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*December 18, 2011*

*Called to a deep, personal Relationship with God in Jesus Christ, the Church Community of St. Pius X, guided by the light of the Holy Spirit is committed to living and sharing our Catholic faith expressed in love.*

## Fourth Sunday of *Advent*



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## Pastor's Greeting

### Reflection: A Permanent Tent

Like Israel in the desert, we are mostly nomads. Shifting economic, social, and political sands drive us from place to place in search of work, food, shelter, safety, connection, purpose. Along the way, we discover that our tents are wearing out, as St. Paul puts it ( 2 Cor 4:L16-5:4) - one more anxiety! Our impermanence breeds the desire for permanence. We see it in David, who projects his own desire for a permanent home onto God, whose Presence has traveled with Israel in a tent just like theirs since desert days. God's presence and word have been their only stability. God has in mind a larger permanence that David can imagine.

In the Virgin Mary, the angel announces, God's Word takes on our very flesh. As St. John puts it in the original Greek, God's Word "pitched his tent among us" (John 1:14). This tent will never wear out, which the angel promises with the words "forever" and "will have no end." Our own tents do not cluster around outside it, as did the Israelites' tents in the desert or the houses of David's Jerusalem. Through baptism, we have already been taken into its immortal shelter, where we find daily bread, connection, and purpose far deeper and more permanent than anything our shifting deserts have to offer.

"Through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Sr. Genevieve Glen-Give Us This Day

## Gospel : Luke 1:26-38 (You will give Birth)

### Adults:

What can I do this week to grow closer in my relationship with God?

### Children:

What can I do this week to show my love for God?

## Faith Formation

Coffee and Donuts are served after the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass with Faith Formation beginning **at 9:15 a.m. and concluding at 10:30 a.m.**

## DECEMBER FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

December 18 Regular Session

**December 25 No Session**

## DECEMBER SAINTS

**December 19** Blessed Pope Urban V,  
Benedictine monk; Canon lawyer

**December 20** St. Dominic of Silos, Benedictine priest

**December 21** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor

**December 22** Blessed Jacopone da Todi, wrote  
*Stabat Mater*

**December 23** St. John of Kanti, priest

**December 27** St. John the Apostle, apostle and  
evangelist

**December 28** Holy Innocents, Martyrs

**December 29** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

**December 30** St. Egwin, Bishop

**December 31** St. Sylvester I, Pope

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is offered at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. This is an opportunity for children (ages 5-8) to hear and respond to the readings on their level. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, please contact Nancy in the parish office.

**Collection of Good Deeds** Chloe: Pray for my grandpa; Eli: Feed my dog; Kira: Clean my room; Mason: Give peace; Audrey: Go outside and play nice; Hannah: Clean my room every single day; Anna: Help Mom and Dad find the Ipod; Help Mom change Hagan; Nate: Give Ms. Bettie a smile; Brandon: Clean my room; Connor: Clean my room and make my bed; Kayla: Help my grandma; Kate: Take my own bath without being asked..

## RCIA

### DECEMBER RCIA SCHEDULE and TOPICS

December 21 No Session

December 28 No Session

**Children's Choir Practice for Christmas Eve is on Thursday at 5:30pm.** All children are invited to come and sing. For more information call Sarah Lamb at 993-2231 or Mary Lou Storm at 264-9640.

**A Night in Bethlehem** was a night for families to experience hands-on the marketplace of Bethlehem and visit with Mary and Joseph in the stable. Thanks to the numerous volunteers and those making donations to fund the event without your assistance the evening would not have been possible. Thanks to Mary, Joseph, the shopkeepers, tax collectors, beggars, census takers, inn keepers, shepherds, angels, and townspeople who made Bethlehem come alive and created an environment conveying the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks to those who prepared refreshments, setup the marketplace and stable. Thanks to Fr. Julian and Fr. Titus for visiting Bethlehem and leading us in prayer. Thanks!!

### **Mardi Gras will be on Saturday, February 11, 2012.**

**Stress in Your Marriage?** – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even how to communicate this with their spouse. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 13-15, 2012 call 270-683-1545 ext. 346 or email: [sherryvincent@insightbb.com](mailto:sherryvincent@insightbb.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). Find us on Facebook: search Retrouvaille of Owensboro

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### **Membership in Parish:**

We give a hearty welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. Please register in the parish office or on our website at [www.stpiustenthparish.org](http://www.stpiustenthparish.org) as soon as possible.

