

Pastor's Greetings,

The Sacrament of Holy Orders has three ranks: the diaconate (deacon), the presbyterate (priest), and the episcopacy (bishop). The ranks may be described as having increased dignity from diaconate through episcopacy (the Pope, the Bishop of Rome having the greatest dignity). This is a very human thing to do and is well attested through history. But it has also been challenged as not having to do with increasing prestige, rather there is an increasing load of responsibility and, by grace, generosity to serve. In the Church's eras of clearer Gospel values, it is the latter sense which prevails. It was in this sense that the pope began to sign his name, "Servus servorum Dei— The servant of the servants of God." The mandate that the hierarchy must never pull rank but serve with inescapable humility came from Jesus himself, "Whoever would be great among you must be the last of all and the servant of all." The texts of the ordination rites bear this out. I explored the commitments and resolutions (on the order of promises or vows) which pertain to each rank last week. This week I offer for consideration the explanatory signs and exhortations which apply to the rites of each of the orders.

At the entry point of apostolic and hierarchical service, the diaconate, the candidate is asked if he is willing to be ordained for the Church's ministry by the laying on of hands and the gift of the Holy Spirit (the form of the sacrament in each case). This is the only point at which that question is put. At the other ranks, the answer is manifestly known from the lifestyle and behavior of the time of service already rendered. At the conclusion of the ritual questioning of resolve in each rank, the ordaining bishop prays (paraphrasing St. Paul's letter to the Philippians), "May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment." Each rite clearly expresses the Church's awareness that only God can be the agent and power to accomplish these ordinations and the ministries which flow sacramentally from them.

The fruitfulness of one's ministry is placed in each ordination rite on the basis of humility and obedience. Whereas kneeling is always a posture of penitence, prostration signifies abject awareness of the need of divine mercy and grace. All candidates for Holy Orders prostrate themselves during the Litany of Saints as the entire Church of time and space is invoked and prays for those to be ordained. The litany is one of the foremost symbols of apostolic communion. The sacramental expression of apostolic communion is also manifest by the gathering of the Catholic Church presided over by the Bishop (bishops) in communion of faith with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome. The expressions of the obedience of faith and respect that are present in each of the rites also speak of the ongoing apostolic tradition, unbroken from Jesus and the Apostles. The liturgical sign of (kiss of) peace, a ritual embrace, is another of these signs which express unity and community of ministry in each of the ranks. Since the diaconate is a ministerial and not a priestly order, the deacons present do not lay hands on those being ordained deacon.. Priests present and concelebrating do lay hands on those being ordained priests. Bishops likewise lay hands on the one being ordained bishop. The laying on of hands always follows the Litany of Saints, with those being ordained kneeling to receive the sacramental sign.

The Prayer of Consecration is an epiclesis, an invocation of the Holy Spirit. Particular to each of the ranks of Holy Orders, it completes the form of the sacrament. The one being ordained bishop, kneeling for this prayer, has the Book of the Gospels placed open (like a roof) over his head and held there by two deacons. This is a sign of his bearing full responsibility for the Gospel in his particular church. Investiture with the particular liturgical garments or insignia of the order being received follows the Prayer of Consecration. In the Roman Rite the deacon is robed in stole and dalmatic (a ceremonial sleeved cloak). The stole crosses from the left shoulder front and back to the right hip. The priest of the Roman Rite is vested with stole and chasuble (a ceremonial cloak open on the sides). The one ordained bishop in the Roman Rite is already vested with these garments. After consecration and investiture the presbyter and bishop are anointed in their respective rituals as a sign of their priestly ministry. The presbyter is anointed with Sacred Chrism on the hands, the ordaining bishop's prayer is trinitarian and states that the priest will "sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God." The anointing with Chrism of the new bishop is poured upon the head and declares his sharing in the high priesthood of Christ, an abundant "mystical anointing" enriching with "spiritual blessings."

The presentations and exhortations of the various rites of ordination are striking and specific to the order received. The deacon, following investiture, is presented with the Book of the Gospels. The exhortation is as follows: "Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach." The ritual Sign (Kiss) of Peace among the deacons follows. The newly ordained priest is presented with a paten and chalice prepared with the gifts of bread and wine brought forward at his ordination Mass. The exhortation is as follows: "Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross." The Sign (Kiss) of peace among the priests follows.

