



Many Hands. One Faith.

The Baptism Of The Lord

January 9, 2011

Gospel Reflection

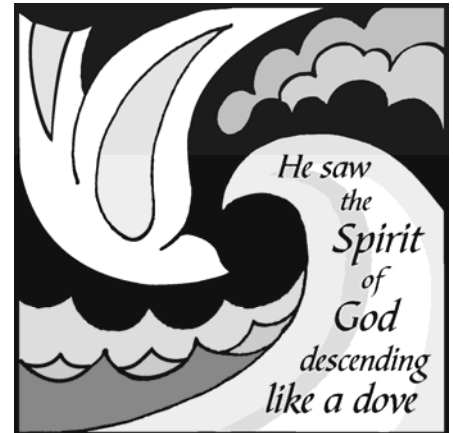
PARENTS OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

As a church musician I have had the privilege of providing the music for hundreds of weddings over the years. During those moments when I am not playing the keyboard or singing, instead of always focusing on the bride and groom, I often turn my attention to their parents. I marvel at the wonderful expressions of love and pride that emanate from those parents as they witness their children's love blossom before them. This is the sentiment I am reminded of as I listen to today's Gospel. At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry—at the moment of his baptism in the Jordan—we glimpse the love emanating from Father to Son. The Father's voice, coming from the heavens, declares that this one is his beloved son, in whom he is well pleased.

PLEASING IN GOD'S EYES

What is it that made Jesus pleasing to his Father? And what makes us pleasing to God? Perhaps the prophet Isaiah holds the key. The prophecy announced in today's first reading gives us a glimpse of the kind of person who is found pleasing in God's eyes. Too often we see these prophecies fulfilled solely in Jesus. As people baptized into Christ Jesus, we, too, can be the fulfillment of these prophecies. In baptism, we are called to be people who establish justice on the earth; we are summoned to be the light for people who are blind to the needs of others; we are charged with being the servants of God. This work is

not easy. It demands the strength that comes only from a deep relationship with God. Today is the day to begin anew to grow in our love for God. Let us strive to become those who are the beloved of God, those in whom God is well pleased. This



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demands growth in intimacy with God, which can be nurtured each day in prayer, as well as each week when we come to Mass to offer God praise and thanksgiving.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

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Mass Intentions for January 16, 2011

4:00 p.m.	STM	Bill Clark
5:30 p.m.	OLMC	Jimmy Murphy
8:30 a.m.	OLMC	Mike Riley, Brent Warner, All of Our Parishioners
10:30 a.m.	STM	Ignatius Nguyen
12:30 p.m.	OLMC	Carl & Evelyn Blanford

Daily Readings

01/08 Sat	8:15 am	..... 1 John 5:14-21	.....	John 3:22-30	..... George Carrico
Sun Vigil	4:00 pm	..... Isaiah 42:1-7	..... Acts 10:34-38	..... Matt 3:13-17	..... All of Our Parishioners
Sun Vigil	5:30 pm	..... Isaiah 42:1-7	..... Acts 10:34-38	..... Matt 3:13-17	..... Timothy J. King, All of Our Parishioners
01/09 Sun	8:30 am	..... Isaiah 42:1-7	..... Acts 10:34-38	..... Matt 3:13-17	..... Harry Dickman, Larry Saunders, Carolyn Schneider
	10:30 am	..... Isaiah 42:1-7	..... Acts 10:34-38	..... Matt 3:13-17	..... Joe & Mary Beaven, Maria Pham
	12:30 pm	..... Isaiah 42:1-7	..... Acts 10:34-38	..... Matt 3:13-17	..... Liz Pontrich
01/10 Mon	8:15 am	..... Heb 1:1-6	.....	Mark 1:14-20	..... Mary Thomas
01/11 Tue	8:15 am	..... Heb 2:5-12	.....	Mark 1:21-28	..... All Sick & Homebound of OLMC
01/12 Wed	8:15 am	..... Heb 2:14-18	.....	Mark 1:29-39	..... Alma Heck
01/13 Thur	8:15 am	..... Heb 3:7-14	.....	Mark 1:40-45	..... All Sick & Homebound of STM
01/14 Fri	8:15 am	..... Heb 4:1-11	.....	Mark 2:1-12	..... Margee Rupe
01/15 Sat	8:15 am	..... Heb 4:12-16	.....	Mark 2:13-17	..... All of Our Parishioners

