



“We are called to be a priestly people, a household of faith, a temple of your Holy Spirit, a light shining from the hilltop.”

*St. Pius Tenth
Catholic Church*

Stewardship Booklet
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Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	5:00 p.m.
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	11:00 a.m.
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A Stewardship Message from Father Richard...

“Serve the Lord with gladness...”

Psalms 100

Through reflection and a true awareness of how everything we have is gift from our heavenly Father we come to realize as St. Paul says, that all is grace. Contrary to common misconceptions, Stewardship describes a practical Christian spirituality, a way of life that leads us to holiness. We are each unique to God who has given each of us a calling that no one else on earth has. God calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. We are not to hide our lights under bushel baskets, but to let them shine!

At Pius Tenth, we aim to embrace the spirituality of stewardship year round...not as a one-time event, but as a way of life. We are called to give gratefully back to God through our prayer life, as well as our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Described within this *Ministries of Stewardship* booklet are opportunities available to each of us. We ask that you look through the various ministry and activity descriptions and discern which gifts you and your family members have from God for participation in the Body of Christ, the Church. How can you devote your time and talent to serve fellow parishioners and the larger community, that is, to serve Christ?

I am deeply grateful for the generous sacrifices you make on behalf of the Church. With the many obligations in our busy lives, your time is quite valuable. I am confident that you will discover the joy that flows from serving the Lord. Others will surely be blessed and multiplied through your participation in parish ministry. May God's blessings be with you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Parish Census Update Instructions

We are providing you with a copy of the current information we have on record for you and/or your family. We ask that you please take time to review the information and make any corrections necessary to addresses, phone numbers, etc. Also, in an effort to be better stewards by reducing parish mailing expenses (paper, envelopes, and postage) we are asking for your email address if available. This will enable us to send many parish correspondences by email, such as liturgical schedules, annual tax letter, etc.

Stewardship of Ministry & Giving Commitment Form Instructions

Enclosed with this booklet is a *Stewardship of Ministry & Giving* Commitment Form. Please take a few moments to review this booklet and then complete the form, indicating your ministry choices for the 2010-2011 ministry year. You only need to use one form for all family members who will be serving in ministry; simply write the family member's first name on the line next to the ministry title(s) selected. (*Please refer to the enclosed sample form.*) We also ask that you prayerfully consider your level of financial support to the parish. Knowing that we all have our own unique circumstances that we are dealing with, we are mindful that all is gift from our heavenly Father. The Stewardship of Ministry & Giving commitments are in effect for one year. If you have questions regarding a ministry, contact information is provided below each description.

Please help us prepare for our ministries and programs by returning your forms by May 17, 2010. Prompt return of the form helps our ministry coordinators and administration plan for the coming year. May God continue to bless you in all that you do.

Thank you!



*Prayer of
St. Pius Tenth Catholic Church*

Oh God, Almighty Father, you gather this parish church in Jesus Christ, your Son. Here, you call us to be a priestly people, a household of faith, a temple of your Holy Spirit, a light shining from the hilltop. As with faithful generations past, you now send us to labor in the vineyard of the Kingdom. Grace our minds and hearts and hands with your Spirit to do the work you place before us. So that, building on the one foundation which is Christ, we may accomplish your will, the service to which you have called us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom all good things come. Amen



Questions and Answers about Volunteering in Parish Ministry

Q: I am already active in parish ministry; do I still need to complete and return a commitment form?

A: Yes, please! Whether you will be involved in ministry for the first time or have volunteered previously, submitting a ministry form annually is essential for maintaining current volunteer information. Simply complete and return the form in the offertory, by mail, or in person at the Parish Office by May 17, 2010.

Q: Is it necessary to complete a separate form for each family member?

A: No...just one form is needed to indicate ministry choices for all family members. Use the line provided next to each ministry title to write the name(s) of family members who will participate in that particular ministry (*refer to the sample form included in this packet*).

Q: What is Safe Environment Certification?

A: Adults age 18 and older who serve in any parish ministry or program involving contact with minor children must receive Safe Environment Certification from the Diocese of Owensboro. This involves completion of a training session and a background check. A convenient on-line session is available from the Diocese of Owensboro; simply visit our website at www.stpiustenthchurch.org and click on the Safe Environment link. Contact the Parish Office at 684-4745 if you have questions.

