

PASTOR'S CORNER

I. EPIPHANY CONCERT & INTERNATIONAL

POTLUCK: Holy Spirit music ministry will treat us to a concert of Christmas music at 4:00 p.m. in church (about 45 minutes), followed by an Epiphany Party in our Parish Hall. Epiphany is a great day to celebrate our diversity; we are indeed a nation formed from many nationalities. What a gift this has been and continues to be for our country and parish. Think how stagnant our lives become without diversity. We invite you to bring a dish from your "country of origin", along with a friend to join us for a multi-cultural celebration. If you can lend a hand, call our coordinators, Nellie & George Cornett, 793-0826.

II. ENGAGED COUPLES: So many couples become engaged over the Christmas season. Congratulations! Just a reminder to get in touch with a priest as soon as the engagement takes place. Be aware of the six month preparation period (longer in many dioceses) in the Owensboro Diocese. The best advice is get in touch with a priest as soon as you become engaged. Spread the word. www.marriagepreparation.com.

III. RETROUVAILLE: Marriage is about beautiful weddings, romance, love, and candlelight anniversary dinners; but marriage is also about dirty laundry, confrontations, balancing budgets and "hanging-in-there" with in-laws, little ones, and teens. Retrouvaille is a program designed to provide help and support to married couples that are undergoing difficulties in their relationship—for those who are hurting in brokenness and loneliness. The Retrouvaille Program has also proven helpful to couples that are separated or divorced and want to take "a last" look at the marriage Covenant once entered into (freely) between each spouse and God! Retrouvaille is a two and a half (2 ½) months program of the Catholic Church, but is open to couples (man & woman) of all faiths. The next program begins with the weekend of January 20-22, 2006. For more information, call (270) 683-1545 or email dpretrowens@aol.com and/or go to www.retrouvaille.org. All inquiries are kept strictly CONFIDENTIAL!!

IV. ANITA IS RETIRING: After 16 years in ministry at HS parish, Anita Willoughby is retiring in June. I am grateful to Anita for her commitment and service rendered to the People of God here. More later. The following parishioners are serving on a Pastoral Associate Search Committee: Lou Anderson, Carolyn Basehart, Ginny French, Linda Gensler, Steve Kovar, Gerry Otto, and Sherry Vincent. I want parishioners to be aware of the following ad, and I ask you to be praying that we find the right person for this most important position. Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastoral Associate: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, a vibrant growing community of 950 families in South Central Kentucky, is seeking a faith-filled, energetic, collaborative professional rooted in the spirit of Vatican II Theology to serve in a full-time capacity as Pastoral Associate. Pastoral responsibilities include: direct and coordinate Adult Faith

Formation Ministries, oversee the Christian Initiation process and serve as resource provider for Small Faith Groups. Required qualifications include: Master's Degree in Theology or Religious Studies or equivalent; prior experience preferred. Salary/benefits are commensurate with education, experience, and Diocesan guidelines. A detailed job description is available on-line at www.holyspiritcatholic.org. Application deadline: March 1,

2006. Position available July 1, 2006. Send resume Search Committee, c/o Kim Miller, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2232 Smallhouse Road, Bowling Green, KY 42104 or Kim@holyspiritcatholic.org.

VI. PRIESTS' CONVOCATION: one of the continuing education events which Bishop John McRaith makes mandatory for all priests of the Owensboro Diocese is the annual convocation at Lake Barkley, January 9-12. I trust you will be praying for me and for all our priests. You are invited to a Liturgy of the Word, with Communion Service on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday. Pray for me and all priests. Pray for a more generous response to priesthood and religious life, as well as professional lay ministers.

Peace & Joy Father Jerry

**Question of the Week
Solemnity of the Epiphany**

Isaiah 60:1-6 *The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 *The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

Matthew 2:1-12 *We have come from the East to worship the king.*

QUESTION FOR ADULTS: How do these readings shed light on "the Epiphany of the Lord"?

QUESTION FOR CHILDREN: Who are some of the people and what are some of the signs that help you know God?



MUSIC

**ALL ARE INVITED!
EPIPHANY CONCERT by Holy Spirit's
Music Ministry:** Sunday, January 8th at 4

p.m. in the church. The Christmas celebration continues on Epiphany Sunday, as the Adult, Youth and Children's choirs, soloists, ensembles and instrumentalists share the very best of our Christmas musical offerings. The parish International Potluck feast follows the concert.

