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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 JANUARY 23 - 24, 2010 †
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

5:00PM MASS

Altar Servers..... *Aaron Alvey, Paige Hicks*
Lectors..... *Leah McCarty, Ruth Ann Carrico*
Min. Brd..... *Laurie Hicks, Martha House, Helen Miles*
Min. Cup *Rebecca Wathen, Sr. Monica Seaton, Larry Lyon, Gene Lyon*
Min. Hosp..... *Jess Mattingly, Pete Mattingly, Chris Carrico,*
Paul Murphy, Rachel Mattingly, Brad Farmer
Voc. Min..... *David and Jill Head*

7:00AM MASS

Altar Server..... *John Kirby*
Lectors..... *Rita Roberson, Peggy Howard*
Min. Brd..... *Glenn E. Thompson*
Min. Cup..... *Art Hodde, Lorraine McFarland*
Min. Hosp..... *Frank Hayden, Skippy Hayden, Dennis Weafer,*
Norman Froehlich, Charles Winstead, LaWanna Brand
Voc. Min..... *Frank and Skippy Hayden*

9:00AM MASS

Children Lit..... *Maria Toth, Jessica Toth*
Altar Servers..... *Lucy Wright, Mary Keyton Clemens*
Lectors..... *John Wright, Kathy Wright*
Min. Brd..... *Kim Lewis, Pat or Suzanne Padgett, John McNulty*
Min. Cup..... *Dick Booth, Faye Booth, Jill Leigh, Mary Helen Nash*
Min. Hosp..... *John Kurz, Danny Payne, Mark Osborne, Wren Osborne,*
Frank Wathen, Debbie Wathen
Voc. Min..... *Mike and Lisa Sullivan Family*

11:00AM MASS

Altar Servers..... *Kayla Windle, Morgan Goetz*
Lectors..... *Margaret Windle, Mary Ford*
Min. Brd..... *Joan Perry, Doug Wathen, Susan Higdon*
Min. Cup..... *Peggy Clark, Lois Rutigliano, Cecilia Yates, Volunteer*
Min. Hosp.. *Gene Higdon, Bradley Fulks, Fran Rickard, Ryan Rickard,*
Bruce Galloway, Brian Behnke
Voc. Min..... *Mike and Julie Crowe Family*

† PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE †

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your prayers for all us priests last week during our Convocation. It is always a good week and we are grateful for the opportunity to have those days together. We were happy to have Bishop McRaith with us for the week, as well as Bishop-elect Medley for a day. We look forward to his ordination and the gift of his pastoral leadership. Almost all the priests of the diocese were at the convocation. We only get together two or three times a year, so it was a special occasion. We are blessed to have such a great presbyterate. Over ten percent of our active priests are from other countries. I am well aware that often there are difficulties with their accents (or difficulties with our hearing) but these priests bring a variety of gifts to our local church. Of course, we could benefit by an increased number of "homegrown" priests. When was the last time you invited a young man or woman to consider priesthood or religious life?

Friday of this week is the sad anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme tragic Supreme Court decision in 1973 that opened the door to increased numbers of abortions in our country. Certainly there are many other pro-life issues (capital punishment, poverty, homelessness, war etc.) that merit our concern and attention, but none is as fundamental as the right to life. If this basic right is not defended, no other rights will be respected or protected. We will host the annual Pro-Life Mass here on Friday. I hope that many of you will be able to join the diocesan family as we gather around the altar to pray for greater reverence and respect for human life and for an end to abortion. I remind you that our bishops have named January 22nd as a day of prayer and fasting for Catholics in the United States.

Monday is the national holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I will be participating in the community activities that are scheduled for this day. The annual march will begin at Apollo High School and end at Kentucky Wesleyan College. An excellent program will be held at Wesleyan at 10:30AM. Our country has made great progress in the area of civil rights since the time of Dr. King's murder, but we still have a long way to go. In our heart of hearts, we know that we can grow in our reverence and respect for our brothers and sisters, and especially for those who differ from us in color or ethnicity.

