

**Pastor's Greetings-**(Children of Earth and Heaven, part I)

Children, as observed by many, love dirt and to play in it. It is a nigh universal condition. They dig in it, shape it, make mud and mold it, throw it, eat it, and wear tons of it. With dirt they are in their element. A master teacher at St. Joseph School, BG, Mrs. Lynn O'Keefe, taught me that a child at play is as happy as it is dirty— i.e., " a dirty child is a happy child." This is persistent human lore, reinforced by daily experience. A deeper lore points out that our constitutive elements draw us like magnets, at least they draw the child. Water and earth act upon us so. Notice how many children, if not controlled by adults, deliberately go through a puddle— even jumping around, dancing in it, stomping it— rather than go around it. When there is no danger of lightening, they want to run around in the rain and are exhilarated by its freshness and wetness. Most forms of water call to them, as does earth. Spiritually there is in us a cry or desire to see the face of God, to respond to the Spirit which gives this human clay its life. The individual spirit animating us each, like the earth and water composing our bodies, is creature, i.e., not God. But the spirit within us is designed to respond to the call of God our Creator. So Genesis by revelation taught thousands of years ago, a truth reinforced by observed experience. The name "Adam" is itself in part something like a pun on the word for the dusty soil of earth, "adamah." We are earthlings, male and female, made in the image and likeness of God, not for our components so much as for the relationship given us by God. This relationship also reveals our created design: made for personal association with God; made for personal consciousness and responsibility; made for interpersonal relationship with each other; made for stewardship of the grand creation which is planet earth itself.

When our proto-ancestors, named Adam and Eve by Genesis, rebelled against God, trusting the serpent's lies which tickled their own fancies, they chose for themselves and all their descendants, the experience of evil with its death so as to become wise and divine by their own lights. God gently but truthfully revealed to Adam and Eve the consequences of their decision. Standing before God, who would one day for them and their posterity bear the cross to defeat those consequences, they already knew lust, distrust, accusation, alienation, and grief. Revelation made things clearer still. Labor will be arduous and the earth ungenerous, "until you return to the dust from which you were taken; for dust you are and unto dust you shall return." They will still yearn for each other, but competition for dominance will threaten their intimacy, and their children will be born with struggle and pain. The serpent is rightly banned, made to crawl, clearly lower than the human creatures it sought to destroy, its doom sealed in the offspring of the woman.

The poor earth is revealed to bear and share the curse shaped by the custodial earthlings. It was no part of God's original design of an ever expanding garden of Eden. In Christ it is finally revealed that God in infinite wisdom and compassion would transform the very curse and burdens upon earth and earthlings into a cure giving them a destiny higher than Eden, namely the heavenly Kingdom of God. The design for us was deeply and even grievously injured, but endured, open to being redeemed in a way that acknowledges the reality of the evil and death of sin but achieves a gracious destination far beyond the serpents capacity to predict. That ancient serpent now acts as a spoiler, intent on depriving God of as many as possible who will buy into its deceits and murders.

All of this, particularly the beauty of our original and enduring relationship with God and this earth, shapes Catholic doctrine on our responsibilities for the natural world, human life, all living things, and all natural treasures and forces. Would you believe that it also shapes Catholic doctrine and practice of our rites of Christian burial? When our dwelling of earth lies in death, even rapidly decomposing, we acknowledge the Word of God by which we return to this inanimate dust for a time. This very humble stuff, the human body as a corpse, is honored more than gold and the most precious of gems. It is placed in the virgin womb of earth to await the transfiguration of risen glory in Christ Jesus. The grave or tomb is hallowed by the faith and prayer of the Church. It is a holy place, a place for prayer and pilgrimage, even a place for the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Miracles are known to be granted at the graves and tombs of saints (long before any canonization). Human ashes while looking like a strange form of concrete mix, are treated like gold dust, for they testify to the earthly constitution of an eternally destined child created by God. When love removes all fear we are enabled to face death and burial as a going to sleep in God and being blanketed in that sleep by the richest fabric in God's universe, this Earth. The soul is commended home to the merciful hands of God, accompanied by our prayers for them and Christ's making them pure of every stain or blemish of sin. Earthling's humble remains are bade to sleep in peace until the trumpet sounds. May that same peace and love cast out all fear. Fr. Richard