Intentions

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: The Baptism of the Lord;
National Vocation Awareness Week
Thurs: St. Hilary
Sat: Blessed Virgin Mary

FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the *names*,” but “in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

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**SPIRIT OF LOVE**

Holy Spirit, who came upon Christ Jesus when he was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, we pray to you:

Baptize us in the fire of your love so that the Father may say to each of us: “You are my beloved Son, On whom my favor rests.”

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**TRUE HAPPINESS**

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.  
Blessed Henry Suso

**SELFLESSNESS REWARDED**

Help another’s boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the shore.  
Old Hindu proverb

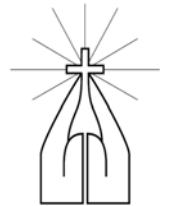
**Pope Benedict XVI Prayer Intentions January, 2011**



**General:** That the riches of creation be preserved, valued and made available to all, as a precious gifts from God to mankind.

**Missionary Intention:** That Christians may achieve full unity, bearing witness of the universal fatherhood of God to the entire human race.

**Parish FAQ’s**





**What are the Holy Days of Obligation for 2011?**

According to the Code of Canon Law (c.1246), Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church. Church law also cites other days, important feasts of the liturgical year, as holy days of obligation. As Catholics we are morally bound to attend Mass on these days. Hopefully, even though Mass attendance is required of us, we see these days as opportunities to join others in the celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and his manifestation in our lives.

Holy Days of Obligation for parishes in the Archdiocese of Louisville in 2010:

- January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, abrogated because it falls on a Saturday
- May 16 – Ascension (Thursday, June 2, 2011) Holy Day of Obligation (transferred to Sunday, June 5, 2011 in most dioceses of the United States
- June 26 - Corpus Christi (transferred from Thursday, June 23, 2011 )
- August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, abrogated because it falls on a Saturday
- November 1 - All Saints Day
- December 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 25 – Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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## Four-Week Calendar of Upcoming Events

