

**Pastor's Greetings,****Catechism, IV, Ch. Two, art. 2-3; Ch. Three, art. 1**

The Catechism's article, "The Way of Prayer," in this section expands on Jesus' revelation of himself as "the Way." The way of prayer is simply, but profoundly, to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. "There is no other way of Christian prayer than Christ. ... The sacred humanity of Jesus is therefore the way by which the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray to God our Father [2664]." Even our prayer to Jesus is ultimately oriented to the Father in the Holy Spirit. "The one name that contains everything is the one the Son of God received in his incarnation: JESUS. The divine name may not be spoken by human lips, but by assuming our humanity the Word of God hands it over to us and we can invoke it: "Jesus," "YHWH saves." The name "Jesus contains all: God and man and the whole economy of creation and salvation. To pray "Jesus" is to invoke him and to call him within us. His name is the only one that contains the presence it signifies. Jesus is the Risen One, and whoever invokes the name of Jesus is welcoming the Son of God who loved him and gave himself up for him [2666]." The invocation of the Holy Spirit is a prayer to the divine Source of all Christian prayer, for the Spirit is the teacher and Master of Christian prayer. The anointing of the one Holy Spirit upon the Church unites the diverse members of the Church as one communion in Jesus Christ. The Catechism bridges the working of the Holy Spirit in the Church to consideration of the communion of saints, by moving first to the Spirit filled and pre-eminent role of the Blessed Mother. Through the glorified humanity of the Son of God, our communion in the Holy Spirit unites us not only with each other in Christ but also with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the holy Mother of God. Mary's prayer in the Holy Spirit "magnifies the Lord" to us and intercedes for us to her Son. With this in mind, the Catechism [2676-2679] offers an extended meditation on the prayer, the *Ave Maria* or *Hail Mary*.

Then, in article three, "Guides for Prayer," the Catechism speaks in quick succession of the intercession of the saints in heaven for us on earth; of the various spiritual traditions in the Church; of the various ministers of prayer (the Christian family, the ordained, consecrated religious, and catechists); of prayer groups as "schools of prayer"; and of spiritual direction. This is followed briefly by notes of special places of prayer: the parish church; personal dedicated space; monasteries; and places of pilgrimage.

Chapter Three, "The Life of Prayer," is also in three articles. A new intensity immediately strikes the reader here. The intention of Christian conversion is to pray always. "But we cannot pray "at all times" if we do not pray at specific time, consciously willing it [2697]." There are daily, weekly, and seasonal intensifications of time to pray. Daily the Church prays morning, evening, at meals, and in the Liturgy of the Hours. "Sundays, centered on the Eucharist, are kept holy primarily by prayer." The feasts and seasons of the liturgical year establish basic rhythms of prayer. The Catechism then teaches that Tradition retains "three major expressions of prayer: vocal, meditative, and contemplative." **Vocal prayer** is an embodied prayer, it corresponds to our spiritual/corporeal nature. Verbalized prayer requires and intends an integral honesty with the interior person. It is not a multiplication of words or mechanical technique. Jesus gave us a vocal prayer in the "Our Father," a form of words which can be shared. **Meditative prayer** is a quest for union with Jesus Christ, prayerful reflection on how to live in Christ, to respond to Christ, and to adhere to Christ in love. It leads to living Christ and to a prayer that is union, i.e., contemplation. **Contemplative prayer** is: being alone with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; inner prayer, naked before God, a child before God; grace, inner covenant, communion; intense inner gaze of lovers; intense attentive assent to God; silence, union, watchful communion. This begins a foretaste of heaven while being fruitful of a lived faith, hope and charity in one's behaviors and relationships. Next: "The Battle of Prayer" (art.2).  
Fr. Richard

**A Prayer**, by Jacob Hayden

Lord, as the second week of Advent is here, we ask for your help to be peaceful. Help us with joy for Christmas, as it is hard for everyone to get along. Help us so that this year of the Church will be a better one. Amen.

