

**Pastor's Greetings,**

Practicing the truth with love must be one of the toughest of Christian principles. For a Catholic priest and pastor this also takes the form of ministering the truth with love. Sometimes missing the mark does not excuse me from striving to attain it each day. It always presents interesting and significant challenges. The Catholic doctrine of our Christian faith has, since Jesus, often been at odds with popular moods, perspectives, and sensitivities. This is clearly the case today on several fronts, namely in the following issues before legislatures and courts: the affordability and availability health care; respect for embryonic and fetal human life; the status and treatment of immigrants; conscience rights of professionals in health care; euthanasia; assisted suicide; capital punishment; the movement to equate same-sex relationships with heterosexual marriage; and the rights of religious institutions offering public services to abide by moral principals at variance with current social policies (e.g., Catholic institutions refusing to pay for birth control services through employee insurance, providing abortions, or placing children for adoption by same-sex couples, etc.). Some dioceses are closing services rather than comply with laws that would violate Catholic moral norms.

Look at how our bishops are standing in what appears to be solid opposition to the pro-abortion provisions of the Senate passed "health insurance/health care reform" bill. Several principles are at stake (and many lives), i.e., "the taking of innocent human life is never justifiable," and that "evil may never be done so that some good may follow." The benefit of even major reform ought not be purchased by making taxpayers complicit in something so intrinsically evil as paying for elective abortions, the legally sanctioned murder of innocent human lives. For their stance, the US Catholic Bishops can expect to be harassed and possibly threatened with loss of the Church's charitable organization tax exemptions. The Second Vatican Council recognized that the time might come when the Church would have to forfeit public benefits in order to remain true to the principles of faith. Conflicts certainly do lie ahead if Congress legislates favoring taxpayer funded abortion and against institutional and personal rights of conscience.

In the last week of December 2009, (December 28, *The Courier-Journal*, Community Forum, A8) Chris Hartman, director of the *Fairness Campaign* in Louisville, rebuked Archbishop Joseph Kurtz for his policies which oppose same-sex marriage and support Catholic doctrine on marriage and family. The archbishop, as he is obliged to do, would require service agencies located in the archdiocese and receiving funding from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to verify that they do not fund programs at variance with Catholic faith and morals. This means that some groups promoting same-sex marriage would not receive Catholic funding. Archbishop Kurtz, who chairs the USCCB Initiative on Marriage, also apparently helped the Catholic Church in the state of Maine financially to oppose and defeat the legalization of same-sex marriage there. Hartman, who claims Catholic educational credentials, objected vehemently. He accused the archbishop of hurting the poor of Louisville by funding the Church in Maine and withholding funding from the offending groups in Louisville.

The Catholic Church's doctrines on human life, sexual morality, and conscience rights are proving to be very inconvenient to the social agenda of many in our country today. The doctrines on ecological stewardship, the human rights and dignity of immigrant peoples, the rightful demands of the poor, critique of military interventions and use of lethal force, and Catholic criticisms of both capitalism and socialism equally irritate across the political spectrum. All these doctrines are grounded in the truths of Catholic faith. All are proposed with good will, respect for those who disagree, hope for conversion, and with a commitment to remain faithful whatever the price. As history has often shown that price might sometimes be very high indeed. Unlike some other practitioners of religion, Catholic Christians, however, do not hate their enemies and their martyrs are never suicide bombers. Fr. Richard

**Catholics at the Capitol-February 22nd & 23rd**

**Join Catholics from across the state for Many Gifts, One Spirit: Catholics at the Capitol, a 2 day legislative advocacy conference. Applications can be obtained at the Parish Office. Registration Deadline is Monday, February 15. If staying overnight call Best Western Parkside Inn, 502-695-6111 to reserve a room at the special rate of \$66. plus tax. Be sure to mention "Catholics at the Capitol" to receive this rate. Registration fee is \$40.00.**

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, January 18-25. St. Stephen Cathedral will be observing this event by praying Evening Prayer with Benediction on Monday, January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle, at 6:30pm. All are invited to join us in prayer and reflection on being witnesses of Jesus Christ acting in concert with our fellow Christian brothers and sisters.

**Gospel:** Jn 2:1-11

**Adults**

What do I need to do to let God’s communication, or revelation, come into my life?

**Children**

Where can I hear God talking to me? How should I pay special attention to what God tells me?