**CONFESSION**

**Saturday 4:45 p.m. (OLMC)**

**ROSARY RECITATION**

**Mon. - Sat. after 8:15 Mass (OLMC)**

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

**4:00 p.m. (STM) 5:30 p.m. (OLMC)**

**SUNDAY MASS**

**8:30 a.m. (OLMC)**

**10:30 a.m. (STM) 12:30 p.m. (OLMC)**

**SCRIPTURE STUDY**

**Sunday, 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)**

**Friday, 11:00 a.m. (STM)**

|                  | Week of Jan. 9 —Jan 15                                                                                                                                                                                  | Week of Jan. 16 —Jan 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Week of Jan. 23 —Jan 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Week of Jan. 30 — Feb. 5                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Scripture Study<br>1:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Gamblers Anonymous                                                                                                                            | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Scripture Study<br>1:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Gamblers Anonymous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Scripture Study<br>1:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Gamblers Anonymous                                                                                                                                                                               | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Scripture Study<br>1:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Gamblers Anonymous                                                                                                    |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 11:30 a.m. (STM)<br>Lunch Outing<br>12:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Golden Citizens Potluck<br>6:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>TOPS Meeting                                                                                    | <b>Parish Offices Closed</b><br>No School—SNA<br>6:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>TOPS Meeting<br>9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. (DeSales)<br>Confirmation Retreat                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>TOPS Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Catholic Schools Week</b><br>9:30 a.m. (STM)<br>Mission<br>6:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>TOPS Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Mission                                                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Over 50 Group<br>10:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>6:20, 7:00, 7:40 p.m. (STM)<br>Parish Council Meetings<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>RCIA                                                | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Over 50 Group<br>10:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>RCIA                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Over 50 Group<br>10:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>6:00 p.m. (SNA)<br>Finance Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>RCIA<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Financial Peace<br>7:00 p.m. (SNA)<br>School Board Meeting                                      | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Over 50 Group<br>10:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>RCIA<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Financial Peace                                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 1:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Pinochle Club<br>6:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Religious Ed<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Al-Anon<br>8:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anon.                                | 12:30 p.m. (STM)<br>Potluck and Movie Day<br>6:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>6:45 p.m. (STM)<br>Guiding Good Choices<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Religious Ed<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>K of C & Ladies Auxiliary<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Journey of Hope Support Group<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Al-Anon<br>8:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anon. | 11:00 a.m. (SNA)<br>Early Dismissal<br>1:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Pinochle Club<br>6:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>6:45 p.m. (STM)<br>Guiding Good Choices<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Religious Ed<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Al-Anon<br>8:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anon. | 6:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>6:45 p.m. (STM)<br>Guiding Good Choices<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Religious Ed<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Al-Anon<br>8:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anon. |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 12:30 p.m. (STM)<br>Golden Age<br>6:45 p.m. (STM)<br>RCIA For Children<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Worship Committee Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>7:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Prayer Meeting | 9:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>St. Vincent DePaul Meeting<br>12:30 p.m. (STM)<br>Golden Age<br>6:15, 7:00, 7:30 p.m. (STM)<br>Finance Meetings<br>6:45 p.m. (STM)<br>RCIA For Children<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>7:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Prayer Meeting                                                                | No School—SNA<br>12:30 p.m. (STM)<br>Golden Age<br>6:45 p.m. (STM)<br>RCIA For Children<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>7:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Prayer Meeting                                                                                   | 12:30 p.m. (STM)<br>Golden Age<br>6:45 p.m. (STM)<br>RCIA For Children<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>7:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Prayer Meeting                         |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 11:00 a.m. (STM)<br>Scripture Study<br>5:00-9:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Fish Fry                                                                                                                                | 11:00 a.m. (STM)<br>Scripture Study<br>5:00-8:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Fish Fry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | No School—SNA<br>11:00 a.m. (STM)<br>Scripture Study                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11:00 a.m. (STM)<br>Scripture Study                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 4:00 p.m. (STM) and<br>5:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br><b>Masses followed by</b><br><b>Doughnut Certificate Sales</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## Weekly Message:

### En Theos — Enthusiasm For The Faith

*In the Bible, what is the significance of a change in a person's name, like Abram to Abraham and Saul to Paul?*

In many societies, names were more than just a simple way of distinguishing one person from another. A name was deeply connected with the person, often revealing something about one's personality or personal qualities. Your name at times stood in your place, as when someone would invoke the name of a king or ruler or even a god. Knowing someone's name gave you a certain power over the person and indicated the relationship between the two of you. In the Bible, when someone's name is changed, it indicates a significant change in the person, or in one's relationship with God. So, Abram becomes Abraham when God reveals himself to him. Saul becomes Paul because the old self has died and Christ now lives in him. It is for this reason that many religious also take a new name when they take their vows, indicating a new relationship with God.

This is partly why taking the Lord's name in vain is seen as a sin. Invoking God's name is calling upon the Lord himself, and one does not call upon the Lord for reasons that are profane. God and his name are one! In history people believed the Lord's name was so holy that only the high priest was allowed to say his name in the Temple once a year.

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### Hurting From A Divorce Or Separation?

Find hope and healing at the Journey of Hope 2011 Conference, March 4-6 in Atlanta GA. Guests include Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Vatican Analyst Fr. Thomas Williams, and EWTN host, Johnette Benkovic. Early registration discounts and scholarships available. Information and registration at [www.journeyofhopeconference.com](http://www.journeyofhopeconference.com).

## Tom's Meanderings

It's that time of year and I'm going to try some New Year Resolutions again. Most of the time I forget them or revised then forget them,... Right now I'm trying to decide how to measure success. If I did them 30% of the time (.300 is a pretty good batting average) or should I aim for a good solid 75% (C+, the gentleman's grade) or be happy with 65% ("D" is for diploma.) Anyway here are some areas I am considering in no particular order.