**Old Fashion Tea Party for Ladies**

Informational meeting, for any one interested in being a hostess or helping in any way, will be held May 12th at 6:45 in double room off from kitchen in Parish Hall. Call Alicia Wells 925-2146 or Mary Jo Westerfield 281-4771.

**Gospel: John 14:23-29 (Peace Be with You)**

### Adults

How have I observed the action of the Holy Spirit in the Church?

### Children

When has the Holy Spirit guided me to follow Jesus way of love?

### Religious Education/Faith Formation May Schedule

May 9th No Session--Mother's Day  
 May 16th Regular session  
 May 23rd Regular session

### May Saints

May 9	Mother's Day	May 13	Ascension of the Lord
May 14	St. Matthias, Apostle	May 15	St. Isidore the Farmer
May 18	St. John I, Pope	May 20	St. Bernardine of Siena
May 21	St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions	May 22	St. Rita of Cascia
May 23	Pentecost Sunday	May 25	St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
May 26	St. Philip Neri	May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury

### RCIA MAY SCHEDULE

<b>May 12th</b>	Divine Revelation CCC#74-87	<b>May 19th</b>	Prayer CCC#2559-2565
<b>May 26th</b>	Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit CCC#790-791, 798, 951, 1267, 1830-1832		

**First Communion.** On Sunday, May 2nd, the following twenty-two children celebrated their First Communion: Camron Adkins, Cody Adkins, Kamyryn Arnold, Alyssa Beyke, Jaden Boarman, Nick Boarman, Joe Cecil, Clay Clark, Caroline Clements, Andrew Edwards, Hayden Dant, Jake Insko, Kendall Johnson, Elizabeth Keller, Emily Mezur, Andrew Payne, Kimberly Peyton, Emily Rumage, Haleigh Scott, Ryan Thomson, Cassidy Towery, and Carrie Weaver. May each of them continue to receive Jesus in the Eucharist with great joy and reverence in their hearts, and may their families draw closer to the risen Christ in the Eucharist, the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

### Special Collection for Furnishing New Episcopal Residence

The Diocese of Owensboro contacted pastors and pastoral councils with an invitation to assist in the furnishings for the new Episcopal residence being built for Bishop William Medley. Floor plans were provided and desirable furnishings listed. St. Pius X Pastoral Council and Finance Committee recommended that we announce a special collection to provide an opportunity for parishioners to assist with the project. A second collection will be taken at each Mass on the weekend of May 29-30. Any donations may be made to St. Pius X, Notation: Bishop's New Home. The total collected will be offered in the name of the parish.

### Training for New Liturgical Ministers

We have scheduled training and orientation for new or renewing Liturgical Parish Ministers, i.e., Altar Servers, Readers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Altar Server training is scheduled for Wednesday night, May 12, 7pm in the church. A parent or guardian must stay with the child during the one hour training. Reader or Lector training will be Saturday morning, May 15, 10am in the church. Training for parish Eucharistic Ministers will be Saturday morning, May 22, in the church at 10:30am (this follows the jail ministers 9am meeting). Fr. Richard

**ST. PIUS X  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

Sunday, May 16: ODYO End of Year Bash at  
St. Mary Magdalene (7-9pm)

Food, fun, and live music from The Lee Roessler Band!

**Up Coming Middle School Dates**

Sunday, May 30: Alleluia is the Word (4-5:30pm)

**High School E.P.I.C. Night**

Sunday, May 16: ODYO End of Year Bash at St. Mary  
Magdalene (7-9pm) Food, fun, and live music from The  
Lee Roessler Band!

