

Pastor's Greetings,*The Lord's Prayer*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church concludes [2759-2864] with a very rich doctrinal reflection on the Lord's Prayer as it is presented in the Gospel according to Matthew (6.9-13). Luke, of course, also presents the prayer but in a shorter form with only five, compared to Matthew's seven, petitions (Luke 11.2-4). Universally, it is Matthew's version that is prayed by the Church, already established in Christian liturgical traditions from the first and second centuries. In fact, it was at the Eucharistic liturgy that the prayer was given its doxology— "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever." The prayer then consists of the salutation addressed to God the Father and seven petitions, to which the liturgy, subsequent to the writing of Matthew, added a doxology. Both through its universal role in the Church's liturgy and by its comprehensiveness, it is the epitome of prayer for those who are in Jesus Christ. The Catechism linked the prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper (a prayer as eternal as is his sacrifice once for all) to the prayer which he prays in us, the prayer we also pray in him. The Lord's Prayer voices that communion of prayer:

"By entering into the holy name of the Lord Jesus we can accept, from within, the prayer he teaches us: "Our Father!" His priestly prayer fulfills, from within, the great petitions of the Lord's prayer: concern for the Father's name; passionate zeal for his kingdom (glory); the accomplishment of the will of the Father, of his plan for salvation; and deliverance from evil [2750]."

Here, I intend to reflect on some of the insights offered by the Catechism's closing sections and encourage everyone to read it themselves for the full, rich details. After drawing on the introductory materials I will consider the text of the Lord's Prayer's salutation followed by reflections on its seven petitions and doxology.

In Matthew, the Lord's Prayer is set within the "Sermon on the Mount" following the Beatitudes. The whole of this portion of Matthew serves as a summary of the first proclamation of the gospel by Jesus. Through the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer "the Spirit of the Lord gives new form to our desires, those inner movements which animate our lives [2764]." This prayer, given us by God's Word made flesh, has power, not due to its formulation as a set of words, but in the Holy Spirit, to shape the desires of our hearts before God and according to God's will. It clearly shapes the prayer of the Church, especially at Mass, and it will do so until the Lord returns in glory.

"In the *Eucharistic liturgy* the Lord's Prayer appears as the prayer of the whole Church and there reveals its full meaning and efficacy. Placed between the *anaphora* (the Eucharistic prayer) and the communion, the Lord's Prayer sums up on the one hand all the petitions and intercessions expressed in the movement of the *epiclesis* (the invocation of the Holy Spirit) and, on the other, knocks at the door of the Banquet of the kingdom which sacramental communion anticipates [2770]."

Because of Jesus taking us to the Father, God adopting us by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we can pray in the Son with filial boldness, trust, simplicity, and assurance, that is, we can dare to address God as "Our Father." Jesus, the Only-begotten Son, having purified us of sin, has brought us (whether male or female), born of God by the Holy Spirit, into his status as Son in the Father's presence. (Outside of Jesus Christ, God cannot rightly be addressed as Father, or with any other parental title.) Our adoption gives and requires a continuing conversion to our becoming always more Christ-like in love of God and neighbor and to our ever deepening in childlike trust of Abba, a journey toward boundless love and trust. That the Father is in "heaven" acknowledges God's transcendent holiness, also immanent through the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. There is no physical distance being claimed here, rather we welcome God's heavenly dwelling into our hearts as God places us with Christ in the Father's house. Fr. Richard

Christmas Thanksgiving and Blessings

Thanks for all the greetings, cards, and prayers this Christmas. May the gift of Jesus Christ sustain us and keep us all into eternal life. Fr. Richard

God's Housekeepers: - Dec. 28th—Jan. 2nd

Donna Feldpausch, Mark & Donna Howard, Debby Stallings, Paulette Bonshire, Jan & Bart Wink, Ann Payne, James & Barbara Coomes.

Rest In Peace

Agnes Jean Fisher, Sister to Margaret Hayden
James Payne, Father to Kristie Hawkins
Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord!

Gospel: Lk 2:41-52

Adults: How can I show my love for Jesus to everyone I meet during this coming week?

Children: What can I do for each member of my family to show them, in a special way how much I love them?