1. Say thank you more. Meister Eckhart back in the fourteenth century said that if we say only one prayer, it should be "thanks."
2. Quiet time. I like quiet, alone time. I always find some. I meditate, sit and stare, pray, whatever suits me. I thought I'd put this one in because I know I will be successful at it.
3. Learn more about family and friends than about the rich and famous. Christmas brings together my extended family and it always surprises me that I haven't kept up better.
4. Say thanks again. I'm a slow learner so need constant reminders.
5. Remember that I am what I eat and change some eating habits. For one thing, more Eucharist.
6. Remember that St Paul was all things to all people. I am simply Tom and need to be that for everyone in every situation. All I really have to give is myself, my time, my talents, my listening, my loving. Focus Tom!!! Be here now!!!
7. Spend more time with children. This is a lot like # 2 above. It's something I enjoy and know I'll do. I love to watch, especially toddlers, who know the value of #6 above.
8. Take more chances by moving out of the old comfort zone. Regret for not doing is usually more devastating than for doing. Will write that letter, make that call, try something new, improve something old. Always wanted to learn to tap dance, juggle and play blues harmonica.
9. Take more walks. Have you ever thought of walking across the city or down Third Street to the River? I'll have to train for it, but one or the other is on my agenda for 2011.
10. Be thankful. This is similar to # 1 and #4. This is interiorizing it and making it a part of my very soul. There is so much to be thankful for – my family and friends, all of you, friends I haven't met yet, children, the old, the young, the sky, the earth, the air, and the God that has given it all to us.

God Bless you for 2011 and beyond,

Tom



**A voice came from the heavens, saying,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"**

~ Matthew 3:17 ~

## Minister Schedule

### Saturday, January 15, 4:00 p.m. Mass - STM

EUCH. MINISTERS Christie Atkinson, Marilyn Bennett, Debbie Kennedy, Doris Tankersley  
 LECTOR Joseph Mouser  
 GIFT BEARERS Rick Kennedy, Annetta Richard

### Saturday, January 15, 5:30 p.m. Mass - OLMC

GREETERS Jane Weber, Jim Yates  
 EUCH. MINISTERS Mary Dorner, David Kellerman, Justin Kellerman, Sharon McStoots, Sr. Marilyn Mueller, Marleen Pipes  
 LECTORS Bob Baker, Duffy Baker  
 CANTOR Kristin Wilburn  
 USHERS Larry Clark, John Feuerborn, Alex Murphy  
 No Minister Assigned  
 GIFT BEARERS Kim Kolb, Wanda Yates  
 SERVERS Lucas Baker, Duffy Baker, III

### Sunday, January 16, 8:30 a.m. Mass - OLMC

GREETERS Linda Jordan, Judy Peak  
 EUCH. MINISTERS Mary Kustes, Alan Lee, Pat Lee, Mary Ann Littlefield, Kelly J. Smith, Liz Smith  
 LECTORS Barbara Bauer, Dominic Schirmer  
 CANTOR Mary Beth Zinsius  
 USHERS Jim Carrico, Robert Dawson, Ann Marie Hafling, Billy Jordan  
 GIFT BEARERS Lisa Carrico, Judy Thompson  
 SERVERS Abby Bauer, Nicholas Bauer

### Sunday, January 16, 10:30 a.m. Mass - STM

GREETERS Boston Brown, Declan Brown, Teri Brown, Benida Crask, Hannah Crask  
 EUCH. MINISTERS Angela Bell, Ron Bolton, Sr., Chuck Buehner, Nancy Coyne, Rachel Crask, Maureen Curran, Johnny Fellonneau, Mike Kramer, Susan Lish, Marilyn Louden, Nancy Pfaadt, Donna Sansone, Aileen Spies, Nancy Turner  
 LECTORS Diane Hoagland, Sean Samuels  
 CANTOR Julia Robertson  
 USHERS Al Ash, Ray Ballard, Michael Bell, Anthony Cecil, Earl Hardin, Jerry Oechsli  
 GIFT BEARERS Tyler Ballard, Brandon Nelson  
 SERVERS Shane Haydon, Taylor Sansone