**Up Coming High School Dates**

Sunday, May 30: Alleluia is the Word (6-7:45pm)

**Youth Movie Night Discussion**

Wednesday, May 19 from 7-9pm in the Youth Room  
Movie: TBA

**Trash for Cash**

The SPX Youth Ministry has a fundraising opportunity  
which will also help the Daviess County area. On  
Saturday, May 22 and Saturday, June 5 (8-11:30am). This  
opportunity is open for both middle & high school. Sign  
ups will be in the Vestibule.

**Calling all VBS Skit Crew**

There is going to be a new addition to VBS this year. The  
program will be adding skits and many energetic youth are  
needed to play the parts. These skits are going to be off the  
wall and super funny. Some practices will be required.

There will be an informational meeting on **Wednesday,**  
**May 12 7:00-8:30** in the Youth Room.

**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**

**ST. PIUS X Children/Youth Picnic**  
**June 6, 2010—Noon-3:30 p.m.**

St. Pius X Children/Youth and their families are  
invited to a picnic celebrating the ending of School  
and Religious Education Program and the beginning  
of Summer Youth events and Vacation Bible School.  
More details later!

**Musicians Schedule-May 16 & 17**

5:00pm Mary Lou & Girls

8:00am Sarah & Tracie

11:00am Margie & Tracie

**God's Housekeepers—May 10-15**

Bob & Norma Bivins, Donna Hamlet, Truby Velotta,  
Zack & Andy Roby, Greg Smith Family

**Vocation Crucifix-15 & 16**

5:00pm Hugh & Therese Higdon

8:00am Rex & Lori Ferguson

11:00am Tim & Lindsey Payne

**SCRIP Schedule—May 15 & 16**

5:00pm Randy & Annette Blincoe,  
Steve & Sharon Clark

8:00am John & Carolyn McCarty  
Chip & Maria Thompson

11:00am Alex & Dee McGehee  
Maria & Ted Hoesli

**PICNIC** 

The picnic is quickly approaching! Please be thinking  
of an item (or two) that you would like to donate to the  
Country Store. Handmade items are always the first to  
go so we need plenty of these!! New items are also  
appreciated. We are also collecting stuffed animals for  
the Stuffed Toy Booth. These can be new or slightly  
used as well. These are 2 stands that are all profit  
because all the items are donated. Please help us to  
make these stands as appealing as possible! All  
items can be brought to the parish office during office  
hours. Most of all please help us in praying for a  
successful picnic! Feel free to contact us if you need a  
job during the picnic. This is a great way to meet the  
wonderful members of our parish! Thank you!!  
Candice Lanham 314-0221 and Sean Lane 684-4555

***Vacation Bible School News:*** Come and join the  
exciting Bible times of Egypt at St. Pius Tenth, June 21-25  
from 9:00-noon. We will have games, Bible stories, food, and  
fun. Registration forms for children and volunteers are avail-  
able in the vestibule (registration open until May 31). Please  
register your child even if you are not sure of your schedule;  
this will ensure we have enough supplies and t-shirts. For those  
18 and older you must have completed the Safe Environment  
training. There will be an adult meeting on May 10 at 6:30 pm  
in the Youth Room. We are in need of any Egyptian style  
decorations, if you have something you feel would be appropri-  
ate we would love to borrow it. Also, we need empty toilet  
paper and paper towel rolls. These may be placed in the bin in  
the vestibule. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ed-  
wards (281-9076) or Heather Lane (684-4555) Thank You!