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Questions and Answers about Volunteering in Parish Ministry (Cont.)

Q: Is training required to volunteer in ministry?

A: For some ministries, training and/or ongoing formation is required. Refer to individual ministry descriptions for more information or contact the ministry coordinator (coordinator names and contact information are listed after each ministry).

Q: Which ministries are available for youth participation?

A: Ministries in which youth may serve are marked with a cross graphic next to the ministry title (✝). Refer to individual ministry descriptions for age recommendations.

*For additional assistance please contact Marisa
at the Parish Office at 684-4745 or by email to
marisa.cooper@bellsouth.net*

**“Give thanks to God, bless his name;
good indeed is the Lord,
Whose love endures forever,
Whose faithfulness lasts through every age.”**

Psalm 100

Liturgy and Worship

Liturgy & Worship Committee:

This committee, along with the pastor, plans our liturgical celebrations. They meet monthly to plan and discuss the various aspects of our liturgical life including: decorations for the worship space, music ministry, Mass schedules, etc. If you have any suggestions or comments concerning our liturgical celebrations, please feel free to become involved with the committee or let them know of your suggestions.

Gift Bearers: †

At each of our liturgies a family or household is scheduled to represent the community by bringing forth the gifts of the community to be offered to God through the Eucharist. Gift bearers are scheduled at the Mass of their choice.

Altar Server: †

Assist at the various liturgical functions throughout the year. Open to both boys and girls third grade and older. Training is provided for all new servers. Servers are scheduled at the Mass of their choice.

Ministers of Music: †

Many people in our faith community are blessed with the gift of voice or instrumentation in music. We are always looking for more people to share their musical talents with the Parish. A strong music program, made up of a variety of talents, is a real blessing to our liturgical celebrations. Participants are currently needed for the Adult Choir, Funeral Choir, as well as instrumentalists.

Liturgy and Worship ~ Continued

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: †

Being an Extraordinary Minister is very rewarding and is an honored area of liturgical service. Ministers take part in distributing the Body and Blood of our Lord to the community. Ministers are commissioned by the Pastor and serve at the Mass of their choice. Training is required prior to being added to the schedule.

Eucharistic Ministers to Homebound:

These ministers carry the Eucharist to the sick and homebound of the Parish.

Lector: †

The Lectors are a group of dedicated individuals who make a significant contribution to our Liturgy by proclaiming the Word of God. Through the proclamation of scripture, the Lector shares with us the very presence of our God. Lectors are scheduled at the Mass of their choice.

Usher:

Ushers greet parishioners and visitors as they enter the worship area, help with seating, and pass the collection basket. Ushers are scheduled at the Mass of their choice.

Greeter: †

Greeters are a part of the Welcoming and Hospitality Ministry. They are the first persons to welcome individuals as they arrive for the liturgical celebration. Greeters locate themselves by the entrances of the church; open the door for those entering and sharing a few words of welcome.

Liturgy and Worship ~ Continued

Spiritual Life Committee:

The Spiritual Life Committee helps coordinate various aspects of the spiritual life of the faith community including: Koinonia, Parish Missions, small faith sharing groups, and retreats for men and women. The committee meets semi-annually.

Koinonia:

Koinonia is a three day Parish-based retreat opportunity that is held annually. This retreat is led by parishioners for parishioners. Individuals who have made a Koinonia are asked to volunteer to serve on the Team. All parishioners are encouraged to sign-up to be participants in a weekend.

Parish Mission:

Held each October, the Parish Mission typically begins on Sunday evening with sessions held the following week nights. Volunteers are needed to help with Mission preparations and hospitality.

Vacation Bible School: †

Vacation Bible School is held one week during the month of June. Volunteers are needed to serve as Catechists and Aides for this program.



Service To Our Parishioners and Community

Ministry of Praise:

The Ministry of Praise is for anyone who is willing to commit time each day to pray for the Parish and its ministries. This ministry is ideal for those who are sick, homebound, or unable to volunteer for any other ministry. Ministry of Praise participants are commissioned by the Pastor and are provided with a cross and prayer book.

Service To Our Parishioners and Community *~ Continued ~*

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

The role of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is to serve those in need within our Parish boundaries. They help those who are in need of emergency assistance with food, prescription medicines, clothing, utilities, and basic shelter. St. Vincent de Paul Ministers go out to homes to visit individuals and to determine their level of need.