### Sunday, January 16, 12:30 p.m. Mass - OLMC

EUCH. MINISTERS Christian Driskell, Dawn Duffy, Carol Mattingly  
 LECTOR Jane Pierson, Kelly Smith  
 GIFT BEARERS Aaron Decker, Angela Decker  
 USHERS Johnny Fellonneau, Chris Kaufman, Chris Milligan, Eric Reinstedler

## Financial Stewardship of Jan. 2, 2011

### St. Thomas More Parish:

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Contributions 12/19/2010         | \$4,135.30   |
| Contributions 12/26/2010         | \$7,068.50   |
| Last Week's Contributions        | \$5,544.50   |
| Weekly Budget                    | \$5,192.00   |
| Year-To-Date Contributions       | \$132,312.87 |
| Year-To-Date Budget              | \$140,184.00 |
| Year-To-Date Gain or (Shortfall) | (\$7,871.13) |

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Contributions        | \$13,223.35  |
| Weekly Budget                    | \$8,089.00   |
| Year-To-Date Contributions       | \$208,242.23 |
| Year-To-Date Budget              | \$202,225.00 |
| Year-To-Date Gain or (Shortfall) | \$6,017.23   |

### VOCATION VIEW:

In baptism we have become children of God. We are called to live a life of holiness. Am I being called to live that life as a priest or religious? (Isaiah 42:1-7)



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## Our Many Hands

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
 (canon 536; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month)

*"In this council, presided over by the parish priest, Christ's faithful, together with those who by virtue of their office are engaged in pastoral care in the parish, give their help in fostering pastoral action."*

The Parish Pastoral Council helps the Pastor to articulate and set the mission, values, and goals (i.e., the direction) of the parish, and it evaluates how this vision for the community is being accomplished.



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**Heart Arrhythmias.** Do you have heart palpitations or missed beats? Learn why these heart irregularities can be dangerous and should not be ignored. Free blood pressure screenings available. **Feb. 3 – 6 to 8 p.m. Norton Medical Plaza III – Suburban - 629-1234.**

**Healthy Heart Expos.** Free blood pressure, glucose and body fat screenings. Dates and locations follow:  
**Feb. 12 - Noon to 4 p.m. Oxmoor Center**  
**Feb. 14 - 8:30 a.m. to noon Mall St. Matthews**  
**Feb. 16 - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jefferson Mall**

**Love Your Heart: Heart Healthy Living.** Get simple diet, nutrition and exercise tips to keep you and your heart healthy. Free blood pressure screenings available. **Feb. 17 - 6 to 8 p.m. Norton Medical Plaza III – Suburban - 629-1234.**

**Women and Heart Screenings.** Includes physician tips for a healthy heart. Free blood pressure and body fat screenings available. **Norton Medical Plaza West - Audubon - 629-1234.**

**Norton Women’s Heart Center – Norton Medical Plaza West - Audubon.** Free series offered to women regarding early signs and symptoms and accurate diagnosis and treatment of heart disease. For more information or to register for upcoming classes, call 629-1234.



**St. Nicholas Academy Will Hold Pre-registration** on Wednesday, January 19th from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM and 5:00 - 7:00 P.M Those interested in a tour may stop by to visit. New students may pre-register at this time. Please visit our web site at [www.sna-panthers.org](http://www.sna-panthers.org) or call 502-368-8506 for more information about the pre-registration or if you need more information about our program.

### Don’t Forget These Fundraisers For Our School

Kroger Cards are available in the school office at a \$10.00 face value. Add more monies to the card at the Kroger customer service desk. A percentage of its usage benefits families and the school.

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[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) –Please use this site as your web browser. SNA receives a penny per hit.

Make your holidays stress free by using our SCRIPS fundraiser. This program helps parents save money toward their children’s book bill (for next year) or their 8th grade trip and provides some money for the school as well. Families buy the gift cards at face value through school and the difference between the discounted price and the face value of the card creates earnings for both children and the school. **Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping us in this way.** For a more complete list of vendors We encourage you to go online at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) and open an account using St. Nicholas enrollment code: **BC653C8D7492**



### Monthly Support to St. Nicholas Academy

|                      | STM         | OLMC        |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Support for December | \$3,446.00  | \$6,311.00  |
| Support year-to-date | \$20,676.00 | \$37,866.00 |



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# WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST.