**St. Benedict Homeless Shelter**

We are still in need of volunteers to serve our homeless brothers and sisters for this winter season. Many people volunteer to cook, serve, and clean. The greater need now is for "companions," those who stay for a four-hour shift with another person and stay awake. This ministry is very rewarding, knowing that you are vigilant for Christ's poor ones, a great ADVENT activity for anyone over 18 years. If you are able and willing to serve in this way, please contact Kim Jagoe at 684-7719. Kim will train you at a time of your convenience and schedule you with a veteran companion for the first few times. Also, if you plan to give an alternative Christmas gift, please consider a donation to St. Benedict's made payable to: Diocese of Owensboro and mail to Sr. Suzanne Sims, 514 St. Ann Street, 42303. We do need your monetary charity.

**Gospel: Lk 3:1-6****Adults**

How can I become a better herald for Christ, one who announces his coming?

**Children**

What can I do to better prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the birth of Jesus?

**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.

**THANKS** to every one who donated non-perishable food items to the November Food Drive. We prepared Thanksgiving food baskets for twelve families living in our parish boundaries. May each of you have a very blessed Advent.

**St. Pius X Parish Breakfast** on December 13th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY for JESUS** will be celebrated on Friday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The party will consist of games, prizes, snacks, birthday cake. Families attending the party should bring a snack and/or 2-liter drink.

**DECEMBER FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

December	6	Regular Session
	13	Regular Session
	20	No Session
	27	No Session
January	3	Regular Session

**RCIA SCHEDULE**

December	2	Reflection on Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming
	9	Mary
	16	Liturgy of the Word
	23	No Session
	30	No Session

**December Saints/Feast Days**

December	3	St. Francis Xavier	7	St. Ambrose
	8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		Holy Day of Obligation
	9	St. Juan Diego	12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
	14	St. John of the Cross	25	Christmas Holy Day of Obligation
	27	Holy Family		

**CATECHISTS' CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be held on December 12th at 7:00 p.m. We are very blessed to have 56 dedicated catechists and assistants that share the Catholic faith with the children/youth of St. Pius X parish. We would not have an active faith-filled program without their commitment. **THANKS!!** to each of you. Please remember them in your prayers during this Advent season.

If you would like/need an Advent wreath or candles call Nancy at 684-4745

**2009 Christmas Raffle.** Drawing will be held December 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY****ODYO Jingle Fest-December 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Friends and family of youth are encouraged to attend as well. If you do not have youth involved in the program we encourage you to attend and support our youth.

**Youth Ministry Christmas Bash**

**December 13<sup>th</sup> 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

**J-Mack —December 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 it over to Christ. Did I forget to mention that J-Mack will be performing some of his awesome music. This event is open to the public. Invite your friends from other parishes, schools, & churches.

**High School EPIC Night-ODYO Jingle Fest (see above)****Middle School F.L.I.G.H.T Night**

**The next Middle school FLIGHT night is December 9<sup>th</sup>.** The theme of the night is Action Jackson: Putting Our Hope Into Action-Nooma Night. The goal of the night is for the youth to make a prayerful creation of personalized plans that will help them to put their hopes and dreams into action.

**The there is no Mass! The night starts at 6:45pm then ends at 8pm.**

**St. Benedict Shelter Activities**

**Mark your calendars for December 19<sup>th</sup>.** I have scheduled both High School and Middle School to clean the St. Benedict Shelter for the homeless. The cleaning will be **10am-12am**. Come dressed to clean.

**Tie Blanket Program**

The Youth Ministry is still collecting 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**

**Confirmation 09-2010**

The next mini-retreat is **December 13<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8:30pm****Dead Theologians Society-(DTS)**

The next DTS meeting will be **December 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8:30pm**. **DTS is for High School youth 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Pius Giving Tree**

Please return wrapped gifts by noon Sunday, December 13th...remember to attach the ID tag to your gift for sorting purposes. Donations for International Family Support will be collected at all Masses the weekend of December 12-13. Thank You for your support and generosity.



