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December 25, 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.

"**F**or today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



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Pastor's Greeting

Reflection: God's Sign Is the Baby

"To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (Luke 2:11-12). Nothing miraculous, nothing extraordinary, nothing magnificent is given to the shepherds as a sign. All they will see is a child wrapped in swaddling clothes, one who, like all children, needs a mother's care; a child born in a stable, who therefore lies not in a cradle but in a manger. God's sign is the baby in need of help and in poverty. Only in their hearts will the shepherds be able to see that this baby fulfills the promise of the prophet Isaiah...: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder." Exactly the same sign has been given to us. We too are invited by the angel of God, through the message of the Gospel, to set our eyes in our hearts to see the child lying in the manger.

God's sign is simplicity. God's sign is the baby. God's sign is that he makes himself small for us. That is how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby-defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child. He wants nothing other from us than our love, through which we spontaneously learn to enter into his feelings, his thoughts and his will—we learn to live with him and to practice with him that humility of renunciation that belongs to the very essence of love. God made himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him, and love him.

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Midnight Mass—
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 25 No Session

DECEMBER SAINTS

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 Carley: Not fight with my brother; Kaylee: Read books; Hannah: Be nice to my family and friend every single day; Anna: Give a present and take care of Hagan; Nate: Take care of Hagan; Hunter: Pray to God; Kayla: Going to help my grandma; Kate: Clean up my room.

DECEMBER RCIA SCHEDULE and TOPICS

December 28 No Session

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 or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org. Find us on Facebook: search Retrouvaille of Owensboro

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. TITUS: Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 7th**. After the 5:00 Mass we will have a parish potluck to wish Fr. Titus well as he prepares to return home and begin his work there with the Diocesan Tribunal. We will have a table setup for cards and free will donations.

Ham, bread, and drinks are being provided. The following is the suggested food item for your family name:

A thru M - Vegetable, Salad, or Chips

N thru Z - Casserole or Dessert

THE GIVING TREE: Thanks to all who participated in our Giving Tree efforts. Your generosity helped to make Christmas a little brighter for 56 children in our area. Your donations to the International Family Assistance will help supply basic necessities to children in Uganda. May God bless you for your generosity.

Diocese of Owensboro www.rcdok.org
Bishops www.usccb.org
Catholic Conference of Ky. www.ccky.org
The Vatican www.vatican.va/index.htm

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 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 26th—January 1st 2012



26- Mon. 8am Martha Froehlich (D)

27-Tue. 8am **No Mass**

28-Wed. 6pm **No Mass**

29-Thur. 8am David L. Howard (D)

30-Fri. 8am Estella Ubelhor (D)

31-Sat. 5pm Mary Rusher (D)

01-Sun. 8am Phil Clark (D)

11am Parish Family

8pm Mary L. Payne (D)

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.

First Reconciliation was celebrated on December 11th at 2:00 p.m. Please remember the following children and their families as they prepare to celebrate First Communion in May: Allison Bennett, Jonah Bennett, Nicholas Blincoe, Cody Clark, Matissee Dalton, Natalie Delp, Savannah Dowell, Gant Harper, Mary Grace Hayden, Emma Haynes, Evan Haynes, Andrew Johnson, Jill Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Anna Lane, Kaylan Logsdon, Connor Moore, Elijah Moore, Hope Ramming, Whitnee Rice, and Kate Wahnsiedler.

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 25, - Jan. 1st 2012



Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6;;Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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Stewardship: The Word Became Flesh and Made His Dwelling Among Us! **Gospel Jn 1:1-18**

In the rush and clamor that has come to characterize the commercialization of Christmas the true meaning of what we are celebrating can easily get lost. From a week before Thanksgiving until sometime after the New Year there seems to be an excess of activity, confusion, decorating, spending [often of money we cannot afford], eating, drinking, and competitiveness. On the positive side many families gather to renew great traditions and indulge in feast of treasured family recipes; friends reunite; and we make new acquaintances. By the time the decorations are dismantled and stored away the whole process can seem like an endurance test that leaves us exhausted and bewildered, rather than rejuvenated and rejoicing about the true meaning of Christmas for all of us who are baptized in the name of our Triune God, the awesome truth that:

THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US!

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.

ST. BENEDICT HOMELESS SHELTER: The beginning of a new liturgical year is a good time to consider using our time and talents for those less fortunate. As a volunteer at St. Benedict Homeless Shelter (located at 7th and Sycamore streets in Owensboro) for approximately 2 ½ years it has given me a better understanding and appreciation of our community's homeless situation.. This shelter is operated by the Owensboro Diocesan Office. I invite you to prayerfully consider volunteering at St. Benedict's Center. The residents at this Center truly appreciate this ministry. For more information, please call me, Gary Estes, at 314-4419. Thank you.



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Parish Finances

Tithing's – December 18th

Goal	15,072.00
Actual.....	14,659.23
Children 's Coll.....	1.55
Parish Relief.....	60.00

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 118th, 2011

Goal.....	3,000.00
Actual.....	

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 13th.** 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.

Safe Environment: Copies of the summary of the "Statement of Policy and Procedures on Sexual Abuse" for the Diocese of Owensboro are available in the pamphlet rack located in the vestibule.

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**



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. Zarembo



Christ the King Is Born!

He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race.

Jn 1:2-4

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Merry Christmas to Everyone!
From Fr. Julian, Fr. Titus & Staff