

First Sunday of Lent

“To renew all things in Christ”

Saint Pius X
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Friends: Have you ever noticed how hard it is to maintain unified and loving relationships? Our experience tells us that many things begin with great unanimity, enthusiasm, and a spirit of cooperation, but often deteriorate as the ticking of the clock gives way to divergent opinions, clashing personalities, and self-interest. Preserving or rebuilding communion is hard work.

In reality, it is not possible to be alive and not have some conflict. We can have the most docile demeanor, the kindest heart, and still be misunderstood. We can strive to understand the mentality of another and still misinterpret motives. Our actions may begin with noble intentions, but may devolve into something less than noble because of pride and mistrust.

Strained relationships, disputes, and flares of temper are a result of our fallen nature. Each of us encounter the wild beasts of sin, weakness, and imperfection within us. Pride, self-absorption, greed, envy, ingratitude, and many other faults create those many tensions that seem to thrive within families, between co-workers, and even between people who call themselves Christian.

One of the things that we see in God is a steady, unswerving desire for communion. In fact, salvation history is nothing but God's determined act of trying to draw his people back into union with Him. Over and over he exhibits a covenant love; an unconditional love that does not count the wrongs that were done, but loves in spite of them.

Unity and love is what the Lord desires for all of us. It takes courage, fortitude, and humility to tear down the obstacles to union. It also takes much prayer and trust in God. Love and union is not possible without God's grace and power. This is part and parcel of what it means to be a Christian.

A remarkable step toward communion manifested itself this past Wednesday at our 12 noon Ash Wednesday service. A number of our brothers and sisters from other non-Catholic Christian denominations came to St. Pius X to join us for the distribution of ashes. It was a common effort, in keeping with the diocesan guidelines for ecumenical relations, to build trust and promote understanding in order to foster unity. This particular Ash Wednesday service was not conducted within the context of a Mass for this very reason.

It was good share that moment with them. I can't think of a better time to seek mutual understanding and develop a common bond than the beginning of Lent, a time for reconciliation and confronting the things that divide us.

The challenge for us in the Scriptures this weekend is to confront the wild beasts of arrogance, apathy, jealousy, and the many other things that corrupt the harmony that should exist between us. In his priestly prayer in the Gospel of John, Jesus prayed that we might all be one as he and the Father are one. Our call, is a call to go into the desert - to go into



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the depths of our hearts and examine what faults, weaknesses, and selfish inclinations inhibit the unity and love that should mark our lives as Christians. Jesus urges us then, to repent - that is, to turn in a new direction so that His love and unity reigns within us. It is only when we seek him that true love and unity can exist. Let us all repent, then, and believe in the Gospel. God bless!



New Parishioners

Please welcome Marisa E. Lugo & family and Jose and Katricia Presas & family. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

From the Parish Mailbox

To My Parish Family from Lucy Boyd: My sincere thanks for all the love and support that I have received after my surgery, specially the food, visits, phone calls, cards and flowers. I am so blessed to be a member of the St Pius family. I am humbled for all the prayers, love, and attention and know that it has been greatly instrumental in my healing. Thoughts & prayers!

6:30 a.m. Daily Lenten Mass

Make your Lenten Observance extra special this year! Join us for daily Mass at 6:30 a.m. during the Lenten Season. If you are unable, consider joining us for any of the other daily Masses during the week!

Lenten Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence

Please remember that Lent is a time to for penance in order to draw us out of our own selfishness and attend to the voice of God in our lives. As a part of our observance of Lent, we are asked to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of eating only one full meal and two smaller snacks (the two snacks, when added together, should equal no more than one meal). Fasting is required of all Catholics 18 - 59 years of age. Abstinence is required of all Catholics age 14 and older and consists of refraining from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent. Meat includes red meat, poultry.. Fish and vegetables are acceptable.

