. 13 St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville 3pm
 Mon. Dec. 14 Sts. Joe and Paul 6:00
 Tues. Dec. 15 St. Pius X 6:00
 Wed. Dec. 16 St. William, Knottsville 6:00
 Sun. Dec. 20 Blessed Mother, Owensboro 2:00
 Mon. Dec. 21 St. Lawrence, Knottsville 6:00

December 5th

5:00pm

Euch. Wilsie Ward/B-1, Father/B-2, Maddie Zoglmann/B-3, Sandy Langdon /B-4, Libby Johnson/Bal-B,
Gifts Charles & Lois Hoskins
Lectors Parker Driskill, Laura Naviaux
Greeters Jane Strehl/D-1, Doug Langdon/D-2, Martha Vanover/D-3, Boots Crowe/D-4
Servers Neal Zoglmann, Nicholas Driskill
Ushers Robert Freels, Tom Johnson Sam Potts, Roger Kirk

December 6th 8:00am

Euch. Dolores Roberts/Capt.B-1, Father/B-2, Amy Silvert/B-3, Pat Storm/B-4, Catherine Barnett/Bal-B,
Gifts Ed & Tammy Mattingly
Lectors Russell Payne, Bill Zambrano
Greeters Mike & Donna Hamlet/D-1&2, Jerry Wells & Jennifer Olssen/D-3 & 4
Servers Jacob Hayden, Jeff Rhinerson
Ushers Ed Mattingly, Roger Thompson Nick Howard, Tom Conrey

December 6th 11:00am

Euch Joe Bachmeier/Capt.B-1, Father/B-2, Bettie Wagner/B-3, John Boarman/B-4, Nettie Noel/Bal-B,
Gifts Mildred Hayden, Denise Hayden & Family
Lectors Beth Clements, Bettie Wagner
Greeters Mark & Donna Howard Family/D-1-4
Servers Austin & Emilee Jackson
Ushers Jeff & Joshua Jones Larry Millay, Tim Rehrauer

Musician's Schedule—Dec. 5th & 6th

5:00pm Roger & Margie
 8:00am Ellen, Craig, Patsy
 11:00am Jubilation

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13 @ 1:00 PM

An Advent program that will draw you into a prayerful “waiting” for God’s presence among us. Journey with us through the music, prayer, scripture, and compelling stories that help to reveal to us the many ways that God comes to us each day. Participating will be; The Immaculate Parish Adult Choir, Children’s Choir, musicians, and lectors.

A reception will follow in the PFC.

Readings for the Week—Nov. 29 - Dec. 6, 2009

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5,8-9,10,14;
1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6,8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

SPANISH MUSIC CD

The Hispanic choirs of Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro, and St. Michael, Sebree, have been practicing for the past year to produce a CD of hymns from the Flor y Canto. Flor y Canto is a popular Spanish and bilingual hymnal published by Oregon Catholic Press. The CD will be available for purchase in early December, just in time to give them as gifts for the Christmas holidays. The net proceeds will benefit the Centro Latino, a resource and advocate for Hispanic families living in the region. Some of the songs included in the CD are: Quiero Decirte Que Si, Christo Libertador, Oye El Llamado, Digo Si Señor, Ave Maria and El Taller de Nazaret. For information on where to purchase the CD, please contact: Sister Fran (270) 683-5810 or Jaime Navarrete at (270) 302-5475 or J.navarrete@roadrunner.com.

International Family on The Christmas Giving Tree

Though there are very many families in very miserable situations in my village and Uganda as a whole, I feel that we continue helping the same family we helped last year of Maria Nalongo with her thirteen grandchildren. However, they may share with others who are in same similar situation. The following is a list of the requirements for the children in the Family.

- A bag of Rice50kgs (80pounds).....\$ 80
- A Mattress.....6 inch\$50
- A pair of Bed Sheets.....\$20
- A Blanket.....\$20
- Annul School fees for one child in grade
- School.....\$100
- School Uniform.....\$20
- A Tea Cup.....\$3
- A Plate.....\$3
- T-Shirt.....\$5
- A dress.....\$5

Knights of Columbus Sorgho Council # 6101
will be making sausage on Friday, December 4th
\$3.00 per pound

To place orders call Kenneth Ebelhar 771-4423
Billy Knott 771-4513
Jim Kauffeld 771-5525 or 929-