

Pastor's Greetings**Thanks, Thanks, Thanks, Thanks!**

I was surprised to find that the source of my illness was appendicitis. I had none of the nausea or intense pain usually associated with it, only fever and abdominal discomfort. Thanks be to God and to the prompt action of Drs. DunLany and Mullins I was accurately diagnosed in the afternoon and taken to surgery in the evening of Tuesday, February 2 (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord). I was admitted to the 3rd floor OMHS (Rm 3112) and cared for there by an exceptional nursing staff. Thanks to them, thanks to all who have kept me in prayer, thanks for the visits, notes, cards, and now food brought to the rectory. We residents (and the parish staff) are most grateful for your cooking care. I am aware that without surgical intervention, I would not have survived. I have been at peace throughout this adventure in the Providence of God. Again, thanks! Fr. Richard

Pastor's Greetings,

Without hope, faith is pointless. I am not speaking here of optimism, of trust in a natural tendency of things toward goodness based on a positive attitude. Given the fallen nature of humanity and the wild world "red in tooth and claw," I am more inclined to Murphy's law and its corollaries: "Nothing is ever so bad that it can't get worse." Hope is the unsung virtue of the "three things that last, faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13.13)." Take out any one of these three, and the other two collapse. Hope is the embrace of the gift that God is faithful to the promise of Jesus Christ. That promise holds me and I in turn hold unshakably to that promise. This is hope. Faith is that "which stands beneath our hope, the substance of realities we cannot see (Hebrews 11.1)." Love responds to God's loving us, known through faith and sustained by hope, loving with a similarly total gift of self. We are saved in hope, a salvation which, if experienced at all, is only experienced partially at present. Given the misery and failure many experience in aspects of their lives today, it is immensely important to speak to the nature of our hope.

Deep set habits of cruelty or abusive thought, speech or action; addictions to alcohol and/or drugs; habitual lust in thought, pornography, and/or actions; habituation in any of the seven deadly sins— all of these cruel situations which attack and eventually destroy positive human relationships draw power from a perceived hopelessness. The father of lies and master of half-truths (a murderer from the beginning) always works against hope.

It displays over and over again how often one has fallen in vice, how unjustly injured one is, how uncaring others are, how isolated one is, how impossible it is to change, how mean God is to make one this way, how cruel God was to let such horrible things happen, how inevitable is the next fall, how useless to care any more... It is a persistent, looping message of despair, almost as old as human history. Sometimes it screams: "What the Hell, go ahead!" Behind the brooding despair there lurk self-pity, broken self-reliance, bruised pride, angry self-loathing, a growing conviction that God is either hatefully cruel or does not exist, and the feeling that love is a fantastic fantasy or absurd lie. All this is the work of the thief of hope, our ancient enemy, Satan. As long as conscience still lives, however, God is knocking at the inner heart whispering the truth: "I am with you. I would deliver you. I love you even still. Come to me." Those who have been told of Jesus Christ, but do not know him, fear the pain of the Cross and the unknown of surrendering to God. How comfortably deadly is the devil we know. How unspeakably Holy the God we do not know, or better, trust. In hope we are saved. Without hope, there is no salvation.

Absurdly, the ego shouts: "I don't deserve this!" Yes and No. We are all victims AND we are all sinners. The Justice of God, you see, is not based upon what one deserves. God's justice is founded upon the redemption of the Crucified faithfully offered undeservedly to any and all who would be humble enough to accept it. Hope, then, stands at the foot of the Cross until Christ is taken down, dead from our sins. It waits through the seeming eternity of intervening hours until the Third Day. It stands at the empty tomb and gathers in the Upper Room for Eucharist. If he is Risen, our Hope is secure and secures us. With the certainty of faith, I know the truth and goodness of love. He is Risen! So, do not give in to the Liar who counsels despair. Surrender not to the narcotic of emptiness. Surrender to the substance of Hope: that Christ will redeem all those who take up their cross and follow after him. The path leads forward, beyond the ashes of the past, to a new future created by God. Fr. Richard

Cooking Team Breakfast-Will Be February 28th after the 8am Mass. If you are interested in joining the team please come to the breakfast. Invite your spouse also.

