

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends: As I read the Gospel for this weekend, I was immediately reminded of a seemingly unremarkable event that occurred a little more than a year ago on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

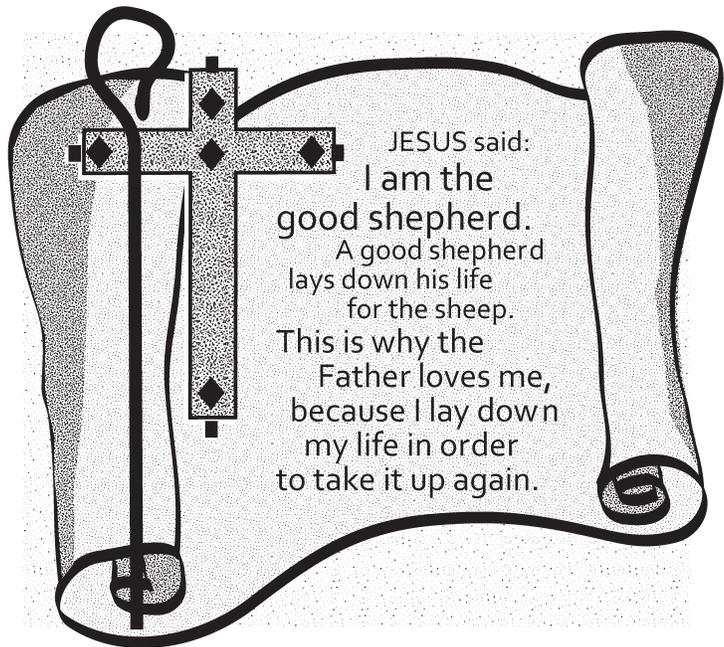
Our original itinerary was going to take us first to Egypt, and then into Israel. However, because of the sudden upheaval in Egypt and the rebellion that resulted in the ousting of the Egyptian president, our itinerary had to be changed. We opted to go to the country of Jordan instead. Our first day in Jordan took us to the ruins of the city of Jerash, which lies along the ancient road to Damascus – a road made famous by the dramatic conversion experience of St. Paul.

We had been walking through the ruins and had just been dismissed by our tour guide when we turned around and saw that a flock of sheep had descended a slope and scattered about the hillside. Their shepherd looked as you might expect a shepherd to look, except that he wore a white ball-cap on his head. He sat down on the brow of the hill and rested on his staff while he watched the sheep attentively as they grazed on the lush green grass. In an instant, our group's interest in the ruins of Jerash fizzled and became focused on the sheep. You would think that the sheep were rock stars as much as the cameras were snapping!

I estimated the number of animals to be about 60 and they covered a large swath of land. Evidently, the shepherd kept a watchful eye on them because at one point, some of the sheep started crossing out of the bounds of where he wanted them to be. He sprang up and ran to them; calling out to them and coaxing them back to within proper distance.

That simple event was illustrative of the nuances of shepherding, as well as the care and responsibility that a shepherd has for the sheep. The shepherd obviously was ready to give the sheep some space to roam about. Yet, there was a limit. Those limits were established in the mind of the shepherd and were intended to safeguard the sheep. To keep them too confined would be to prevent them from being satisfactorily nourished. To let them wander too far would have spelled danger for the sheep and likewise, would have created headaches for the shepherd.

Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd in the Gospel today. Like the shepherd in Jerash, he is acutely aware of his flock. He is ever attentive to us and guides us perfectly. He knows each of us by name and would never lead us astray. He gives us limits in order to safeguard us. We must be willing to listen to him and submit ourselves to his guidance if we want to be properly nourished and enjoy his security and love. If we listen, he gives us room to grow, but steers our soul through dangers that face us. It is critical that we avoid thinking that we can steer ourselves without his guidance. Our own guidance is often a poor advisor, motivated by imperfect perceptions. That is why it is good to get advice from someone who is trained to give spiritual guidance. A spiritual director helps us to discern the voice of the Lord



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and where he is leading us.

As much as we need shepherding, so also do our children. It is important that a parent take extra care in guiding their children through the challenges of life. They need to be given some room for growth, but they also need their limits. The limits teach them responsible living and safeguard them from rash behavior and chaotic judgment. They also keep them focused on the Lord's voice that calls them into a loving relationship with him.