NEW WOMEN'S CHOIR – Holy Spirit is presently forming a brand new women's choir. First rehearsal/get acquainted and planning strategy session on Sunday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m. ALL WOMEN WELCOME!!

"FIRE BY NIGHT" TEEN CHOIR – Monday, January 16th @ 6:30 p.m. in preparation for the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday, January 22nd. For more information, contact the Director, Sarah Isom (991-3759).

"JOYFUL NOISE SINGERS" CHILDRENS' CHOIR – Wednesday, January 11th and 25th @ 5:00 p.m. in preparation for the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, January 29th. For more information, contact the Director, Stephanie Browning 782-3735.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY SPIRIT

SUNDAY **January 8**
 7:30 a. m.....Rosary before Mass
 3:00 p.m..... Music Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m..... Koinonia #12 Team Formation (Community Room)
 5:00 p.m..... International Potluck (Parish Hall)

MONDAY **January 9**
 8:30 a.m..... Legion of Mary (Community Rm.)
 10:30 a.m..... Sunday Scriptures (Community Rm.)
 4:00 p.m..... "Sisters"
 6:15 p.m..... Liturgy Core (Community Rm.)
 6:30 p.m..... Bible Study (Upper Rm.)
 7:00 p.m..... AA (Rm. A/B)
 7:00 p.m..... St. Vincent de Paul (Rm. D)

TUESDAY..... **January 10**
 6:00 p.m..... Girl Scout Ceremony (Parish Hall)
 5:00 p.m..... Girl Scout Troop 753 (Rm. D)
 7:00 p.m..... Divorce Care (Community Rm.)

WEDNESDAY **January 11**
 9:00 a.m..... Mom's Scripture (Rm. D)
 10:30 a.m..... Church History (Rm D)
 11:00 a.m..... Over 50 (Parish Hall)
 12:05 p.m..... Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 6:00 p.m..... Grades 7/8 (Parish Hall)
 6:00 p.m..... Grades 1-6 (Rm. A/B)

THURSDAY **January 12**
 8:00 a.m..... Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 6:30 p.m..... Inquiry (Rm. A/B)

FRIDAY **January 13**
 7:00 p.m..... AA (Rm. A/B)
 7:00 p.m..... Alanon (Rm. D)

SATURDAY **January 14**
 11:30 a.m..... Friendship Group (Rm. A/B)

SUNDAY **January 15**
 7:30 a.m..... Rosary before Mass
 6:30 p.m..... Parish Choir
 6:45 p.m..... Jr. High Catechesis (Parish Hall)

LITURGY

Special thanks to Carlene Suhling for the gift of a gold incensure (without bells), and to Jim and Carla Hughes for two new candlelighters for our altar servers. Your gifts are much appreciated.

PASTORAL CARE

HOLY SPIRIT HOME VISTIORS-Several Homebound parishioners would appreciate visitors, several caregivers could use some respite. Could you give an hour or two each week? Call Anita 842-7777 x105.

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Wednesdays 6:00-7:15

Reminders: any First Sacraments candidates who have not completed their book review/interview need to call the Children's Ministries Office by Tuesday (1/10) – First Reconciliation is Sun, 1/22 and you must have completed all requirements in order to participate in this special day. Book reviews/interviews must be completed this week (don't forget your letter of request!).



JUNIOR HIGH CATECHESIS

(Grade 7&8)

Wednesdays 6:00-7:15

Sundays 6:45-8:00

HIGH SCHOOL CATECHESIS (Grade 9-12)

Sundays 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

NET (National Evangelization Team) is coming! Junior High retreat is Wednesday Jan.18th 6-9p.m. High School Retreat is Friday January 20th 5-10 p.m.

ADULT CATECHESIS & SPIRITUALITY

COME HOME TO THE CHURCH-THIS NEW YEAR...Re-Membering Church, a process where Welcome, friendship and support is offered to those seeking answers, reconciliation and healing is offered to persons seeking to return to the Catholic way of life and the sacraments. Individual and Group sessions will be offered in January. Call the parish office 842-7777 ext 105 or Tracy Lara 535-2585

2006 KOINANIA RETREAT will be held February 24th through the 26th. Please mark you calendar and plan to attend! All parishioners who have not participated in a previous Koinania Retreat are invited to participate. Brochures with applications on them can be found in the back of Church. The cost is \$25 which includes all your meals! There are some scholarships available and some parishioners are willing to help with child care - so don't let anything stop you from enjoying a spirit fill weekend. For questions and information, contact Jim Dickens (782-6711) Fr. Jerry or anyone listed in the brochure.

