

**Pastor's Greetings**

One looks in vain in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* or in the *US Catholic Catechism for Adults* for any doctrines concerning tattoos, body piercing, cosmetic scarring, or self-mutilation for decorative purposes. All of these self-decorating or group/self-identifying practices are commonly popular in the US at present. They are found now, throughout history, and in highly variable ways around the world in many different cultures and sub-cultures. Some of these issues were of concern and were matters of prohibition in the Old Testament. Christianity in general does have concern for moral issues having to do with physical (bodily) and personal integrity, but otherwise considers the Old Testament holiness norms in this area to have been fulfilled in Christ and our justification in him by faith. Even the primary body modification of the male by circumcision, prescribed by and central to Torah righteousness, is not obligatory in the New Covenant.

For the Torah, while nose and ear piercing for jewelry was acceptable, tattoos and what may be called mutilations were not. The specific norm has to do with the sacredness of the human being as God's own creation, declared by God to be "very good (Genesis 1.31)." Furthermore, the Torah declared: "Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy (Leviticus 19.2)." As a function of this command, because the people are holy to the Lord, God commanded through Moses: "Do not clip your hair at the temples, nor trim the edges of your beard. Do not lacerate your bodies for the dead, and do not tattoo yourselves. I am the Lord (Leviticus 19.27-28)." Obviously, most Christian men, certainly Catholics, do not consider themselves bound by the hair cut prescriptions. Laceration on behalf of the dead would be considered more occult than anything else, and thus not practiced by Christians for that reason. But tattoos? There is no explicit scriptural explanation for this prohibition. Perhaps these lacerations and tattoos were idolatrous practices of Israel's neighbors. I conjecture that it may also concern respect for God's own art, that one should not mar or deface a masterpiece, such as is the human body. Be that as it may, present day concern for tattoos, body piercing, cosmetic scarring, or self-mutilation for decorative purposes cannot cite Sacred Scripture for a definitive Christian era prohibition per se. I say "per se" because other principles of Christian anthropology and morality may well apply.

However a Christian believer dresses or decorates the body, modesty, respect for God, and regard for morally good social and cultural expressions and associations should be acknowledged. Jesus had a very dim view of scandal, i.e., knowingly causing another to fall into sin or come to harm because of one's immoral behavior (see Luke 17.1-2).

The intention and responsibility for one's act of body modification is thus of immense importance. Some of the values that apply in these matters are: the sense of self, body and soul, as belonging to and sacred to the Lord God; the faith that one is made in the image and likeness of God and redeemed body and soul in Jesus Christ; the sense of one's own body as good and beautiful as it comes from the hand of God; the cultural and sub-cultural meaning of tattooing, piercing, scarring, and decorative mutilation relative to the values and views of Christian faith; discernment of any dangers to physical and psychological health; whether these are actions on the self by free, adult persons or are being done by minors or to others against their will; or whether the effect signifies an immoral or evil association. Deliberately marring or defacing the property of God, and defacing God's living image as an irreligious act would cause sacrilegious harm to oneself. But intentions and social significance vary too broadly for simple conclusions. Aesthetically considered, argument is pointless. The command to be "holy" does, however, still apply in Jesus Christ.

Lastly, consider the body of Jesus Christ. He was marked by circumcision on the eighth day, signifying him a son of the covenant fit to be a husband and father some day. Otherwise, as far as we know, he was physically unmarked until his passion and death. He was then so beaten, mutilated, and pierced that he was nearly beyond recognition. Thus did our sin do to him, his bearing and appearance a revelation of the face of human sin. Risen, he kept his wounds, now glorious, for us. He wears them as emblems of love and hope. Some Christians have even shared these stigmata (miraculously caused) with their Lord. Saint Paul the Apostle was himself branded by Christ's wounds (Galatians 6.17). He suggests in 1 Timothy 2.8-10 (see also 1 Peter 3.3-4) that the Christian's self-decoration is not with hairstyles, jewelry, or clothing, and to this list we can easily add cosmetics, tattoos, body piercing, cosmetic scarring, or self-mutilation for decorative purposes. We adorn ourselves primarily with good deeds, modesty, and self-control, putting on "the Lord Jesus Christ." Fr. Richard

**St. Pius X Women's and Men's Retreat**

We will hold a men and women's retreat on Saturday, July 24, beginning at 8:30am with registration. The retreats will start at 9:00am and end at 4:00pm. The topic for this year's retreat for both men and women will be "What were you thinking?" Please check your calendars and plan on joining us for prayer, conversation and discernment. More information to come in the weeks ahead.

**Gospel: Luke 9:51-62 (The Journey to Jerusalem)**

**Adults**

What do I know I must do but have been postponing? When will I begin to do it?