The 2010 Summer Camp Schedule at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp is set and ready to go. Please go to our website www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org for more information on each camp and to find all the forms you'll need to register for camp. Camp can be a life changing experience. If you have any questions about camp or if you would like to schedule a visit to the camp to see ahead of time what we have to offer, please call 270-781-2466. Thanks and we can't wait to see you this summer.

Lk 6:17,20-26 (The Beatitudes)

Adults

How do I measure happiness? Do I "buy into" the values of the Reign of God?

Children

When have I felt sad or angry because my friends did not understand my religion?

Jonathan Clark Wysong was received into the full communion of the Catholic Church on Saturday, February 6th. He was sponsored by Debbie Murphy. May the blessings of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with him as he continues his faith journey as a Catholic Christian. **Congratulations** to Jonathan!!

Catholics Returning Home at 7:00-8:30 p.m every Thursday during Lent in the Resource Room.

RCIA Rite of Election will be celebrated on February 21st at 2:00 p.m at St. Stephen Cathedral. The Rite of Election marks the beginning of the final preparation for the sacraments of initiation. Please remember in prayer Jessica Holland, Rachel Holland, Will Holland, Shannon Elliott, Billy McDaniel, and Debbie McDaniel. May they draw closer to God as they continue their preparation for initiation into the Catholic faith.

Congratulations to Bishop William Medley upon his ordination as the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro.

First Eucharist Parent/Child meeting will be held on March 7, 2010 at 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Church.

Religious Education/Faith Formation February Schedule

February 14 Regular Session

21 Regular session

28 No Session

February Saints and Feast Days

February 21 St. Peter Damin

22 Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

23 St. Polycarp

RCIA Schedule

February 17 Ash Wednesday

21 Rite of Sending

21 Rite of Election

24 Morality

Lent and Explanation of Rites of Sending and Election

St. Pius X

St. Stephen Cathedral 2:00 p.m.

CCC# 1749-1758; 162-800

CELEBRATE CATHOLICS SCHOOLS"

Annual OCES PTO Dinner & Silent / Live Auction, February 20, 2010, Owensboro Sportscenter

Hors D'oeuvres 6:00 PM, Buffet Dinner served at 6:30 PM, Individual Tickets are \$25.00 each or

RESERVE A TABLE OF 8 FOR \$220.00.

Reserve your tickets today by calling Amy or Chip Pride at 270-686-7929

or e-mail Chip at chip.pride@oldnational.com

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Right To Life Chili Supper & Silent Auction

At St. Pius X Parish Hall on February 27th from 5:00pm—7:00pm.

Tickets \$5.00 Includes Chili, Hot Dog , Drink & Dessert.

Donations of cakes, and pies are needed. For more information please call 685-4922.

ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY**Middle School F.L.I.G.H.T Night 4:00-5:30**

Next middle school night is Sunday **February 21st** Change Our Hearts

Upcoming Middle School Youth Night

February 28th Help Me Find My Way/Journey Through the Labyrinth

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

Tonight the youth will be serving adults attending the World Marriage Day reception in the Parish Hall. We plan to meet around 5pm to start decorating and getting food ready. The youth are asked to wear black pants and a white dress shirt to look like servers.

Upcoming High School Nights

February 21st DTS (Dead Theologian Society) 6:00pm-7:45pm

February 28th Help Me Find My Way/Journey Through the Labyrinth 6:00pm-7:45pm

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 18th 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

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.