It seems harder and harder for parents to be good shepherds of their children. It is hard to find the support system of other parents who share the same Christian values. These days, people's views about raising children are so divergent. That is why it is so important for parents to make their Catholic Faith a priority so that they can better hear the call of The Master. Hearing His call, they develop a like-minded bond whereby they can raise their children without fear that someone will contradict what they teach. Let's all seek the guidance of the One True Shepherd and teach our children to do so as well. God bless!



Welcome, New Parishioners!

Jose Sanchez & Gabrielle Morales. Billy D. Bell. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

Trip Change

The dates for the trip to the Pacific Northwest, originally scheduled for late July, have been changed to August 5-13. If this new date now enables you to go (and the original dates were inconvenient) please contact Sister Barbara Bluntzer at 992-3976 for more information.

Women's Circle

The St. Pius X Women's Circle will be selling their 50/50 raffle tickets after Masses this weekend.

First Saturdays

On the first Saturday of each month a Rosary will be said at 8AM before the 8:15AM Mass. Our Blessed Mother asked us to make 5 first Saturdays for Peace and the Reparation of Sins. Five Saturdays were asked for because there are five ways in which people offend God.

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

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

A Multinational Pro-life Prayer Event is being promoted by the Catholic Daughters here at St. Pius X Church. For the weekend of May 4 through 6, parishioners are invited to pray for the unborn. Sign-up sheets are at the church entries. We thank you for your prayers.

Send a Card, Say a Prayer for...

John Boyd who had knee replacement surgery last Wednesday and is now recuperating at home: 906 Pyramid, 78412.

Photos of Easter Vigil Available

Photos from the Easter Vigil Mass are available online for those parishioners, especially those who are newly baptized. To access the photos, visit <http://stpiuseaster.shutterfly.com/> and you can view or print them. If you have problems accessing the site, you may call 992-1826. Special thanks to Ronald Randolph for the photography!

Financial Report for week ending 4/22/2012

Operating Revenue:

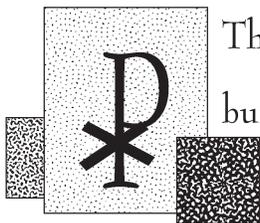
Sunday Collection	\$ 19,382.87
Other Income	\$ 383.76
Total Operating Revenue.....	\$ 19,766.63

Other Contributions:

Gregory flood victims	\$ 3,237.60
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 80.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$ 22.00
Good Friday	\$ 5.00
Janosek Scholarship.....	\$ 25.00
Catholic Relief Services/Rice Bowl.....	\$ 41.46
Catholic Charities.....	\$ 15.00
Total Other Contributions.....	\$ 3,426.06
Total Contributions 4/22/2012 ...	\$ 23,192.69

Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of March 31, 2012\$1,093,097.70



The stone rejected
by the
builders has become
the cornerstone

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, April 29

HEB school cards are available after Masses
Tickets sold – Women’s Circle 50/50 Raffle

8:30AM – RCIA – CC#2

3:00-5:30PM – Marriage Encounter – CC#1

6:30PM – Life Teen – YC

Monday, April 30

10:00AM – Pius Travelers – CC#1

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

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

7:00-8:30PM – Faithful Citizenship – CC#2

7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria

Tuesday, May 1

6-8AM – Men’s Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2

12:30-3PM – MAP – CC#1

2:00-3:30PM – Faithful Citizenship – CC#2

6:00PM – Sr. Angela - PHK

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

Wednesday, May 2

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

10:00AM – Staff Meeting - R

3:30PM – Children’s Choir – C/R

4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM- CCD & Parents – CC#1&2, Cafeteria

6:30PM – EDGE – YC

6:30PM – Alhambra - R

8:00PM – Youth Band practice - CH

Thursday, May 3

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

6:00-9:00PM – School Awards Banquet - PH

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, May 4

9AM-12:00PM – Women’s Prayer Group – CC#2

12:00-4:00PM – Faculty meeting – CC#1

3:30PM – Webelos – CC#2

5:30PM – Healing Mass

6:30PM – Santo Nino Mass

Saturday, May 5

1:00-6:00PM – Eagle Scout Awards - PH

Sunday, May 6

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8:30AM – RCIA – CC#2

1:30PM – Baptism Class – CC#1

6:30PM – Life Teen – YC

YOUTH CORNER



Edge – 6th-8th graders, join us for “Sober and Alert”, a night on drugs and alcohol. Only TWO more Edge nights for the school year! May 9 is our Annual Messy Olympics.