**Children**

What good thing is God calling me to do for someone today?

**First Communion Pictures and Banners** may be picked up during regular office hours from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Religious Education Pre-Registration/Registration** will take place during the month of July. Registration packets will be available in the vestibule during the month of July. Thanks!!! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy at the parish office, 684-4745.

**Information For Growth (IFG)** A new session has been set up online for anyone who would like to take the assessment online. The new session begins on 6-21-10 and ends 7-31-10. The IFG may be assessed at <http://ifg.caltesting.org>. Then click on downloads and follow the download prompts. The session ID is TT\_VVMO5362 and the password is ifg123. If you haven't taken the assessment, you may do so anytime during the session time frame. You will receive by email a confidential report of your IFG score. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy at the parish office, 684-4745 ext. 205 or by email [nmtg54@aol.com](mailto:nmtg54@aol.com).

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**A Prayer**, by Jacob Hayden

Lord, help us choose right choices, so we may go to heaven to be with you. Help us stay close to you and never stray off. Amen.

**SPX Altar Servers**

Parish Altar Servers, mark your calendars and hold the date of Saturday, August 7th, for a trip to Mammoth Cave National Park. We are planning a picnic & cave tour. This is in appreciation for your ministry and there is no charge to our servers. Fr. Richard

**Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Caribbean**

Come and sail away on a 7-Night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Father Brendan Murphy, December 12-19, 2010 on the Carnival Valor out of Miami, Fl. Ports of Call: Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, Isla Roatan, Belilze, Cozumel (Mexico). Prices begin at \$965 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of \$50.00 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or [dpayttc@aol.com](mailto:dpayttc@aol.com)

**Special Collection this weekend is Peter's Pence.**

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**ST. PIUS X  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Up Coming Middle School Dates  
Ozone Laser Tag  
Located on 533 Triplett Street  
Sunday, June 27 2-3:30pm**

There is no cost to youth. All incoming sixth grade and returning middle school youth are invited for fun and laser blasting!

**Up Coming High School Dates  
High School Laser Tag  
July 17 2-3:30**

There is no cost to youth. All incoming freshmen and returning high school youth are invited for fun and laser blasting!

**"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**

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**OWENSBORO DAVIESS CO. ALZHEIMER'S DAY-TIME SUPPORT GROUP MEETING: JUNE 29, 2010  
9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. @ HILLCREST HEALTH CARE CENTER, 3740 OLD HARTFORD ROAD.**

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Want to know more about Alzheimer's Disease? Want encouragement and support from others dealing with Alzheimer's issues? If so please join us.

**We are an affiliate of the Greater-KY/Southern Indiana Alzheimer's Association Chapter.**

National Alzheimer's Association Mission Statement:  
To eliminate Alzheimer's Disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

**Musicians Schedule-July 3 & 4**

5:00pm Roger & Tracie  
8:00am Ellen, Craig & Patsy  
11:00am Sarah & Tracie

**Vocation Crucifix-July 3 & 4**

5:00pm Mike & Anna Dunn  
8:00am David Goetz  
11:00am Joe & Sara Wathen

**God's Housekeepers - June 28-July 3**

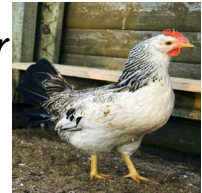
Sherman & Dolores Roberts, Norman & Doris Johnson, Joe & Marianne Knott, Charles & Lisa Zoglmann, Tim & Becky Pedley

**SCRIP Schedule—June 26 & 27**

5:00pm Brandon & Tammy Millay  
Don & Linda Johnson  
8:00am John & Carolyn McCarty  
Joseph & Jane Brand  
11:00am Sherry Nash  
Beth & John Clements

***Pilgrims of Hope Fundraiser***

Pilgrims of Hope will conduct a Chicken Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, July 25, from 11 am-1 pm, in the Parish Hall at St. Ann's Parish in Morganfield. Pilgrims of Hope will use these funds on their trip to Mandeville, Jamaica, -- September 19-25 - to purchase chickens and build chicken coops for the poor. Tickets are \$8 and available at the door. Please come and support this effort to assist the poor of Jamaica.



**The office will be closed July 5 in observance of the July 4 holiday.**



Have a Safe & Fun Filled Fourth of July.