Save the Date: Sts. Joseph and Paul Lenten Parish Mission: "More Than Silver or Gold"

March 1--March 3 beginning at 6:30pm each night. The parishioners of Sts. Joseph and Paul Church invite you to join us for our Lenten Parish Mission. Fr. Dan Mahan, the Executive Director of the Marian College Center for Catholic Stewardship will be presiding. Join us in learning how stewardship is so much **more than silver or gold.**

Thank You

A note of Thanks to the ladies who prepared and served the meal after Larry's funeral, The meal was delicious. To the Choir and Parish Community, we thank you for the beautiful music and for all the words of comfort, consolation, and encouragement. We truly appreciate you all sharing our sorrow at this very difficult time. May God be with you. Gerri, Bryan and Kelcie Cecil

Elementary Girls Volleyball Signups All girls in 3, 4, 5 and 6 grades that are enrolled in the Owensboro Catholic Schools or in a parish sponsored religious education program are eligible to participate. Player Registrations are as follows at the OCS Elementary K-3 Campus Gymnasium: Sunday, February 21, 2010 – 1:00-3:00 pm Monday, February 22, 2010 - 5:30-7:00 pm Registration fee is \$35 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child payable to OCS Booster Club. Registration forms are available online at www.owensborocatholic.org/documents/Volleyball_Sports_Application.pdf For additional information or to register, please call Jamie Klump (926-4492) or Russ Hayden (684-6783). **Owensboro Catholic Middle School Open House** A Parent Information Night and Student Open House for all current and prospective families interested in OCMS will be held on Thursday, February 25 beginning at 6:30 pm. Scheduling information and extracurricular information will be available as well as a chance to meet the teachers and staff. Mrs. Ann Flaherty, OCMS Principal, will be available to answer questions. Be sure to attend! OCMS is located at 2540 Christie Place, next to Immaculate Parish.

Mass Intentions - February 15th-21st, 2010

15th-Mon.	8am	Mary Sebree
16th-Tue.	8am	Special Intentions (B. W.)
17th-Wed.	6am	Curt Calhoun
	12Noon	Betty Pedley
	6pm	Rose Payne
18thThur	8am	Justine Caddell
19th- Fri	8am	Dean Whitehouse
20th-Sat	5pm	Agnes Jean & Mark Fischer
21st-Sun.	8am	Larry Cecil
	11am	Mary Hamilton
	8pm	Parish Family.

Scrip Schedule- Feb. 20th & 21st

5:00pm	Maria Cole, Joe & Connie Richards
8:00am	Danny & Barbara Durbin Martha Hagan
11:00am	Rob & Kathy Edge Rebecca McCubbins

God's Housekeepers—Feb 15th—20th —Connie Fleischmann, Joanne Warren, Sherri Hall & Lanisha, Carolyn & Gene Abel, Martha Walker

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.

Wednesday, February 17th is the beginning of Lent. Masses will be 6am, 12noon and 6pm.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of fasting and abstinence from meat in the Catholic Church. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstaining from eating meat. All Catholics are obliged by the divine law of penance for the sake of conversion. The Church law of fasting obliges all from the age of 18 until their 60th year. The Church law of abstinence obliges all 14 years old and older. The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on the Fridays of Lent except Good Friday at 6pm.

WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Please help yourself to a free copy of our Diocesan Newspaper, the Western Kentucky Catholic. They are located on both church entrances. Thank you.

Tithing's-February 7th, 2010

Goal	Actual
13,360.00	13977.45

Parish Relief.....615.00
Catholic Relief Services.....100.00

Capital Campaign

Goal	Actual
3,000.00	1,898.33

Thank You St. Pius X Parish Community for your generosity in Stewardship.

Stewardship: “Blessed are you . . .” Luke 6:20-26
The passive tone of the beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount in St. Matthew's Gospel must be read in concert with the mandate to act in St. Luke's version of the same event in his Sermon on the Plain. The words of Jesus in St. Luke are not only more forceful, but he adds the “woes” to those who fail or refuse to act. Rev. Abuna Elias Chacour is a Melkite Catholic priest who was born in Biram in Gallilee (northern part of Israel). His family and fellow villagers were forced off of their land and out of their homes by the Israelis. He speaks Aramaic, the language that Jesus spoke. He translates the Beatitudes in a more pro-active way. He proposes that Jesus meant: "You who are poor - who seek justice - peacemakers - *get up, go ahead, do something, about your poverty - justice - peace* - and you will be blessed." Complacency and timidity about our condition in life and our world is not a blessing. But blessed are those who act to benefit themselves and others.