COFFEE and the CATHOLIC FAITH is an adult gathering on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the resource room. If you would like to strengthen your relationship with Christ, gain a deeper understanding of your Catholic faith, and develop lasting relationships with other members of St. Pius X Parish, this gathering is for you!! The discussion will focus on the Lighthouse Catholic Media CD entitled "Seven Reasons to be Catholic" by Dr. Peter Kreeft. Dr. Peter is a world-renowned philosopher and best-selling author. In this CD, he presents seven undisputable reasons why every person should indeed be Catholic. The CD is available in the vestibule for a donation of \$3.00. Child care is available. Coffee is provided. If you are interested, please contact Nancy in the parish office, 684-4745 ext. 205 or by email nmtg54@aol.com. The next session is scheduled for January 3, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

BAND-AIDS for the Children of Mandeville. The children of Mandeville do not have the privilege of using band-aids to cover their wounds. We will be collecting boxes of band-aids during the month of January. If you are able to donate a box of band-aids, please bring your donation to the parish hall after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. A basket marked "BAND-AIDS" will also be available in the Church for your donation of Band-Aids--**during the month of January**. Thanks to Josie Kroeger for assisting us with this project.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION cards are available in the church. Your family is invited to spiritually adopt an unborn child and pray that the unknown child's life will be spared from being aborted. Your prayers can make a difference and provide spiritual support to the parents. The following prayer is prayed for nine months: *"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen."* In January, 2010 each class in our Sunday morning religious education/faith formation program will spiritually adopt a child who is in danger of abortion. In September, 2010, baby clothes and items will be collected and donated to Birthright.

Little Flowers Girls' Club is an organization for young Catholic girls. This club is open to all Catholic girls, from age 5-11 and will provide girls with opportunities to learn what it means to live out the Catholic faith as a young girl. The girls will read, share, and learn about the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Therese, saints of the Catholic Church, women in religious life, and their own mothers.

Blue Knights' Boys Club is a club for young Catholic boys. The program is designed for Catholic boys from age 5-11 and is based on developing in boys a devotion to St. Joseph, patron of the universal Church. The idea of the club is to establish Christian virtues and friendships while learning from the lives of saints, religious men, and their own fathers. The theme of the program is the "Armor of God." Each month, the boys will build a piece of their suit of armor.

DECEMBER FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

December 27 No Session
January 3 Regular Session

RCIA SCHEDULE

December 30 No Session

December Saints/Feast Days

December 27 Holy Family

St. Pius X Daycare is selling cookbooks! The daycare is currently working on replacing our old carpet and tile. We would greatly appreciate your help by purchasing a cookbook. They are filled with over 350 delicious recipes. Their hard cover and beautiful design would make them a wonderful gift or something to keep for yourself. The cost is \$12.00 per book. If you order three or more, the cost is \$10.00. We hope you enjoy the cookbooks and the delicious recipes. If you have any questions please contact Micki Howard or Brook Mattingly at 684-7456.

ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY

High School & Middle School Service Night

On **December 20th 5:00pm-7:30pm** both groups will be organizing gifts for the Giving Tree and making blankets for the Benedict Shelter. The people receiving gifts from the Giving Tree will be picking presents up between 6:30pm-7:30pm. When there is dead time there we will be social time till the gifts are gone. So come out and help the needy and have fun at the same time.

St. Benedict Shelter Activities

Mark your calendars for January 16th. I have scheduled both High School and Middle School to clean the St. Benedict Shelter for the homeless. The cleaning would be in the morning **10am-12am** dressed to clean.

For all information for St. Benedict Shelter contact Matt Hunt

ODYO Traveling Epiphany Dinner

On **January 3rd 5:30-8:30** ODYO will be having their annual Traveling Epiphany Dinner. The event starts with Mass 5:30 at Blessed Mother, then after Mass here at St. Pius for appetizers and salads, then we will finish out the night at Immaculate Parish for the main meal and desserts. Come and experience the night like the traveling Magi and celebrate the birth of Christ with food, fun, and fellowship with the ODYO community.

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)

Juniors and Seniors- A Teens Encounter Christ weekend will be held at St. Charles Parish in Bardwell, KY February, 13th-15th 2010. TEC weekends are a great time to get away from the hustle and bustle, and to have some time for faith, food, fun, and fellowship in Christ. The weekend schedule begins on Saturday morning and ends on Monday mid-afternoon on President's Day. The deadline to sign up for this weekend is noon on Friday, January 29th 2010. This TEC weekend almost always fills up. Please sign up early! For applications and more information check out www.wkytec.org

Confirmation 09-2010

The next mini-retreat is **Saturday January 9th 2pm-4pm in the Parish Hall.** The theme of the Mini-Retreat is *The Eucharist: Nourished Through the Holy Spirit.*