### **Baptismal Preparation:**

For parents (and godparents if available) will be held on a monthly basis. If you are interested in having your child baptized please call Nancy at the parish office. Baptism is celebrated on the third Sunday of the month after the 11:00am Mass. Adults and children (age 7 and older) requesting Baptism prepare for Initiation into the Catholic Church through the RCIA.

### **Communion to Shut-Ins:**

Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion or a pastoral visit is asked to call the office.

### **Anointing of the Sick:**

A Healing Mass will be celebrated the last Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. with Anointing of the Sick. Everyone is welcome.

### **Marriage:**

Call the office at least six months before the proposed date of marriage.

### **Reconciliation:**

Saturdays: 12 noon to 1:00 pm. **Please note time change.**  
**Wednesday: 5:30—6:00 pm.**  
**Also by appointment & availability.**

### **Masses:**

**Saturday:** 5:00pm

**Sunday:** 8:00am, 11:00am, 8:00pm

**Holyday:** 6:00am, 12noon & 6:00pm

**Weekdays:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:00am & Wednesday at 6:00pm

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# Mass Intentions

## December 19th—25th



- 19- Mon.** 8am Martha Froehlich (D)  
**20-Tue.** 8am Paul Coomes (D)  
**21-Wed.** 5pm Abbie Stallings (Birthday)  
**22-Thur.** 8am John Blair (D)  
**23-Fri.** 8am Brad Shrewsberry (D)  
**24-Sat.** 5pm Jim & Liz Hagan (D)  
 8pm Harvey & Marie Johnson (D)  
 12Midnight Vincent & Mildred O'Bryan (D)  
**25-Sun.** 10am Kenneth Hagan (D)

### Please note time changes for Mass due to Penance Service.

#### New Year's Eve Dance

St. Pius Tenth will host a New Years Eve Dance in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 31st. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$25.00per couple. Contact Jerry Wells, Gail Ray, Jeff Jones, Dottie Kirk, or Becky Pedley with any questions or requests. Proceeds go to the General Fund.

**Be the Voice for the Unborn:** Join the March for Life on January 23, 2012. Depart January 21st @ 8pm from Owensboro on Toby Tours Bus Lines. Total Cost of trip estimated to be at \$300.00. For more information contact Richard Murphy at 683-1545 or Email at richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

Decorating the Church will be on Friday, Dec., 23 after the 8am Mass. More hand make the work easier for all.

**Once Upon a December Dance:** A great time was had by the high school youth (and adult chaperones) who attended this fundraising effort held Dec. 3rd. The dance was coordinated by Sara Lewis and Ches Cooper as their CLI project to benefit the General Fund; the youth Collected donations of \$66. Special thanks to Mike Clark for donating his time to serve as DJ and Master of Games; also to Nathan Lewis and Jonah Roberts for sharing their music and vocal talents to the evening.

### Vocation Crucifix—December 31st & Jan 1st 2012

- 5:00pm Robert & Theresa Absher  
 8:00am Robert Ward  
 11:00am Tim & Lindsey Payne

### God's Housekeepers - Dec. 19th-24th

Gertie Frey, Delores Turnage, Gail Ray, Mildred Smith, Jeannie Foster, Karen & Erin Wells

### Musician's Schedule—December 24th& 25th

- 5:00pm Children  
 8:00pm Jubilation  
 12midnight Adult Choir  
 10am Kevin & Tracie

### Musician's Schedule-December 31st & Jan 1st, 2012

- 5:00pm Charlie Alice & Tracie  
 8:00am Ellen, Craig & Patsy  
 11:00am Tracie & Sarah

### Readings for the Week December 18, 2011



- Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;  
 Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38  
**Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
 Lk 1:39-45  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66  
**Saturday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,  
 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79  
**Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17,  
 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14;  
 Lk 2:1-14  
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7;  
 Lk 2:15-20  
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6;  
 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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**Stewardship:** Gospel Lk 1:26-38

On the Second Sunday of Advent we noted that "John [The Baptist] was just being John." He discerned God's will for him and he did it. Now we hear of "Mary just being Mary," a young teenager in a tiny hamlet on a craggy hilltop in the northern region of Galilee. Mary heard a message from God so amazing she wondered how it could happen. But she realized it was God's will for her and she consented. There were many details and consequences she could not know, but she said "Yes!" to be the human mother of God incarnate. That was "Mary just being Mary." That is all God asked of her and that is all God ask of us - to be all that God creates us to be. For us, just as for John and Mary, we begin by identifying, accepting and developing all of the unique talents, abilities and gifts God has given to each of us, and then using them to the best of our ability *for ourselves and for others*. Is that not the greatest gift we can give to Jesus when we celebrate his birth on Christmas? Is our present for Jesus ready?

