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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 19 - DECEMBER 20, 2009 †
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**5:00PM MASS**

Altar Servers.....*Logan Cecil, Jacob Cecil*
Lectors.....*Bill Goetz, Kathy DunLany*
Min. Brd.....*Dr. Sam DunLany, Margaret Mills, Sr. Monica Seaton*
Min. Cup.....*Rebecca Wathen, Sue Gough, Larry Lyon, Gene Lyon*
Min. Hosp.....*Gail Douglas, Pete Mattingly, Paul Murphy,*
Chris Carrico, Diane Minton, Tim Clouse
Voc. Min.....*Sr. Monica Seaton*

7:00AM MASS

Altar Server.....*Eddie O'Bryan*
Lectors.....*Margie Hill, Robert O. Chinn*
Min. Brd.....*Art Hodde*
Min. Cup.....*Lottie Miller, Peggy Howard*
Min. Hosp.....*LaWanna Brand, Dennis Weafer, Norman Froehlich,*
Volunteers
Voc. Min.....*Carroll and Peggy Howard*

9:00AM MASS

Children Lit.....*Rose Ann Payne, Will Payne*
Altar Servers.....*Maggie Booth, Sam Booth*
Lectors.....*Robin Booth, Mark Mahoney*
Min. Brd.....*Dick Booth, Faye Booth, Barry Hearth*
Min. Cup.....*Cindy Mahoney, Pat or Suzanne Padgett, Kim Lewis,*
John Wright
Min. Hosp....*Peyton Booth, Hannah Booth, Jessica Booth, B. J. Booth,*
Jordyn Moseley, Mary Helen Nash

Voc. Min.....*Anna Rakotoniaina Family*

11:00AM MASS

Altar Servers.....*Zach Galloway, Josh Galloway*
Lectors.....*Mary Ford, Joan Perry*
Min. Brd.....*Lois Rutigliano, Jennifer Fullenwider, Jay Fullenwider*
Min. Cup.....*Sandy Carden, Doug Wathen, Charlie Shoulta, Susan Higdon*
Min. Hosp.....*John Fullenwider, Ben Fullenwider,*
Fran Rickard, Ryan Rickard, Donna Montalvo, Chuck Payne
Voc. Min.....*Mel and Margaret Windle Family*

† PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE †

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, I concelebrated the funeral and preached the homily for Mary Louise Raleigh at Holy Name Parish in Henderson. She had worked for the parish for thirty-seven years and was the parish secretary throughout the time I was stationed there. You may recall that Holy Name was my first assignment as a newly ordained priest. Mary Louise helped me move in the day I arrived and advised me, mothered me and supported me for the five years I was there. I became good friends with her family and have remained friends with Mary Louise throughout the thirty years since I left Holy Name. I was honored to celebrate the funeral rites for this dedicated, loyal servant of the Church. Of course, we have such faith-filled laity here at St. Stephen too, but I wanted to tell you a little about Mary Louise because of the blessing she has been in my life.

Our annual Advent/Christmas Open House is next Saturday evening from six until nine. Please plan to come by. It is always such a wonderful gathering and provides an opportunity for many people to connect with others whom they might not ordinarily meet. Even if you cannot stay very long, please stop in for quick hello and little refreshment. Fr. Josh and I look forward to welcoming you to our home and the parish staff is eager to provide hospitality to you.

Another annual Advent/Christmas event is our communal service of Reconciliation (Penance Service). We will have several visiting priests here to celebrate this Sacrament with us and I invite you to take time from parties and other pre-Christmas activities to respond to John the Baptist's call to "prepare the way of the Lord" by confessing your sins. If you cannot be with us on Thursday evening (the 17th), note the schedule of services in other parishes elsewhere in the bulletin. There is also extra time scheduled for the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday, the 19th, as well as on the 21st (Monday) and the 22nd (Tuesday).

Along with a number of you, I attended the wonderful performance of the "The Messiah" last Sunday. I always try to make that a part of my Advent observance. I congratulate several of our parishioners who were members of the chorus, as well as Blake and Travis Welsh, who played with the Owensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Love, Fr. John



Mass Intentions for the week

	7:00AM	12:05PM
Mon	Helen Riney	Agnes Luckett
Tues	William Jess Payne	Bill Moore and Parents
Wed	Poor Souls	T. J. Bartlett
Thurs	Lucian Hagan	Gertrude Kurz
Fri	Mary Jo Oberst	Gene Boone
Sat	Bill Booth	Sr. Casimir

Sunday, December 20

Sat 5:00PM	Ruth Payne
Sun 7:00AM	Kay Wunder
9:00AM	People of the Parish
11:00AM	Joseph Paul Castlen

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION



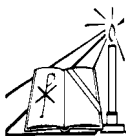
“Dear brothers and sisters, the Eucharist is at the root of every form of holiness, and each of us is called to the fullness of life in the Holy Spirit. How many saints have advanced along the way of perfection thanks to their Eucharistic devotion!”

