

ST. WILLIAM & ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCHES
DECEMBER 25TH, 2011
SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Christmas Message
From the Pastor,
Christmas Day Dec. 25, 2011

Along with many others, I am praying that God will continue to shower His protection and provision upon our land. I hope we will always appreciate that and not be ashamed or afraid to show our faith in word and in action, wherever it leads us.

From my immediate family, my church family, and my wonderful staff, a very Merry Christmas to all of you. I love you. More importantly, God loved you so much He sent His only begotten Son to Bethlehem's manger to become our Savior. From humble beginnings came great and wonderful changes to humankind.

Let us rejoice in the birth of Jesus as we celebrate this weekend. He is the Son of God, the Word of God, through Whom all things were created. He is the true Light of the World, becoming one of us to dispel the darkness of sin and evil, and to win our salvation. Let us rejoice in the Lord and be glad!

To all our Church Musicians, Choir Members, Cantors, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Church cleaners, decorators, and everyone in our Church community a big and hearty 'Thank You' for all you do to allow God's Spirit to move in us through your service. We truly have a beautiful 'House of the Lord' to hold our worship services. Not only do we have one Church we have two beautiful Churches...a real blessing for our community.

Merry Christmas to all and may the Christ Child find much warmth in our hearts from our Advent preparations this year...May our Christmas Celebration last all year through.

Fr. Pat.



*Next Weekends Second Collection:
Diocesan Capital Campaign
(Green Envelopes)
All checks should be made out to
'Diocese of Owensboro'.*

(I will be taking a few days off after Christmas. The only mass to be scheduled the week following Christmas, will be Friday morning Dec. 30 8:00 a.m. (BSH)

**There will be no confessions on Sat. Dec. 31ST.
*Remember: If you need to make a donation to the Church or school for the year 2011, we must receive this no later than Dec. 31, 2011...in order to fill out proper documentation for taxes. Thank You.**

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tues. Dec. 27th: 6:00 pm (BSH) **No Mass**
Wed. Dec. 28th: 8:30 am (SW) **No Mass**
Thur. Dec. 29th: 6:00 pm (SL) **No Mass**
Fri. Dec. 30th: 8:00 am (BSH) Winifred Riney
Sat. Dec. 31st: 4:00 pm (SW) Muck & Red Bickett
Sun. Jan. 1st: 6:30 am (SW) Keton & Alvin Payne
Sun. Jan 1st: 8:00 am (SL) James E. Coomes
Sun. Jan 1st: 10:00 am (SW) Parishioners SW & SL

*Welcome to all who worship with
us this weekend!*

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

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:

St. William:	St. Lawrence:	Total
\$ 8,993.07	\$ 3,897.79	\$ 12,890.86

St. William Church New Altar & Improvements Fund:
\$16,416.07

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!

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."

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 are at the
back of both churches. If you do not have
envelopes or can't find your envelopes, please
notify the parish office.**

**The Parish Office will be closed December 30th
and January 2nd, for the Holidays.**

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS

December 31st & Jan. 1st

LECTORS

4:00 p.m. Sandra Higdon
6:30 a.m. Bob Turner
8:00 a.m. Sr. Eula Johnson
10:00 a.m. Barbara Huskisson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. Noel Ballard, Tim Johnson,
Darlene Fulkerson
6:30 a.m. Terry Johnson, Ethan Haycraft
8:00 a.m. Richard Stallings, Danny Edge,
James A. Smith
10:00 a.m. David Mills, Lee Mills, Tony Lanham

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 p.m. Haley Payne, Ethan Smith
8:00 a.m. Jonathon Hurm, Jacob Hurm
10:00 a.m. Zachary Boarman, Andrew Turner