**Mass Intentions - June 28- July 4, 2010**

28-Mon.	8am	Mark & Agnes Jean Fischer Family
29-Tue.	8am	Norman Newcom
30-Wed.	6pm	Liv. & Dec. members of Eddie & Debby Stallings
01-Thur	8am	Julian Crowe
02-Fri	8am	Betty Pedley
03-Sat	8am	Irvin & Lena Wathen
03-Sat	5pm	Bonnie Potts
04-Sun	8am	Mary Coy
	11am	Parish Family
	8pm	Bill Brown

**A Summer Tea**

All ladies young and old are invited to bring a friend and join us for a summer tea on Sunday, July 11, 2010 at 3:30 pm in the Parish Center. Food and entertainment will be provided and a silent auction will be held. Tickets are only \$10.00 per person. Tickets available after masses or by calling Mary Jo at 281-4771 or Alicia at 688-8324 or at the parish office. Come join the fun. We look forward to seeing you there! The proceeds will be divided between the Youth Group and Capital Campaign.



**Grief Camp for Kids-Age 6-16**

Grief Camp for Kids, who have lost a loved one, @ Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center on Saturday, July 24. To register call Pastoral Center Family Life Office or register on line [www.rcdok.org](http://www.rcdok.org)



**Rest In Peace  
Julian "J.C." Crowe  
Ramus Ernst**

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord!**

**Eucharistic Adoration will be after the 8am Mass on Friday July 2 and ends with Benediction and Mass at 8am on Saturday, July 3.**

**Tithing's-June 13, 2010**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>13,360.00</b>	<b>12,521.58</b>
<b>Children's Coll.....</b>	<b>1.40</b>
<b>Parish Relief.....</b>	<b>75.00</b>
<b>Peter's Pence.....</b>	<b>5.00</b>

***Stewardship ~ April 2010***

<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>67,327.95</b>
<b>Total Expenses...83,701.55</b>	
<b>Difference.....</b>	<b>(16,373.60)</b>
<b>YTD Income.....</b>	<b>635,113.78</b>
<b>YTD Expenses....</b>	<b>643,435.93</b>
<b>Difference.....</b>	<b>(8,322.15)</b>

**Capital Campaign-June 13, 2010**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>1,196.00</b>

***Capital Campaign ~ April 2010***

<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>5,520.83</b>
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>9,544.07</b>
<b>Difference.....</b>	<b>(4,023.24)</b>
<b>YTD Income.....</b>	<b>115,238.63</b>
<b>YTD Expenses.....</b>	<b>102,526.47</b>
<b>Difference.....</b>	<b>12,712.16</b>
<b>New Balance as of 4/30/2010.....</b>	<b>433,094.15</b>

**Daycare**

<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>42,801.60</b>
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>44,677.40</b>
<b>Difference.....</b>	<b>(1,875.80)</b>
<b>YTD Income.....</b>	<b>374,263.08</b>
<b>YTD Expense.....</b>	<b>357,677.59</b>
<b>Difference.....</b>	<b>16,585.49</b>

**Stewardship: Luke 9:51-62**

When Elijah calls to Elisha, he hesitated, "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye." Elijah does not prevent him. Then Elisha kills the team of oxen he was driving, uses the wood of the plow to build a fire to burn their flesh and distributes it to the people and follows Elijah. He detaches himself from everything he previously depended on. Paul tells us, "For freedom Christ set us free." Christ teaches us to be free from attachment to things of this world. This freedom is not for selfish pursuits, but "to serve one another in love." Jesus calls us to follow him, but we sometimes hesitate. If we start to follow Jesus but let other attachments distract us, we will never be free to discern God's will for us and respond in freedom to God for all that he has given to us. What are the attachments in our life that keep us from the true freedom that allows us to follow Christ, without hesitation? Make a list. Use the back of the page and more sheets, if necessary.