**Mass Intentions - May 10—16, 2010**

10-Mon.	8am	Alex Conder
11-Tue.	8am	Souls in Purgatory
12-Wed.	6pm	Cecelia Schartung
13-Thur	8am	Debby Stallings
14-Fri	8am	Sr. Mary Regina Boone
15-Sat	5pm	John & Anna Keller
16-Sun	8am	Parish Family
	11am	Dennis Millay
	8pm	Joe & Mary Boehmann, Sr

**Tithing's-May 2, 2010**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>13,360.00</b>	<b>16,910.42</b>
<b>Children's Coll.....4.40</b>	
<b>Parish Relief.....290.00</b>	
<b>St. Vincent de Paul.....15.00</b>	
<b>Home Missions.....15.00</b>	
<b>First Communion Candidates.....55.50</b>	

***Stewardship ~ March 2010***

<b>Total Income.....82,058.48</b>
<b>Total Expenses...53,528.02</b>
<b>Difference.....28,530.46</b>
<b>YTD Income.....567,785.83</b>
<b>YTD Expenses....559,734.38</b>
<b>Difference.....8,051.45</b>

**Capital Campaign**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>2,220.67</b>

***Capital Campaign ~ March 2010***

<b>Total Income.....8,079.10</b>
<b>Total Expenses.....10,370.83</b>
<b>Difference.....(2,291.73)</b>
<b>YTD Income.....109,717.80</b>
<b>YTD Expenses.....92,982.40</b>
<b>Difference.....16,735.40</b>

**Daycare**

<b>Total Income.....44,418.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses.....29,938.77</b>
<b>Difference.....14,479.23</b>
<b>YTD Income.....331,461.48</b>
<b>YTD Expense.....313,000.19</b>
<b>Difference.....18,461.29</b>

**Census & Stewardship Update:** Thanks to all who have returned their Census and Stewardship Forms. We still have 367 packets (57%) that have not been picked up. In an effort to save the parish the time and expense of mailing these out, you may pick them up at the Parish Office. If after hour arrangements need to be made, please call Marisa at 684-4745 Ext. 214.

Stewardship information is also available on our website at:

<http://www.stpiustenthparish.org>.

For those who choose, the online Commitment Form is interactive and is sent to my email address.

Thank you for your support to this effort.

*Marisa Cooper, Parish Administrator*

**Pack 120 Cub Scouts** would like to welcome any boy going into the 1st through 5th grade, or age 7 through 11. If you are interested in being a Cub Scout please call John Davis - Cubmaster at 270-485-2819 after 5:00 pm.

Some of our Summer Time Activities are:

**Day Camp** - Yellow Creek Park

June 14th thru June 18th

**Squire Boone Campout** - Mauckport, IN

June 25th thru 27th

**Newport Aquarium Overnight** - Newport, KY

July 9th thru July 10th

**Slugger Museum/Louisville Bats Game & Campout**

Louisville, KY August 28th thru 29th

**Stewardship:** The Apostle John was banished to Patmos for refusing to give up his mission to bring Christ to all people. Patmos is a charming small island in the Aegean Sea between Greece and Turkey where John wrote the Book of Revelations, a *letter* he addressed to the *Seven Churches of Asia*. Today they are on the western side of Turkey along the shores of the Dardenelles and the Aegean Sea. John employs sinister images and applies coded references to people and groups to convey the beauty of the Love of God and to challenge disciples of Jesus to stay firm in the faith. He taught that God was not confined to a building, the temple in Jerusalem. Rather, Jesus, the Lamb, and all who believe in Him and imitate Him, are *temples*. This challenged the beliefs and threatened the livelihood of the Jewish leaders. John also challenges us to believe in God as the source of all that we have, all that we are, and all that we ever will be. Are we good stewards of all that God has given to us?

