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† **WELCOME** †

We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. We invite you not only to worship with us at Mass, but to join us in the many ministries that are needed to spread the good news of the Gospel. Come join us!

† **FROM THE EDITOR** †

Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing by 9:00AM Monday; they should run no more than two weeks consecutively, whether they be a flyer or an article. Deadline is firm. Articles over 150 words must be submitted as a copy-ready flyer. Flyers need prior approval and are published on a first-come, first-published basis.

† CHRISTIAN INITIATION †

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children is a process by which we share our Catholic way of life. The process begins at the initial contact with us. For more information, please call 683-6525.

† CHILDCARE †

Childcare is provided for the 9:00AM Sunday Mass. Contact Linda Ivey, 683-0170, for more information.

† MINISTRY to the SICK †

Hospital & Nursing Home...Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into any hospital or nursing home.

Anointing of the Sick...Any parishioner who is ill may request the anointing by calling the Office. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally every six months.

Communion...Any homebound parishioner wishing to receive Communion is asked to call the Parish Office at 683-6525.

† LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS for DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 6, 2009 †
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

5:00PM MASS

Altar Servers..... *Aaron Alvey, Paige Hicks*
Lectors..... *Ruth Ann Carrico, Susan C. Cecil*
Min. Brd *Laurie Hicks, Larry Lyon, Gene Lyon*
Min. Cup *Sr. Monica Seaton, Helen Miles, Rebecca Wathen, Sue Gough*
Min. Hosp..... *Diane Minton, Tim Clouse, Daniel Richeson, Brad Farmer, Charles Payne, Jess Mattingly*
Voc. Min *Tom Riney*

7:00AM MASS

Altar Server..... *Eddie O'Bryan*
Lectors... .. *Robert O. Chinn, Glenn E. Thompson*
Min. Brd *Lorraine McFarland*
Min. Cup *Peggy Howard, Art Hodde*
Min. Hosp..... *Frank Hayden, Skippy Hayden, Charles Winstead, LaWanna Brand, Dennis Weaver, Norman Froehlich*
Voc. Min *Norman and Joan Froehlich*

9:00AM MASS

Children Lit..... *Lisa Sullivan, McKenzie Higdon*
Altar Servers..... *Allen Rakotoniaina, Adney Rakotoniaina*
Lectors *Andry Rakotoniaina, Ann-Claude Rakotoniaina*
Min. Brd..... *Jill Leigh, Lindsey Alvey, Mary Helen Nash*
Min. Cup *Barry Hearth, Pat or Suzanne Padgett, Gene Schadler, John McNulty*
Min. Hosp..... *Elmo Thompson, Matt Steele, Frank Wathen, Debbie Wathen, John Kurz, Wren Osborne*
Voc. Min *Charlie and Jennifer Payne Family*

11:00AM MASS

Altar Servers..... *Kayla Windle, Morgan Goetz*
Lectors *Margaret Windle, Joan Perry*
Min. Brd..... *Doug Wathen, Susan Higdon, Peggy Clark*
Min. Cup *Cecilia Yates, Paulo Martins, Lois Rutigliano, Mary Ford*
Min. Hosp..... *Fran Rickard, Ryan Rickard, Gene Higdon, Barbara Hart, Brian Behnke, Donna Montalvo*
Voc. Min *Nina Van Bussum*

† PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE †

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! With the Season of Advent, the Church begins a new year of prayer and worship. Advent is really a counter-cultural season. Just as we are reminded that we are already into the "holiday" season of hustle and bustle, that there are only so many shopping days until Christmas, the Church calls us to slow down, to reflect, to be silent, to pray. There are many resources and opportunities available to help us on our Advent journey. Publications such as *The Word Among Us*, *Our Sunday Visitor*, *Magnificat* can be very beneficial tools. On the Sunday evenings of Advent, we invite you to join us for a brief period of prayer as we attempt to become more focused on the beauty of these days and more open to the grace they offer. Of course, the daily Masses throughout the season are the privileged opportunity for Advent prayer. Don't spend so much time in Wal-Mart or the Mall that you let Advent pass before you realize it is here.