TOB for Teens -Next Meeting is January 7th 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

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**With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God** The Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Owensboro Announces the Rite of Ordination of Steven Albert Hohman Son of the late Richard A and Marjorie Hohman To the Sacred Order of Deacon, Saturday, the sixth of February 2010. The Rite of Ordination will take place at St. Anthony's Church. Reception follows in St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

**Speed & Jump Development Clinic** will be held at Owensboro Catholic High School on Monday, December 28-Thursday, December 31st at 9am –11am for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades with a limited enrollment of 24. Monday, December 28—Thursday, December 31st for 6th, 7th, and 8th at 1-3pm with a limited enrollment of 24. \$60 per child (same family \$45 2nd child, \$30 3rd child, 4th free). Reserve your spot today! Contact Coach Jim Ivey at 270-570-8412 or email at [jim.ivey@owensborocatholic.org](mailto:jim.ivey@owensborocatholic.org). Provide your child's name, grade and a method of contact. Registration paperwork will be filled out the first day of the clinic. Parents of 6th graders, please Discuss maturity of your child with Coach Ivey to determine proper placement.

**Happy & Blessed New Year to all!!!!**

**Mass Intentions - Dec. 28th –January 3rd**

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|------------|------|--------------------------|
| 28th-Mon.  | 8am  | Catherine Mills          |
| 29th-Tue.  | 8am  | No Mass                  |
| 30th-Wed.  | 6pm  | No Mass                  |
| 31st-Thur. | 6pm  | Catherine Calhoun        |
| 2010       |      |                          |
| 01st- Fri  | 8am  | Betty Pedley             |
|            | 10am | Anna Keller              |
| 02nd-Sat   | 5pm  | Boots Crowe              |
| 03rd-Sun.  | 8am  | Parish Family            |
|            | 11am | Helen Harris             |
|            | 8pm  | Special Intention (S.C.) |

**Vocation Crucifix-January 2nd & 3rd**

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| 5:00pm  | Tom Fogle      |
| 8:00am  | Kathleen Clark |
| 11:00am | Mary Edgell    |

**Scrip Schedule– 27th & 28th**

- 5pm**-Stacey Potts, Rex & Laura Carmon
- 8am**-Jerry & Ginger McBride  
John & Carolyn McCarty
- 11am**– Sherry Nash, Beth & John Clements

**Eucharistic Adoration**

St. Pius will not be having Eucharistic Adoration on January 1st & 2nd due to the Holyday. Those who would like to participate are welcome to attend Adoration at the Carmel Home which is open 24 hours a day seven days a week.

**Opportunities for Life**

Kentucky’s four Catholic bishops have selected the weekend of January 16th & 17th for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. Your January packet includes a special envelope you may use to contribute to this state-wide 24-hour a day, 7 day a week, pregnancy ministry. You may place these special envelopes in the regular collection baskets. OFL volunteers offer hope and resources to callers. Who find the courage to seek help while facing a crisis in their lives. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for our volunteers and for those they serve,. For information on our volunteer training program or to receive more information about OFL, please call (888) 496-3638.

**Tithing's-December 20th, 2009**

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| Goal.....                    | 13,360.00  |
| Actual.....                  | 18,937.14  |
| Parish Relief.....           | 45.00      |
| Children’s Collection.....   | 4.40       |
| Holyday.....                 | 220.00     |
| Retired Religious.....       | 20.00      |
| International Donations..... | 100.00     |
| Diocesan Good Works.....     | 20.00      |
| St. Vincent de Paul.....     | 50.00      |
| <b>Capital Campaign</b>      |            |
| Goal.....                    | \$3,000.00 |
| Actual.....                  | 4,117.00   |



**Stewardship:**

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

**End of Year Contributions:** December 27 will be the last Sunday in 2009. For those of you who wish to have contributions posted to 2009 for tax purposes, donations must be received by December 31. Thank you for your continued support to the parish in time, talent and treasure.

**Parish Office Information:** To allow our staff vacation time to spend with their families during the holidays the Parish Office will be closed December 24th—January 3rd. If there is an emergency, please call Marisa Cooper at 994-3006.

**New Bishop Announced**

Rev. William Francis Medley has been elected to be the new Bishop for the Owensboro Diocese. Bishop -elect Medley was born on September 17th, 1952 in Marion County and was ordained to the priesthood on May 22nd, 1982 at the Cathedral of the Assumption by the Most Rev. Thomas Kelly, Archbishop Emeritus of Louisville. The Ordination as Bishop for Rev. Medley will be Wednesday, February 10th at 2:00pm at the Sportcenter.