“From Saint Ignatius of Antioch to Saint Augustine, from Saint Anthony Abbot to Saint Benedict, from Saint Francis of Assisi to Saint Thomas Aquinas, from Saint Clare of Assisi to Saint Catherine of Siena, from Saint Paschal Baylon to Saint Peter Julian Eymard, from Saint Alphonsus Liguori to Blessed Charles de Foucauld, from Saint John Mary Vianney to Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, from Saint Pius of Pietrelcina to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, from Blessed Piergiorgio Frassati to Blessed Ivan Merz, to name only a few, holiness has always found its centre in the sacrament of the Eucharist.”

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

Christ tells us who man truly is and what a man must do in order to be truly human. He shows us the way, and this way is the truth. He himself is both the way and the truth, and therefore he is also the life which all of us are seeking. He also shows us the way beyond death; only someone able to do this is a true teacher of life.



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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, December 13—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM; PSS: III

Retired Religious Collection

Return Giving Tree Gifts

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

Advent Evening Prayer, Church, 6:00PM

Photos, Undercroft, 6:00-8:30PM

MONDAY, December 14—St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor

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

R & R Club, Office, 9:00AM

St. Vincent de Paul Mtg, Office, 6:30PM

TUESDAY, December 15—Advent Weekday

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

WEDNESDAY, December 16—Advent Weekday

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

Book of Sirach Scripture Study, Media Ctr, 10:30AM

Inquiry Session, Office, 6:00PM

Choir Holiday, 7:00PM

THURSDAY, December 17—Advent Weekday

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

Sunday Scripture Sharing, Office, 10:30AM

Advent Penance Service, Church, 6:30PM

OCHS Christmas party, Undercroft, 6:30PM

Sunday Scripture Sharing, Media Ctr, 7:00PM

FRIDAY, December 18—Advent Weekday

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

SATURDAY, December 19—Advent Weekday

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

Prayer Group, Office, 8:30AM

Confessions, Church, 8:00—11:00AM

Evening Mass for Sunday, Church, 5:00PM

Christmas Open House, Rectory, 6:00PM

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SUNDAY, December 20—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM; PSS: IV

Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM

Sunday Sharing, Undercroft, 9:45AM

No Faith Formation

Mass in Spanish, SS Joseph & Paul, Noon

SPACE, Undercroft, 2:30PM

Recitation of the Rosary, Church, 3:45PM

Advent Evening Prayer and Adoration, Church, 6:00PM

Photos, Church, 6:00-8:30PM



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
Living and Giving Gratefully

This Week's Stewardship Moment

Trust In our increasingly secular society, it is not fashionable to trust God. Stewardship means that we are grateful for our many blessings, and we are generous with our lives and our possessions. In living this way we learn to trust more in God and less in ourselves. Trust is the cornerstone of any relationship, and our relationship with God is no different. God trusts us to do our part, and we must trust explicitly in God.

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 \$15,928.05 in the Sunday Offertory for the Weekend of December 5 and 6, which included \$63.85 from "Kids Care." Our parish received an additional \$3,836.83 in Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) on December 1.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (7/1/09 – 12/06/09)

Goal for Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$384,000.00
Amount Donated:	\$360,173.81
Amount Short of Needed Goal:	\$ 23,826.19

Thanks for Living and Giving Gratefully!

"Kids Care" Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 1,304.77
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Some of the Gifts from the Other Half
of our Stewardship

Diocesan/Other Collections	Dec. 5-6	Total
"St. Stephen Cathedral Restoration & Renewal"	\$3,414.29	\$898,711.15
Maintenance & Repairs Fund	\$ 240.00	\$ 4,090.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 355.00	\$ 520.00
Retired Religious	\$ 70.00	\$ 170.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 789.00	\$ 4,992.74

Please Pray For All The Sick

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

• 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, Gladys Thompson, Edna Kavolus, 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, 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, Hugh Riney. **Rosedale**-Ursula Coogan; **Hermitage**-Daniel Dawson, Rose T. Cecil, Bobby Ford.

THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS

By their vocation and ordination, the priests of the New Testament are indeed set apart in a certain sense within the midst of God's people. But, this is so not that they may be made distant from this people or from any man, but that they may be totally dedicated to the work for which the Lord has raised them up.