At their annual meeting last week, the United States bishops discussed and approved a variety of documents and issues. You may have seen that they approved the revised translation of all the prayers we use at Mass. We will have more than a year to prepare for these liturgical changes, which will not come into effect until 2011. (The exact date has not yet been determined). They also approved a document which addresses reproductive technologies, *Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology*. Although the Catholic Church shares the pain of married couples facing infertility problems, some reproductive technologies "are not morally legitimate ways to solve those problems," the bishops state. This is not a new understanding or teaching. They are also preparing to issue a pastoral letter on marriage called *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan*. Finally, they approved revised directives on the removal of food and water from patients who are chronically ill but not imminently dying. "As a general rule, there is an obligation to provide patients with food and water, including medically assisted nutrition and hydration for those who cannot take food orally," says the revised text of the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*. I am sure there will be much written about all this in various publications. I suggest you give more attention to the articles in Catholic publications rather than the secular press.

Our diocesan officials continue to update us regarding concerns surrounding the spread of H1N1 virus. They remain in contact with Public Health Departments across the diocese. In the most recent communiqué, we were told "at this point in time, no changes in liturgical procedure are necessary for most of our parishes outside of encouraging good hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette." Parishes and schools remain free to make changes they deem necessary based on the prevalence of the flu in their area.

Love, Fr. John



Mass Intentions for the week

	7:00AM	12:05PM
Mon	Lawrence S. Murphy	Bill Moore and Parents
Tues	Mr./Mrs. Henry Ralph	Paul and Frances O'Bryan
Wed	Julian G. Hayden, Sr.	Ruth Payne
Thurs	Mary Merrimee	Mary Fulkerson
Fri	Betty Payne	The Stallings Family
Sat	Larry R. Payne Family	Gertrude Kurz

Sunday, December 6

Sat 5:00PM	Preston Van Bussum
Sun 7:00AM	Poor Souls
9:00AM	People of the Parish
11:00AM	Paul Payne



EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

“To develop a profound Eucharistic spirituality that is also capable of significantly affecting the fabric of society, the Christian people, in giving thanks to God through the Eucharist, should be conscious that they do so in the name of all creation, aspiring to the sanctification of the world and working intensely to that end.

“The Eucharist itself powerfully illuminates human history and the whole cosmos. In this sacramental perspective we learn, day by day, that every ecclesial event is a kind of sign by which God makes himself known and challenges us. The eucharistic form of life can thus help foster a real change in the way we approach history and the world. The liturgy itself teaches us this, when, during the presentation of the gifts, the priest raises to God a prayer of blessing and petition over the bread and wine, ‘fruit of the earth,’ ‘fruit of the vine’ and ‘work of human hands.’”

*Pope Benedict XVI, “Sacramentum Caritatis,” February 22, 2007
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A VOCATION VISTA

God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end, each one of us and humanity in its entirety. His love alone gives us the possibility of soberly persevering day by day, without ceasing to be spurred on by hope, in a world which by its very nature is imperfect. His love is at the same time our guarantee of the existence of what we only vaguely sense and which nevertheless, in our deepest self, we await: a life that is “truly” life.



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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, November 29—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM; PSS: I
St. Vincent de Paul Society Sunday (Fifth Sunday)
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM
 Sunday Sharing, Undercroft, 9:45AM
No Faith Formation
 Mass in Spanish, SS Joseph & Paul, Noon
 Recitation of the Rosary, Church, 3:45PM
Advent Evening Prayer, Church, 6:00PM
Photos, Undercroft, 6:00-8:00PM

MONDAY, November 30—St. Andrew, Apostle

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM

TUESDAY, December 1—Advent Weekday

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM

WEDNESDAY, December 2—Advent Weekday

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM
 Book of Sirach Scripture Study, Media Ctr, 10:30AM
 Choir (Adult), Church, 6:00PM
 Inquiry Session, Office, 6:00PM