Life Teen – High Schoolers, join us for a night of outdoor fun! Dress appropriately...

True Radiance, “a modest fashion show” will take place Thursday, May 3 beginning with hor d’oeuvres at 6:30PM at Richard Borchard Fairgrounds Ballroom. Tickets are \$5 pre-order, \$10 at the door. Call Cynthia for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Vacation Bible School

Where: Our Parish—St. Pius X

When: June 25-29

Why: Summer is near and it’s time to plan to get together. Sky is filled with incredible experiences that allow kids to see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-fun Gizmos, team building games, cool faith-filled songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the Sky activities that help faith flow into real life.

Who: The children of the parish—ages 5-12

Pick up a registration form from the front office or from the Religious Education Office or download from the St. Pius X website under Religious Education..

FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND

Fifty children from Religious Education classes and the second grade at St. Pius X School will be receiving their First Communion the weekend of May 5-6th. Children will be receiving their First Communion at the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday and at the 10:00 and 12:00 Masses on Sunday, May 6. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Altar Servers



May 4 – Healing Mass

Joseph Tarin
Kate Soward
Riel Posada

Sun. 10:00 a.m.
MC Kelsey Krnavek
Dalton Rives
Helena Van Maren
Stacia Krnavek
Andres Ramirez

May 5-6

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

Sun. 12:00 p.m.
MC Sara Rucker
School will serve

Sun. 8:00 a.m.
MC Andrew Shull
MC Toby Shull
Tori Shull

Sun. 5:30 p.m.
MC Alex Rossi
Franceska Alvarado
Milicent Alvarado

Lectors

MAY 5	SAT	5:30	P.M.	David Brown
MAY 5	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Christine Wisian
MAY 6	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Norman Acker
MAY 6	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Teresa Camacho
MAY 6	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Jennifer Krnavek
MAY 6	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Colleen Thomas
MAY 6	SUN	12:00	NOON	School
MAY 6	SUN	12:00	NOON	School
MAY 6	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Inez Matthijetz
MAY 6	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Alma Tamez

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Go . . . make disciples

Would you like to re-discover your faith through new eyes? Those who serve as RCIA sponsors to those entering the Catholic Church often experience this gift. Are you interested in participating in this inspiring ministry? For more information, contact Sr. Annette at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiusxcc.org

Being a Faith-filled Citizen

What kind of guidance do the bishops give us on being good United States citizens? Join Sr. Annette in exploring Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States in CC-2. Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM: April 30 and May 7; Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:30 PM: May 1, 8. This week’s topic: Inform Your Conscience



School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



Last week we honored our volunteers and our school secretaries. This week we will honor our teachers and aides for all of their hard work and dedication to our school. We will also honor our athletes at our annual Sports Awards Banquet and cook a meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. And as if that is not enough for one week, on Sunday, our second graders will make their First Communion and we will have our school Mass at 12:00! And that's only the beginning of May.

Teacher Appreciation Week always holds many surprises for our teachers. Our PTO makes sure of that. Whatever they are planning, you can be sure that our teachers deserve it and will appreciate it. Teachers are special folks. All of us can remember at least one teacher who made a difference in our lives, one who perhaps gave us encouragement or inspired us to take a certain path in life. The teachers at St. Pius X Catholic School go the extra mile for their students. Not only do they provide a strong academic foundation for them, they also nurture and guide their students. Being good role models themselves, they inspire and encourage our boys and girls to be the best versions of themselves. Thank you, teachers and aides, for the awesome job you do with our students.

Our school service project in April has been to stock the pantry of the Ronald McDonald House. In case you didn't know, the Ronald McDonald House is a place for out-of-town families to stay when their children have to remain overnight in the hospital. On Tuesday, the faculty and staff of our school will cook a meal for these residents, some 40-50 adults and children. Our classes have been assigned certain items to bring in such as non-perishable food, disposable utensils, laundry supplies and toiletries. It's a great way to serve our Lord and the community.