**Mass Intentions - Dec. 7-13th**

7th-Mon.	8am	Betty Payne
8th-Tue.	6am	Dennis Hayden
	12noon	Jerry Stinnett
	6pm	Rose M. Payne
9th-Wed.	8am	James & Gladys Higgins
10th-Thur.	8am	Curt Calhoun
11th-Fri	8am	Rose Head
12th-Sat	5pm	Peggy Southard
13th-Sun.	8am	Mary & Jesse Turner
	11am	Parish Family
	8pm	Catherine Simmons

**Vocation Crucifix-December 12th & 13th**

5:00pm	Steve & Sharon Clark
8:00am	Nick & Carolyn Howard
11:00am	Mike & Sara Clark

**Scrip Schedule- Dec. 12th & 13th**

- 5pm**-Brandon & Tammy Millay,  
Don & Linda Logsdon
- 8am**-Tracy & Cindy Christian,  
Wayne & Doris Mattingly
- 11am**- Alex & Dee McGehee, Maria & Ted Hoesli

**God's Housekeepers: -Dec. 7-12th**

Barbara Fullenwider, Pat Lively, Margaret Boehmann, Honora Schartung, Mary Dowdy

**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.

We would like to say "**Thank You**" to the St. Pius Tenth parish for all your prayers during our recovery time. "Thank You" to all those who visited, brought delicious meals and sent cards. "Thank You", also, Fr. Titus and Paco, for sharing the gospel and the Eucharist with us. Everyone's thoughtfulness was very much appreciated!!  
God Bless,

J.C. and Jeannetta Mayfield and Family

**Tithing's-November 29th, 2009**

**Goal.....13,360.00**  
**Actual..... 16,015.71**  
**Parish Relief.....10.00**  
**Children's Collection..... 4.05**



**Capital Campaign**

**Goal.....\$3,000.00**  
**Actual.....3,989.00**

**Stewardship:** Second Sunday of Advent—"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Luke 3:1-6

On this Second Sunday of Advent we hear a message about John the Baptist "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah." Why, three Sundays before we celebrate the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity as the Son of God and the Son of Mary, are we hearing about John the Baptist? John was preparing the people of his day for the message and the mission of Jesus. The birth of Jesus is an event to celebrate, but the significance of the life, message and mission of Jesus seems to be lost in the commercialization and chaos of Christmas. To truly understand the message of Jesus, and commit ourselves to carry out his mission, we must live the obligations of our Baptism. Our gift for Jesus should be to do all we can to "prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his path" to our heart. And we do not need to shop for such a gift.

**End of Year Contributions:** December 27 will be the last Sunday in 2009. For those of you who wish to have contributions posted to 2009 for tax purposes, donations must be received by December 31. Thank you for your continued support to the parish in time, talent and treasure.

**Children's Choir Practice** will be on Monday's @. 6:30pm in Church. All children in grades K-8 are invited to come & sing. Practice will last 45minutes to 1 hour. Call Mary Lou or Amanda Storm at 264-9640.

**The staff at Centro Latino** is working with some thirty four pregnant women who are in need of "baby things". If anyone has some lovingly-used items such as clothing, strollers, cribs, bedding, baby bath tubs, high chairs, car seats, ETC. Please place these items on the closed-end front porch of Centro Latino located at 524 Locust Street, Owensboro, Ky. Thanks

Two women are expecting twins in December. You can help make it a GREAT Christmas for those in need. Thanks,

**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, 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 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, 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, Nichole Gowen, Terra Stone, Betty Pedley.