THURSDAY, December 3—St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM
 Sunday Scripture Sharing, Office, 10:30AM
Confessions, Church, 4:00-5:00PM
 Sunday Scripture Sharing, Media Ctr, 7:00PM

FRIDAY, December 4—Advent Weekday;

St. John of Damascus

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM
Eucharistic Devotions, Church, 5:30PM

SATURDAY, December 5—Advent Weekday

Daily Mass at 7:00AM & 12:05PM
 Prayer Group, Office, 8:30AM
 Confessions, Church, 9:00—11:00AM
Habitat Aluminum Can Collection, Midtown, 9:00AM-Noon
Brunch with Santa, Undercroft, 10:00AM
Evening Mass for Sunday, Church, 5:00PM

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SUNDAY, December 6—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM; PSS: II
Donut Sunday
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM
 Sunday Sharing, Undercroft, 9:45AM
 Faith Formation, Undercroft, 10:10AM
 Mass in Spanish, SS Joseph & Paul, Noon
 Recitation of the Rosary, Church, 3:45PM
Confirmation Class, Undercroft, 4:30PM
Advent Evening Prayer and Adoration, Church, 6:00PM
Photos, Diamond Lake, 6:30-8:30PM



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
Living and Giving Gratefully

This Week's Stewardship Moment

A profound stewardship blessing is offered by St. Paul to the Thessalonians in today's second reading. He encourages the community to continue to show loving concern for its members and to care for the needs of others. We witness for the first time the spirituality of stewardship at work in a New Testament community that is putting the Eucharist into action. An Advent spirit prevails that is transforming and filled with hope for the coming of the Lord Jesus. *What are we doing to promote this spirit of stewardship in our personal lives and in our community of faith?*

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offertory)

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of \$18,232.68 in the Sunday Offertories for the Weekend of November 14 and 15, which included \$47.68 from "Kids Care." Our parish received an additional \$2,635.99 in Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) on November 16.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (7/1/09 – 11/15/09)

Goal for Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$322,000.00
Amount Donated:	\$323,669.93
Amount Over Needed Goal:	\$ 1,669.93

Thanks for Living and Giving Gratefully!

"Kids Care" Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 1,122.72
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Due to holiday printing deadlines, this section will be updated in the December 5-6 Bulletin.

Some of the Gifts from the Other Half
of our Stewardship

Diocesan/Other Collections	November 14-15	Total
"St. Stephen Cathedral Restoration & Renewal"	\$2,249.00	\$875,941.60
Maintenance & Repairs Fund	\$ 10.00	\$ 3,838.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 76.00	\$ 76.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 270.00	\$ 4,203.74

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Please Pray For All The Sick