Following his being anointed the new bishop is (like the deacon) presented with the Book of the Gospels. "Receive the Gospel and preach the word of God with all patience and sound teaching." He is then invested with ring, miter, and crozier (pastoral staff). Placing the ring on the ring finger of the right hand, the ordaining bishop says: "Receive this ring, the seal of fidelity: adorned with undefiled faith, preserve unblemished the bride of God, the holy Church." The miter is placed on his head in silence. While handing the new bishop his pastoral staff, the ordaining bishop says: "Receive the crozier, the sign of your pastoral office: and keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as Bishop to govern the Church of God." Both ring and staff are signs of commitment to and caring for the household of Christ, husbanding the life of the Christian household, referred to as "bride." The new bishop is then led to his chair, in his cathedral it is to be his own "cathedra," symbol of his pastoral teaching office. Otherwise he is led to the first place among the concelebrating bishops. The Sign (Kiss) of Peace then follows among the bishops and the newly ordained bishop.

These rites have been shaped over the almost 2,000 years since Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The three-part hierarchical order emerged before the end of the composition of the New Testament, thus in apostolic and sub-apostolic times. While the history is complex and marvelous, the sacramental rites bring forth the true riches of the Apostolic Tradition of Holy Orders. Fr. Richard

[Luke 4:21-30](#)

Adults

What keeps me from acting with love? What can I do to change my attitude and behavior in these situations?

Children

What are three things I can do this week to act as a loving person?

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

St. Pius X Parish will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning February 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish resource room. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. For more information, please contact Nancy at the parish office, 684-4745.

Religious Education/Faith Formation February Schedule

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| February 7 | Regular Session | 14 | Regular Session |
| 21 | Regular session | 28 | No Session |

February Saints and Feast Days

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| February 2 | Presentation of the Lord | 3 | St. Blasé |
| 4 | St. Veronica | 5 | St. Agatha |
| 6 | St. Paul Miki and Companions | 10 | St. Scholastica |
| 11 | Our Lady of Lourdes | 21 | St. Peter Damin |
| 22 | Chair of St. Peter, Apostle | 23 | St. Polycarp |

First Holy Communion Preparation

The next parent/child meeting will be held on Sunday, February 7th at 9:30 a.m. in the Church.

RCIA Schedule

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| February 3 | Virtue of Charity | CCC# 1822-1829 |
| 10 | Apostles and Papacy | CCC# 858-860; 881-900 |
| 17 | Ash Wednesday | Lent and Explanation of Rites of Sending and Election |
| 21 | Rite of Sending | St. Pius X |
| 21 | Rite of Election | St. Stephen Cathedral 2:00 p.m. |
| 24 | Morality | CCC# 1749-1758; 162-800 |

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

No Middle School & High School Youth groups tonight because of Koinonia.

YOUTH 2000

YOUTH 2000 is scheduled for March 5th-7th. The charism of YOUTH 2000 is lead young people, through prayer and instruction before the Blessed Sacrament, to a personal encounter and ever-deepening union of heart and mind with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ. Through Eucharistic centered retreats, YOUTH 2000 responds to the call of Pope John Paul II to prepare young people to live and proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The cost is **\$40.00 per person** contact Matt Hunt to get a form. **All forms must be turned in by February 18th with money.**

Confirmation 2009-2010

The next Confirmation Mini-Retreat **will be on February 14th 2:00pm-4:00pm at St. Pius X.**

TOB for Teens—Next Meeting is February 4th 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." Timothy 4:12

Rest In Peace

Martha Estes, Mother to Gary Estes

Tony Mayfield, Father to Sharon Clark, & Joey Mayfield

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord!

Scrip Credit/Rebate

March-May—2009—487.84

June-Dec— 2009— 1286.44

Total to Date — 1786.44

World Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 14th. There will be a Mass here at St. Pius at 6pm. A Reception will be held in the Double Rooms of the Parish Hall after the Mass.

Thank You

18 Families say Thank You!

This is just a short note to say "Thank You!" The Retrouvaille weekend just completed Sunday night was attended by 18 Couples. That's 18 Families who now have a fighting chance. By running the Retrouvaille announcement in the bulletin and with our prayers we helped give them that chance! Their journey has just begun. Retrouvaille is not just a weekend, it is a 3 month program. Please continue to keep these couples and their children in your prayers.