**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**

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 12th**

**5:00pm**

**Euch.** Joe Richards/B-1, Father/B-2, Stephanie Driskill/B-3, Tommy Velotta /B-4, Bayly Zoglmann/Bal-B,  
**Gifts** Gene & Laura Naviaux  
**Lectors** Josie Krueger, Carol Schlachter  
**Greeters** Martha Walker/D-1, Tammy Millay/D-2, Tom & Libby Johnson/D-3,& 4  
**Servers** Meagan Millay, Ryan & Nolan Clark  
**Ushers** Dan Blair, Gene Naviaux, Kenny Burns, Tommy Hayden

**December 13th 8:00am**

**Euch.** Alicia Wells/Capt.B-1, Father/B-2, Joseph Hayden/B-3, Clayton Higdon/B-4, Cathy Foster/Bal-B,  
**Gifts** Steve & Michelle Mattingly  
**Lectors** Ed Calhoun, Alicia Wells  
**Greeters** Ed & Linda Calhoun/D-1&2, Charlotte Hedges/D-3, Kathy Clark/D-4  
**Servers** Samuel Roberts, Jessica Payne  
**Ushers** Steve & Jonathan Brown, Dan Higdon, Mike Maloney

**December 13th 11:00am**

**Euch** Wayne Zoglmann/Capt.B-1, Father/B-2, Christie Campbell/B-3, Debbie Lanham/B-4, Suzann Millay/Bal-B,  
**Gifts** Mike & Sara Clark  
**Lectors** Rob Edge, Wayne Zoglmann  
**Greeters** Gary & Beverly Estes/D-1&2, Brenda Thomas/D-3, Becky & Morgan McCubbins/D-4  
**Servers** Andrew Clark, Cortney Hurst  
**Ushers** Andy Lawless, Rob Edge, Tony & Adam Millay

**Musician's Schedule—Dec. 12th & 13th**

5:00pm Mary Lou & Amanda Storm  
 8:00am Tracie  
 11:00am Choir & Sarah

**Diocesan Marian Conference** will be Sat., Dec. 12, at the Blessed Mother Family Life Center. Registration at 7:30am and speakers at 8am. Speakers will include Patty Schneier from the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Fr. Ben Luther, Fr. Bruce Fogle, Fr. Gerald Baker, Fr. Richard Cash, Fr. Bob Drury and Fr. Bill Casey and Fr. Tom Sullivan from the Fathers of Mercy. Registration fee is \$20 and the cost of lunch is \$5. To register, please contact Heather Clemens at 683-1570 or Tracey Danzer at 691-0027 or mail registration fee to Heather Clemens at 2159 Sheffield Court, Owensboro, KY 42301.

**Readings for the Week—Dec. 6 - 13, 2009**

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

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4;  
Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; (Ps) Is 12:2-6;  
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

The website for materials and information for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25. [http://www.geii.org/wpcu\\_index.htm](http://www.geii.org/wpcu_index.htm)

Be among the first to know when a new bishop is named for the Diocese of Owensboro. Visit the diocesan website [www.rcdok](http://www.rcdok) and sign up to receive an email notification.

**Bethlehem Christian Families** will be here next weekend, Dec. 12th & 13th to sell their religious art work which is made of olive wood. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.

**2009 Christmas Outreach to the Daviess County Detention Center**—Plans are underway to prepare 750 small white paper sacks of candy, fruit, Christmas cards, and holy cards for delivery to inmates and staff at the detention center. Donations of wrapped candies (NO GUM) will be gladly accepted. Volunteers are needed and welcome to assist with assembling the bags and with their delivery to the jail Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am, in the SPX parish hall. We had a tremendous turnout last year for a truly blessed event. The Christmas cards are being prepared by children at OCS K-3, 4-6, and Middle School. Would you like to help?

**Married Singles Lifestyle** describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are now living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped couples experiencing any level of difficulty in their marriage from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the January program on Jan.15-17 call 270-683-1545 or email: [sherryvincent@insightbb.com](mailto:sherryvincent@insightbb.com) or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**Rest In Peace**

Mary Hamilton

Eternal Ret Grant Unto Her O Lord!