

**ST. WILLIAM & ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCHES**  
**DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**  
**\*FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT\***

**Message from the Pastor,  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Dec. 18, 2011**

I hope you had a good week! Today's readings tell us that Jesus brings victory over sin and death to those who believe in Him. God promised David a dynasty that would stand firm forever. This promise was a source of hope for the Jewish people. They anticipated a time when a great leader would arise and defeat Israel's enemies. Jesus came from the House of David; His reign has endured; and the enemies—including sin and death—have been defeated for all who believe.

- St. Mary of the Woods Penance Service, Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2p.m
- Don't forget St. William Penance Service Monday evening at 6:00 p.m
- Sts. Joseph & Paul, Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 p.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Christ's gift to us. The root of all sin is pride; its antidote is humility. Confessing one's sins to God's appointed representative is thoroughly biblical, and calls for tremendous humility. The priest does not act on his own. He acts in the name of God and on behalf of His Church, administering God's forgiveness (absolution). The sacrament of Confession wipes away our sins, increases sanctifying grace, and reunites us with Christ and His Church. Let us never take this wonderful gift for granted as we prepare a place for the Christ Child

to come and lay his head within ourselves.

Have a great week!

In His Peace... Fr. Pat

(Anyone wishing to help decorate for Christmas at St. Williams...we will start by 8:30 on Friday morning Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.)

+ **Christmas Masses.**

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 & 8:00 p.m.**

**St. William**

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. St. Lawrence  
6:30 & 10:00 at St. William**

**If you come to the 4:00 mass on Christmas Eve, please sit close together so that we might seat everyone for Mass...Thank You**

**+Last Time For Confessions  
Before Christmas...Friday Dec.  
23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Fr. Pat will be at St. William Friday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>., 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This will give ample opportunity for confessions for college students and anyone else wishing to receive the Sacrament before Christmas. There will be no confessions on Saturday Christmas Eve.

**+Second Quarter Collection for the Capital Campaign for the Diocese will take place Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, following Communion. You might recall you received your green envelopes in the mail back in September. All checks made out to "Diocese of Owensboro".**

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tues. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 pm (BSH) **No Mass**  
 Wed. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: 8:30 am (SW) **No Mass**  
 Thur. Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>: 6:00 pm (SL) **Raymond & Nora Wimsatt**  
 Fri. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>: 8:00 am (BSH) **Larry Cecil**  
 Sat. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 pm (SW) Raymond L. Payne  
 Sat. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 pm (SW) Wm. Leslie Carrico  
 Sun. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 am (SW) Gary Lanham  
 Sun. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 am (SL) Parishioners SL & SW  
 Sun. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 am (SW) Conen A. Payne



### WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!!

If you have recently moved into the area, or would like to be a member of St. William or St. Lawrence Parish, please contact the office at the above number.

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 Kentucky Highway 144, Philpot, KY 42366  
**For Emergencies: Pastor's Cell home: 270-570-4482**  
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**Maintenance: Jeff Edge**

**CONFESSIONS:** Anytime upon request. Confessions will be held at St. William 3:00 p.m. Saturdays

**ST. WILLIAM/ST LAWRENCE MISSION STATEMENT**  
 "We come together as members of St. William and St. Lawrence parishes. Two parishes, with separate identities working together for a common purpose - - to grow in Grace and Love of the Lord Jesus through our Faith and in service to the people of God."

**STEWARDSHIP: "Our Return to the Lord":** In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from God, last weekend we chose to return a portion to the Lord: **Contributions Last Week:**

<b>St. William:</b>	<b>St. Lawrence:</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$ 8,636.79	\$ 2,604.08	\$ 11,240.87

Retired Religious:  
 \$ 477.00      \$ 194.53

**St. William Church New Altar & Improvements Fund:**  
**\$16,196.07.** When donating to the St. William Improvements Fund - PLEASE put your donation in a separate envelope with the fund written on the front of the envelope. Thank you for your generosity!

### End of Year Giving

We are all busy finding that perfect gift for everyone on our list during this season of joy. Please remember to put your Church on your giving list. Not only is your gift Tax Deductible, but most of all you are helping spread The Kingdom of God on earth. Parish Christmas Envelopes are in your packets. Please Make sure that any gift/contribution that requires a tax substation for this year, be in the Parish Office by the end of December.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Allen Payne, Carolyn Rhodes Neissan, Patsy Wright, Lydia Haycraft, Jake & Fannie Payne, Mary Lou Payne, Bridgett Higdon, Isabell Winchell, Butch Ballard, Tommy Bickett, Neal Hayden, Jeff Connor, Grace & Wayne Mattingly, Ricky Rhinerson, Katlin Aull, Jim Hamilton, Peyton Howard, James D. (Jake) Payne, Delphine Payne, Steve Postlewaite, Sister Elaine Byrne, Barb Lanham, Jim Mattingly, Mary Ann Mattingly, Jeryn Powers, Junior Hurm, Victor Johnson, Stephanie Mattingly, Carly Roby, Margie Brant, Larry Edge, William Tate Carrico, Sherri Murphy, Lonnie Whitfill

**The 2012 Boxed Parishioner Envelopes will be in the back of both Churches this weekend! If you do not have envelopes or can't find your envelopes, please notify the parish office.**

**The Parish Office will be closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 26<sup>th</sup> for the Holidays.**

### LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS

**December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25th**

**LECTORS**

4:00 p.m. Marilyn Rhodes  
8:00 p.m. Kathy Roberts  
6:30 a.m. Mary Ann Haycraft  
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Edge  
10:00 a.m. Jim Hazel