**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, Mary Coy, Pat Yeckering, Christina Downing, Linda McKinney, Donna Powers, James Martin, Billy Brackett, Mandy Lloyd, Johnnie Muncey, 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, Allen Payne, Brian King, Carol & Gerald Head, Glenn Grigsley, Louis Payne, 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, Cayden Browning, 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 Coomes, 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, Don Nonweiler, Sue Leeper, Nichole Gowen, Terra Stone, Melissa Manning, Wesley Cook, J.C. & Jeanette Mayfield, Linda Jackson, Kim & Kenny Terry, Jonathan Boarman, Larry Murphy, Jayden Hamilton, Mike Aud, Jennifer McDaniel, Gary Noel, Martha Froehlich, Crysta Morris, Gail Harrison, Wade Montgomery, Natasha Brown, 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, Arizona

**May 15 5:00pm**

**Euch.** Wilsie Ward/B-1, Carol Schlachter/C-1, Father/B-2, Kathy Clary/C-2, Susan Driskill/B-3, Fabyan Bridgmon/C-3, Keith Franey/B-4, Jim Fleischmann/C-4, Bayly Zoglmann/Bal-B, Maddie Zoglmann/Bal-C

**Gifts** Gwen Raley Family

**Lectors** Gene & Jane Strehl

**Greeters** Martha Walker/D-1, Tammy Millay/D-2, Tom & Libby Johnson/D-3 & 4,

**Servers** Ryan Clark, Nolan Clark

**Ushers** Steve Hollman, Jeff Fulkerson  
Sam Potts, Vince Hayden

**May 16 8:00am**

**Euch.** Alicia Wells/Capt.B-1, Mary Jo Westerfield/C-1, Father/B-2, Catherine Barnett/C-2, Amy Silvert/B-3, Linda Calhoun /C-3, Ed Calhoun/B-4, Charlotte Hedges/C-4, Cathy Foster/Bal-B, Paula Annin/Bal-C

**Gifts** Lisamarie Stallings

**Lectors** Kathleen Clark, Alicia Wells

**Greeters** Ed & Linda Calhoun/D-1 & 2, Charlotte Hedges/D-3, Robbie Merritt/D-4

**Servers** Jeff Rhinerson, Alex Thompson

**Ushers** Tom Payne, Tom Conrey  
Joe Rhinerson, Gary Warren

**May 16 11:00am**

**Euch** Colleen Bachmeier/Capt.B-1, Joe Bachmeier/C-1, Father/B-2, Marion Bates /C-2, Donna Feldpausch/B-3, Sheila Wechtenhiser/C-3, Debbie Lanham/B-4, Rebecca Millay/C-4, Suzann Millay /Bal-B, Karen Payne/Bal-C

**Gifts** Ryan & Karen Wahnsiedler

**Lectors** Nettie & Gary Noel

**Greeters** Tom Betty Rhodes/D-1 & 2, Tim & Becky Pedley/D-3 & 4

**Servers** Caitlin & Nathan Jones

**Ushers** David Zoglmann, Tim Rehrauer  
Ted Hoesli, Tom Rhodes

**May 9 through May 16, 2010**

**Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8;  
Rv 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a,9b;  
Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3,7c-8;  
Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2,11-14;  
Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Ps 113:1-8;  
Jn 15:9-17

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3,8-10;  
Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3,6-9;  
Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53



**A Blessed & Peaceful  
Mother's Day to All  
Mother's**

**Compliance with Safe Environment**

St. Pius X Parish has always complied with diocesan safe environment policies and with an annual report of our compliance. We have been audited also, one time, by the national auditors during their review of the diocese. In an effort to maintain compliance, we will receive from the diocese a quarterly report on the status of the training and background check of each adult having supervisory contact with minors in this parish, i.e., those of parish staff and ministries; the parish day care; and parish sponsored scouting units. Each quarter we will review the lists and standings. No one may begin supervisory contact relationships with minors in our context until compliance has been attained and recorded. No exceptions or exemptions will be made. One whose compliance clearance or training has lapsed will have two weeks upon notification to regain clearance. Failure to do so within fourteen (14) days will result in removal from contact with minors. No exceptions or exemptions will be made. Individual's expiration dates for Safe Environment Training and for Background Check are recorded in the parish office and at the Catholic Pastoral Center. The individual bears the responsibility of staying in compliance. The Parish bears the responsibility of requiring compliance for the protection of our children and youth. This policy of clarification takes effect Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Fr. Richard Meredith