**COFFEE and the CATHOLIC FAITH** is an adult gathering on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the resource room. If you would like to strengthen your relationship with Christ, gain a deeper understanding of your Catholic faith, and develop lasting relationships with other members of St. Pius X Parish, this gathering is for you!! The discussion will focus on the Lighthouse Catholic Media CD entitled "Seven Reasons to be Catholic" by Dr. Peter Kreeft. Dr. Peter is a world-renowned philosopher and best-selling author. In this CD, he presents seven undisputable reasons why every person should indeed be Catholic. The CD is available in the vestibule for a donation of \$3.00. Child care is available. Coffee is provided. If you are interested, please contact Nancy in the parish office, 684-4745 ext. 205 or by email [nmtg54@aol.com](mailto:nmtg54@aol.com).

**BAND-AIDS for the Children of Mandeville.** The children of Mandeville do not have the privilege of using band-aids to cover their wounds. We will be collecting boxes of band-aids during the month of January. If you are able to donate a box of band-aids, please bring your donation to the parish hall after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. A basket marked "BAND-AIDS" will also be available in the Church for your donation of Band-Aids--**during the month of January.** Thanks to Josie Kroeger for assisting us with this project.

**Little Flowers Girls' Club** is an organization for young Catholic girls from age 5-11 and will provide girls with opportunities to learn what it means to live out the Catholic faith as a young girl. The girls will read, share, and learn about the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Therese, saints of the Catholic Church, women in religious life, and their own mothers.

**Blue Knights' Boys Club** is a club for young Catholic boys from age 5-11 and is based on developing in boys a devotion to St. Joseph, patron of the universal Church. The idea of the club is to establish Christian virtues and friendships while learning from the lives of saints, religious men, and their own fathers. The theme of the program is the "Armor of God." Each month, the boys will build a piece of their suit of armor.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION**

<b>JANUARY</b>	17	Regular Session		
	24	Regular Session	<b>31</b>	<b>No Session</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	20	Liturgy of the Eucharist		CCC 1322-1397
RCIA	27	Jesus Proclaims the Reign of God		CCC 695; 713-714; 763-764; 1286

**JANUARY SAINTS/FEAST DAYS**

20	Saints Fabian and Sebastian	21	St. Agnes
24	St. Francis de Sales	25	Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
26	Saints Timothy and Titus	27	St. Angela Merici
28	St. Thomas Aquinas	31	St. John Bosco

**Adoption**

Catholic Charities Adoptions has openings for couples interested in adopting. An adoptive parent training is scheduled in Owensboro on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, contact Rita Heinz at Catholic Charities: 270-852-8328 or 1-877-803-5064.

**Rest In Peace**

Estella Ubelhor, Mother to Carol Schlachter  
 Mike Hamlet Family, Mike’s Mother passed away.  
 Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord!

**ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Update: Middle school youth F.L.I.G.H.T. Nights will start meeting on Sundays 4:00pm-5:30pm**

**Middle School F.L.I.G.H.T Night 4:00-5:30**

Life: Who Gets to Choose? Our society tends to take a "pick and choose" attitude toward life issues. Come and see how the youth of the church today can stand up for Life!

**High School E.P.I.C. Night 6:00pm-7:45pm**

Tonight's theme is (DTS) Dead Theologians Society Night. If you have never been come and see how the Saints and an inferno of candles and help light the path to Christ.

**Middle School Lock-In**

The Middle School Lock-In is scheduled for Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00pm-5:30am at the Owensboro Family YMCA. This is a diocesan wide event for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth and space is limited to 300 people. **Registration is \$20 this includes a T-Shirt.** Permission forms are available online at [http://www.owensborodio.org/safe/SafeEnvDocuments\\_Forms.html](http://www.owensborodio.org/safe/SafeEnvDocuments_Forms.html) and find Form A. If you're unable to get the forms online please contact Matt Hunt at 684-4745 ext. 206. All forms and money must be turned in no later than 4pm on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The backup date in case of snow is February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. **Remember that space is limited so sign up soon!**

**TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)**

Juniors and Seniors- A Teens Encounter Christ weekend will be held at St. Charles Parish in Bardwell, KY February, 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> 2010. TEC weekends are a great time to get away from the hustle and bustle, and to have some time for faith, food, fun, and fellowship in Christ. The weekend schedule begins on Saturday morning and ends on Monday mid-afternoon on President's Day. The deadline to sign up for this weekend is noon on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2010. This TEC weekend almost always fills up. Please sign up early! For applications and more information check out [www.wkytec.org](http://www.wkytec.org)

**TOB for Teens—Next Meeting is January 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm-8:30pm**

**For information on all Youth Ministry events contact—Matthew Hunt 270 684-4745 ext 206**

**"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**

**KOINONIA**

Koinonia, a Greek word meaning "community", is a time set aside for adult Christians to experience Christian community, fellowship and sharing. Plan to attend St. Pius X Koinonia # 10, January 29, 30 & 31, 2010 in our parish hall. The weekend begins at 6:00 p.m. Friday and ends approximately 4:00 p.m. Sunday. The cost is \$30/person or \$50/couple. No one will be turned down due to inability to pay.