NEW SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS STARTING FOR LENT...interested in being a facilitator, group leader of host? Call Anita 842-7777 extension 105.

FAMILY LIFE

PARISH NURSING COMMITTEE is offering an American Red Cross First Aid Certification class presented by Kerry Hargis, parishioner, on January 19th at 6 pm. There is a \$25 registration Fee. Please contact Nancy Stevenson 780-9809 to register or for more information.

PRAYER FOR HEALING: The Parish Nurses will be available after all masses on Jan. 14th & Jan. 15th to pray with individuals for healing needs for themselves or for family or friends. Please meet in the front corner of church, near the St. Joseph statue. For more info call Judy Dobernic at 781-4805 or Jan Mott at 796-8523.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY is coming back to Holy Spirit! Information session will be held January 23 at 6:30 pm. Want to get out of debt? And have a plan for saving and spending? FPU is for you! Thirteen week program starting 2/13. Contact Todd Conway 1-563-2766.

"CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE," which was originally scheduled for Friday January 27th, has been canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date this year.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

COME AND SEE Thinking about becoming Catholic? Inquiry sessions will resume January 12, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:30 pm for those seeking to learn more about what Catholic believe...about Mary, Saints, Sacraments, etc. Call parish office for more information and/or a pastoral visit.



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph Cookbooks are available @ the school office. Cost \$12.00

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

CWO NEWS – January 17th is Bunco Fun Night! Com! Bring a friend! Call if anyone needs transportation to and from church, please call one week prior to the event. Evelyn Lucas 563-9177, Shirley Jakel 842-3069 or Sylvia Weis 783-0858.

OVER 55 will meet after noon mass on Wed., Jan 11th. Bring a friend and enjoy bean soup, cornbread, and a trip to Egypt (by dvd).

TORCH

Storm damage clean-up & repair is underway at Parkside. Stewart Richey is repairing all of the barns and fences with the exception of the large pole barn (where food was served at last spring's Pentecost Picnic). That pole barn is scheduled to be removed as part of our long range new church development plan. If anyone is interested in salvaging the large trusses, poles, metal siding and roofing materials, in addition to cleaning up the site, please contact Aimee at ext. 102.

The Parkside executive home is still vacant. The rental price has been reduced. This is a well-maintained, large home on 2.5 floors, with a swimming pool. If you, or someone you know is interested, contact Aimee.

NEWS FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK 2006 will be observed from January 8-14. The theme for the 25th anniversary observance is *Journey to Justice* and will focus on the national *Justice for Immigrants: Together on the Journey to Hope* campaign. Info available at www.usccb.org/mrs/nmw/parish.shtml and www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

TRIP TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, MEXICO: Fr. Tony Bickett will be the spiritual director to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Feb. 7-14, 2006. The trip, which includes air fare from either Louisville or St. Louis, is \$1,610.00. For details call Golden Frontier at (618) 234-1445 or Fr. Tony at 756-2356. For this price reservations need to be made as soon as possible.

PARENTS AS AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST- Sat. January 28, 8 a.m -4 p.m at Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Retrouvaille of Owensboro is sponsoring this day-long retreat, cost (including lunch) \$24 per couple or \$12 per person. During the day long retreat there will be three conferences: *The Reality and Necessity of Parental Ambassadorship*, *The Family and the Home: Parent Ambassadors "In Residence"* and *The Relationship Between Parents and Children: Fostering Family Prayer and A "Living Faith" Within the Home*. Contact Nidia Riley 782-5122 or Pam Lipp 793-0003 if you should have any further questions.

Adoption Services: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro has expanded its mission to include home studies and adoption preparation for families who choose to adopt a child from a foreign country. Catholic Charities also continues to work with birthparents in the U.S. who desire to make an adoption plan for their child and to work with couples who desire to adopt a child domestically. If you are interested in adoption- either international or domestic- please contact Catholic Charities. An adoption preparation workshop will be held on Jan 13th & 14th. For more info, contact Rita Heinz at (270)683-1545, (877)803-5064, or rita.heinz@pastoral.org.

