

Pastor's Greetings, Catechism, IV, Ch.1

The Catechism presents three articles on "The Revelation of Prayer": in the Old Testament; in the fullness of time (i.e., with Jesus and his praying); and in the age of the Church. There is no point in my summarizing or restating what is so well said in the Catechism. What I mean to do is to explore it, wonder around in it, to taste its gift, to try it on myself. (I will consider Mary and the Age of the Church next week.)

The article on the Old Testament presents a series of people and their striking relationships with God in consideration of their prayer. In the very beginning, prayer is a walking with God. With the first couple's hiding, missing their appointment when God comes walking in the cool of the day, I sense such a loss of closeness. But I also see the clue of what God intended for us in the beginning. We were meant, designed, to walk with God, to delight in his presence, to frolic like children do around a trusted adult, to converse with God as the disciples did with Jesus. Abraham, the nomad of faith, is the epitome of those who walk with God, hosting, conversing, interceding, believing. He always let God set the pace and the path of their walk (not that he didn't make suggestions and ask questions!). Jacob is the man who spars with God, wrestles with the Mighty One and is blessed. Prayer is sparring with God. In Moses, prayer becomes much more richly complex. He argues with God, pleads with God, intercedes for the people with God, is befriended by God. Before Christ, he is the meekest man alive. Moses shows me that prayer is a human creature accepting friendship with the Almighty. With Hannah and Samuel I find that prayer is not only a calling from the heart, but a deep listening in the silences with God. With David and the Temple I learn that prayer is a song of adoration and praise, voicing every need in music. Prayer is a duet, a chorus, a symphony with God as manifest in the five books of the psalter. While prayer may be sung as a brutally honest dirge or song of grief and felt as an experience of complete failure and abandonment, it is never a solo. God's own voice is also there but may not be heard by the sufferer, for it is indistinguishable and inseparable from the sufferer's own cry as I learn in Jesus Christ and the cross. With Elijah and the prophets I learn that prayer is standing with veiled face before the face of God, being upheld in the Holy Presence. That same Holy Presence has become flesh and Jesus Christ has revealed the human face of God. Then prayer becomes a gazing on the Holy Face with love, devotion, and adoration. The prayer of the Old Testament leads powerfully to an unexpected fullness in Jesus Christ.

In Jesus, in the fullness of time, prayer voices the very drama of creation and salvation. As Moses approached the Burning Bush, we approach Jesus Christ, "first to contemplate him in prayer, then to hear how he teaches us to pray, in order to know how he hears our prayer." The Catechism has us listen to Jesus pray. His prayer is always *filial*. This term fits also for us in Christ. Whether son (*filius*) or daughter (*filia*), in Christ we pray as a child to our God-Parent. We hear Jesus address, *Abba*, God, his Father. We observe Jesus praying. He prays before the major moments of his ministry. He withdraws into the solitude of prayer with *Abba*. He is remembered praying in thanksgiving to the Father. His prayer, summed in one word, is "Amen" or "Yes" to the Father, spoken from a grateful, humble heart. Since in the mysterious purpose of the Incarnation, Jesus fully shares our humanity (except for sin, which is not essential to our humanity), his prayer embraces all humanity. Christ offers us and our prayer to the Father and we participate in offering Christ himself in his prayer to the Father (the essence of the Mass).

By word and example Jesus teaches us how to pray (individually and together in him) in a deep inter-relationship with God. Our prayer experience as sons and daughters of *Abba* in Christ includes a *filial* conversion from sin, a *filial* adherence to the Father, *filial* boldness in asking, *filial* watchfulness in seeking, *filial* urgency, *filial* patience, and a *filial*, trusting humility while admitted to the Presence of God. All of this is in the name of the *Dei Filius Unigenitus*, the Only Son of God. In praying with us to *Abba*, Jesus Christ also hears our prayer and responds through our faith to tell us, "I am with you. My Peace I give you. Receive the Holy Spirit." Fr. Richard

A Prayer," by Jacob Hayden

Lord, Jesus your Son gave us the Beatitudes to live better in life. We ask you to help us live them, being merciful and being peace makers. Amen.

Benefits and Services for Aged 65+ and Disabled

Thursday, November 19, 1:30-3:00pm, at St. Pius X Parish Hall, Americorps member Bill Quig will present "Benefits Check-Up," a program which reviews free and/or low cost services for seniors (those aged sixty-five and older) and persons with disabilities. There are many programs and benefits available of which many are unaware. Admission is free and open to the public, no registration needed. RM

OCHS Boys Soccer Players Named All Region—Jay Fullenwider was named Honor Mention All Region.

OCHS Volleyball Players Named to All Tournament Team

Congratulations to **Morgan McCubbins** who was named to the Region All Tournament Team.