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December 24: Vigil of Christmas

4:00PM Christmas Vigil Mass
11:30PM Choral Prelude begins
12:00AM Mass

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At Christmas, all genuflect at the words in the Creed: "And He became Man."

December 25: NATIVITY of the LORD

7:00AM Christmas Mass at Dawn
9:00 AM Christmas Morning Mass
11:00AM Christmas Day Mass

Saturday/Sunday December 26-27:

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

December 31: Vigil of Holy Day:

Mass at 6:00PM

January 1: SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD World Day of Prayer for Peace

7:00AM, 12:05PM and 6:00PM Masses

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for those who have recently died, especially *Judy Oelze*, cousin of *Charlie Payne*; *Mary Jane Yates*; *David Payne*, brother of *Ron Payne*; *Jed Alan Leonard*, nephew of *Hallie Lott*; *John Crowe*, uncle of *Dr. Michael Crowe*; *Bob Brown*, father of *Pam Hartz* and *Terry Brown*; and *Jeanne Riney*, daughter of *Betty Riney* and sister of *Rose Mary Thompson*.



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: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISH MEMBERS

- 12/13: Beverly Armes, Susan Bartlett, Gladys Thompson
 12/14: Vicki Ammons, Anthony Hamilton, Joseph Jones, Kimberly Roberts, Dolores Sowders, Shannon Wright
 12/15: Rebecca Baughn, Robin Booth, Ron Bornander, Chris Clouse, Natalie Ellis, David Gruenewald, Doug Hayden, Hazel McMahan, Jacinta Young
 12/16: John Clayton, Hope Hawes, Mary Taylor, Elizabeth Wathen
 12/17: Jennifer Fullenwider, Edna Murphey
 12/18: Dean Blair, John Gruenewald, Kevin Howard, Barbara Huff, Doris Keller, Lucy Neal, John Ray
 12/19: Tracy McCarthy, Chris Purk, Darcy Purk, Mary Lou Ray.

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

Our annual Christmas Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 19, 6:00-9:00PM, in the Rectory. We hope that you will stop by for some hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at any point during the evening. All are welcome! May God bless you with peace and love and fulfill the longing of your heart as we continue to await his coming again in glory!

ST. STEPHEN CATHEDRAL AWARDS "PARADE"

Alexi Mojsejenko, daughter of Lisa Frushour, is one of the Daviess County Middle School students of the month. Congratulations, Alexi!

WOW!**2010 FAITH FORMATION**

This weekend is the last day for Faith Formation during the year 2009. We will resume on January 3, 2010, on the feast of the Epiphany. May each of you prayerfully prepare during the season of Advent and have a blessed Christmas.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Confirmation Candidates will come together for their next session on January 10, at 4:30PM.

PRAYERFUL GRATITUDE

We are very grateful to all catechists and substitute catechists who have ministered to the youth of St. Stephen Cathedral parish during the 2009 year. Let us remember in prayer all those who share our Catholic faith with youth through the ministry of the Word, VBS and school-year catechesis.

**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: Midnight to 5:00AM. Call Marti Castlen at 929-5839.

WORD OF LIFE

"Chastity includes an *apprenticeship in self-mastery* which is a training in human freedom. The alternative is clear: either man governs his passions and finds peace, or he lets himself be dominated by them and becomes unhappy." Every person knows, by experience, that chastity requires rejecting certain thoughts, words and sinful actions.

**GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree gifts are due today. Please leave store tags and sale receipts attached to the item, so that exchanges may be made when necessary. Your timely response is a great help in our getting the gifts distributed.

Please note: If your ornament suggests a gift card, please bring the card to the office or put it in the collection basket. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEES

Many thanks to the following people who have accepted nomination for a three-year term on the Parish Pastoral Council:

Wendell Booth, LaWanna Brand, Sandra Carden, Randy Clemons, Jeff Ebelhar, Richard Gruenewald, Laurie Hicks, Rose Ann Payne, Rita Roberson, and Margaret Windle.

We thank God for their generous hearts and we pray the blessings of the Holy Spirit on our selection process. Four names will be drawn at the Saturday evening Mass, December 19.

SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY

Sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable person is a crime in both State and Church Law. Both the State and Church want to help anyone who has been or is being abused. Contact the State authorities and, if the abuse is perpetrated by anyone acting in the name of the Church, phone the Bishop and/or the Review Board at 270-683-1545 to make a report. The Diocesan Policy on sexual abuse is available in the Parish Office and in the book rack in church or from the Catholic Pastoral Center.



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



ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

To date, the following Penance Services have been scheduled.