Altar & Rosary Society

Save the Date! St. Pius X Altar and Rosary Society Annual Card party and

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*
First Saturday: 8:15AM Vigil at 5:30PM.
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)
(Babysitting at 10, 12 & 5:30 Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)
Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,
Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM
Holy Days: 7AM, 12PM & 6:30PM (Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM
Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.
Weddings take place on weekdays any time and
on Saturdays no later than 3:00PM
Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.
Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays

Luncheon will be held this coming Thursday, March 1, in the parish hall from 10AM to 1PM. Come and enjoy the fellowship, good fun, games and “door prizes”. Bring your own playing cards or whatever games you wish to play. Tickets are \$8.00 and can be purchased from any A&R member or at the door. You may come for lunch only. Call Bonnie Heinz at 991-0170 for more information.

Get Ready for the St. Pius Irish Festival

The St. Pius X Leprechauns are working to make the IRISH FESTIVAL & BRUNCH on March 11 the best one ever. We plan to have a sold out crowd as we did last year when 300 hungry souls appeared at the Parish Hall door asking to enter and enter they did promptly at 11AM. It will be an exciting event with excellent music & dancing along with a delicious menu as follows: Erin Go Bragh Stew, Blarney Stone Salad, Soda Bread & Strawberry Preserves, Dublin Vegetables, and Kate Reagan’s Gingerbread with Whipped Cream, Coffee or Irish Coffee prepared by the Leprechauns. Adults \$12. Children will need their own ticket unless they are 2 years old or younger. Tickets will be sold at the door this weekend, Feb. 25-26 & March 3-4, and also from members of the committee or at the rectory office. For additional information or to become a sponsor call: Maxine Sommers ... 814-8814, for tickets call: Sue Dougherty @ 855-8541. All tickets are presold! Attention: Leprechauns will meet in the Parish Hall this Sunday at 1:30PM.

Around the Diocese

K.J.T. (Catholic Union of Texas) Society #72 meets at 2PM on Sunday, March 4 at the Moravian Hall, 5601 Kostoryz. For information, call 852-1409.

Financial Report for week ending 2/19/12

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection	\$20,221.54
Other Income	\$ 1,489.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 21,710.54
LESS: Week of 2/20/2012 Actual	
Operating Expenses.....	\$ 24,530.63
(Includes (2) weekly Diocesan loan payments, monthly Infirm/Retired Priests payment, and monthly school subsidy payment)	
DEFICIT FOR WEEK.....	\$ 2,820.09

Other Contributions:

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 1,627.41
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 1,637.41
Total Contributions 2/19/2012	\$ 23,347.95

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, February 26

8:30AM – RCIA – CC#2

After Masses Sale of St. Patrick’s Festival tickets

4:00-5:30PM – Boy Scouts – CC#2

Monday, February 27

3:00-4:30PM – School ballet class – PH

4:00-8:00PM – Confirmation Class – CC#1

7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria

Tuesday, February 28

6-8AM – Men’s Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2

12:30-3PM – MAP – CC#1

Wednesday, February 29

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

3:30PM – Children’s Choir – C/R

4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM – CCD – CC#1&2, Cafeteria

8:00PM – Youth Band practice - CH

Thursday, March 1

10:00AM – Altar Society Card Party - PH

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration - CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, March 2

First Friday Communion Calls

9:00-11:00AM – Women’s Prayer Group – CC#2

11:30AM – School Stations of the Cross – CH

12:00PM – Faculty Meeting – CC#1

3:30-5:30PM – Webelos – CC#2

4:30-7:00PM – Fish Fry – PH

5:30PM – Healing Mass - CH

7:00PM – Stations of the Cross – PH

8:00PM – Santo Nino Mass

Saturday, March 3

6:30PM – *After Mass Sale of St. Patrick’s Festival tickets*

Sunday, March 4

8:30AM – RCIA – CC#2

Sale of St. Patrick’s Festival tickets

1:30PM – Baptism class – CC#1

1:30PM – St. Patrick’s Festival Meeting – PH

4:00-5:30PM – Boy Scouts – CC#2

6:30PM – Life Teen - YC

YOUTH CORNER



Edge – 6th-8th graders, join us for the Parish Mission Wed, Feb 29.

Life Teen – Life Teen will not meet Feb 26 due to the Edge retreat. We will see you next week!

