

**Pastor's Greetings,**

Several years ago it struck me that John the Baptist and I have something in common. It's not diet (so far I have not tried grasshoppers and wild honey). I don't wear camel's hair clothing like he did. I do try to announce Jesus and prepare his way, but so should we all. Jesus himself associated John with the Prophet Elijah, but that was an association peculiar to John. In the Synoptic Gospels, John only calls himself "the Voice of one crying in the wilderness." I cannot claim to be that. In the Fourth Gospel, however, the Baptist identified himself as Jesus' "best man," at the same time identifying Jesus as the Groom, "the one who has the bride (John 3.29-30)." Like a key in a lock, that fits my experience.

I have mentioned before that this names for me the experience of my role at the weddings I have officiated in over the years. I am the "best man" to the couple's espousal to Jesus. Even as they wed each other, their sacrament of one-flesh, marital love for each other is to lead them to union to Jesus Christ, "the Bride Groom of the Church." I assist their becoming one "eucharistic flesh" with Jesus. This intimacy, of course, is not sexual. It is profoundly and divinely intimate through the humanity the Risen Christ still shares with us. Their marital intimacy is called to grow into the likeness of the Eucharist. Then again, this is the role I serve ministerially at every Mass. Each Mass is a eucharistic wedding at which I lead the Bride (the Church) to the Bridegroom (Christ). Communion as Sacrament anticipates and begins Communion as Eternal Union and Life with God in Christ. Even as John said it of his relationship to Jesus, so I gladly say it of myself in his regard: "He must increase; I must decrease."

Consideration of this scripture, my experience in ministry, and the profound insights I discovered in the writings of Pope John Paul II on "Theology of the Body," have blessed these middle years of my life and ministry with deepening understanding and richness. At 24 naive years of age I gladly and freely accepted the commitments of chaste celibacy in the call to Holy Orders. The Lord promised me joy in this call, I trusted him, and he has kept his word. There have been moments of deep sadness, times with a sense of loss at my being without the love of a wife and the fathering of children. Those times, however, did not eclipse the joy or lessen, or even threaten, my commitment. They were times of self-pity, even temptations, and with maturing awareness, I recognized them as such. They drew me even closer to Jesus, my Lord. I believe that I have even found a desire and a love which perfectly satisfies. In making myself a gift to Christ, a chaste celibate gift, I find that the desire to be such a gift, and a gift received, is more satisfying than physical pleasure. I also believe that even in marriage, this desire is deeper than the beautiful sexual values God designed specifically for husband and wife. It is the gift desire (given and received) which heals the injuries of lust and self-interest. In this gift one can be quite happy and fulfilled without sex. I know you do not hear that very often.

Speaking from experience, a celibate works to be as complete a gift to Christ as possible, in prayer, in ministry, in serving, and in self-offering. One's sexuality here is virginal. For this is part of the gift given, and given intact, unused. Masculinity is fully employed, but not erotically. Direct relationship to the Lord is not sexual, but is relationship of the whole person. One's sexuality is given virginally. Just as conjugal chastity forbids lust or the coveting of any other's sexuality, and dedicates one's sexual values as gifts for one's spouse and marriage, so celibate chastity turns every erotic stirring, every movement of lust, over to the Lord and shuns the coveting of any other's sexual values. The freedom which chastity gives for the sake of true love is astounding. The peace which it gives is gratifying.

At 24 (my age at diaconate) and at 25 (my age at priestly ordination) I knew that celibacy was not an essential, inherent requirement of Holy Orders, for the Eastern Rite Catholic priests may marry before they are ordained. Trusting the promise of Christ, I accepted the celibate state required by the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church as anterior to the call to Holy Orders. I was and have always been confident that through the faithfulness of Christ to me, this commitment would be blessed with joy. It was the fulfillment of the desire to be total gift which revealed to me how God has worked this joy in my life. I have John the Baptist and Pope John Paul II to thank for leading me to this understanding of my life's experience. In these lust-driven times, when people are starving for love, seeking to slake their thirst for love by increasing their intake of lust, becoming only thirstier, more desperate, and cynical, it is important that the peace and joy of chaste love in marriage and in celibacy be made known. It was the virginal man, Jesus, the Bridegroom of the Church who said: "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete (John 15.11)." Fr. Richard

**St. Pius X Blood Drive will be January 16th from 8:30 am until 1:30pm in vestibule.**

**God's Housekeepers—January 11th-16th—Sherman & Dolores Roberts, Norman & Doris Johnson, Joe & Maryanne Knott, Charles & Lisa Zoglmann, Tim & Becky Pedley**

**Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

**Adults**

Am I aware that I am God’s beloved child? How do I experience my belovedness?