A big THANK YOU to all donors who took time out to give blood on January 16th.

We had 24 donors.

Household Goods needed for Refugees.

The International Center needs gently used household items for refugees resettling on our community. Items include towels, sheets, dishes, silverware, pots and pans, brooms, mops, and other household items. Please drop them off at the office of the Owensboro International Center 233 West Ninth St. If you can donate furniture, please call Tom Rose at 683-3423 or e-mail troutfisher53@att.net.

Mass Intentions - February 1st—7th, 2010

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| 1st-Mon. | 8am | Larry Cecil |
| 2nd-Tue. | 8am | Harry Pedley (Birthday) |
| 3rd-Wed. | 6pm | Rose Head |
| 4th-Thur | 8am | Pat Burns |
| 5th-Fri | 8am | Rick Clary |
| 6th-Sat | 5pm | Parish Family |
| 7th-Sun. | 8am | James E. Coomes |
| | 11am | Helen Harris |
| | 8pm | Charles Zambrano |

Free Income Tax Preparation

The Income Tax preparation services are on Saturdays, from 9am until 2pm.

MARDI GRAS *** Saturday, February 13** - Make Plans Now to Attend!!! Tickets for the event are on sale at \$30 per person. Tickets will be on sale before & after all Masses and are available at the Parish Office. Ticket covers dinner, drinks, reverse raffle with grand prize of \$1,000 and silent auction. Volunteers are needed. There is a job for everyone. Please call Delores Turnage (315-0789), Alicia Wells (688-8324) or Debbie Lanham (926-0124) to volunteer. Donations are needed for the Live and Silent Auction. Your support and generosity will be greatly appreciated!!!

Scrip Schedule- Feb. 6th & 7th

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| 5:00pm | Stacey Potts, Rex & Laura Carmon |
| 8:00am | John & Carolyn McCarty Chip & Maria Thompson |
| 11:00am | Chris & Julie Carwile Roy & Rhonda Johnson |

God's Housekeepers—Feb 1st—6th

Joe & Sally Brooks, Bob & Jane Craig, Audrey Mezur, Mike & Theresa Phelps, Rosemary Smith

Catholics At The Capitol- February 22nd & 23rd

Join Catholics from across the state for Many Gifts, One Spirit: A 2 day legislative advocacy conference. Applications can be obtained at the Parish Office. Registration deadline is Monday, Feb. 15th. If staying overnight call Best Western Parkside Inn 502-695-6111 to reserve a room at the special rate of \$66 + tax. Registration Fee is \$40.

A Prayer, by Jacob Hayden

Lord, people come to church for Easter and Christmas or for weddings. Help them recognize more of what God does for us. Help them come to church all year round. Amen.

Tithing's-January 24th, 2010

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| Goal | Actual |
| 13,360.00 | 14,323.64 |

Parish Relief.....

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| Children's Collection..... | 4.40 |
| Opportunities for Life..... | 5.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services..... | 433.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul..... | 438.00 |

Capital Campaign

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| Goal | Actual |
| 3,000.00 | 5,736.00 |
| | 1,360.00 - New Year's Eve Dance |
| Total | 7,096.00 |

Daycare

December 2009

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| Income | Expenses | Difference |
| 30,407.09 | 34,213.33 | (-3,806.24) |

Year To Date

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| Income | Expenses | Difference |
| 216,179.48 | 214,514.90 | + 1664.58 |

Stewardship:

“Isn't this the son of Joseph?” Luke 4:22
 In his home town of Nazareth Jesus read a passage from Isaiah that prophesied the coming of the Messiah. He closed the scroll and claimed it had been fulfilled in their hearing. They “all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.” But they instinctively realized that if Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph, the carpenter, was truly the Messiah, he was destined to do great things. And, if he did great things he might challenge them to do great things. He had grown up among them and was like them. They became fearful and agitated and tried to throw him off of a high cliff at the top of the craggy hill where Nazareth is located. From our youth we have learned about Jesus through the revealed Word of God. We have come to know him as the Messiah who did great things and who saved us by his death and resurrection. We know he expects us to be all that God created us to be. How do we respond? Do we try to throw Jesus over a high cliff? Or do we try to imitate Jesus and do great things?