Mary Kay Adams	Hallie Graham	Shirley Oliver
Lois Aud	Carrie Grant	Mike Osborne
John Aud	Dwayne Hagan	Bill/Geraldine Payne
Richard Aud	George Hagan	David Payne
Betty Aull	Ruth Hagan	Lorraine Payne
Donald Axley	Bryce Hancock	Wanda Payne
Alice Bagot	Janet Haynes	Ed/Grace Pickett
Joe Beard	Sylvia Heflin	Martha Poole
Catherine Beaven	Joe Hendricks	Shirley Poole
Mike Bogdan	Beverly Heppler	Theresa Ray
Sam Booth	Art Hodde	Hugh Riney
Jamison Bowlds	Betty Houston	Margaret W. Roberts
Ann Bresler	Betty Howard	Martha Jo Ross
Nancy Brey	Jennie Howard	Joe Rudy
Opal Brown	Mary Hudson	Betty Sapp
Don Brown	Barbara Huff	Maurice Schaefer
Eric Brown	Mary Hudson	Melba Schemmel
Jean Carpenter	Elsie Jarboe	Alberta Schrecker
Ann Cecil	Eddie Jaskolski	Doris Schwartz
Bob Cecil	Colene Jennings	Charles M. Shoemaker
Gloria Cecil	Lou Jones	Mary Ruth Shoemaker
Dennis Cecil	Zachary Judd	Fred Sikes
Rose T. Cecil	Shelby Keeny	Marie Simmons
Willie Cecil	James Kelly	Iona Simon
Cliff Clark	Karen Keoughan	Roger Simon
Mildred Clark	Anna Klein	Dorothy Sims
Julie Clouse	Betty Klein	Martha Sims
David Condra	Bill Knott	Fred Smith
Betty Coomes	Viola Kruta	Laura Abel Smith
Mary S Coomes	Phillip Loehr	Helen Staples
Thomas Coomes	Patsy Logsdon	Mary Taylor
James Crisp	Henry Luckett	Louise Thompson
John Crowe	Larry P. Lyons	David/Bern Tooley
Patrick Cureton	Margaret Mattingly	Beverly Velotta
Charles Danhauer	Jeb Medley	Ondina Vergara
Daniel Dawson	Catherine Mehlbauer	Bill Walker
Donna Dickman	Martin Millay	Dianne Walsh
Jerry/Dorothy Draeger	Cleo Miller	Bob Weikel
Harbin Emmick	Frank Molnar	Joan Wells
Wilma Fenwick	Randy Montgomery	Ed Welsh
Margaret Ferguson	Joan Moss	Larry Whittaker
Lucille Fischer	Sue Mudd	Aloysius Williams
Dick/Chris Flaherty	Nancy Murphy	Vicki Wink
Bobby Ford	Frances O'Bryan	Beverly Wood
Sherry Fulkerson	James O'Bryan	John W. Wright
Amy Fulks	Joseph O'Bryan	John Yates
Helen Galloway	Mary O'Harrow	Mike Yates
Becky Goetz	Judy Oelze	Mary Josephine Young
Gail Goetz	Joann Ogle	Ruth Zachery

• Names in bold print are those currently in the hospital.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES

Carmel Home-Dora Peak, Virginia Carrico, Mary C. Kelley, Leon Keller, Mary Jane Yates, Gladys Thompson, Edna Kavolus, Bob Brown, Christina Morgan, Margaret Roberts, Ray Coomes, Lucille Tong, Margaret Tyler, Martha Sims, Rosalia McPherson. **Fern Terra-**Janie Jackson, Lorraine Payne. **Owensboro Place**-Charles B. Payne, Mary Bopp. **Hillcrest**-Susan Ward, Mary Ruth Danhauer, Jim O'Bryan, Bertha Horrell. **Wellington Parc**-Mary Guinn, Marie Richardson, Betty Crowder. **Heritage Park**-Albert Bellew, Marie Simmons. **Bishop Soenneker**-Aloysius Williams, Cecil Barnett, Robert Danhauer, Nancy Brey, Freddie Payne. **Bon Harbor**-Betty Wimsatt, Dorothy Lanham. **Rosedale**-Ursula Coogan; **Hermitage**-Daniel Dawson, Rose T. Cecil.

THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Priests, being "a sacramental representation of Jesus Christ, Head and Shepherd, authoritatively proclaim his Word, repeat his acts of forgiveness and his offer of salvation, particularly in Baptism, Penance and the Eucharist, show his loving concern to the point of a total gift of self for the flock, which they gather into unity and lead to the Father through Christ and in the Spirit."

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SUNDAY

Today is the fifth Sunday of the month, when we traditionally have an extra offering for the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. (Envelopes are in the pews.) The members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be attending the 9:00AM Mass as a body and will be seated in the front of the church. We are pleased to have these caring, loyal volunteers in our midst and are honored that they are serving on our behalf.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: HOLY DAY

Because the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast of our country, December 8 is always a holy day of obligation. Please note Holy Day Mass times on the front of the bulletin.

ST. ANDREW, THE APOSTLE

Jesus knew that Andrew was walking behind him, and turning back, he asked, "What do you seek?" When Andrew answered that he would like to know where Jesus lived, Our Lord replied, "Come and see."



PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED



Please pray for those who have recently died.

Pray, also, for those who are in the process of dying. May the souls of all our beloved dead rest in God's peace and love.