ROMANS 12-5

"And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water and suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" Matt 3:16-17

The foundation of a life of stewardship is the realization that God loves us. "You are my beloved son /daughter with whom I am well pleased." Our response to God's love is a life of faithful stewardship and generosity to others.

## On With Life

A Catholic support group for the widowed, meets on the first Monday and third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Tues., January 18th at 7:30 PM at **Mary Queen of Peace** (Brick house behind church) 4205 Cane Run Rd. For information, call Family Ministries at 636-0296.

## For Your Prayers

### HOSPITALIZED/REHAB

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

John Cummings, Nicki Kleinhelger

#### St. Thomas More Parish

Anna Gulick, Ralph Hawkins



### NURSING/ASSISTED LIVING & RETIREMENT HOMES

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Alice Hagan, William McKinney, Millie Dickman

#### St. Thomas More Parish

Shirley Allen, Cecilia Ballard, Martha "Helen" Bennett, Virginia Burckel, Margaret Cissell, Betty Farnsley, Mary Fowler, Carl Hass, Agnes Howard, Lucy Maguire, Mary Randol, Francis Sermersheim, Aileen Woerner

### HOMEBOUND

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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Please notify the office if you know someone who needs to be on or **OFF** our lists.

## PARISH CONDOLENCES

### St. Thomas More Parish

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of the following parishioners who passed away this past few weeks: Mary Agnita Thomas; Norbert Saksefski, brother of Daniel Saksefski; and Charles U. Nadorff, husband of Susan Nadorff and father of Mary Patricia Ferguson, Catherine Susan Wong, Charles P. Nadorff and Michael J. Nadorff. Also remember in prayer thier family and friends. May the peace of Christ be with them all.



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## Coming Together in Faith

### Notes From Tom Morton:

**Mission Thought** — “Parish renewals are a wonderful opportunity for young and old alike to grow closer to God. Coming together in your community of parishioners, spending a longer period of time together in spiritual reflection, can be extremely moving and meaningful,” says Fr. Bernie Weber, CP, who will be leading our Parish Mission Renewal Jan 30-Feb 3. Evenings at 7:00 PM at OLMC, Mornings at 9:30 AM at STM

**Guiding Good Choices** – this 5 session class for parents and grandparents to help children make good choices. The sessions begin Wednesday evenings, January 19. Sign-up today.

**Adults Who Haven't Been Confirmed** – we will be having sessions beginning in January with the aim of being Confirmed in March at the Cathedral. Call me now to register.

### Celebrate The Marriage You Want

with “Celebrate Calm” founder Kirk Martin. Friday, Jan 21, Dinner 6-7, Workshop 7-9. For reservations contact: Lynn McDaniel at 502-363-9929. The cost per couple is \$30 if reserved by January 14 and \$35 after January 14. The workshop is sponsored by Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Guardian Angels, St. Athanasius, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Ignatius, St. Luke, St. Rita, St. Thomas More, and Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

**Lighthouse CD Of The Week: An Invitation to Consider the Catholic Faith** – Fr. Francis Peffley Why should a person who is not Catholic consider entering into the Church? Father Francis Peffley gives five compelling reasons, followed by a simple outline of the steps one would take to begin the process of becoming Catholic. Father Peffley is active with parish young adult ministry, retreat work, Catholic apologetics, and evangelization. Reasons to consider the Catholic Faith: 1. The Catholic Church has all seven Sacraments; 2. The Church's Relationship with Mary and the Saints; 3. Historical evidence; 4. The Church's Relationship with the Bible – the inspired Word of God; 5. The consistent moral teachings of the Church.

**Family Table Talk:** If you could choose exactly what you and your family would have for dinner for each of the next seven nights, what would you choose? (You must choose a different food for each night.)

**Question of the Week:** How do you hear the voice of God saying, "you are one of mine, of my chosen?"

**Take Some Pictures**— of parish events with camera or cell phone and email them to me so I can post them on Facebook.

### WEBSITE OF THE WEEK:

We're co-sponsoring a great Marriage workshop – Friday, January 21 at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Fairdale. Check out the website [www.CelebrateCALM.com](http://www.CelebrateCALM.com) to learn more.