I hope you are making plans to participate in the ordination/installation of Bishop Medley on February 10th at 2:00PM at the Sportscenter. You will not be disappointed.

Love, Fr. John



Mass Intentions for the week

	7:00AM	12:05PM
Mon	Eddie Hatfield	Mary Fulkerson
Tue	Mary Boehman	T. J. Bartlett
Wed	Betty Bittel Payne	Agnes Lockett
Thurs	Bob Brown	David Payne
Fri	Special Intention	RIGHT TO LIFE
Sat	John Monroe	Mary Jane Yates

Sunday, January 24

Sat 5:00PM	Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Kurre
Sun 7:00AM	People of the Parish
9:00AM	Harold Ward
11:00AM	Jerome Simon Family, L/D



EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

“Jesus was present at Cana in Galilee with the newly-married couple. He had accepted their wedding invitation. He was with them. He was for them.

“*The Eucharist* is the Sacrament in which *Jesus Christ* is with us today in a very special way. He is in our midst, offering in an unbloody manner the same Sacrifice that he offered on the altar of the Cross, giving his life for the salvation of the world. In this most holy Sacrament Christ is *with us* to the end of time, *and he is for us*.

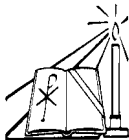
“According to Saint John, the first miracle of the public messianic activity of Jesus took place at Cana in Galilee. And in his presence there we can see a distinctive *Eucharistic aspect*. In a certain way Christ’s presence at the feast of Cana prefigures the Eucharistic Supper.

“Reflecting on the marriage feast at Cana in Galilee, all husbands and wives and every family can fully realize that *Jesus Christ, Jesus in the Eucharist, is with them, among them and for them*. Jesus is present *through his apostolic Church* just as at Cana he was present with the Apostles. He is present in a special way *through the mediation of Mary, Mother of Christ*.”

John Paul II, “Homily,” August 17, 1985
Courtesy of V.I.S. - Vatican Information Service

A VOCATION VISTA

At Cana, Jesus does not only recognize the dignity and role of the feminine genius, but by welcoming his Mother’s intervention, he gives her the opportunity to participate in his messianic work. At Cana, Mary begins the Church’s journey of faith, preceding the disciples and directing the servants’ attention to Christ. Her persevering intercession likewise encourages those who at times face the experience of “God’s silence.” They are asked to hope beyond all hope, always trusting in the Lord’s goodness.



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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, January 17—SECOND SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM PSS II

Opportunities for Life Collection

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

Faith Formation, Undercroft, 10:10AM

Sunday Sharing, Undercroft, 10:15AM

St. Monica Solidarity, BSC, 11:30AM

Mass in Spanish, SS Joseph & Paul, Noon

SPACE, Undercroft, 2:30PM

Recitation of the Rosary, Church, 3:45PM

MONDAY, January 18—Weekday, Ordinary Time

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

Church Unity Octave Begins

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, January 19—Weekday, Ordinary Time

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday Scripture Sharing, Office, 10:30AM

WEDNESDAY, January 20—St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr;

St. Sebastian, Martyr

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

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

Choir (Adult), Church, 6:00PM

RCIA Team, Office, 6:00PM

THURSDAY, January 21—St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Parish Council, Undercroft, 6:00PM

Sunday Scripture Sharing, Media Ctr, 7:00PM

FRIDAY, January 22—St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS, CHURCH, 12:05PM

SATURDAY, January 23—Blessed Mother on Saturday

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Prayer Group, Office, 8:30AM

Confessions, Church, 9:00—11:00AM

First Reconciliation Prayer Day, Undercroft, 9:00AM

Evening Mass for Sunday, Church, 5:00PM

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SUNDAY, January 24—THIRD SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

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

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

Faith Formation, Undercroft, 10:10AM

Sunday Sharing, Undercroft, 10:15AM

Mass in Spanish, SS Joseph & Paul, Noon

Recitation of the Rosary, Church, 3:45PM

Confirmation Class, Undercroft, 4:30PM



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
Living and Giving Gratefully

This Week's Stewardship Moment

At the wedding in Cana, Jesus turned what would have been an embarrassing situation for the bride and groom into a glorious event. The servants trusted Jesus and did as He told them. Through our Lord, a miracle took place — transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary! Good stewards know that when they trust in God and step out of their comfort zones, their ordinary gifts can be transformed for extraordinary purposes.