**KOINONIA 2012** will be Fri., Jan. 27 through Sun., Jan. 29. Cost is \$30/person or \$50/couple which includes 6 meals for the weekend. Applications are available on the tables at the back of church. For more information please contact Becky Pedley at 316-9800.

**Sunday Evening Prayer in Advent** will be celebrated from the Liturgy of the Hours in the Church at 6pm. Following the prayers, home made soups and bread will be served for all who participate. Come & join us.

**The family of Tom & Lisa Haynes** will be having their baby baptized Sunday, December 18th following the 11am Mass. All are welcome. Reception following in the Parish Hall.

**All Liturgical Minister:** Please volunteer at the Mass you will be attending for Christmas. Sign up sheets are available in Church.



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**Parish Finances**

**Tithing's – December 11th**

Goal .....	15,072.00
Actual.....	10, 283.75
Children 's Coll.....	4.75
Parish Relief.....	35.00
Retirement for Religious.....	365.00
Diocesan Good Works.....	20.00

**Tithing's - October, 2011**

Total Income.....	72,401.20
Total Expenses.....	116,749.75
Difference.....	(44,348.55)
YTD Income.....	246,405.06
YTD Expenses.....	268,440.07
Difference....	(22,035.01)

**Capital Campaign – December 11th, 2011**

Goal.....	3,000.00
Actual.....	1,060.00

**Capital Campaign - October, 2011**

Total Income.....	20,849.77
Total Expenses.....	14,262.09
Difference.....	6,587.68
YTD Income.....	37,164.76
YTD Expenses.....	42,938.82
Difference.....	(5,774.06)
New Balance as of 10/31/2011.....	292,554.68

**Daycare – October, 2011**

Total Income.....	49,982.00
Total Expenses.....	36,400.91
Difference.....	13,581.09
YTD Income.....	164,117.00
YTD Expenses.....	158,077.14
Difference.....	6,039.86

## ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sunday, December 18th**

Middle School Epic Flight Night 4:00-5:30pm

High School Life Teen 6:00-7:45pm

Theme: White Elephant Christmas Bonanza! With special guest Ben Warrell from Gasper River!!!! Bring a \$5 gift that will be part of the White Elephant Gift Exchange.

**High School Theology of the Body for Teens**

Thursday, January 5th at 6:30-8:30pm-  
Chapter 3.

**Mini Retreat**

Confirmation: NET Retreat—Saturday, January 14th  
1-5pm at St. Pius X.

**Service Projects:**

Youth are encourage to help get the decorations out of the attic on **Monday, December 19th, 6:30-7:30pm**

**YOUTH 2000**

**YOUTH 2000 is scheduled for March 9-11.** The charism of YOUTH 2000 is lead young people, through prayer and instruction before the Blessed Sacrament, to a personal encounter and ever-deepening union of heart and mind with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ. Through Eucharistic centered retreats, YOUTH 2000 responds to the call of Pope John Paul II to prepare young people to live and proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The cost is **\$40 per person**. Please contact Matt Hunt for a form. **All forms and money must be turned in by February 13<sup>th</sup>.** Please make checks payable to St. Pius X. All youth attending must sign-up in the Vestibule.

For information on Youth Ministry events contact  
Matthew Hunt at 270 684-4745 ext 206.

### 2011 Advent Communal Penance Service

Sun. Dec 18th	St. Mary's	2pm
Mon. Dec 19th	St. William	6pm
Wed. Dec. 21st	Sts. Joseph & Paul	6pm

**End of year contributions:** Thank You for your generosity and support to the parish throughout 2011. All donations you wish to have credited to your 2011 contribution record for tax purposes should be postmarked by December 31st 2011.