Creating/Maintaining a Safe Environment (CMSE)

If you are serving in the parish as a volunteer, you are required by the Diocese to be certified as a person who will protect children and vulnerable adults. Classes are offered throughout the year. Those who have never been certified are required to take the CORE CLASS and those who have been certified and whose certificate is expired are required to renew their certification by taking the RECERTIFICATION CLASS.

Class offerings at St. Pius X are as follows:

March 13	Recertification Class	6:30pm	CC#1
March 27	Core Class	6:30 pm	CC#1
April 10	Recertification Class	6:30pm	CC#1
May 8	Recertification Class	6:30pm	CC#1

(Classes in other parishes are listed on the Diocesan Website at www.diocesecc.org)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Our Lenten Mission

Today we meet Fr. Michael Boulette, our guide for "A Journey through the Gospel according to Luke." Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Bring your Bible!

I will recall
my covenant, says the LORD



Altar Servers



March 2 – Healing Mass

Fri. 5:30 p.m.
MC Tessa Heines
Matthew Leal
Blaine Buchanan
Kraig Bray

Sun. 8:00 a.m.
MC Paul Freeman
Nicholas Lee
Christian Ramos

March 2 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross
Marisa Matthijetz
Isaac Matthijetz
Nathaniel Quiroz

Sun. 10:00 a.m.
MC Ryan Trevino
Joshua Harney
Natalie Trevino
Jordyn Harney
Daniel Tindall

Sun. 12:00 p.m.
School will serve

March 3-4

Sat. 5:30 p.m.
MC Kevin Smith
MC Brittany MCCarty
Matthew Oliveira
Ryan Park

Sun. 5:30 p.m.
MC Olivia Tamez
MC Steven Wendel
Josh Ramirez
Kyle Wendel

Lectors

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MAR 3	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Peter Anzaldúa
MAR 3	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Dick Poremba
MAR 4	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Norman Acker
MAR 4	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Patricia Stegall
MAR 4	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Jennifer Krnavek
MAR 4	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Ralph Rodriguez
MAR 4	SUN	12:00	NOON	School
MAR 4	SUN	12:00	NOON	School
MAR 4	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Simon Purnell
MAR 4	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Martha St. Romain



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School News

By Principal Kathy Clark

The Lenten season is always a special time of year for the students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School. Not only is it a time of reflection and introspection, it is also a time to think of others less fortunate than ourselves. For us at St. Pius, Lent is a time for retreats, Stations of the Cross, service projects and self-sacrifice.

Our 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders got a jump-start on Lent with a retreat given by Sr. Barbara Bluntzer on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The children always love Sr. Barbara's retreats because she brings her message down to their level where they can understand it. The effort that she puts forth in planning her retreats pays off at delivery time because the children pay attention and participate fully. We thank Sr. Barbara for taking time out of her busy schedule to help prepare our children for Lent.

The students attended Mass on Ash Wednesday and received their ashes. Although some of our three-year-olds did not like getting their foreheads dirty, nevertheless, they were well-behaved at a Mass that was filled with more parishioners than normal. On Friday, all of the students attended student-led Stations of the Cross. They will do this on all of the Fridays during Lent.

For service projects, the students are participating in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program and collecting packaged snacks for the Mother Theresa Shelter. They are also raising money for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through the Math-A-Thon program.

Lent, for our students, is also a time for little acts of self-sacrifice. When Fr. Paul asked some of the students what they were giving up for Lent, some said "candy" and "television." One of the K-5 students said he was giving up video games, while another student said he was giving up pickles! A couple of our teachers are giving up sodas, and several teachers are giving up some of their sleep time by going to the 6:30 a.m. Mass every morning. The goal of all of our retreats, service projects and self-sacrifice is to draw ourselves closer to God. It looks like we're off to a good start!

We would like to thank everyone who helped with our Rummage Sale last weekend. We made



approximately \$4,000 on it! The proceeds will go towards the new playground project, security fencing, and security cameras that will make our campus a safer place. The fencing for the front of the school should be completed next week. After that comes the security system and then the playground for the 1st – 6th grade children. We're hoping for a very successful golf tournament to help us complete these projects.