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 \$15,784.88 in the Sunday Offertory for the Weekend of January 9 and 10, which included \$90.25 from "Kids Care." Our parish received an additional \$2,927.05 in Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) on January 5 and 8.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (7/1/09 – 1/10/10)

Goal for Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$447,000.00
Amount Donated:	\$467,953.65
Amount Over Needed Goal:	\$ 20,953.65

Thanks for Living and Giving Gratefully!

"Kids Care" Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 1,565.25
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Some of the Gifts from the Other Half
of our Stewardship

Diocesan/Other Collections	Jan. 9-10	Total
"St. Stephen Cathedral Restoration & Renewal"	\$10,495.95	\$946,063.53
Maintenance & Repairs Fund	\$ 135.00	\$ 5,581.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 650.50	\$ 7,127.91

Please Pray For All The Sick

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

- Names in bold print are those currently in the hospital.
- Please let us know when a name may be removed.

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, Hugh Riney. **Fern Terra**-Janie Jackson, Lorraine Payne. **Owensboro Place**-Charles B. Payne, Mary Bopp. **Hillcrest**-Susan Ward, Jim O'Bryan, Albert Bellew. **Wellington Parc**-Mary Guinn, Marie Richardson, Betty Crowder. **Heritage Park**-Marie Simmons. **Bishop Soenneker**-Aloysius Williams, Cecil Barnett, Robert Danhauer, Nancy Brey, Freddie Payne. **Bon Harbor**-Betty Wimsatt, Dorothy Lanham. **Rosedale**-Ursula Coogan; **Hermitage**-Rose T. Cecil, Bobby Ford.

THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS



The priest ought to sow the seed with enthusiasm, joy, hope, but, above all, he ought to be convinced of what he believes and preaches. The Christian faith has as its foundation a God who is personal and is a family, a communion. This personal and communitarian faith must live as a radical choice for Christ, for his message, for his work, and for its subsequent handing on to others.

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THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

“The fact that we find Jesus of Nazareth with the newly-wed couple at *Cana in Galilee* right at the beginning of his messianic activity speaks most eloquently. It is like a prophetic declaration that henceforth he wishes to be with all couples who through their married vows become ministers of the Sacrament of their life together. He is *present with them through his grace*. This grace is the saving power of God, his gift, which makes human life - and in this case married life - worthy of man, worthy of the children of God.

“Very significant also is the actual miracle performed at *Cana*, the *first sign* of the messianic Kingdom. Jesus changes water into wine. In so doing *he transforms and ennobles the drink* which will be offered to the wedding guests. What is even more eloquent is this: the truth of the Gospel and the grace of the Sacrament of Marriage *transform and ennoble all married life* if the couple follow this truth faithfully, if they collaborate with this grace!”

John Paul II, "Homily," August 17, 1985
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PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for those who have recently died, especially, *Grady Mitchell*, uncle of *Pat Taylor*; *Daniel Dawson*, husband of *Mary Dawson*, and father of *Mary Ellen Fulks*; and *Nancy Brey*.