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. Noel Ballard, Jessie Rhodes,  
Darlene Fulkerson  
8:00 p.m. Tim Johnson, Barbara Huskisson,  
Jackie Cecil  
6:30 a.m. Terry Johnson, Ethan Haycraft  
8:00 a.m. Sarah Boarman, Eddie Wethington,  
Danny Edge  
10:00 a.m. Tony Lanham, **VOLUNTEERS**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4:00 p.m., Mackenzie Mills, Olivia Millay  
8:00 p.m. Haylee Evans, **VOLUNTEER**  
8:00 a.m. Ethan Rhodes, Tommy Rhodes  
10:00 a.m. **VOLUNTEERS**

**VOCATION CRUCIFIX**

St. Lawrence: Francine Wright  
St. William: Kenny & Benita Turner

**ROSARY LEADERS**

4:00 p.m. Jerome Hamilton  
8:00 a.m. Francine Wright  
10:00 a.m. Anna Turner

**USHERS FOR JANUARY**

4:00 p.m. David Fulkerson, Steve Fulkerson,  
Joey Roby, Stanley Roberts  
8:00 a.m. Danny Johnson, Glenn Brown,  
Russell Rhodes, mark Wright  
10:00 a.m. Rick Isbill, Jonathon Payne,  
Warren Lanham, Patrick Meserve

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**COMMUNITY CATECHESIS:**

December 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Do Not Doubt)

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
(Endure Forever)

**Second Reading:** Romans 16:25-27 (Mystery Revealed)

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38 (You Will give Birth...)

**Adults:** What can I do this week to grow closer in my relationship with God?

**Children:** What can I do this week to show my love for God?

**ADULT CATECHESIS:**

**ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS!** *Christmas Crib:* The oldest known image is a Nativity dating from about 380 that served as a wall decoration in the burial chamber of a Christian family in the catacombs of St. Sebastian in Rome. The use of the manger in its present form and its use outside is credited to St. Francis of Assisi. *Christmas Angel:* (A medieval legend). It was believed that every year Mary sent a number of angels each night to awaken little children on Christmas and carry the youngsters to heaven, where each could sing a carol to the Christ Child before being safely returned home to bed. *Christmas Candle:* A holiday symbol of Christ as the Light of the World. *Christmas Bells:* The song "Christmas Bells" is based on a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. He wrote it for Christmas in 1863. The tune was composed by an English organist John Baptist Calkin and begins "I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play...." *Christmas Tree:* A German custom, now worldwide. The Christmas tree was a combination of two medieval symbols: the paradise tree (from the Garden of Eden) and the Christmas light or candle. The paradise tree was a common prop used in mystery plays that told the story of Adam and Eve. The Christmas tree arrived in America with the first wave of German immigrants about 1700. The custom of setting up lighted trees in public places began in Boston in 1912.

**Be the Voice of the Unborn: March for Life 2012**

The Diocesan Gospel of Life Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the March for Life on January 23, 2012. You are invited to join them to speak up for the rights of the unborn. Toby Tours Bus Lines will provide a late model bus with bathroom facilities. Please make reservations by December 28, 2011. It is estimated that a person staying four in a room, could make the trip for \$300.

The group will depart from the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro on Saturday night at 8:00 PM on January 21, 2012, and arrive in Washington on Sunday afternoon on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The group will be staying two nights at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington on Capitol Hill. On Sunday night the group will go to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Mass for Life, and then return to the hotel that night. The March for Life takes place in the early afternoon of 1-23-12. Departure for home is set for 1-24-12 at 8:00 AM, and return to Owensboro will be in the early morning of January 25, 2012. To participate, please send a check payable to the Diocese of Owensboro for \$300 per registration and mail it to: Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, Attention: Richard Murphy. All travelers are asked to have their final payments in by December 28, 2011.

Attention Youth!

Join us for KY Rally for Life in **Frankfort KY**, February 1, 2012. Cost is \$35.00 and includes bus ride to Frankfort and lunch. Trip is open to youth grades 7-12 and their Chaperones. Pope Benedict XVI said, "Each of us has a mission, each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life, a culture forged by love and respect for the dignity of each human person." Please plan to join us and advocate for pro-life legislation in 2012! For more information contact your Parish Youth Minister or Robin Tomes at the Office for Youth Ministry at 270-683-1545 ext 358 or [robin.tomes@pastoral.org](mailto:robin.tomes@pastoral.org).



### Trinity High News:

**BINGO:** Thanks so much to all our Bingo Workers. Without your continued support, this program would cease to exist for Trinity High school.

### Bingo Teams

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday – Team 2
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – Team 1
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – Team 4
- 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – Team 5
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – Jerry Morris Team

### Young Adult Retreat at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center

- "Who is My Neighbor?"
- January 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>
- Cost is only \$20
- For anyone 18 and over
- Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center

### Looking for something to do over Christmas Break?

Come to Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center's Christmas and New Year's Camp!  
**When: December 29<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Where: Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp Bowling Green, Kentucky**  
**Who: High school students (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
**Cost: Only \$75**  
Please visit [www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org) or call 270-781-2466 for more information.

### Mary Carrico Memorial School Corner

Christmas is almost upon us. I hope we all are anticipating Christmas for its primary significance—the birthday of the Christ child—God Incarnate among us. As you have heard before, Christ is the most important part of CHRISTmas. We still have several days of Advent left; today begins the 4<sup>th</sup> week of this preparatory season. If you have not done so yet, please consider spending some time together as a family celebrating some type of Advent service around an Advent wreath, saying some prayers together, singing an Advent song. These activities can make a lasting impression upon our children, and are a part of our responsibility in passing on the treasury of our Catholic faith. Peggy and I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

Mr. Montgomery.



MCMS PTO is sponsoring an Adult (over 21) New Year's Eve Dance on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 p.m to 1a.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Tickets will be sold at the door. For further information contact Doris Irvin 314-0126.