- Dec. 13: St. Martin (*Rome*): 4:00PM
- Dec. 13: St. Mary Magdalene (*Sorgho*): 6:30PM
- Dec. 14: Immaculate Parish (*Owensboro*): 6:00PM
- Dec. 15: Precious Blood (*Owensboro*): 7:00PM
- Dec. 16: St. Peter (*Stanley*): 6:30PM
- Dec. 17: St. Stephen Cathedral (*Owensboro*): 6:30PM
- Dec. 20: St. Alphonsus (*St. Joseph*): 2:00PM

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY HAM SALE

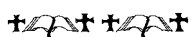
Brescia's Alumni Association is taking orders for Kentucky Legend boneless smoked hams. These 7-8 pound hams are \$40 for a whole ham and \$25 for a half ham. There is a \$5 fee for slicing. Hams must be reserved by December 14. They will be smoked the morning of December 19 and can be picked up between 11:00AM-1:00PM at the Brescia University Campus Center. Contact Josh Clary at 686-2111 or josh.clary@brescia.edu. All proceeds benefit the Brescia University Alumni Association.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

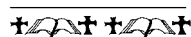
The special collection this weekend benefits elderly women and men religious. The average sister, brother, or order priest remains in active ministry until age 74. Today, 37,870 religious are past age 70 and need our help with the current high costs of living and health care. The Diocese of Owensboro contributed \$32,382.74 to this fund last year. Visit: www.retiredreligious.org.

ST. BENEDICT HOMELESS SHELTER

St. Benedict Inn is still in need of volunteers to serve our homeless brothers and sisters for this winter season. Many people volunteer to cook, serve, and clean. The greater need now is for "companions," those who stay for a four-hour shift with another person and stay awake. This ministry is very rewarding, knowing that you are vigilant for Christ's poor ones, a great ADVENT activity for anyone over 18 years. If you are able to serve in this way, please contact Kim Jagoe at 684-7719. Kim will train you at a time of your convenience and schedule you with a veteran companion for the first few times. Also, if you plan to give an alternative Christmas gift, please consider a donation to St. Benedict's made payable to: Diocese of Owensboro. Mail to Sister Suzanne Sims, 514 St. Ann Street, Owensboro, KY 42303. Your monetary charity is also important.



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of God
is at work
in you



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THE WORD OF GOD

Since the Church is the mystery of the Body of Christ, the Word of God is the proclamation of who she is, the grace of her conversion, the mandate of her mission, the source of her prophecy and the reason for her hope.

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!*"

PRINCIPAL POSITION OPEN

Christ the King School, located in Madisonville, KY is seeking a Principal. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic, have Master's Degree, have Principal's Certification, or be eligible for Principal's Certification for the 2010-2011 school year, and have a minimum of four years teaching experience. Principal position open at beginning of 2010 school year. Salary and benefits based on Diocese of Owensboro guidelines. Send resume to henning825@newwavecomm.net by April 1.

OWENSBORO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BANDS

The OCS bands will play in concert Monday, December 14, at 7:00PM at Blessed Mother Hall. Come, enjoy some Christmas spirit with a concert.

BULLETIN HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Due to the holidays, announcements for the December 27 bulletin must be received by 4:00PM Wednesday, December 16.

Announcements for the January 3 bulletin must be received by 4:00PM Tuesday, December 22.

SWEETHEART GALA

The Men Who Cook committee is actively seeking chefs for the third annual *Men Who Cook* event on February 13, at 7:00PM in the Hines Center. Any man who can prepare a dish may sign up. Government officials, media personalities and business leaders are encouraged to get involved, as well as any guy who possesses a touch of culinary skill. All *Men Who Cook* proceeds benefit the mission work of the Glenmary Sisters who serve the poorest of Americans living in the rural south and Appalachia. Visit glenmarysisters.org or call 686-8401. Tickets are \$20 per person; \$35 per couple.

EPIPHANY DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Like the Wise Men, each of us seeks the Spiritual North Star and looks for signs from God to help us know His Will and our path. In this "Year for Priests," the Office of Vocations invites young men of the Diocese of Owensboro, ages 17-30, to participate in a discernment retreat at Saint Meinrad Seminary during Epiphany Weekend of January 1-3. The retreat, led by seminarians and priests, will provide an opportunity for young men interested in the priesthood and in being formed as men in Christ to experience seminary life first-hand, and to explore the who, what, where, when, and why of a vocation to the Roman Catholic Priesthood. Please register by December 29. For a brochure and/or to registration contact the Office of Vocations at 270-683-1545, or email Father Andy Garner at fr.andy.garner@pastoral.org, or email Tami Schneider at tami.schneider@pastoral.org.