(Please call the office when there is a death in your family.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISH MEMBERS

- 11/29: Kara Houston, June Johnson, Hannah Padgett, Randy Toth
- 11/30: Emily Baker, Mary Cecilia Crowe
- 12/1: Katherine Conkright, Jonathan Drury, Katherine Jarboe, Wren Osborne, Jessica Toth
- 12/2: Veatrice Clark, David Head, Rebecca Wathen, Sam White
- 12/3: Benjamin Drury, Durand Engineer, Sallie Johnson, Christy McCrady, Chris Searcy, Jessica Storm, Patti Terrell, Doug Wathen
- 12/4: Benny Blandford, Rodney Hawes, Charlie Keelin, Karla Payne, Ryan Rickard
- 12/5: Sean Byrne, Cecilia Clemens, Suzanne Cureton, Dick Flaherty, Michael Lyon, Paddy Settles.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Some Leaders and helpers for Children’s Liturgy of the Word have not picked up the new schedule. Please find it on the table at the main entrance of the church. Your name is on the envelope.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation class will be on Sunday, December 6, at 4:30PM, in the Undercroft.

**ST. STEPHEN CATHEDRAL AWARDS
“PARADE”**

WOW!

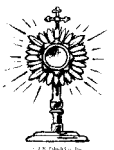
Frances Seaton received the highest flute score at the KMEA All-District Band try-outs in Madisonville. She will sit first chair flute, representing Owensboro Middle School. Way to go, Frances!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join us for breakfast and a visit with the man in red! Santa will be visiting St. Stephen Cathedral on Saturday, December 5, in the Undercroft, at 10:00AM. Please bring a breakfast casserole or fruit to share. The Parish will provide beverages and donuts. Please call Jennifer Fullenwider with any questions (685-0221 or 929-7875).



PRAYER INVITATION



Permanent Adorer positions are open at the Carmel Home for adoration on Wednesdays, 2:00–3:00AM and 3:00–4:00AM; Saturdays: 1:00–2:00AM and 2:00–3:00AM; Sundays: 1:00–2:00AM. Sub-Adorers are also needed for Eucharistic adoration hours: Mid-night to 5:00AM. Call Marti Castlen at 929-5839.

WORD OF LIFE



Virginal and married love are the two forms in which the person's call to love is fulfilled. In order for both to develop, they require the commitment to live chastity, in conformity with each person's own state of life. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, sexuality “becomes personal and truly human when it is integrated into the relationship of one person to another, in the complete and mutual lifelong gift of a man and a woman.”

GIVING TREE



Today, when we are all experiencing financial concern and distress, we are also called to be mindful of those whose hardships are so much greater than our own. The Giving Tree gives us an opportunity to recognize and assist Christ in our needy brothers and sisters and to express our gratitude for the gifts He has so abundantly showered upon us. Let us emulate the generosity of God, which cannot be outdone. Our “stretching” will be rewarded!

The object of the Giving Tree is to enable us as a parish to give purchased gifts to persons who are shut-in, lonely or in financial need. The givers will not know the names of the receivers and vice-versa. Please do not put your name on the gift: it is to be an act of love, no strings attached.

Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree and return the gift with the ornament attached to it by December 13. Please leave store tags and sale receipts attached to the item, so that exchanges may be made when necessary. For more information, please call the parish office at 683-6525.

PAPAL INTENTIONS for DECEMBER

General: That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms.

Mission: That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize in the Word Incarnate the light which illuminates every man and that the Nations may open their doors to Christ, the Savior of the world.

SUNDAY EVENING, 6:00-8:00PM
Ststephencathedralyouth.blogspot.com



DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We are pleased to wish the couples who are celebrating their anniversary this month a very happy and blessed anniversary.