**Children**

When do I feel God’s love for me? Do I know how special I am?

**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](mailto:nmtg54@aol.com).

**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.

**Little Flowers Girls' Club** is an organization for young 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 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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION**

<b>JANUARY</b>	10	Regular Session	17	Regular Session
	24	Regular Session	<b>31</b>	<b>No Session</b>

<b>JANUARY</b>	13	Baptism and Confirmation	CCC 1213-1216; 1246-1274; 1285-1314
<b>RCIA</b>	20	Liturgy of the Eucharist	CCC 1322-1397
	27	Jesus Proclaims the Reign of God	CCC 695; 713-714; 763-764; 1286

**JANUARY SAINTS/FEAST DAYS**

20	Saints Fabian and Sebastian	21	St. Agnes
24	St. Francis de Sales	25	Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
26	Saints Timothy and Titus	27	St. Angela Merici
28	St. Thomas Aquinas	31	St. John Bosco

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**Adoption**

Catholic Charities Adoptions has openings for couples interested in adopting. An adoptive parent training is scheduled in Owensboro on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, contact Rita Heinz at Catholic Charities: 270-852-8328 or 1-877-803-5064.

**ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Update: Middle school youth F.L.I.G.H.T. Nights will start meeting on Sundays 4:00pm-5:30pm**

**Middle School F.L.I.G.H.T Night 4:00-5:30**

Tonight's theme is **Music & Me/iPod night**. Come and see how through all kinds of music that Christ speaks to us all the time. Bring your favorite song off your iPod, because part of the will play songs that are meaning full to you and discuss how Christ speaks to you. (All songs will be screened before they are played so please bring music that is appropriate.)

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

Tonight's theme is **Music & Me/iPod night**. (Theme's information same as above)

**St. Benedict Shelter Activities**

**Mark your calendars for January 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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**

**TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)**

Juniors and Seniors- A Teens Encounter Christ weekend will be held at St. Charles Parish in Bardwell, KY February, 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 2010. This TEC weekend almost always fills up. Please sign up early! For applications and more information check out [www.wkytec.org](http://www.wkytec.org)

**Thank for your Service**

On December 20<sup>th</sup> the middle school and high school youth came together for a very large service project. Through the advent season parishioners were donating fleece material that could be turned into tied blankets. Together the youth made 25 tied blankets that were given to the Benedict Shelter. The residents and staff at the Benedict shelter thank the people at St. Pius X for their time and generosity.

**NET Confirmation Retreat**

The time and place of the NET Retreat is **Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-5:00pm at St. Pius X Parish Hall**. There will be other Confirmation candidates from other parishes attending the event. There is no cost to the retreat, **but those from St. Pius were asked to bring a dessert to share with the others.**

**TOB for Teens -Next Meeting is January 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

**KOINONIA**

Koinonia, a Greek word meaning "community", is a time set aside for adult Christians to experience Christian community, fellowship and sharing. Plan to attend St. Pius X Koinonia # 10, January 29, 30 & 31, 2010 in our parish hall. The weekend begins at 6:00 p.m. Friday and ends approximately 4:00 p.m. Sunday. The cost is \$30/person or \$50/couple. No one will be turned down due to inability to pay. Applications can be picked up at the doors of the church and turned in to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket. For more information, call Stacey & Larry Freels @ 314-8492/314-8330 or Jeff & Michelle Jones 281-4729.

**Script Schedule– January 16th & 17th**

- 5:00pm**      **Charity & Tabitha Keller**
- 8:00am**      **Joan Hayden, Mark & Donna Howard**
- 11:00am**    **Sherry Nash, Beth & John Clements**

**Mass Intentions - January 11th - 17th, 2010**

11th-Mon. 8am Fr. Clarence Petitt  
 12th-Tue. 8am No Mass  
 13th-Wed. 6pm No Mass  
 14th-Thur 8am No Mass  
 15th-Fri 8am Rev. Jerry Glahn  
 16th-Sat 5pm Harvey & Marie Johnson  
 17th-Sun. 8am Parish Family  
 11am Betty Pedley  
 8pm Agnes Jean, Mark Fischer & Fam.