Thank You

## Liturgical Roles

**December 31st 5:00pm**

**Euch.** **Tommy Velotta/Capt/B-1,** Truby Velotta/C-1, Father/B-2, Fabyan Bridgmon/C-2, Brenda Coomes/B-3, Peggy Castlen/C-3, Susan Driskill/B-4, Stephanie Driskill/C-4, Rob Edge /Bal-B, Kathy Edge/Bal-C

**Gifts** Roger & Dottie Kirk

**Lectors** Karen Wells, Carol Schlachter

**Greeters** Doug Langdon/D-1, Beverly Aud/D-2, Jane Strehl/D-3, Delores Turnage/D-4

**Servers** Kate Duty, Jonathan Boarman

**Ushers** Roger Kirk, Robert Freels  
Tom Whitford, Tom Johnson

**January 1st 8:00am**

**Euch** **Mary Jo Westerfield/Capt/B-1,** Cathy Williams /C-1, Father/B-2, Andrea Williams /C-2, Catherine Barnett/B-3, Maria Thompson/C-3, Ed Calhoun /B-4, Linda Calhoun/C-4, Carol Payne /Bal-B, David Fleischmann/Bal-C

**Gifts** Beth & Stan McKay

**Lectors** David Fleischmann, Alicia Wells

**Greeters** Dennie & Jill Campbell/D-1 &2, Donna & Savannah Lyles/D-3 & 4

**Servers** Jeff Rhinerson

**Ushers** Jerry Wells, Dan Higdon  
Larry Murphy, Nick Howard

**January 1st 11:00am**

**Euch** **Bettie Wagner/Capt/B-1,** Michael Thomson/C-1, Father/B-2, Brenda Thomson/C-2, Sheila Wechtenhiser /B-3, Donna Favors/C-3, Gail Ray /B-4, Gary Estes/C-4, Wayne Zoglmann/Bal-B, Mary Bolling//Bal-C

**Gifts** Jeff & Michelle Jones Fam.

**Lectors** Gary & Nettie Noel

**Greeters** Mark & Donna Howard/D-1&2, Phillip Dantl/D -3, Christel Zoglmann/D-4

**Servers** Kelby & Kennedy Roberts

**Ushers** Ronnie Cecil, Paul Payne  
Jeff & Joshua Jones

### Pray for the Sick

Marie Aubrey, Cecilia Aud,  
 Charles Aud, Mike Aud, James  
 Barnett, Nevaeh Benton, Ashley  
 Brown, Harlie Bryant, Tim Cecil, Kathleen Clark,  
 Wesley Cook, Geraldine Crowe, Richard Crowe,  
 Mischelle Falloway, Rylan Daugherty, Josh Goatley,  
 Dale Greenwell, Lydia Haycraft, Jennifer Howard,  
 Darlene Hutton, Maxine Johnson, Raeven Kessinger,  
 Loreta Mayfield, Jim Mattingly, Louise Miles, Vincent  
 Millay, Johnny Mills, Jim Murphy, Toni Payne, Easton  
 Pedley, Jan Rehrauer, Carly Roby & Fam., Doug  
 Scudder, Eugenia Shultz, Becky Smith, Renee Taylor,  
 Kim Terry, David Vanover, Eric Wimsatt, John White,  
 Jan Wink, Roxie Yanez.



**Praying Hands Prayer Chain Call 929-4914,  
 281-4729 or 686-8098**

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### Pray For Our Military:

Corp. Luke Feldpausch, US Marines  
 Airman Kaleb Hedden, Iraq;  
 Ben Hedges, US Army, ROTC  
 Robert Herrin, Afghanistan;  
 Wes Horton, Marines, San Diego  
 Derek Huff, Marines, South Carolina;  
 LTC Jason Jones, Afghanistan;  
 Brian A. McDaniel, Marine Corp;  
 Senior Master Sergeant Misty Nash, Kuwait  
 T. Sgt. Kevin Payne;  
 Noah Payne, Marines, Afghanistan;  
 Daniel Scott, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas;  
 Airman David M. Smith;  
 Sgt John R. Zaremba

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**Puzzle**  
 Complete the picture.

**Mission for the Week**  
 Name three reasons you can always trust God.

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 Luke 1:26-38 ■ 4th Sunday of Advent  
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