- 6--Rick and Julia Houston, 34 years
- 10--Pat and Tish Osborne, 21 years
Ed and Grace Pickett, 65 years
- 11--Mark and Mary Alice Carrico, 16 years
- 17--Dean and Patty Blair, 15 years
- 20--Joe and Kaye Castlen, 40 years
- 21--James and Diane Hunter, 41 years
Garry and Anne Pierce, 41 years
- 24--Ron and Cindy Bornander, 33 years
- 26--Sonny and Doris Schwartz, 50 years
- 27--Aaron and Tera Barnard, 6 years
Philip and Jennifer Blair, 20 years
Wendell and Mary Bryant Booth, 51 years
Jerry and Dorothy Draeger, 7 years
Jim and Linda Ivey, 32 years
Chris and Vicki Warren, 36 years
- 28--Jeff and Stacy Hendricks, 13 years
Mark and Bianca Osborne, 24 years
- 30--John and Emily McNulty, 21 years
- 31--Eddie and Mary Ann O'Bryan, 16 years

May you continue to love one another as Christ loves his bride, the Church. Be assured of our prayers on your anniversary. (If your name does not appear, call the parish office.)

SAUSAGE SALE IN SORGHO

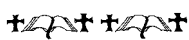
Knights of Columbus Sorgho Council # 6101 will be making sausage on Friday, December 4. \$3.00 per pound. To place orders call Kenneth Ebelhar, 771-4423; Billy Knott, 771-4513; Jim Kauffeld, 771-5525 or 929-0672.

SUGARPLUM BAZAAR

St. Sebastian Church, 180 Hwy 136 West, Calhoun, KY, will have a bazaar on December 5, 9:00AM-3:00PM. There will be handmade items, famous baked goods, homemade candies, Christmas decorations, lots of other great gift items. Bean Soup and Cornbread Lunch.

OCMS GRANDPARENTS MASS AND RECEPTION

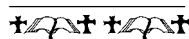
Owensboro Catholic Middle School invites grandparents to a Mass and Reception on Thursday, December 3, at 9:00AM at Immaculate Church. A reception will follow in the Immaculate parish hall. Grandchildren may take you on a tour of the school after the reception.



THE WORD OF GOD

The word of God is at work in you

“Hearing, beholding and handling the Word of life” (1 Jn 1.1) are not first and foremost our entitlement or birthright as human beings; they are our privilege and gift as children of the living God.



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PRAYER TO HOLY SPIRIT FOR OUR BISHOP

Let us continue to ask God’s guidance on the selection of our next bishop: *“Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Come, Holy Spirit!”*

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SERIES

Father Tony Shonis will present an Advent Series at Our Lady of Lourdes titled *A Coming Christ in Advent: Three Presentations on the Gospel Narratives Preparing for the Birth of Jesus*. Fr. Shonis will discuss the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The presentations will take be December 1, 8, and 15, from 6:30– 8:30PM in the Lourdes Parish Hall. Child care will be provided for first grade and younger. Everyone is welcome, come early or come late. A registration form can be found at <http://www.rcdok.org/comingchrist>.

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

An Advent “Day of Prayer” is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, from 9:00AM-2:00PM at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount. Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers, the Advent Prayer Day will help deepen one’s faith during the celebration of this holiest of seasons. The \$10 fee includes lunch. To register, contact Kathy McCarty at 229-0200, ext. 413 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org. Visit www.msjcenter.org.

“GOD ENTERS OUR WAITING”

The Immaculate Parish Adult Choir, Children’s Choir, Musicians, and Lectors invite you to journey with them through the music, prayer, scripture, and compelling stories that help to reveal the many ways that God comes to us. The Advent program, presented in the parish hall on December 13 at 1:00PM, will be followed by a reception.

GIFT BASKETS AVAILABLE

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center is offering baskets of homemade goodies, ideal for holiday gift giving. A large basket contains 1/2 lb. each of peanut butter fudge, chocolate fudge, peanut brittle, and buckeye candy treats, as well as three dozen cookies (oatmeal, chocolate chip, and peanut butter) and four mini loaves of bread, (pumpkin, banana, cranberry, and zucchini). The cost is \$59.95. A smaller basket is available for \$39.95. Limited delivery in the Owensboro area between December 10-18. Baskets mailed for an additional shipping fee. Pre-order by December 4. To order, contact Jennifer Byrd at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, 229-0200, ext. 260, or jennifer.byrd@maplemount.org. An order form is online at www.msjcenter.org.