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:	1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22,27-28 Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1b,2,9-10 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-13 Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7 Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 Ps 19:8-10,15 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISH MEMBERS

- 1/17: Clayton Carden, Donald Millay, Stephanie Payne, Virginia Roberts
- 1/18: Sam Van Bussum
- 1/19: Dorothy Pearl, Nick Searcy
- 1/20: Bill Danhauer, Rita Heinz, Haley Mahoney, Tyler Moore, Jason Seaton, David Young
- 1/21: Albert Bellew, Margaret Bonner, Ann Bresler, Bailey Padgett, Daniel Richeson, Elaine Richeson, Samantha Taylor, Vincent Wink
- 1/22: Jeff Barlett, Joe Connor, Sr. Alicia Coomes, Ben Fullenwider, Abbey Kyle, Jordyn Moseley, Brad Potts, Margaret Whittinghill
- 1/23: Stacy Castlen, Margie Ebelhar, Matt Johnson, Phil Roach.



PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION, EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our young people who have been preparing for Sacraments. You will find a name in a small box at the entrances of the church. We invite you to take one, pray for the person from now until the reception of the Sacrament(s).

RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

On Saturday, January 23, children preparing for Reconciliation and their parents will meet in the Undercroft at 9:30AM for final readiness for the Sacrament.

RCIA AND INQUIRY MEETINGS

R.C.I.A. continues to gather on Wednesday evenings in the Media Center at 6:00PM. We are early in the Inquiry period, so if anyone is interested in understanding the Catholic faith, now is the time to join the group. Please contact Sr. Therese Francis at 852-8424.

ST. STEPHEN CATHEDRAL AWARDS "PARADE"

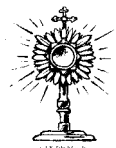
Congratulations to Emily Bouchard as she is recognized as a 2010 Distinguished Scholar at Bellarmine University on January 24.



MEETING DATE/TIMECHANGE

The weekly Scripture Share and Study group that has been meeting on Thursdays 10:30AM has been changed. We will now meet on Tuesdays at the same time. All are invited to join us to explore the following Sunday readings.

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



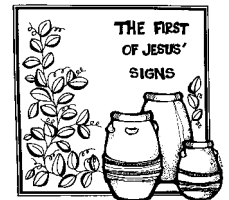
In giving life, parents cooperate with the creative power of God and receive the gift of a new responsibility — not only to feed their children and satisfy their material and cultural needs, but above all to pass on to them the lived truth of the faith and to educate them in love of God and neighbor. This is the parents' first duty in the heart of the "domestic church."

OLD PALM COLLECTION



Lent will soon be upon us; Ash Wednesday will be February 17. The ashes with which we are marked are created by burning palm branches received the previous year. It is time to turn in your old palm; baskets for that collection will be available near all the church's entrances. Thanks for remembering to return your 2009 palm branches that they may become the ashes for our 2010 Lenten season.

THE WEDDING FEAST OF CANA SECOND LUMINOUS MYSTERY



"At the beginning of the account the Evangelist tells us that 'the Mother of Jesus was there' (Jn 2:1), and, as if to suggest that her presence was the reason for the couple's invitation to Jesus and his disciples (cf. *Redemptoris Mater*, n. 21), he adds 'Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples' (Jn 2:2). With these remarks, John seems to indicate that at Cana, as in the fundamental event of the Incarnation, it is Mary who introduces the Savior.

They have no wine

"The meaning and role of the Blessed Virgin's presence become evident when the wine runs out. Turning to Jesus with the words: 'they have no wine' (Jn 2:3), Mary expresses her concern to him about this situation, expecting him to solve it. More precisely, according to some exegetes, his Mother is expecting an extraordinary sign, since Jesus had no wine at his disposal.

"The choice made by Mary, who could perhaps have obtained the necessary wine elsewhere, shows the courage of her faith, since until that moment Jesus had worked no miracles, either in Nazareth or in his public life.

Do whatever he tells you

"Mary's request: 'Do whatever he tells you,' keeps its ever timely value for Christians of every age and is destined to renew its marvelous effect in everyone's life. It is an exhortation to trust without hesitation, especially when one does not understand the meaning or benefit of what Christ asks. The episode of the wedding at Cana urges us to be courageous in faith and to experience in our lives the truth of the Gospel words: 'Ask, and it will be given you' (Mt 7:7; Lk 11:9)."