**Parishes Invited to Help with the Expenses for the Episcopal Ordination of Rev. William F. Medley**

The Diocese is inviting parishes to assist with the expenses associated with the ordination of Fr. William Francis Medley, Wednesday, February 10, 2010. This will go for the Sportscenter, hospitality, programs, musicians, receptions, etc. Parishes can do so through placing of adds in a commemorative edition of the Western Kentucky Catholic and by direct monetary donations. Here at St. Pius X we will have a second collection, January 23/24 for our parish contribution for the occasion. We intend a full page add, welcoming Bishop-elect Medley, urging him to visit us soon, and extending him free admission to all our parish events this year (Mardi Gras, Picnic, etc.) enjoying our hospitality and barbecue as our guest. Fr. Richard

We at the **Centro Latino** want to give our heartfelt **THANKS** to all who responded to our plea on behalf of the 30 pregnant Latino women. Each received a large bag of everything for babies, and with the cash donations, we were able to get mattress sets for two who have been sleeping on the floor throughout their pregnancies. And we still have funds for double-baby-strollers, etc., as time passes. Thank you, and know that your response has made a big difference in these lives and those of the new babies, or the yet unborn. May your own families be blessed by the Newborn of Bethlehem!

**Ecumenical Day for women** sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Owensboro. Saturday, February 6, 2010 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, Blessed Mother Catholic Church 601 East 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Owensboro, KY  
 Cost: \$10 per person—includes lunch

**Deadline for Registration is January 25, 2010**

Send registrations to: Charlotte Hedges  
 Catholic Pastoral Center  
 600 Locust St.  
 Owensboro, KY 42301

**Titling's-January 3rd, 2010**

**Goal.....13,360.00**  
**Actual..... 12,382.48**  
**Parish Relief..... 224.00**  
**Children's Collection..... 5.25**  
**Holyday.....827.61**  
**Opportunities for Life.....5.00**  
**St. Vincent de Paul.....5.00**  
**Capital Campaign**  
**Goal.....\$3,000.00**  
**Actual.....3,147.33**



**End of Year 2009 Contributions.....1, 406.28**

**A big THANK YOU to St. Pius X Parish Family for Your generous donations of stewardship during 2009**

**Stewardship: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

Those are the words that a voice from heaven spoke after Jesus convinced John to baptize him in the Jordan River. Imagine how we would feel if a voice from heaven said to us, as we stood among our family and friends, and even our enemies, "This is my beloved child; with you I am well pleased." We may not be standing in the Jordan River with John the Baptist pouring water over us, but we, who are baptized Catholics, are "children of God." To the extent that we are doing our best to be all that God created us to be; to identify, accept, develop and use all of the talents, abilities and gifts that God has given to us for ourselves and for others, we can be sure that God is well pleased with us. And, if we are good stewards of our prayer life and truly listen for God's will for us, we may not hear his voice with our ears, but we will know in our hearts that God is saying to us, "This is my beloved child, with you I am well pleased."

**Principal**

Christ the King School, located in Madisonville, KY is seeking a Principal. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic, have Master's Degree, have Principal's Certification, or be eligible for Principal's Certification for the 2010-2011 school year. Position requires a minimum of four years teaching experience. Successful candidate will assume Principal position at beginning of 2010 school year. Salary and Benefits based on Diocese of Western Kentucky guidelines. Send resume to [henning825@newwavecomm.net](mailto:henning825@newwavecomm.net) by April 1, 2010.

**The Diocese of Owensboro Announces** with great Joy the Ordination of Uwem Enoch Called by God and the Church to the order Order of Deacon through the Imposition of hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by The Most Reverend John J. McRaith Bishop Emeritus of Owensboro On Saturday, January 16th at ten O'clock in the morning at St. Leo Catholic Church, Murray, Ky.

**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, 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, Sara Sampson, 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.

