

Pastor's Greetings

Praying the Cross first came to mind for me listening to Christopher West's audio conferences *Naked without Shame*. He mentioned Pope John Paul II's practice of praying stretched out on the floor of his chapel with his body in the shape of a cross. In my own way I have been practicing daily prayer while holding a crucifix. Twice a day I take a small crucifix in my hand and pray, varying words and silence. My intention is to unite myself with the Crucified Lord, giving my situation over to Christ. West had said that this is a particularly effective way to survive sexual temptations. It is. But it is by no means limited to those. This works as a means to survive every kind of temptation by surrendering it and one's self to Christ in the power of his dying. It submits that which is not of God in me to the power of the death of Jesus on the cross. The physical cross in the hand, at least for me, acts as a type of lens to focus my intention of giving myself in the situation over to Christ's own intention in dying. In this he entrusted himself to the Father on our behalf. He returned all that the Father had entrusted to him back to the Father. I intentionally include myself in that giving for this is what Jesus Christ offers me. He offers it to all. The power of his death breaks the grip of sin and the power of evil.

Over time I have developed words to help me speak the intention of this prayer. At present, the prayer goes something like this: "Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of the Living God, Word made flesh and heir of the throne of David, by your consecration and through your sacrifice you gave yourself as ransom for the many and for me. Undeserving though I am, I do accept your most gracious gift. And in your giving I offer myself to you. I give my body to your crucifixion; my mind to your truth and understanding; my will to your obedience; my desires to your sacred heart; my temptations to your faithfulness and victory; my soul to your devotion; and my spirit to your anointing; to you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen."

West, drawing on the insights of Pope John Paul, rightly points out that the suppression of unwanted temptations, the stuffing them away from thought, the attempt merely to drive them away from mind, has the effect of pressurizing them below the surface of consciousness only for them to erupt explosively and tragically later. That is not to dismiss the occasional value of distracting one's own mind or of taking a better focus when distracted. Matters of some energy that have the power to obsess, however, need better handling. He suggests offering them to God in Christ, asking that God "untwist" the distorted or corrupted attractions so that we might see the real beauty and attractiveness in God's

creatures, seeing them in God's light. This is good and effective advice whatever the attraction of the temptation may be. But West is speaking of sexual temptations. The principle can, however, be applied to any of the tempted appetites. The act of offering the trial, the temptation, to God, whatever its source, was called an **oblation** (a sacrificial offering to God, see Romans 12) by early Christians. So oblation is contrasted with suppression. It allows what may be called a sublimation, a radical and blessed transformation of the event from potential evil to a victory of good by the grace of God. Oblation, however, makes the sublimation very personal, even religious, an action of worship and union with God in Jesus Christ.

"May I never boast except of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world." These words of St. Paul in the Letter to the Galatians take on more and more meaning as I offer myself to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Rather than taste death and defeat, I am experiencing life and victory. Even though I am no adept or expert at this, I can witness to you that it is true, and by God's grace effective. West and the Pope make it clear that dying in Christ is essential to all true love in which the lover must die to self so as to be gift to the beloved. It is necessary even to receive the beloved as gift, rather than as an object of consumption. "I urge you, therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship (Romans 12.1)." Fr. Richard

OCS Pre-Registration

The Owensboro Catholic Schools pre-registration is currently being held for the 2010-2011 school year. If you would like more information about enrollment and financial aid, please contact Karen Gross at the Central Office at 686-8896.

SPX Altar Servers

The Mammoth Cave Trip has been **CANCELLED** due to so few participating.

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Barbeque Festival

Income.....\$16,188.75
Expenses.....9,787.51
Net.....6,401.24

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 (Ask and You Will Receive)**Adults**

What are my deepest needs? What keeps me from bringing these needs to God and asking God for help in meeting these needs?

Children

What can I do each day to improve the frequency and the quality of my prayer?

What is RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for initiation of individuals into the Catholic faith through the initiation sacraments--Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist. This initiation process also involves the parish community in an experience of faith renewal as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Rite speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey." Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful. The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church's way of "Christianizing" the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church.

Who is RCIA for?

1. Persons in need of Baptism.
2. Persons baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic.
3. Persons baptized Catholic desiring completion of their initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

Religious Education/ Faith Formation Program needs catechists in several areas. The catechist commitment is for every other Sunday, approximately 14 Sundays between August 22nd and May 22nd. Catechist Orientation will be provided in August. For more information, please contact Nancy at the parish office, 684-4745, ext. 205 or by email, nmtg54@aol.com.

2010 LADIES TEA PARTY – HUGE SUCCESS

Our first annual Ladies Tea Party was a huge success. We had a total of 18 tables set up...each table decorated so beautifully! All in attendance had a wonderful time.

Thanks go out to the Hostesses, the musicians, guest speaker, kitchen helpers, the ones who helped clean up and those who sent donations for the silent auction and of course thanks to those who attended as guest. Each one of you made the Tea Party very enjoyable. A total of \$1,799 was collected. This money will be divided between the Youth Group and the Capital Campaign.