Applications can be picked up at the doors of the church and turned in to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket. For more information, call Stacey & Larry Freels @ 314-8492/314-8330 or Jeff & Michelle Jones 281-4729.

NOTE: We are needing 2-liter drinks for the weekend. We are also needing Non Refrigerated desserts...cakes, cookies, and pies. If you can donate any of these, please bring them to the parish hall on Friday, January 29th during the day. If you would like to make a monetary donation, put it in an envelope marked KOINONIA and drop it in the collection basket, and we will use your donation to purchase the items needed.

St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro, is having their 10th Koinonia January 29th, 30th and 31st. Please send wheat correspondence to Kathy and Rob Edge 7180 Hwy 144 Philpot KY. 42366 or [kathy42366@aol.com](mailto:kathy42366@aol.com).

**Mass Intentions - January 18th - 24th, 2010**

18th-Mon.	8am	Ron Greenwell
19th-Tue.	8am	Mary Hamilton
20th-Wed.	6pm	Wally Edgell
21st-Thur	8am	Curt Calhoun
22nd- Fri	8am	Richie Smith
23rd-Sat	5pm	Wilsie & Margie Ward (57th Wedding Anniversary)
24th-Sun.	8am	Catherine Calhoun
	11am	Helen Harris
	8pm	Parish Family

**The Bible is Not Just any Story—It is Your Story. Discover How To Read It.** Discover God’s plan for your life as you discover his amazing story in *The Quick Journey Through the Bible*. In this study, you will discover the “big picture” of the biblical story as it is presented in specific books of the Bible. Join us and learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading and even the Sunday mass readings come alive like never before.

**When:** 8 sessions on Mondays/Tuesdays starting February 22 through April 20.

**Where:** Immaculate Parish Family Center

**Time:** Morning session at 10-11:30am(Monday); evening session at 6:30-8pm.(Tuesday)

**Fee:** \$25 payable to Immaculate Church

**Registration:** After the Masses January 16-17 & 23-24 To learn more, call Sharon Hart 683-0394 or Marilyn Strong 683-0104

**NEW STUDENT PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**  
Owensboro Catholic High School’s New Student Parent Information Night will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 20, in Soenneker Hall at the school. Parents of next year’s incoming freshmen and other interested students are invited and encouraged to attend. Registration for all incoming freshmen will then take place at Catholic High on Wednesday, January 27 in the cafeteria and small gym at 7:00 p.m.

**Free Income Tax Preparation**

The Owensboro-Daviess County Asset Building coalition will provide free income tax preparation services for working low income families here at St. Pius again this year. The Income Tax preparation services begin on Saturday, January 23rd from 9am until 2pm.

**Titling's-January 10th 2010**

Goal.....	13,360.00
Actual.....	11,053.50
Parish Relief.....	85.00
Children’s Collection.....	4.15



**Capital Campaign**

Goal.....	\$3,000.00
Actual.....	1,156.00

**Stewardship:**

The Bible records four times when Mary speaks: At the Annunciation she concludes by saying, “May it be done unto me according to your word.” [20 words] Luke 1:34, 38. When she visits Elizabeth she proclaims the *Magnificat* [125 words] Luke 1:46-55. Then Mary scolds Jesus for staying behind in Jerusalem [20 words] Luke 2:48. Mary’s last words in the Bible are at the wedding feast at Cana. She says to Jesus, “They have no more wine;” then to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you!” [10 words] John 23:4. Mary is a woman of few words, [a total of 175 words recorded in the Bible]. But what powerful words they are. From “May it be done unto me according to your word.” to “Do whatever he tells you!” she gives us a model of faith, courage and openness to the will of God. She challenges us to listen to Jesus in prayer and to do whatever he tells us; to become all that God created us to be. What is such a “woman of a few words” telling us today? Probably: “Do whatever he tells you!”

**Script Schedule– January 23rd & 24th**

5:00pm	Brandon & Tammy Millay Don & Linda Logsdon
8:00am	David & Holly Johnson Jerry & Ginger McBride
11:00am	David & Judy Zoglmann Brian & Donna Feldpausch

**God’s Housekeepers—January 18th-23rd-** Al & Jane Johnson, Libby & Tom Johnson, Steve & Joy Brown, Debbie & Larry Murphy, Evelyn Stacik, Mary Jo Westerfield

**Thank You**

The family of Estella Ubelhor would like to thank the St Pius X parish family for your thoughts and prayers during the time of her illness and passing to new life. The soup was delicious, the cards so touching, the prayers comforting and just talking has been a way to remember Mom. The visits at the funeral home from the Owensboro folks were precious and meant so much to all of my family. May God bless you all.