**Liturgical Roles**

**January 16th**

**5:00pm**

**Euch.** Lois Hoskins/B-1, Delores Turnage/C-1, Father/B-2, Bayly Zoglmann/C-2, Maddie Zoglmann /B-3, Cathy Franey/C-3, Sandy Langdon/B-4, Samantha Langdon/C-4, Libby Johnson/Bal-B, Joe Richards/Bal-C  
**Gifts** Jim & Connie Fleischmann  
**Lectors** Carol Schlachter, Laura Naviaux  
**Greeters** Beverly Aud/D-1, Jane Strehl/D-2, Doug Langdon/D-3, Steve Clark/D-4  
**Servers** Paul Conder, Meagan Millay  
**Ushers** Norman Johnson, Brandon Millay, Dan Blair, Steve Clark

**January 17th 8:00am**

**Euch.** Dolores Roberts/Capt.B-1, Sherman Roberts/C-1, Father/B-2, Alicia Wells/C-2, Wil Storm/B-3, Clayton Higdon/C-3, Pat Storm/B-4, Mary Jo Westerfield/C-4, Catherine Barnett/Bal-B, Denice Moore/Bal-C  
**Gifts** Charles & Norma Bivins  
**Lectors** Tom Conrey, Ellen Dugan-Barrette  
**Greeters** Cathy & Andrea Williams/D-1&2, Dan & Barbara Durbin/D-3&4  
**Servers** Haley & Macey Higdon, Cory Vance  
**Ushers** Nick Howard, Wayne Mattingly, Dan Durbin, James Howard

**January 17th 11:00am**

**Euch** Andy Lawless/Capt.B-1, Angela Withers /C-1, Father/B-2, Jessica Gerteisen/C-2, Bettie Wagner/B-3, Wayne Zoglmann/C-3, Susan Zoglmann/B-4, Caty Gerteisen/C-4, Lisa Gerteisen/Bal-B, Marion Bates/Bal-C  
**Gifts** Janssen & Christie Campbell & Family  
**Lectors** David & Pat Jones  
**Greeters** David & Pat Jones/D-1&2, Jeff & Michelle Jones & Family/D-3&4  
**Servers** Andrew Clark, David Haynes  
**Ushers** Joe Knott, Tom Rhodes, Jeff & Joshua Jones

**Vocation Crucifix-January 16th & 17th**

5:00pm Robert & Karen Wells  
 8:00am Paula Annin  
 11:00am Cecilia Hawkins

**Readings for the Week-**

**January 10 through January 17, 2010**

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ps 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30;  
Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8;  
Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Ps 40:2,5,7-10;  
Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25;  
Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a; Ps 89:16-19;  
Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1; Ps 21:2-7;  
Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3,7-10; Jn 2:1-11

**Catholics at the Capitol-February 22nd & 23rd**  
**Join Catholics from across the state for Many**  
**Gifts, One Spirit: Catholics at the Capitol, a 2**  
**day legislative advocacy conference.**  
**Applications can be obtained at the Parish**  
**Office. Registration Deadline is Monday,**  
**February 15. If staying overnight call Best**  
**Western Parkside Inn, 5502-695-6111 to**  
**reserve a room at the special rate of \$66. plus**  
**tax. Be sure to mention "Catholics at the**  
**Capitol" to receive this rate. Registration fee**  
**is \$40.00.**

**Marriage Saving – the Post Session Phase** –The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During the post-weekend sessions, the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. 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)

The Office of Wisdom is proud to offer The Best of New York Tour! Motorcoach trip for those 50 and over 6 days, 5 nights June 3-8th 2010 . Price of \$1,199.00 -double occupancy includes: Final payment due 3/30/10. Deluxe Motorcoach transportation leaving from Owensboro (departure point to be announced later.) 5 nights lodging including 3 consecutive night in the NYC area, Mass 9 MEALS: 5 BREAKFASTS AND 4 DINNERS  
Private tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral-Broadway Play --Lion King - Orchestra seating—Tour of Times Square, Empire State Building, Grand Central Terminal, Ground Zero, and Central Park-Ferry to Liberty Island and tour the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island -"Top of the Rock" Entrance to the top of Rockefeller Center-Best New York Comedy Show. Your choice of a guided Designer Shopping tour in the Garment District or Intrepid Sea Air Museum.