You can contact Tom at the Religious Formation Center by calling 366-1463 or

e-mail [SouthendCatholic@hotmail.com](mailto:SouthendCatholic@hotmail.com)



## On This Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord

we begin *National Vocation Awareness Week*. Renew your baptismal commitment as you consider your call to serve God in your particular vocation. Hopefully some of you will hear a call to priesthood, diaconate or religious life and will be open to that possibility. If you would like assistance, please contact the parish office and we will give you more information.



Join us for our Parish Mission,  
January 30th - February 3rd, 2011

Mission Director,  
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Father Bernie will preach  
at all of the weekend Masses  
and lead daily sessions:

Sunday-Thursday Evenings  
at OLMC, 7:00 PM  
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**The Record Will Publish**

the First Bridal Issue of 2011 on Jan. 27, 2011. If you are planning your wedding between Jan 27, 2011 and July 27, 2011 and would like your announcement in The Record, fill out and send in the form currently appearing in the paper. You may also go on-line at [archlou.org/therecord/bridalannouncements](http://archlou.org/therecord/bridalannouncements) and complete your form via the internet. For additional information contact Rachel Rauh by email: [rrauh@archlou.org](mailto:rrauh@archlou.org) or call at 471-2125. Deadline is Friday, Jan. 7, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

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**STM Fish Fry...**

will be Friday January 21st from 5:00 PM—8:00 PM in the cafeteria. If you have a knack for baking we could also use your help!! Cakes, cookies, etc are needed for the Cake Wheel we have during Fish Fry. You can drop off items at the Parish Office or bring them with you, as we know you won't want to miss out on our delicious Fish for dinner! Chcken Tenders and Brats will also be available!! Please come out and enjoy good food with family and friends and support this parish fund raiser!

**Opportunities for Life:** Kentucky's four Catholic bishops have selected the weekend of January 15/16 for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. Your January contribution packet includes a special envelope you may use to contribute to this statewide 24-hour a day, 7-day a week, pregnancy ministry. You may place these special envelopes in the regular collection baskets. OFL volunteers offer hope and resources to callers who find the courage to seek help while facing a crisis in their lives. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for our volunteers and for those they serve. For information on our volunteer training program or to receive more information about OFL, please call (888) 496-3638.

**Now More Than Ever,**

we must unite as Christians to make our voices heard in the community. Since the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, more than 47 million babies have died. On Jan. 22, 2011, Right To Life of Louisville will again sponsor a pro-life message in the state wide edition of the courier Journal. As always, the ad will be in good taste and list the names of those who respect life. The bigger the response, the bigger the impact of the ad. We will be soliciting names during the weekend of January 8th & 9th after Masses. A requested donation of \$5.00 is asked per line/per family name to help cover the expense of the ad. Please take this opportunity to place your name on the signature form and make a stand for The Right To Life.



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**Bulletin Deadline: Saturday 12:00 p.m.**

### Contact Information

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## Sacraments

### Baptism (preparation required)

MONTHLY INFANT BAPTISM

1st Sunday of the month during Mass (Fr.)  
2nd Sunday of the month after Mass (Deacon)

ANNUAL ADULT BAPTISM

Through RICA at the Easter Vigil

### Confirmation (preparation required)

Annual celebration

### Eucharist

|                |            |      |
|----------------|------------|------|
| Saturday Vigil | 4:00 p.m.  | STM  |
| Saturday Vigil | 5:30 p.m.  | OLMC |
| Sunday         | 8:30 a.m.  | OLMC |
|                | 10:30 a.m. | STM  |
|                | 12:30 p.m. | OLMC |

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| Holy Days | 8:15 a.m. | OLMC |
|           | Noon      | STM  |
|           | 7:00 p.m. | STM  |

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| Weekday (Mon-Sat) | 8:15 a.m. | OLMC |
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| Exposition & Benediction  | 4:00-5:00 p.m. | OLMC |
| 1st Saturday of the Month |                |      |

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