Speaking of the golf tournament, parishioners will receive a letter from the school this week asking for help with the Benefit Drawing that we are having in conjunction with the golf tournament. There are 5 tickets enclosed that cost \$1.00 each. We are hoping that you will purchase them or sell them to friends or family members. The prizes are nice. There is also a flyer that shows the various sponsorships that are available if anyone would like to become a sponsor. Thank you for your support of our parish school.

Have a blessed week!

Health Corner

Do Well, Be Well

with Diabetes...

A free program for people with type 2 diabetes.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, in collaboration with the Nueces County Commissioners Court and Wesley Nurse Health Ministries™, will be offering "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes", a series of free diabetes education classes taught by a Registered Nurse and a Registered Dietitian for Nueces County residents with Type 2 Diabetes.

*This is a series of classes, all classes must be attended.

The class is limited to 15 people with Type 2 Diabetes.
Wednesdays *

April 25 – May 30

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Ethel Eyerly Community Center

654 Graham Road

Corpus Christi

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To register for the class or for more information contact:
Talma D. Benavides

County Extension Agent—FCS (361)767-5216

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Mass Intentions



- Sat. 2/25 8:15AM Edna Esparza's Anniversary by M/M Bonifacio Villarreal
5:30PM Dora Almendarez by Boyd, Swoboda & Almendarez families
- Sun. 2/26 8:00AM Alberto Benavides by Minnie Saenz
10:00AM For the Parishioners
12:00PM Chester Zablocki by Aneda Zablocki Jesus Maria Villarreal by M/M Santana Villarreal
5:30PM Alice Sosa by C. Bend Assoc. Health Underwriters
- Mon. 2/27 6:30AM Joe Schropshire by Camille Hojnacki & family
8:15AM Rene Mario Garza by Rebecca Regino
- Tue. 2/28 6:30AM Anselmo Torres by family
8:15AM Ralph M. Reyna by Luis & Alice Cervantes
- Wed. 2/29 6:30AM St. Anthony by Linda Habeeb
8:15AM Mitzi Mendleski by Alice Didear
5:30PM Sandra Sykora by Mike & Delores Kaspar Bruce Bayerlein by Art & Mary Salinas
- Thu. 3/1 6:30AM Vocations in Memory of Jane Tisdale by Paul Tisdale
8:15AM Joe Shopshire by Isabel Black
- Fri. 3/2 6:30AM Arthur Karp by Lorraine Karp
8:15AM Carolyn Whitmire by Joanie Whitmire
5:30PM Fr. Bill Heery by Mary & Art Salinas
Robert Conwell by Marguerite Stuchel
Guadalupe Garcia by Gigi Kelly
Marie Habeeb's Intentions by Linda Habeeb
Recovery of Patricia Edson by Mary Sue Glorfield
In Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Elida Guzman
Nancy Rodriguez by Beatiz Soliz
- Sat. 3/3 8:15AM Monico Perez by Ruben & Veronica Escobedo
5:30PM Bob Conwell by Ellen Dickson
- Sun. 3/4 8:00AM Chris & John Janosek by Brian Janosek
10:00AM Erika Benson by Moraida Family
12:00PM Alvino Campos by Stella Campos
5:30PM For the Parishioners

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins...