Gospel of Life Committee: †

This working group of the Parish promotes and coordinates our efforts to live and witness to the respect for and defense of human life from conception to natural death. This work involves: prayer, education, witness, service and political action. Meetings are held semi-annually.

Social Concerns Committee:

This group is in the formation stage. It will become a working group which will focus upon, select, and then promote and coordinate response to such matters as: 1) the practical assistance for people in need of food, clothing, shelter, and medication through parish site assistance (working closely with the St. Vincent de Paul Society); 2) working to help remedy local or foreign sources of poverty; 3) promote awareness of Catholic social teaching including respect for life in all its forms; 4) coordinating parish participation in such programs as Habitat for Humanity or parish-based disaster response efforts; 5) help the Parish to review major issues concerning law and justice in our community, and recommending political action.

Service To Our Parishioners and Community *~ Continued ~*

Hospitality Committee:

This group looks for ways to make everyone in the Parish feel welcomed and a part of the faith community. Ministry includes planning and coordinating Parish wide fellowship activities throughout the year as well as leading the efforts to welcome new members and coordinate the Greeter Ministry.

God's Housekeepers: †

This ministry helps to keep our church clean by dusting, vacuuming, and whatever else is needed. Volunteers are welcome to sign up with friends and/or family members. Groups are scheduled as a team of 5-6 individuals. Your team will decide on what time you will clean before the weekend services.

Bereavement Dinners:

This ministry provides the family and friends of parishioner's time to gather for a meal after the burial. The coordinator contacts members of a parish team to prepare a dish for the meal. Individuals are needed to prepare dishes, set up and serve the meal, and for clean up afterwards.

Coffee & Donut Volunteers: †

Involvement in this ministry consists of serving coffee and donuts after the Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass (September thru May). Bringing people together to socialize and creates community and a stronger parish family. No experience is needed, just a willingness to serve others.

Service To Our Parishioners and Community *~ Continued ~*

Catholic Men's Fellowship Group:

This ministry is designed to bring men together for an opportunity to nurture, renew, or establish a relationship with Christ. Seeking to advance and grow in their Catholic faith and examine their lives as husbands, fathers, and members of society. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Resource Room.

Office Volunteers:

Volunteers assist the parish office staff with greeting visitors, answering phones, computer input/typing, mailings, and other tasks. Flexible hours are available.

Parish Photography: †

Volunteers are needed to take photographs during ministry activities and events and forward the photos to the Parish Office for use in the bulletin, website, newsletter, or other publications. This ministry may work in conjunction with the Western Kentucky Catholic Reporter to enhance the articles submitted for publication.

Adopt-A-Flower Bed Ministry:

Green thumbs are needed to keep the flower beds around the church and on the front lawn planted and well tended. Interested volunteers form a group who work with their hands to beautify the Parish grounds.

Movie Club:

This ministry is open to all parishioners 21 and older. The group will meet one Saturday a month to watch a movie with discussion afterwards on how we feel the movie relates to the Bible, our Catholic faith, and our culture. Volunteers are needed to suggest movies, direct conversation, and bring refreshments.

Service To Our Parishioners and Community *~ Continued ~*

Marriage Tribunal/Lay Field Advocates:

Volunteers must be approved by the Pastor, attend Diocesan training provided by the Marriage Tribunal, and agree to abide by an oath of confidentiality. Once commissioned by the Bishop, these volunteers work closely with the Pastor to help individuals in the Parish who are petitioning for a declaration of invalidity (annulment) by helping them complete all necessary paperwork and providing support throughout the process. The Advocate serves as liaison between the person petitioning and the Marriage Tribunal.

Catholic Ministry in the Daviess County Detention Center **(English Language):**

Saint Pius X Parish coordinates the Sunday Catholic Prayer services in the Daviess County Detention Center with volunteers from this and other parishes. We can always use more volunteers for this very rewarding and helpful outreach to our sisters and brothers in one of the times of greatest need. The Parish annually purchases Breaking Bread Sunday Missals (just like we use in church) for Catholic services in all the jail buildings. In September the parish prepares and sends burgoo for lunch one Saturday and we coordinate the inmate/staff Christmas gift bags for all at the jail just before Christmas. Those interested in participating in jail ministry (Sunday prayer, catechesis, bible study) must be approved by their pastors, attain clearance by the jail, participate in the DCDC orientation process, and join attend our volunteer meetings.