The annual Ash Wednesday Collection on 2-17-10 will once again be for our Sister Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica. Your giving toward this collection last year covered operating expenses for one month of Diocesan operations there. You are making possible the spread of the Gospel in this second most poor country in the western hemisphere. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated by the Church there. Please consider responding with generosity again this year. Thank you.

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, Morgan Young, Lukas Hall, Robert Massie, 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, 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, Jan Mulligan, Kathleen Wettstain, Erika Vandiver, Ron Thomas, Neil Devine, Lisa Russellburg, Judy Byrer, Earl Cecil, Shane Isbill, Agnes Powers, Megan Boarman, Ryan Wahnsiedler, Charles 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.

February 6th

5:00pm

Euch. Wilsie Ward/B-1, Carol Schlachter/C-1, Father/B-2, Kathy Clary/C-2, Parker Driskill/B-3, Fabyan Bridgmon/C-3, Keith Franey/B-4, Jim Fleischmann/C-4, Bayly Zoglmann/Bal-B, Maddie Zoglmann/Bal-C
Gifts Dennis & Joyce Payne
Lectors Gene & Jane Strehl
Greeters Beverly Aud/D-1, Steve Clark/D-2, Martha Walker/D-3, Martha Vanover/D-4
Servers Abbie Stallings, Samantha Langdon
Ushers Steve Hollman, Jeff Fulkerson, Sam Potts, Vince Hayden

February 7th 8:00am

Euch. Alicia Wells/Capt.B-1, Mary Jo Westerfield/C-1, Father/B-2, Catherine Barnett/C-2, Amy Silvert/B-3, Linda Calhoun/C-3, Ed Calhoun/B-4, Charlotte Hedges/C-4, Cathy Foster/Bal-B, Paula Annin/Bal-C
Gifts Ed & Linda Calhoun
Lectors Kathleen Clark, Alicia Wells
Greeters Dolores & Aryial Roberts/D-1&2, Evelyn Stacik/D-3, Tom Payne/D-4
Servers Jessica Payne, Katelynn Roberts
Ushers Tom Payne, Tom Conrey, Joe Rhinerson, Gary Warren

January 31st 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 Sharon Ford Family
Lectors Nettie & Gary Noel
Greeters Judy Zoglmann/D-1, Christel Zoglmann/D-2, Gary & Beverly Estes/D-3&4
Servers Jessica Thomson, Kate Zoglmann
Ushers David Zoglmann, Tim Rehrauer, Mike Clark, Tom Rhodes

Vocation Crucifix-February 6th & 7th

5:00pm Tommy & Truby Velotta
 8:00am Jarod & Tammy Nealen
 11:00am Gary & Nettie Noel

Readings for the Week-**January 31 through February 7, 2010****Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5,17-19; Ps 71:1-6,15,17;
1 Cor 12:31-13:13**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;
Mk 5:1-20**Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2,9-17; Ps 32:1-2,5-7;
Mk 6:1-6**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12;
(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31,47,50-51;
Mk 6:14-29**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14;
Mk 6:30-34**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a,3-8; Ps 138:1-5,7-8;
1 Cor 15:1-11; or 15:3-8,11; Lk 5:1-11**Musicians Schedule—February 5th f& 6th**

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| 5:00pm | Roger & Accompanist |
| 8:00am | Ellen, Craig & Patsy |
| 11:00am | Susan, Margie & Sarah |
| 8:00pm | Tracie |

You're Invited to Bishop William Medley's Episcopal Ordination on Wednesday, February 10th at 2:00pm at the Owensboro Sportscenter. We are asking all Laity to be in their seats by 1:30pm. If you are unable to attend, you may watch the ordination on the two channels listed below.

WFIE 14.2 NBC Evansville, IN (live and livestream)

WEHT 25.2 ABC Evansville, IN (live and livestream)

Women In The Bible: Models for Today's Women. Saturday, February 6, at Blessed Mother Church. The day begins at 9am and ends at 2pm. For more information contact Ginny Knight—Simon 683-1545

Aid from Catholic Relief Services is Reaching Haitians. CRS is distributing food and water from its warehouses in the Haitian capital and the city of Les Cayes. CRS is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. For more information visit www.crs.org