Carol Schlachter

**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 Quisiberry, 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 Konkright, 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, 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, Sara Sampson, Sue Leeper, Nichole Gowen, Terra Stone, Melissa Manning, Darryl Boarman, Wesley Cook.

**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, LTC Jason Jones, Sgt. Robert Timothy Wells-Afghanistan, Airman Kaleb Hedden—Iraq, SFC Erick Weber-Iraq, Third Tour.

**Liturgical Roles**

**January 23rd**

**5:00pm**

**Euch.** Carol Schlachter/B-1, Steve Clark/C-1, Father/B-2, Stacey Freels/C-2, Jim Fleischmann/B-3, Fabyan Bridgmon/C-3, Susan Driskill/B-4, Agnes Powers/C-4, Stephanie Driskill/Bal-B, Larry Freels/Bal-C  
**Gifts** Larry & Pat Harralson  
**Lectors** Gene & Jane Strehl  
**Greeters** Tom & Libby Johnson/D-1-2, Martha Vanover/D-3, Tammy Millay/D-4  
**Servers** Brian & Emily Storm  
**Ushers** Tommy Velotta, Volunteer Robert Freels, Doug Crowe

**January 24th 8:00am**

**Euch.** Linda Calhoun/Capt.B-1, Ed Calhoun /C-1, Father/B-2, Carol Payne/C-2, David Fleischmann/B-3, Charlotte Hedges/C-3, Charlie Moore/B-4, Robert Johnson/C-4, Paula Annin/Bal-B, Cathy Foster/Bal-C  
**Gifts** Joe & Jane Brand  
**Lectors** David Fleischmann, Mary Jo Westerfield  
**Greeters** Tammy Mattingly/D-1, Tom Payne/D-2, Kathy Clark/D-3, Mary Jo Westerfield/D-4  
**Servers** Jeff Rhinerson, Alex Thompson  
**Ushers** Mike Maloney, Ed Mattingly Tom Payne, Danny Morris

**January 24th 11:00am**

**Euch** Kathy Edge/Capt.B-1, Taylor Edge/C-1, Father/B-2, Dillon Nash/C-2, Sherry Nash/B-3, Gary Estes/C-3, Shirley Millay /B-4, Michelle Jones/C-4, Suzann Millay /Bal-B, Rebecca Millay/Bal-C  
**Gifts** Gerald & Bonnie Castlen  
**Lectors** Mark & Donna Howard  
**Greeters** Philip Dant/D-1, Brenda Thomas/D-2, Tom & Betty Rhodes/D-3&4  
**Servers** Justin Krampe, Jared Michael Millay  
**Ushers** Jeff & Joshua Jones, Joe Knott, Eric Ratliff

**Vocation Crucifix-January 23rd & 24th**

5:00pm Gerry Hamburg  
 8:00am Joe & Joyce Payne  
 11:00am Tony & Suzann Millay

**Readings for the Week-**

**January 17 through January 24, 2010**

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3,7-10; Jn 2:1-11

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23;  
Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22,27-28;  
Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51;  
Ps 144:1b,2,9-10; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-13  
Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4,6,11;  
Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27;  
Ps 80:2-3,5-7; Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10; Ps 19:8-10,15;  
1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

**Thank You**

A big THANK YOU to all who decorated the Church for Christmas. Also thanks to all Liturgical Ministers who volunteered their time and service at the Masses attended. Thanks Ed and Crew for removing the decorations from Church

**Copies of the Safe Environment Diocesan Policy** dealing with sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable persons are available in the pamphlet rack in Church.

**Grandparents Day at the OCS K-3 Campus**

Tuesday, February 2, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

There will be a short program at 12:30 with each class singing a special song for grandparents. Following will be refreshments and an Open House in the classrooms. All Grandparents are invited!

**Win a Home – Support Catholic Education!**

Catholic Education Partners are giving away a beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home to one lucky winner on Saturday, April 10 at 10 am. The home is located at 2006 Meadow Grass Creek Drive, located in the Greens of the Heartlands.

Tickets for the home raffle are \$100 and can be purchased at the following locations:

OCS Central Office

Saints Joseph and Paul Parish Office

Jagoe Homes and Model Homes

Independence Bank – Owensboro locations

WBKR. You can also purchase a ticket by calling 683-5641. [www.newhomeraffle.info](http://www.newhomeraffle.info)

**Musicians Schedule—January 23rd & 24th**

**5:00pm** Roger & Accomp.

**8:00am** Paula & Sarah

**11:00am** Susan, Margie & Tracie

**8:00pm** Tracie