VOCATION CRUCIFIX

St. Lawrence: Danny & Dorothy Edge
St. William: James Haynes

ROSARY LEADERS

4:00 p.m. Mary Frances Payne
8:00 a.m. Danny edge
10:00 a.m. Theresa Crowe

USHERS FOR JANUARY

4:00 p.m. Jackie Higdon, Ronnie Howard,
Jimmy Haynes, Gary Johnson
8:00 a.m. Jimmy Tong, Claude Knott,
Kay Johnson, Eddie Wethington
10:00 a.m. Kerry Pence, Robert Brown,
Mike Mattingly, Michael Mudd
St. Lawrence Volunteers for Doughnut Sunday:
Wayne & Wilma Knott

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMUNITY CATECHESIS:

December 25, 2011

The Nativity of the Lord (The Great Light)

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6 (The Light Shone)

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14 (He Gave Himself)

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 (The Savior Is Born)

Adults: In light of God's graciousness to me, what steps can I take to make peace with those who have offended me?

Children: Has someone bullied me? Jesus loves and forgives me; can I forgive whoever hurts me?

"May the Lord bless all of you with a blessed, happy and healthy Christmas and may the New Year be one of growth in the Spirit of love for family and for our faith community."

God bless us all!

Mary Helen Rhodes, DRE



A Blessed Christmas

Holy Matrimony:

Do not set a date before you meet with the Pastor. At least one party should be a registered member of this parish. Please call and set up an appointment with the Pastor at least six months before the time you hope to schedule the wedding. Both bride and groom must be free to marry in the Catholic Church before a date can be selected.

MARY CARRICO MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Thanks for your support during the first half of our school year. May the Christmas season be filled with many blessings and graces for all of you.

St. Mary of the Woods grade school is sponsoring its winter social for the middle grades of our three parishes on Dec. 28. The party will begin after the game between St. Mary's and DCMS and last until 10:15 pm. All 6-8 grade students from MCMS, St. William and St. Lawrence Prep are invited. All school children will be admitted to the games free of charge. Contact person is Tina Booker @ 233-9892. The game and the party will be held in the St. Mary/THS gym.

Again, thanks for your support of Catholic Education.

Mr. Montgomery

MCMS PTO is sponsoring an Adult (over 21) New Year's Eve Dance on Saturday, December 31st 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.



Trinity High News: Dec 27: Boys @ McLean
Christmas Tourn.

Jan 2: Girls home vs. Grayson Co.

Jan 3: Boys home vs. Hancock Co.

Jan 4: Students return to school

Jan 7: Winter Wonderland Dance

Jan 16: NO SCHOOL

We will be celebrating a turkey dinner with the community on February 1, 2012, as part of Catholic Schools Week. If you want to join us for dinner, please RSVP to the school before January 16.

Bingo Teams

1st Monday – Team 2

2nd Monday – Team 1

3rd Monday – Team 4

4th Monday – Team 5

1st & 2nd Thursday – Jerry Morris Team

A.A. and Al-anon: Meetings are held on Sunday night at 8:00 pm, St. Mary of the Woods Whitesville-Cafeteria

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE DIOCESE Notes and Notices

The McAuley Free Clinic has moved.

The new address is:

819 E. 9th street

Owensboro, KY 42303

The McAuley Clinic Provides medical treatment & prescription drugs for individuals in Owensboro & Daviess Co who are without medical insurance.

McAuley Free Clinic now has a full time provider: Mary Danhauer, ARNP (Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner). This free clinic is open 8am-4:30 pm, Mon - Fri. Info call Cheryl Brown, Clinic Mgr 926-6575 or cbrown@omhs.org. Phone: 270-926-6575

The Community Dental Clinic of Owensboro

Open to serve those in need of dental care, the Clinic is a resource for children and adults of low income Medicaid-eligible and uninsured patients in the seven-county Green River District. 8:30-5:00 Mon-Fri. Call for an appointment. Mayfair Office Bldg, 2315 Mayfair Dr. Ste 32, Owensboro. 691-6205

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan. 13-15, 2012 call 270- 683-1545 ext 346 or email: sherryvincent@insightbb.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org. Find us on Facebook: search Retrouvaille of Owensboro

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 22nd. 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.