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to: Mk 13:24-32**Glory to You O Lord!****Adults**

What signs of hope and promise do I see in my life?

Children

When has Jesus helped me the most?

Religious Education/Faith Formation Schedule

During the month of Nov. children/youth are invited to bring in nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets.

November	15	Regular Session	22	Regular Session
	29	No Session--Thanksgiving Break		

RCIA TOPICS and SCHEDULE

November	18	Eschatology	25	No Session--Thanksgiving Break
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NOVEMBER FEAST DAYS

November	17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	22	Christ the King	24	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
	30	St. Andrew		



Karaoke Family Evening will be held on Friday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Karaoke will follow a potluck dinner. **What to bring--**your karaoke voice and a side dish or dessert for the meal. The entire St. Pius X parish is invited to come together for this fun-filled evening of singing.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office conference room. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or know someone interested, please contact Nancy at 684-4745, ext. 205.

NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE. St. Pius X is collecting nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets. Donations may be placed in the food bin in church or the food basket in the parish hall on Sunday mornings. Your donation will be a blessing to a family on Thanksgiving Day. Thanks for your continued generosity and practice of the Corporal Works of Mercy. *We ask that you check the expiration dates on your food donations.* **THANKS!!**

Christmas Raffle

Below is a list of the items that are included in our 2009 Christmas Raffle. Drawing will be held December 15th. Everyone is invited to take extra tickets to sell at work or to family & friends. Note that # 7 is not printed on our tickets due to a timing issue. Please tell the people who are interested to write NYE on their ticket stub.

All money will go directly into our Capital Campaign for the Parish Center debt.

Tickets will be available at the Parish Office and after each Mass until December 15th.

- #1 Package - Wii \$300.00 value
- #2 Package - Car Care – Gas cards, car washes and gift certificate to Mattingly's Automotive - \$300.00 value
- #3 Package - Cash \$300.00 value
- #4 Package - Ladies Day out – Massages, hair cut & style, spa manicure, Crest Professional whitening strips, tanning gift certificate—\$300.00 value
- #5 Package - Family Fun -2 season passes for KWC basketball, Momma Lea's Kids Zone - 50 free tokens, bowling, movies —\$300.00 value
- #6 Package – Man Stuff – Builders Discount Lumber, gas card, golf balls, hats, pizza, driving range (unlimited golf balls, cooler plus beverages. \$300.00 value
- #7 Package – New Year's Eve- 8 tickets to St. Pius Tenth dance \$200.00 value

Thanks, again for supporting our Capital Campaign.

High School EPIC Night

Tonight is an EPIC Night is 6:00pm-7:45pm. Grab your aprons and mixing bowls. The high school will be preparing a Thanksgiving meal for the Benedict Shelter. St. Pius X parishioner Greg Bates will be the head cook and show the youth how to prepare the menu. All food that night will be taken to the shelter later by adult volunteers. So come and help cook up some fun.

Middle School F.L.I.G.H.T Night

The next Middle School FLIGHT night is November 18th. It's just that simple: Nooma Night come and see how to simplify your life with shells. The night starts with Mass at 6pm then we follow with the theme of the night till 8pm.

St. Benedict Shelter Activities - Item Drive

This month we will be doing an item drive the shelter is in need of cleaning material. Items needed Non-refrigerated juices, sugar, coffee, non-dairy coffee creamer, breakfast cereal, small and larger zip-lock bags, aluminum foil, powdered laundry detergent, dryer sheets, liquid dishwashing detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, bathroom and kitchen cleaning supplies. **Also check the doors for the list as well. Bring items the parish office or contact Matt Hunt**

Tie Blanket Program

Youth Ministry will organize a "tie blanket" program using fleece material (two, three yard panels) to provide blankets for local shelters. Donations of fleece material is requested (note close-out sales at regional Wal-Marts). They will collect fleece material until December 13th. They will cut the material and tie it into blankets on December 20th. **For all information for St. Benedict Shelter contact Matt Hunt.**

ODYO Jingle Fest - December 6th 6:30pm-8:30pm - @ Diamond Lakes

Do you have an undiscovered talent? Then we want you to share it with every one of the ODYO youth ministry community at Jingle Fest. Jingle Fest is a variety talent show at Diamond Lakes Theater. Each parish attending could create and perform a skit or act. **Deadline for sign up to do an act or skit is Nov.25th.** Tickets will be sold at the door the cost of the event is \$5.00 + money for food per person.

Remember ODYO is open to 6th-12th grade.