Service To Our Parishioners and Community *~ Continued*

Western Kentucky Catholic Reporter:

Volunteers are needed to write articles for the Western Kentucky Catholic. This ministry may work in conjunction with the Parish Photographer to enhance the articles submitted for publication.



Education and Formation

Parish Families in Faith:

All parishioners are invited to join in making a reality the ideal that within our homes we strive to build a **household of faith**, and come together as a **parish family in faith**. Every member of our Parish is included, regardless of age, family structure, vocation, or choice of school system. Families in Faith will consist of, but not be limited to, the following opportunities:

- 1) Sunday morning faith formation - - from the end of August until the middle of May, from 9-10:30 a.m. There will be structured sessions for ages 4 through 18; there will also be various opportunities for adult faith-formation during this time.
- 2) Community building - - on Sunday mornings during faith formation the adults will have the opportunity to gather in the Parish Hall for fellowship.
- 3) Social activities (also community building) - - each year events will be planned to bring families together to get to know each other, forming relationships and connections with each other that will enrich our Parish.
- 4) Outreach - - as opportunities arise we will reach out to those in need. Examples of previous efforts include: making rosaries to be sent to the missions, putting together gifts for our sick and homebound parishioners and delivering them with a visit or a group offering the gift of song, collecting food and non-perishable items for food baskets at Thanksgiving, etc.

Education and Formation ~ Continued

RCIA:

This process prepares adults and children for initiation into the Catholic faith. RCIA is meant for adults and children who have: never been baptized; were baptized in other Christian faith communities; baptized Catholic but never celebrated any other sacraments. If you know anyone who has expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic, please invite them to attend a RCIA Inquiry meeting. Inquirers may join the process at any time during the year.

Sacramental Preparation:

Specific programs designed to prepare individuals for the various sacraments. Sacramental Preparation Programs are available for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Volunteers are needed to serve as Catechists and Aides for this program. Training is provided.

Owensboro Catholic Schools:

The Parish supports this system which includes: two elementary sites, Owensboro Catholic Middle School, and Owensboro Catholic High School. Parish families must complete a “Verification of Active Parish Involvement” form on an annual basis in order to receive a Parish Voucher which is required in order to register in the OCS system as a “Parish Sponsored” family. This process is typically conducted in June and July. The Parish has a representative who serves a three year term on the OCS Education Council.

Prayer Chain:

The Prayer Chain is available to anyone in need of prayer. The ministry is operated via the telephone and email by contacting one of the coordinators with your intention. The coordinator contacts the first person on the chain, that individual contacts the next person on the chain until the final person contacts the coordinator (this ensures the message has progressed through the entire chain).

Education and Formation ~ Continued

Baptismal Preparation Sponsors:

Baptismal preparation takes place in the homes of parishioners who facilitate conversation with new parents concerning the history, symbols, and rite of Baptism. Baptismal Sponsor Couples meet 2-3 hours with the parents for preparation. Training is provided.

Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples:

Marriage Sponsor Couples work with engaged couples in their marriage preparation process. To become a Sponsor Couple a couple must be happily married for a minimum of 5 years, participate in the Diocesan training, and be available to serve together as a couple. The program involves at least 6 sessions between the engaged couple and Sponsor Couple in their home. The program deals with such areas as: family of origin, marital communication, intimacy, parenting and permanent covenant of life and love.

Vocation Cross Ministry: †

This ministry involves individuals or families who volunteer to pray for vocations. At Mass, the Pastor has the Vocation Cross presented to the person or family. The volunteer agrees to pray throughout the week for vocations and then returns the cross to the sacristy before Mass the following weekend. Vocation Cross volunteers are scheduled at the Mass of their choice.

Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry:

Students in grades 9-12 meet weekly on Sunday evenings for two hours for prayer and discussion of a specific topic. Time is also spent enjoying fellowship by playing games and other various activities.

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Students in grades 6-8 meet weekly on Sunday evenings for two hours for prayer and discussion of a specific topic. Time is also spent enjoying fellowship by playing games and other various activities.

Adult Chaperones:

Volunteers are needed for each of the youth activities. Each chaperone must be Safe Environment Certified.