Again, thanks for making our Tea Party a lasting memory for us as well as our non-parish guests. We hope that more of our parishioners will enjoy the next Ladies Tea Party.

God is good – All the time!

Alicia Wells, Mary Jo Westerfield and Evelyn Stacik

Annual Rural Life Celebration

"A Heritage of Service to a Hungry World" Sunday, August 8th at 5:00 pm at the Owensboro Sportscenter. Come enjoy an ecumenical celebration of rural life and the family farm in the air-conditioned comfort of the Owensboro Sportscenter. Meal will be provided followed by a program and a presentation of the annual Lifetime Achievement award. Contact Richard Murphy at the Pastoral Center at 683-1545 for more information. Sponsored by the Rural Life Committee of the Diocese of Owensboro Kentucky.

St. Pius Tenth 2010 Picnic Summary

<u>Booth</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Start-Up</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
Capital Prize	\$10,980.00	\$ 0.00	\$2,388.00	\$8,592.00
Quilt Raffle	752.00	170.00	0.00	582.00
Country Store	1,198.15	110.00	0.00	1,088.15
Bottle Ring	357.02	150.00	68.90	138.12
Cake Stand (Red)	890.50	190.00	0.00	700.50
Cake Stand (Blue)	1,052.35	190.00	0.00	862.35
5 Card Stud	112.00	50.00	0.00	62.00
Bingo	569.99	225.00	0.00	344.99
Novelty	770.50	130.00	328.13	312.37
Fish Pond	288.65	120.00	0.00	168.65
Stuffed Toys	339.50	100.00	0.00	239.50
Face Painting	120.00	80.00	0.00	40.00
Dunking Booth	347.75	170.00	0.00	177.75
Balloon Castle	320.00	170.00	415.00	-265.00
Ice Cream	1,062.00	260.00	372.06	429.94
Drink Stand	736.00	170.00	431.64	134.36
Major Food Sales				
Summary:	27,797.73	2,680.00	17,117.02	8,000.71
Breakdown:				
Dinner Stand	4,002.00	430.00		
Burgoo (Cup)	688.61	340.00		
Sandwich Stand	1,192.00	395.00		
Hot Dog/Hamb.	459.00	310.00		
Lunch Trays	1,347.12	310.00		
Drive-Thru	10,484.15	340.00		
Burgoo/Gal & Meat/LB	8,503.35	405.00		
After Mass Sales	1,121.50	150.00		
Reserve Cash	1,930.00	1,930.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	2,423.40	-2,423.40

Musicians Schedule-July 31 & August 1st.

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

God's Housekeepers - July 26-31

Debra Leathem, Sharon Kulka, Becky Petri, Dane & Mary Roberts, Lisa Stallings

Musician's Schedule -August 7th & 8th

5:00pm Mary Lou & Roger
8:00am Paula, Rosemary, Don, Linda, Tracie
11:00am Tracie
8:00pm Tracie & Kevin

SCRIP Schedule - July 31 & August 1

5:00pm Donya Bowlds
Laura Naviaux
8:00am John & Carolyn McCarty
Chip & Maria Thompson
11:00am Sarah Beyke
Alex & Dee McGehee

Vocation Crucifix-July 31 & August 1

5:00pm Delores Turnage
8:00am Margaret & Randall Richeson
11:00am Dane & Mary Roberts

Mass Intentions - July 26-August 1, 2010

26-Mon.	8am	Tony Wheatley
27-Tue.	8am	Margaret Menche
28-Wed.	6pm	Mary Coy
29-Thur	8am	Joe Keller
30-Fri	8am	Mary Hamilton
31-Sat	5pm	Tony Mayfield
01-Sun	8am	Parish Family
	11am	Pat Burns
	8pm	Mary Scott

**ST. PIUS X
YOUTH MINISTRY**

Up Coming Dates

Youth Ministry Potluck

Saturday July 31 (after 5pm Mass) 6:30-8:30

Parish Hall

Due to the intense heat the cookout is being moved into the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite dish, bag of chips, or 2 liter.

This event is open to all the parish.

New Song Music Festival Leitchfield KY Aug 13-14

\$55 person-2 day event

High School Youth

The New Song Music Festival provides an outstanding worship and music experience for all ages. In concerts on two stages: Matt Maher, Mercy Me, Family Force5, and lots of other bands. This contemporary Christian music festival focuses on the love of God through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. We will be traveling with other parishes from Owensboro so space is limited. We will leave around 4pm on Friday and return late Sunday morning.

ODYO H2O Wars

St. Pius X Picnic Grounds

Sunday August 22, 7-9pm

Some say that war is messy. At St. Pius war is going to be wet and crazy! This is going to be a huge ODYO event with all the parishes bringing tons of water balloons, & games. Cost is free. All attending please bring a 2 liter and chips.

ODYO events are open to Middle & High School.