Caleb Adamson, Martin Adrian, Mabel Allen, Ulie Alvarado, Susan Ames, Marie Annis, Irene Arkwright, Nancy Arkwright, Rita Austin, Madison Beckwith, Elizabeth Berry, Michael Billodeau, Beatrice Bocanegra, Dawson Boone, Michael Boone, Robert Bowden, Martha Brown, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Dana Cadena, Michael Campos, Stella Campos, Ashley Cantu, Jonathan Carlson, Alexzandria Carrion, Judy Carroll, Emma Casares, Annie Castro, M/M John Castro, Cameron Chrissman, Julie Anna Chrissman, Mela Ciochetto, Kathy Collins, Suzanne Conklin, Daniel Covich, Richard Lee Daily, Florinda De La Garza, Minga De Los Santos, Mark DeGaish, Elva DeLeon, Thomas Denniston, Samantha Didear Deste, Bertha Dominguez, Scott Dossat, Yolanda Duran, Maggie Dyer, Patricia Edson, Vance Elliot, Elizabeth Elovitz, Bill Enters, Sandi Escobar, Bess Evans, Aurelia Fay, Mercedes Felan, Patsy Fikes, Bobby Floyd, Lexi Fuller, Frances Galvan, Travis Garbe, Alice Garci, Concepcion Garcia, Pam Garcia, Ruben Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Jr., Laura Garza, Marvin Gates, Jackson Gavarkovs, Michael Gil, Krista Glorfield, James Goins, Melissa Golay, Elida Gonzalez, Jessica Gonzalez, Kathy Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Glenda Graham, Charlotte Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Tommy Groner, Iluminada Gunnar, Colleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Carolyn Haese, Rose Marie Hand, James Hardeman, Bud Harris, Bartus Hebenwald, David Arriana Hernandez, Vanessa Hernandez, Gabriel Hinojosa, Shelly Hinojosa, Chris Holland, Judy Holmes, Edwin Imhoff, Edward Jacobsan, Adam Jewel, Elizabeth Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Jeremy Keller, Willie Keller, Jason Keppery, Judy Kirchner, Alene Krause, Dorothy Krause, Carl Kuehn, Emma Lane (child), Susanne Logan, Baby Michael James Long, Jr., Larry Looka, Arlinda Lopez, Orlando Lopez, Randall Lovelace, Richard Lundeen, Christopher Mankan, Deborah V. Martinez, Stella Martinez, Georgia Maughan, Laura Mayagoitia, Michael McCloskey, John Medina, Mary Medrano, Virginia Medrano, Jose Mercado, Domenic Michaud, Robert Miller, Jennifer Mirabal, Estefana Mireles, Avita John Moore, Jose I. Morales, John Morgan, Idolina Munoz, Daniel Murray, LTC, Jerry Muttera, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Alma Mae Peter, Thien-Huong Phan, Karen Pinkerton-Kowalik, Robert M. Pope, Cameron Propp, James Ragan, Andres Ramirez, Irma Ramirez, Juan R. Ramirez, Rosenda Ramon, Angie Ramos, Rey Ramos, Judy West Rasor, Pat Reddick, Billy Redfox, Priscilla Renteria, Olga Reyes, Regina Richter, J.R. Rios, Dr. Alice Robinson, Maria Rocha, Betty Rodgers, Calvin Rodrigues, Sr., Armandina Rodriguez, Cleto Rodriguez, Mary Lee Rodriguez, Marguerite Ross, Troy Ross, Angie Rossi, Robert Rushing, Isaiah Ryland, Luis Salazar, Maria Salazar, Joseph Salinas, Reynaldo Salinas, Janie San Miguel & children, Alison Schaff, Nathan Schoggins, Valerie V. Schoggins, Jenna Schulz, James Sedberry, Walter Sheehan, Josephine C. Sheldon, Joseph Shepherd, June Shepherd, Tina Shepherd, Dorothy Sherman, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Jaden A. Silva, Ian Silvertooth, Judy Slaughter, Kelley Smith, Morrie Smith, Marie Sophie, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Mirium Lee Speiner, Mary Ann Starkey, Richard Stasiak, Jr., Mary Kay Stoner, Steve Struve, Irma Suarez, James H. Tansey, Melissa Taylor, Lydia Tey, Rossly Thonnard, Jim Trammell, Joseph Trevino, Tony Trevino, Laverne Ulbricht, Gary Valencia, Silverio Valencia, Jr., Dalinda Veriali, Johnny Villarreal, Kristopher Villarreal, Ardeth Weed, Steve Weikal, Catalina Weitzel, Joyce West, Nova West, Mary Ellen Whitworth, Greg Wiegthman, Belinda Wightnam, Bea Wilson, Maritza Windsor, Linda Witt, Linda Witt, Fr. John Wright, Jim Yaklin, Dollya Zittellie and all those who asked for and need our prayers.