Catholics Returning Home: A workshop with Sally L. Mews will be held on Sat. Jan. 21st from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm at Blessed Mother Parish Family Center at 515 East 22nd St., Owensboro, Kentucky. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch. Send registration to: Office of Lay Ministry, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301. For info call Rita Hayden or Sr. Pat Froning at (270)683-1545.

The Annual Sanctity of Life Chicken Dinner sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 1315 will be held on Sunday, Jan. 15th at their hall. Serving time will be from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Menu includes chicken (baked or fried), mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls, & drinks. Desserts available for a nominal fee. Advance tickets are \$5/ adults and \$3/ children 3-10. Tickets at the door are \$6/ adults and \$3.50/ children 3-10. Carry outs available. For advance tickets, please call Tom Parrott at 782-6777, Knights of Columbus hall at 782-6488, or Fathers of Mercy business office at (270)542-4146. All proceeds will benefit local pro-life ministries.

Catholic Cursillo of the Owensboro Diocese has set spring dates for 2006 Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends. The weekends will be held at the Mount St. Joseph Center, in Maple Mount, Kentucky. Men's dates are Feb. 16th – 19th and Women's dates are Feb. 23rd – 26th. The weekends begin at 7:00 pm on Thursday and conclude Sunday evening. If interested, contact Charles & Teresa Krampe at (270)546-7773.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	
SUNDAY COLLECTION 01/03/06	18,774.00
YOUTH COLLECTION 01/03/06	6.50
TOTAL COLLECTIONS TO DATE	420,035.53
BUDGETED NEEDS YEAR TO DATE	500,125.32
BUDGET GAIN/ LOSS (80,089.79)	
WEEKLY COLLECTION NEEDED	21,726.74

** CAPITAL CAMPAIGN **	
Funds collected last weekend	\$ 27,362.00
Total collections thru 1/03/06	\$570,341.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK	
Saturday, January 7 4:30 pm Int of HS Parishioners	Saturday, January 14 4:30 pm Rosemary Wright
Sunday, January 8 8:00 am Gloria Glaser 9:30 am Martine Fisher 11:30 am Gregory Laselke	Sunday, January 15 8:00 am Int of HS Parishioners 9:30 am Vic Billhartz, Sr. 11:30 am Carl & Margaret Black
Monday, January 9 8:00 am Lorene Batson	Thursday, January 12 8:00 am Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday, January 11 12:05 pm Liturgy of the Word	Friday, January 13 12:05 pm Othello Hudson

"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each

member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.”

Pope John Paul II

**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY**

January 8, 2006



Kaye Biggs, Leya Carstensen, Dan & Mary Conner, Vonda & Mike Davenport, Norm Deeb, Giovanni Lynch, Rose Amy LaBron, Marie McCavic, Helen McKay, Mike Osboe, Spike Roos, Rowland Roth, Mary Lou Schmidt, Sherry Vincent, Harold West, Ann Williams

RELATIVES: Michelle Barlow (daughter of Lorraine Ged-Stevens), Allie Blanton (great-niece of Rhonda Chandler), Dewanda Brown (sister of Sharon Payne & Alan Simpson), Brooke Chaney (niece of Loraine & Hank Bormann), Dudley Dubois (Father of Charlotte Trahan), Mary Alicia Fields (relative of Brenda Fields), Margaret Frelka (Aunt of Bonnie Broenneke), Betty Goodman (mother of Rev. Rod Goodman), Wayne Hammond (father of Tim Hammond), Glen Harwood (brother of Stan Harwood), Clara James (granddaughter of Suzie Slaughter), Allean Jones (mother of Jeff Jones), Paul Jarboe (father of Janice Higdon), Barbara Kieve (sister-in-law of Nancy Stevenson), Mark Lastufka (son of Bob Lastufka), Robert Livsey (husband of Rena Livsey), G.L. Mayo (brother of Charles Mayo), Carol Medley (sister of Betty Crowe), Jennie O'Rourke (daughter of Jim & Ann Meador), John Pazlosky (father of Peggy Cahill), Miriam Shellhause (mother of Roni Crocker), Doug Williams (nephew of Leannah & Chuck Mayo)

FRIENDS: Stevie Barrett (friend of Peggy Cahill), Abby Cummings (friend of Cathy Cummings), Fred Hensley (of Wayne Orscheln), Cindy Pantrich (friend of Peggy Cahill), Margie Ridge (of Dorothy Share), Dale Robinson (of Anita Willoughby), Debbie Roddy (of Mary Lou Kirby), Martha Rohde (of Sheila Hardcastle), Rita Rudloff (of Joyce Coutier), Janie Whitley (of Bob & Lynn Austin)