Adult Volunteers:

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up and to decorate for various activities as well as provide snacks for youth events.



Administration

Development Committee:

This group of individuals is appointed by the Pastor to provide organization and leadership toward the growth of the financial and material resources of the Parish. The Development Committee is responsible for Long Range Planning and works closely with the Pastoral Council to monitor its implementation.

Grant Writing:

Volunteers with previous successful grant writing experience are needed to research grant opportunities that match parish need and assist in writing proposals.

Administration ~ Continued

Building & Grounds Committee:

This Committee works to maintain the parish facilities and grounds. If you have any particular skill in these areas your time and talents would be welcomed and appreciated.

Picnic Committee:

This Committee organizes and oversees our annual picnic. Nine volunteers serve as the Picnic Committee with each member serving a three year term. The Committee typically meets monthly beginning in February. The picnic is a large undertaking, held the second Saturday of June, and involves the whole Parish working together to be a success. This is the largest fundraising effort for the Parish. All families are asked to sell raffle tickets for the Capital Prize given away at the picnic as well as participate in some are on picnic day. There are numerous ways to volunteer: help set up the stands the week prior to picnic day, donate homemade items to the Country Store, work in a booth, assist with tear-down and clean up.

Cooking Team:

The Team is active throughout the year and is a major contributor to the success of our annual picnic. Monies raised help to fund special projects for the parish and beyond. If you like to barbeque and have a great time this group is for you.

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APPENDIX

Life of St. Pius X (Pope)

Pope St. Pius X was born in 1835 and christened Giuseppe (Joseph) Melchior Sarto. He was the second of ten children. His father was the local postman and his mother was a seamstress. From an early age he wanted to be a priest and, with the support of his pastor, he entered the seminary in 1850. In 1858, at the age of twenty-three, he was ordained a priest. After ordination he was assigned as chaplain in the town of Tombolo. Following a variety of successful pastoral assignments he was consecrated Bishop of Mantua in 1884. In 1893 he was made cardinal and patriarch (archbishop) of Venice.

When Pope Leo XIII died in 1903, Cardinal Sarto was elected at the following conclave on the seventh ballot. He chose the name Pius “in memory of the popes who had defended the Church’s interests and fought against sects and rampant errors.” As his motto, he chose the text of Ephesians 1:10, “Instaurare omnia in Christo (to restore all things in Christ).” Pope St. Pius strongly distrusted the liberal political and religious movements of the day, as well as scholarship and science in general. His heart was much more pastorally inclined. He encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion and made it possible for children to celebrate their first Holy Communion around the age of seven. During his lifetime he was known for his simplicity and charity. He was even then venerated as a saint and had miraculous healings associated with his prayer and ministry. In his last will and testament he claimed: “I was born poor, I have lived in poverty, and I die poor.” He died August 21, 1914. In 1951 he was beatified and canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1954.

St. Pius Tenth Parish celebrates his feast day each August.

APPENDIX ~ Continued

History of St. Pius Tenth Parish

Bishop Francis R. Cotton founded the new Parish of St. Pius Tenth in 1957. Construction of the church was soon underway and families were visiting the site almost as though it were their own home being built. The people were very enthusiastic and ready to help speed the building of the church.

St. Pius Tenth celebrated its dedication Mass on December 27, 1957. Rev. Robert Wilson served as first pastor of the new parish and remained in that capacity until 1963. Succeeding pastors include:

Rev. George Boemicke, 1963-66

Rev. Paul Powell, 1966-71

Rev. Robert Wilson, (second term as pastor) 1976-81

Rev. Gerald Glahn, 1981-89

Rev. Bruce Fogle, 1989-92

Rev. Larry McBride, 1992-2000

Rev. Richard Meredith, 2000-present

Other parish structures were added as years went on with the opening of a school in 1958, the rectory in 1962, and the west wing addition to the school in 1964. In 2004 Bishop Cotton School (formally St. Pius Tenth Grade School) closed after 46 years of service.

In 1971, Sr. Mary Mercy started the kindergarten and daycare. The Daycare and Preschool continues to be a great asset to our parish.

In 2006 ground was broken for the addition of a Parish Center and Office Building which was dedicated on December 27 of that same year.

From its beginning, St. Pius Tenth has been a parish which practices stewardship. The prayer, time, talents and financial support of parishioners have made the parish what it is today.