The annual Ash Wednesday Collection on 2-17-10 will once again be for our Sister Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated by the Church there. Please consider responding with generosity again this year. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus, Council 6101 – Sorgho, is having a fish fry on Friday, February 19th. Adults - \$8.00 and children - \$4.00. Catfish and fillets, potatoes & slaw: Serving begins at 5:00pm.

Knights of Columbus Hall 3540th East 10 St.
All You Can Eat Fish Fry each Friday starting Feb. 19th through March 26th. Serving begins at 6pm. Carry outs available. Adults \$8.00 and \$4:00 for children 12 and Younger. Menu includes Catfish Fiddlers and Filets, baked beans, French Fries, cole slaw, Hush puppies, Corn bread Ice Tea and coffee.

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, Louise McDaniels, 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., Gerald Russelburg, J.C. & Jeanette Mayfield, Linda Jackson, Kim Terry.

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, Daniel Scott, Ft. Jackson, S.C.

February 20th 5:00pm

Euch. Delores Turnage/B-1, Kathy Clary/C-1, Father/B-2, Sandy Langdon/C-2, Agnes Powers/B-3, Maddie Zoglmann/C-3, Joe Richards/B-4, Bayly Zoglmann/C-4, Larry Freels/Bal-B, Stacey Freels/Bal-C

Gifts Tommy & Truby Velotta

Lectors Pat Harralson, Steve Hollman

Greeters Beverly Aud/D-1, Tammy Millay/D-2, Tom & Libby JohnsonD-3,& 4

Servers Cambron & Samuel Johnson

Ushers Dan Blair, Gene Naviaux
Kenny Burns, Tommy Hayden

February 21st 8:00am

Euch. David Fleischmann/Capt.B-1, Denise Moore/C-1, Father/B-2, Carol Payne/C-2, Alicia Wells /B-3, Sherman Roberts/C-3, Joseph Hayden/B-4, Catherine Barnett /C-4, Dolores Roberts/Bal-B, Colton Roberts/Bal-C

Gifts Tracy & Cindy Christian

Lectors Joseph Hayden, Emily Ferguson

Greeters Dan & Barbara Durbin/D-1&2, Steve & Michelle Mattingly/D-3&4

Servers Nathan Mills, Kate Duty

Ushers Steve & Jonathan Brown,
Roger Thompson, Tom Payne

February 21st 11:00am

Euch Debbie Lanham/Capt.B-1, Sheila Wechtenhiser/C-1, Father/B-2, Andy Lawless/C-2, Heather Lane/B-3, Karen Payne/C-3, Gail Ray/B-4, Wayne Zoglmann/C-4, Susan Zoglmann/Bal-B, Lydia Stallings/Bal-C

Gifts Darren & Stacy Harper

Lectors Larry Millay, Karen Payne

Greeters Jeff & Michelle Jones/D-1&2, Becky Krampe/D-3, Becky & Morgan McCubbins/D-4

Servers Brittany, & Shane Nash

Ushers David Zoglmannn, Tom Rhodes
Tony & Adam Millay

Vocation Crucifix-February 20th & 21st

5:00pm	Jeff & Kristy Fulkerson
8:00am	John & Carolyn McCarty
11:00am	Doris & Vince Millay

Readings for the Week-

February 14 through February 21, 2010

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4,6;

1 Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76;
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,18-19;
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6b,12-14,17;
2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6b,18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2,10-15;
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Musicians Schedule—February 13th & 14th

5:00pm Mary Lou & Girls

8:00am Paula & Tracie

11:00am Jubilation

8:00pm Tracie

Free Income Tax Preparation

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

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

OCS Preparing for 2010-2011 School Year

The Owensboro Catholic Schools are preparing for the 2010-2011 school year. Financial aid forms for the upcoming school year are available. Any family interested in enrolling their child is encouraged to fill out the financial aid forms. If you are interested in receiving this information and future information about OCS please contact the Central Office at 686-8896. Information is also available online at owensborocatholic.org

Saturday, Feb. 27th at 7:00 PM singer/songwriter Tajci (Tai-Chee) will perform "I Thirst - the Crucifixion Story" at St. Mary Church, 403 N. Main.. St., Franklin, KY