Confirmation 09-2010

The next mini-retreat is **today November 15th 2pm-4pm in the Parish Hall the theme is *Guided & Strengthened by the Holy Spirit.***

TOB for Teens - Next Meeting is December 10th 6:30pm-8:30pm

Dead Theologians Society (DTS)

Dead to the World Alive in Christ Romans 6:11

The next DTS meeting will be **December 3rd 6:30pm-8:30pm. DTS is for High School youth 9th-12th**

SPX Capital Campaign

I appreciate the ongoing work of the conservation subcommittee of the Capital Campaign Committee. Since they are the only on-going working group of that effort, they are for all intents and purposes the Capital Campaign Committee. They are Delores Turnage (chair), Steve Clark, Keith Franey, David Jones, and Alicia Wells. Their talks this past weekend brought us all up-to-date on the status of our payments on the debt (mortgage) owed on the parish building project. As of October's payment we owe \$477,428.10 on the \$1.3 million project. At the current rate of payments, the debt will be retired November, 2014. This is why we need pledged parishioners to continue their pledges through the retirement of the loan and need those who have not pledged to consider participating in the parish effort. Perhaps, God willing, we can retire the debt earlier. Thanks to all who are seeing this effort along.
Fr. Richard

Mass Intentions - Nov. 16th—22nd

16th-Mon.	8am	McGuire Carrico
17th-Tue.	8am	Ann Lanier
18th-Wed.	6pm	K.C. Ladies Auxiliary #817
19th-Thur.	8am	Special Intention, N&G
20th- Fri	8am	Bill Zoglmann (for birthday)
21st-Sat	5pm	Danny Roby
22nd-Sun.	8am	Nick & Carolyn Howard
		30th Anniversary
	11am	Rose M. Payne
	8pm	Parish Family

Vocation Crucifix-Nov. 21st & 22nd

5:00pm	Mike & Anna Dunn
8:00am	Bill & Martha Froehlich
11:00am	Betty Thompson

Scrip Schedule- Nov. 21st & 22nd**5pm**—Marie Cole, Joe & Connie Richards**8am**—Joe & Jane Brand, Julie Cox**11am**— Rob & Kathy Edge, Ronnie & Lisa Millay**God's Housekeepers: -Nov. 16th—21st**

Velma Reed, Janet Rehrauer, Mary Roberts, Alisa Roberts, Nannette Pedley

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

There will be a New Year's Eve Dance at our Parish Hall on Thursday, December 31, 2009. Food and drinks will be supplied. Doors will open @ 7:30PM, Music begins @ 8:30 until 12:30 and the doors will close @ 1:30AM. Must be 21 years of age or older. Tickets will be on sell within the next couple of weeks. There will be limited tickets sold. The price of the tickets are \$45/couple and \$25/single. We hope that everyone will come and join the fun. All proceeds will go towards the Capital Campaign. If you have any questions, you may contact Jeff Jones, Jerry Wells, Gail Ray or Dottie Kirk.

Taxes

Volunteers are needed to help man the VITA tax site at St. Pius X. This will be the fourth year for a site here. And each year we have grown in number of tax returns prepared. Positions needed are greeters, screeners, and tax preparers. All necessary instructions will be provided. If interested call David Fleischmann at 685-2415 or Sharol at 685-1603.

Children's Choir Practice will begin Mon. Nov. 30th at 6:30pm in Church. All children in grades K-8 are invited to come & sing. Practice will last 45minutes to 1 hour. Call Mary Lou or Amanda Storm at 264-9640

Tithing's-November 8th, 2009**Goal.....13,360.00****Actual..... 12,941.48****St. Vincent de Paul..... 50.00****Children's Collection..... 3.05****Campaign for Human Development...28.00****Holyday.....43.00****Capital Campaign****Goal.....\$3,000.00****Actual.....666.00**

Stewardship: Are we ready to encounter "the Son of Man coming in the clouds?" We can be sure He won't be coming just to wave and say hello. He probably will be coming to ask for an accounting of how we have done with all that God has given to us. Henny Youngman, the great Jewish humorist, quipped that "My uncle knew exactly when he was going to die. The warden told him." Most of us will not have such a precise time for our passing. Now is the acceptable time to review and reflect on how we have cared for and shared all that God has entrusted to us. Will we be prepared to report to Jesus that we understood that all that we are and all that we have came from God and belongs to Him and that we used it to the best of our ability for ourselves and for others? What are we going to report when we see "the Son of Man coming in the clouds . . .?"

Catholic Men's Fellowship

A new organization has been formed here at St. Pius. The Catholic Men's Fellowship meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm here at St. Pius in the resource room. We would like to invite all men to come join us and bring a friend. If you would like to find out more please contact: Joe Wathen - 993-8351 Gary Estes - 314-4419, Tom Rhodes - 925-1442.