MILITARY: Spc. Ehren Boarman (brother of Melissa & Brian Cambron), Sgt. Jeremy Kane Burris (friend of Winnie Cohron), Chris Calvert, KUWAIT, Barry Christopher, KIRKUT (brother of Valerie & Phillip McCoy), John Fursting, IRAQ (nephew of Marilyn Brown), Lt. Col. Bob Hayter (husband of Susan Hayter & son of Rhea & Pearl Taylor), Allen W. Kessinger, IRAQ (friend of Harold & Stephanie West), Sgt. Richard Kirzinger, IRAQ (brother-in-law of Lou Anderson), Staff Sgt. Joseph S. Miciotto, IRAQ (son of Brenda & Mike Miciotto, PV2 David Morgan, IRAQ (son of Karen Morgan), Sgt. Rebecca Polivka, IRAQ, Sgt. Frank Polivka, IRAQ, Thomas Rohaly, Kirkut (nephew of Edwina Achorn), Sgt. Steven Smith, IRAQ (brother of Mike Smith), 2nd Lt. Michael Steidl, IRAQ (Son of Chuck & Roni Steidl).

Eucharistic Ministers For January 14/15:

- 4:30 p.m.** **Hank Bormann**, Lisa Bormann, Lorraine Bormann,, Dick Gensler, Mary Hickey, Donna Matukas, Smantha Mills, Suzanne Murphy, Mary Pierce, Erica Poston, Mary Ann
- 8:00 a.m.** **Anita Willoughby**, Dale Goins, Debbie Goins, Bob Jameson, Yolanda Padilla, Joe Quintana, Sherry Vincent, Dale Goins, Debbie Goins, Don Scarbeau, Mary jane Scarbeau, Sherry Vincent, James Weis
- 9:30 a.m.** **Allen Freeland**, Rachel Keyser, Elaine Mason, Jeff Mullins, Charles Plummer, Deborah Plummer, Albert Skees, Helen Skees, Jack Thomas, Michele Thomas, Julie Waldvogel
- 11:30a.m** Valerie McCoy, Don Siebert, Heidi Brown, Brian Cambron, J.B. Hines, Joe Williams, Linda Wilt

Greeters For January 14/15:

- 4:30 p.m.** Paula Allen, Lily Hedges, Angie Sims, Steve Vincent
- 8:00 a.m.** Penny Payne, Tom Payne, James Weis, Sylvia Weis
- 9:30 a.m.** Steve Anderson, Linda Gensler, Chris Hamlet, Sean Hamlet
- 11:30 a.m.** Rosemarie Allison, Nellie Cornett, Kathie Howell, Kelly Wiseman

Lectors For January 14/15:

- 4:30 p.m.** **Mary Anne Powers**, Kristen Faust
- 8:00 a.m.** **Joe Tinius**, Mary Kovar
- 9:30 a.m.** **Brent Mason**, Tim Edelen
- 11:30 a.m.** **Carol Kunkel**

Servers For January 14/15:

- 4:30 p.m** **Shawn Finney**, Alex Embry, John Lynn
- 8:00 a.m.** **Doug Schneider**, Connor Lawrence
- 9:30 a.m.** **Clay Jernigan**, Wilson Hutchison, Jacob Malmquist
- 11:30 a.m.** **Kathryn Williams**, Alex Miller, Justin Robinson

Ushers For January 14/15:

- 4:30 p.m.** **Richard Owen**, Bob Austin, Dave Chandler, Bobby Clark, Brandon Trahan, James Wine'
- 8:00 a.m.** **Tom Parrott**, David Bernado, Victor Billhartz, Adam O'Leary, Art Sciubba, James Weis
- 9:30 a.m.** **Barry Howard**, Michael Fouts, Joy Howard, Sam Howard, John-Taylor Turley, Malcolm Turley
- 11:30 a.m.** **Raymond Wilt**, Donald Korte, Randall Lamastus, Virgil Rakers, Carl Smith, Clinton Wilt

Eucharistic Ministers of Care Jan 15: Dale Goins, Tom/Rita Parrott, Clara Dyer Verst, Belle Rush, Cindy Vincent, Yolanda Padilla, Walter/Sara Pudlo