*John Paul II, General Audience, February 26, 1997
Courtesy of V.I.S. - Vatican Information Service*



ANNUAL DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS

All are invited to the annual Diocesan Pro-Life Mass on Friday, January 22, at 12:05PM at St. Stephen Cathedral. This is the thirty-seventh anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion in our country. Since that time over 40 million children have lost their lives. Come, express your belief in the sanctity of life at all stages.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFE

This weekend there is the annual collection for the Opportunities for Life (OFL). Hotline and prayer volunteers for OFL are needed. OFL hotline volunteers offer hope and resources to callers who find the courage to seek help while facing a crisis in their lives. For information on OFL volunteer training program, please call 1-888-469-3638.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADOPTIONS

Catholic Charities Adoptions has openings for couples interested in adopting. An adoptive parent training is scheduled in Owensboro on January 22-23. Contact Rita Heinz at Catholic Charities: 270-852-8328 or 1-877-803-5064.

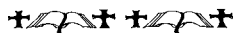
PRINCIPAL POSITION OPEN

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. Send resume to henning825@newwavecomm.net by April 1.

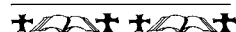
DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE JOB OPENING

Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish has a full-time opening for Director of Maintenance. At least five years of experience in maintenance/contracting is required. Please mail, email or personally deliver your resume and at least four letters of recommendation (none from family members or personal friends) to Alan Sims, Stewardship Minister, Sts. Joseph and Paul Catholic Church, 609 East Fourth Street, Owensboro, KY 42303. Deadline to submit resumes is January 27.

THE WORD OF GOD



The word of God is at work in you



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Listening to the Word of God, then, must always take into consideration its ecumenical dimension. With notable satisfaction, the Bible is seen today to be the major point of encounter in prayer and dialogue

among Churches and ecclesial communities. In the spirit of the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, these groups collaborate on ecumenical translations in spreading the Sacred Texts.

Coming Soon

- January 18-25..... Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- January 22..... Diocesan Pro-Life Mass
- January 31-February 6..... Catholic Schools Week

OCS GRANDPARENTS DAY

Owensboro Catholic Schools Elementary K-3 Campus will celebrate Grandparents Day on Tuesday, February 2, 12:30-1:30PM. There will be a short program at 12:30PM with each class singing a special song for grandparents followed by refreshments and an Open House in the classrooms. All Grandparents are invited!

WIN A HOME: SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic Education Partners are giving away a beautiful three-bedroom, two-bath, two-car-garage home on Saturday, April 10 at 10:00AM. The home, located at 2006 Meadow Grass Creek Drive, is in the Greens of the Heartlands. Tickets for the home raffle are \$100. To purchase, visit OCS Central Office, Saints Joseph and Paul Parish Office, Jagoe Homes and Model Homes, Independence Bank (Owensboro locations), and WBKR; call 683-5641, or visit www.newhomeraffle.info.

TEC FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Attention High School Juniors and Seniors: a Teens Encounter Christ weekend will be held at St Charles Parish in Bardwell, KY, February 13-15. TEC weekends are a great time to get away from the hustle and bustle, and to have some time for faith, food, fun and friendship in Christ. The schedule begins Saturday morning and ends Monday afternoon. The deadline is Friday, January 29. Reunion: 4:30PM. Visit wkytec.org.

NEW STUDENT AND PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Owensboro Catholic High School's New Student Parent Information Night will be held at 7:00PM, Wednesday, January 20, in Soenneker Hall at the school. Parents of next year's incoming freshmen and other interested students are invited and encouraged to attend. Class registration for all incoming freshmen will then take place at Catholic High on Wednesday, January 27, in the cafeteria and small gym at 7:00PM. For more information, contact Mr. Kurt Osborne, OCHS Assistant Principal, at 684-3215.

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.