**Musician’s Schedule— January 2nd & 3rd**

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| 5pm  | Becky & Choir        |
| 8am  | Ellen, Craig & Patsy |
| 11am | Tracie & Sarah       |

**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 Quisiberry, 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 Konkright, 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, Mrs. Estella Ubelor, 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, Frank Jones, Jr. Jan Mulligan, Kathleen Wettstain, Erika Vandiver, Ron Thomas, Neil Devine, Lisa Russellburg, Kelly Hedges, Judy Byrer, Earl Cecil, Shane Isbill, Agnes Powers, Megan Boarman, Ryan Wahnsiedler, J.C & Jeanette Mayfield, Margaret Fischer, Joe Raley, Mary Ellen Clark, Morgan Nave, Don Nonweiler, Vince Millay, Sue Leeper, Nichole Gowen, Terra Stone, Melissa Manning.

**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 Jesse Turner, Afghanistan, Sgt. Robert Timothy Wells-Afghanistan, Airman Kaleb Hedden—Iraq.

**January 2nd**

**5:00pm**

**Euch.** Fabyan Bridgmon/B-1, Steve Clark/C-1, Father/B-2, Cathy Franey/C-2, Joe Richards /B-3, Samantha Langdon/C-3, Stephanie Driskill/B-4, Susan Driskill/C-4, Libby Johnson/Bal-B, Carol Schlachter/Bal-C  
**Gifts** Fabyan Bridgmon  
**Lectors** Patricia Harralson, Fabyan Bridgmon  
**Greeters** Jane Strehl/D-1, Doug Langdon/D-2, Martha Vanover/D-3, Boots Crowe/D-4  
**Servers** Ryan & Nolan Clark  
**Ushers** Charles Aud, Randy Blincoe Tom Blair, Kenneth Burns

**January 3rd 8:00am**

**Euch.** Paula Annin/Capt.B-1, Ed Calhoun/C-1, Father/B-2, Matt Hunt/C-2, Colton Roberts /B-3, Linda Calhoun/C-3, Clayton Higdon /B-4, David Fleischmann/C-4, Cathy Foster/Bal-B, Alicia Wells/Bal-C  
**Gifts** Paula Annin  
**Lectors** Ed & Linda Calhoun  
**Greeters** Mike & Donna Hamlet/D-1&2, Jerry Wells/D-3, Jennifer Olssen/D-4  
**Servers** David, Jacob, & Nicole Hayden  
**Ushers** Steve & Jonathan Brown Tom Conrey, Dan Durbin

**January 3rd 11:00am**

**Euch** Joe Bachmeier/Capt.B-1, Colleen Bachmeier/C-1, Father/B-2, Marion Bates /C-2, Michelle Jones/B-3, Amanda Jones /C-3, John Boarman/B-4, Kim Boarman /C-4, Gary Estes/Bal-B, Donna Feldpausch/Bal-C  
**Gifts** Mike & Cindy Aull  
**Lectors** Beth Clements, Rob Edge  
**Greeters** Mark & Donna Howard Family/D-1-4  
**Servers** Chace & Ethan Clements  
**Ushers** Mike Clark, Rob Edge Larry Millay, Paul Payne

**Readings for the Week-Dec. 28th-09-Jan. 3rd 2010**

**Mon:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5,7c-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Tues:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3,5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

**Wed:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

**Thur:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2,11-13; Jn 1:1-18

**Fri:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21

**Sat:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Sun:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6;  
Mt 2:1-12

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE**

There will be a New Year's Eve Dance at our Parish Hall on Thursday, December 31, 2009. **THERE IS A LIMIT OF 150 TICKETS TO BE SOLD, ONCE THESE ARE GONE THERE WILL NOT BE ANYMORE SOLD. SO PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS SOON .** 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. 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 Roger & Dottie Kirk, Tracy & Cindy Christian.



**Birthright's Layette Needs:** Birthright is in need of the following items to prepare their gift bags for new moms and babies: maternity clothing, robes and slippers (all sizes), preemie and newborn clothing (to 3 months), receiving blankets (or other baby blankets), and small books (Christian theme when possible). Please bring your items to church this weekend, December 26-27, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** – Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. 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](mailto:sherryvincent@insightbb.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)