For information on 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

Tithing's-July 18, 2010

Goal	Actual
14,072.00	13,515.07

Children's Coll.....5.00

Parish Relief.....45.00

St. Vincent de Paul.....190.00

Stewardship ~ May 2010

Total Income.....77,097.61

Total Expenses...67,477.21

Difference.....9,620.40

YTD Income.....712,211.39

YTD Expenses....717,004.23

Difference.....(4,792.84)

Capital Campaign-July 18, 2010

Goal	Actual
3,000.00	1,971

Capital Campaign ~ May 2010

Total Income.....5,668.00

Total Expenses.....9,544.07

Difference..... (3,876.07)

YTD Income.....120,906.63

YTD Expenses.....112,070.54

Difference..... 8,836.09

New Balance as of 5/31/2010.....425,586.17

Daycare - May

Total Income.....38,771.00

Total Expenses.....36,549.08

Difference.....2,221.92

YTD Income.....413,034.08

YTD Expense..... 398,697.11

Difference.....14,336.97

Stewardship. John Luke 11:1-14

Abraham bargains to save Sodom. He starts out with fifty innocent people. God agrees. Obviously lacking confidence he will find fifty, he bargains God down to ten. He could not even find ten, so Sodom is destroyed. The Old Testament covenants were bargains with God. God always kept his part. The patriarchs and Israelites were not so faithful. The disciples saw Jesus as a person who was faithful to the Covenant and a man of prayer. They asked Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." He teaches them the Our Father. Then He tells the stories of the persistent woman and fathers who give their children bread and eggs, not snakes and scorpions. Are we confident when we pray to God, Our Father in heaven, that His Kingdom, *not ours*, will come; that His will, *not ours*, be done; for our daily bread *not tomorrow's or next year's*; and to forgive our sins *as we forgive others*? Are we good stewards who are persistent in prayer *to learn God's will*? If at first you don't succeed, skydiving may not be your thing. Try prayer instead. *And keep trying.*

Liturgical Roles

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

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., Paul Smith, Jo Ann Kimmel, Eleanor Richey, Theresa Wilkerson, Mary Hoover, Larry & Martha Stites, Preston Chappell, Dylan Evans, Jason Chambers, Lori Stanley, Eugenia Shultz, Easton Pedley, Ray Riley, Mike Marsh, Jerry Clark, Anthony Clark, Bernice Bertke, James Barnett, Emily Storm, Carol Atwell, Tom Franey, Deborah Watts, Joseph Roach, Mary Jo Jones, Kristi Rehrauer, Pamala Chapman, 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, Nichole Gowen, Terra Stone, Melissa Manning, Wesley Cook, J.C. & Jeanette Mayfield, Linda Jackson, Jonathan Boarman, Larry Murphy, Jayden Hamilton, Mike Aud, Jennifer McDaniel, Martha Froehlich, Crysta Morris, Gail Harrison, Mary Jo Smith, Hugh Higdon, Ellen Roby, Louise Mills, Jennifer Howard.

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 31 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 Gene & Carolyn Abel

Lectors Bayly Zoglmann, Steve Hollman

Greeters Doug Langdon/D-1, Boots Crowe/D-2, Steve Clark/D-3, Martha Vanover/D-4

Servers Emily Storm, Brian Storm

Ushers Tommy Velotta, Darryl Boarman
Robert Freels, Steve Clark

August 1 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, Volunteer/B-4, Robert Johnson/C-4, Paula Annin/Bal-B, Cathy Foster/Bal-C

Gifts Tracy & Cindy Christian

Lectors Alicia Wells, Russell Payne

Greeters Jennifer Olssen & Jerry Wells/D-1 & 2
Mike & Donna Hamlet/D-3 & 4

Servers Nathan Mills, Kate Duty

Ushers Mike Maloney, Ed Mattingly
Tom Payne, Danny Morris

August 1 11:00am

Euch Kathy Edge/Capt.B-1, Taylor Edge/C-1, Father/B-2, Dillon Nash/C-2, Sherry Nash/B-3, Rob Edge/C-3, Karen Payne /B-4, Bettie Wagner/C-4, Suzann Millay /Bal-B, Rebecca Millay/Bal-C

Gifts Jerry & Cindi Storm

Lectors Larry Millay, Bettie Wagner

Greeters Brenda Thomas/D-1,
Becky Krampe/D-2
Tim & Becky Pedley/D-3 & 4

Servers Elizabeth & Nick Howard

Ushers Jeff & Joshua Jones
Joe Knott, Eric Ratliff

Thanks To All Liturgical Ministers

**Weekly Readings for:
July 25 through August 1, 2010**

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3,6-8;
Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Monday: Jer 13:1-11; (Ps) Dn 32:18-21;
Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8-9,11,13;
Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10,16-21; Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17
-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6b; Jn 11:19-27
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5,8-10,14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16,24; Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33
-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2;2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17;
Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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**OWENSBORO DAVIESS CO. ALZHEIMER'S
DAYTIME SUPPORT GROUP
MEETING: JULY 31, 2010
TIME 9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
Hillcrest Health Care Center
3740 OLD HARTFORD ROAD
OWENSBORO, KY. 42303**

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