WHAT'S A NOVENA? —PART III: STRUCTURE

When it comes down to the structure of a novena, it is good to remember that there is not a solid standard structure per se. Indeed, if we look at the devotional life of the Church from the Middle Ages up to now, we can see that the ways of praying a novena are varied. Nonetheless, in them we can devise a common pattern:

- Sign of the Cross
- Opening Prayer for everyday
- Intention of the Novena
- Rosary (or other repetition forms of prayer)
- Scripture Reading
- Closing Prayer

Novenas can be prayed in an individual or communal basis. Here in our parish, we will pray the Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe as a community. We will talk more about this particular novena next week. Please save the date: December 4 – 12th at 6pm at the church.



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 Quisinberry, 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 Conkright, Eleanor Richey, Theresa Wilkerson, Mary Hoover, Larry & Martha Stites, Preston Chappell, Dylan Evans, Janet Shartung, Jason Chambers, Lori Stanley, Judy Oelze, 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 Rehauer, Lauren Girten, Pamala Chapman, Mrs. Estella Ubelor, Sharri Browning, David Leach, Todd Melton, Helen McCarty, Blake Midkiffs, Kathleen Kirk, Amy Cox, Barbara Coomes, Barbara Carrico, Vicki Troutman, Joe McCystal, 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, Clarence Merritt, Virginia Hagan, Agnes Powers, Megan Boarman, Ryan Wahnsiedler, J.C & Jeanette Mayfield, Margaret Fischer, Carrie Weaver, Joe Raley, Mary Ellen Clark.

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, Veterans Hospital-Richmond, Virginia, LTC Jason Jones, SGT Jesse Turner, Afghanistan, Sgt. Robert Timothy Wells-Afghanistan, Airman Kaleb Hedden—Iraq.

November 21st

5:00pm

Euch. Delores Turnage/B-1, Father/B-2, Agnes Powers/B-3, Joe Richards/B-4, Larry Freels/Bal-B,
Gifts Gerald & Janice Masterson
Lectors Pat Harralson, Steve Hollman
Greeters Beverly Aud/D-1, Tammy Millay/D-2, Ron & Debbie Payne/D-3&4
Servers Samuel Johnson, Neal Zoglmann
Ushers Dan Blair, Gene Naviaux, Kenny Burns, Tommy Hayden

November 22nd 8:00am

Euch. David Fleischmann/Capt.B-1, Father/B-2, Alicia Wells/B-3, Joseph Hayden/B-4, Dolores Roberts/Bal-B,
Gifts Charles & Denise Moore
Lectors Joseph Hayden, Lori Ferguson
Greeters Dan & Barbara Durbin/D-1&2, Steve & Michelle Mattingly/D-3 & 4
Servers David Hayden, Jessica Thomson
Ushers Steve & Jonathon Brown Roger Thompson, Tom Payne

November 22nd 11:00am

Euch Debbie Lanham/Capt.B-1, Father/B-2, Heather Lane/B-3, Gail Ray/B-4, Susan Zoglmann/Bal-B,
Gifts Greg & Marion Bates
Lectors Larry Millay, Karen Payne
Greeters Jeff & Michelle Jones Fam./D-1 & 2, Becky Krampe/D-3, Becky & Morgan McCubbins/D-4
Servers Kate Zoglmann, Lucas Zoglmann
Ushers David Zoglmann, Tom Rhodes Tony & Adam Millay

Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be here at St. Pius on December 12th, and 13th weekend.

Musician's Schedule—November 21st & 22nd

5:00pm Roger & Becky
 8:00am Choir & Sarah
 11:00am Jubilation

Musicians meeting will be Tues., Nov. 17th 6pm

Parish Directories 2009-10 are available and can be picked up from the cabinets in Church. One per family.

Readings for the Week

November 15 through November 22, 2009

- Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5,8-11;
 Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32
- Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63;
 Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158;
 Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10;
 1 Jn 3:14-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1,20-31; Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15;
 Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15;
 Lk 19:41-44
- Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59; (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12;
 Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19;
 Lk 20:27-40

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even how to communicate this with their spouse. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 15-17 call 270 -683-1545 ext. 357 or email: sherryvincent@insightbb.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

The fight4allyson committee will be pre-selling Boston Butts for \$ 20.00 dollars now until November contact Jennifer Thompson 270-314-8958 and you can mail your check to 679 Fargo St. Owensboro, KY 42301 Please make check payable to Allyson Funk Donation Account. We will be smoking these on November 21 right before Thanksgiving, which will be a good time to buy; that way you will not have to cook a Turkey. Ready for pick up at Precious Blood Church on the same day Nov 21 @ 4:00 PM. If you do not know what the fight 4 allyson is about please visit www.fight4allyson.com to learn about her condition. You can order Boston Butts or other apparel on this site.

St. Pius Giving Tree



The Giving Tree is an annual parish-wide community service project that assists less fortunate families during the Christmas season. If you would like to request assistance please contact Marisa Cooper (684-4745 Ext. 214) marisa.cooper@bellsouth.net. All information will be kept confidential. Calls will be accepted through **November 26**.