**Liturgical Roles**

**Praying Hands Prayer Chain-Call 929-4914,  
281-4729 or 686-8098, dgfas@earthlink.net**

Becky Howard, Louise Miles, Richard Horn, Charles Aud, Chann Harris, Pat Yeckering, Christina Downing, Linda McKinney, Donna Powers, James Martin, Billy Brackett, Mandy Lloyd, Johnnie Dunbar, Robin Spinks, Kenneth Wright, Susan Sweat, Barbara Alvey, Cody Cox, Mike Murphy, Tony Hamilton, Debra Morse, Billie Quisinberry, 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, Brian King, Carol & Gerald Head, Glenn Grigsley, James Cummins, Ethel Larossa, Anna Clements, Becky Smith, Sue Willet, Kim Burcham, Deanna Wright, Tracy Blair, Norbert Smith, Jr., Larry Elliott, Paul Smith, Jo Ann Kimmel, Jane Smith, Dicki Conkright, Eleanor Richey, Theresa Wilkerson, Mary Hoover, Larry & Martha Stites, Preston Chappell, Dylan Evans, Jason Chambers, Lori Stanley, Eugenia Shultz, Easton Pedley, Christine Mulligan, Ray Riley, Mike Marsh, Jerry Clark, Anthony Clark, Bernice Bertke, James Barnett, Emily Storm, Harlan Best, Carol Atwell, Tom Franey, Deborah Watts, Joseph Roach, Mary Jo Jones, Kristi Rehrauer, Pamala Chapman, Sharri Browning, David Leach, Todd Melton, Helen McCarty, Kathleen Kirk, Amy Cox, Barbara Carrico, Vicki Troutman, Joe McCrystal, Brooklyn Kessenger, Christina Booth, 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, Megan Boarman, Charles Mayfield, Margaret Fischer, Joe Raley, Mary Ellen Clark, Morgan Nave, Sue Leeper, Nichole Gowen, Terra Stone, Melissa Manning, Wesley Cook, J.C. & Jeanette Mayfield, Linda Jackson, Jonathan Boarman, Larry Murphy, Jayden Hamilton, Mike Aud, Jennifer McDaniel, Gary Noel, Martha Froehlich, Crysta Morris, Gail Harrison, Mary Jo Smith.

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**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, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, Brian A McDaniel, Marine Corp, Ben Hedges, US Army, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

**July 3 5:00pm**  
**Euch.** Truby Velotta/B-1, Tommy Velotta/C-1, Father/B-2, Lois Hoskins/C-2, Susan Driskill/B-3, Sandy Langdon/C-3, Samantha Langdon/B-4, Stephanie Driskill/C-4, Cathy Franey/Bal-B, Delores Turnage/Bal-C

**Gifts** Roger & Dottie Kirk  
**Lectors** Patricia Harralson, Fabyan Bridgmon  
**Greeters** Tom & Libby Johnson/D-1 & 2, Steve Clark/D-2, Doug Langdon/D-4  
**Servers** Nicholas Driskill, Abbie Stallings  
**Ushers** Norman Johnson, Brandon Millay, Gene Naviaux, Steve Clark

**July 4 8:00am**  
**Euch.** Catherine Barnett/Capt.B-1, Colton Roberts/C-1, Father/B-2, Clayton Higdon/C-2, Sherman Roberts/B-3, Joseph Hayden/C-3, matt Hunt/B-4, Dolores Roberts/C-4, Mary Jo Westerfield/Bal-B, Maria Thompson/Bal-C

**Gifts** Jerry & Ginger McBride  
**Lectors** Martha Froehlich, David Fleischmann  
**Greeters** Dolores & Aryial Roberts/D-1 & 2, Jerry Wells & Jennifer Olssen/D-3 & 4,  
**Servers** David Haynes, Lexi Payne  
**Ushers** Mike Maloney, Tom Payne, Dan Durbin, Gary Warren

**July 4 11:00am**  
**Euch** Vince Millay/Capt.B-1, Doris Millay/C-1, Father/B-2, Amanda Jones/C-2, Heather Lane/B-3, Bettie Wagner/C-3, Chace Clements/B-4, Lisa Gerteisen/C-4, Gary Noel/Bal-B, Nettie Noel/Bal-C

**Gifts** Tim & Jan Rehrauer  
**Lectors** Rob Edge, Justin Krampe  
**Greeters** Judy Zoglmann/D-1, Christel Zoglmann /D-2, Brenda Thomas/D-3, Phillip Dant/D-4  
**Servers** Volunteer, Shae Carwile  
**Ushers** Mark Howard, Paul Payne, Rob Edge, Larry Millay

**Thanks To All Liturgical Ministers**

**June 27 through July 4, 2010**

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:16b,19-21; Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11;  
Gal 5:1,13-18; Lk 9:51-62

**Monday:** Am 2:6-10,13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23;  
Mt 8:18-22

**Tuesday:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;  
2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15,21-24;  
Ps 50:7-13,16b-17; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Am 8:4-6,9-12;  
Ps 119:2,10,20,30,40,131; Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc,2;  
Jn 20:24-29

**Sunday:** Is 66: 10-14c; Ps 66:1-7,16,20;  
Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12,17-20

**ST. ANTHONY ROUGH RIVER LAKE FISH FRY**

FRIDAYS FROM 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.  
THUR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH - ROUGH RIVER LAKE PICNIC**

JULY 3, 2010

3:00 - 10:00 p.m.

\$10,000.00 Raffle, Bingo, Pull-Tabs,  
Dinner with Fried Chicken, Bar-b-q Mutton  
and Pork with all the trimmings.  
The fireworks at Rough River State Park  
follow the picnic.

**Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille**

(pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to re-discover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, or a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug 13-15 call 270-683-1545 ext. 357 or email: [sherryvincent@insightbb.com](mailto:sherryvincent@insightbb.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).