On Thursday, we will have our annual Sports Awards Banquet for our Blue Jay athletes who have played volleyball and basketball this year. Our guest speaker is Adam Farrell of Pinnacle Performance. Several of our staff members and parishioners attend his Boot Camp three times a week. The students will receive trophies and awards, and the Blue Jay Award will be given to one special sixth grade boy and girl who have played both volleyball and basketball since fourth grade, had a good academic standing all three years, and have shown outstanding sportsmanship and leadership. The winners will be announced in next week's bulletin.

On Sunday, our second graders will join all of the second graders of the parish in making their First Holy Communion. They have been preparing for this special day for two years and it will be a very special day for them. They attended a retreat last weekend to finalize their preparation for this important event in their lives. We will keep them in our prayers. You can bet that their teacher, Mrs. Daehne, will be proud of her "peeps" that day! The following Wednesday, there will be a reception for them after the school Mass. It will be the first time for them to receive Communion with the rest of the school children. They will also get to wear their

First Communion clothing one more time.

A report on our 9th Annual Golf Classic will be given in next week's bulletin. From all indications, we will have beautiful weather and a good turn-out for this important fundraiser for the school. Many thanks, again, to all of our parishioners who have bought raffle tickets or donated to the tournament. Thanks, also, to the Men's Club, who are sponsoring a team, and to Fr. Paul, Fr. Joseph and David who are playing on a team. Frank and Susy Battaglia are the Tournament Sponsors, and several of our parishioners are Food Sponsors, Endowment Sponsors, Longest Drive Sponsor, Bronze Sponsors and Hole Sponsors. We are eternally grateful to all of them. They will be listed in next week's bulletin. Without their support of our school, we could not have had this tournament.

Have a blessed week!

Deadline for Graduate Scholarship

Graduating Seniors have the opportunity to apply for the Chris Janosek and Emil Habeeb Scholarship. Applications are located at the back of the church and the deadline is Monday May 14. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

Graduation Mass

A Mass for the high school and college graduates will take place on May 20. Please RSVP by May 14 by signing up at the back of parish hall or by calling 993.4053.

Creating/Maintaining a Safe Environment

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. 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:

May 8 Recertification Class 6:30pm CC#1
(Classes in other parishes are listed at www.diocesec.org)

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Mass Intentions



Sat. 4/28	5:30PM	Joe Shropshire by Margaret Lenken
Sun. 4/29	8:00AM	Milada Darilek by the Didear family John & Lucy Boyd's Wedding Anniversary Intentions
	10:00AM	Erich Wendl by Ken & Liz Morgan
	12:00PM	Joe McCullough by Sam & Delores Ferris
	5:30PM	For the Parishioners
Mon. 4/30	8:15AM	Mary Fitzgerald by the Fitzgerald girls
Tue. 5/1	8:15AM	Evalyn Morrison's Anniversary by Bonnie Heinz
Wed. 5/2	8:15AM	Betty Schacherl by the Didear family Robert Alatorre by M/M Q.F. Rodriguez
	5:30PM	Jim Yaklin by Don & Corinne Leiser Juan D. Lear's Anniv. by wife and daughters Rita Kocian by Randy & Donna Richard John Ley by the Ellsworth & Ley families Nancy Arkwright by Lory Moore
Thu. 5/3	8:15AM	Dick Frosch by Bob & Jeannie Cersosimo
Fri. 5/4	8:15AM	Owen Gerald Dunne's Anniversary by Penny Pacheco Gilbert Schanen by Nancy Schanen Alice Didear's Intentions by Art & Lou Kaler Larlene Martinez by Lory Moore
	5:30PM	John Mendleski by family Mitzi Mendleski by Isabel Black Bill Traeger by Sam & Delores Ferris Thomas & Mary Fitzgerald by Fitzgerald girls Nancy Banigan's Ints by Neal Gollighar
Sat. 5/5	8:15AM	Josephine Kolda by Martha & Frank Kolda
	5:30PM	Bob Shirley by Willie Mae Shirley
Sun. 4/29	8:00AM	Bruce Bayerlein by Art & Mary Salinas
	10:00AM	Joe McCullough by Jim & Carolyn Buehrig
	12:00PM	Alvino Campos by Stella Campos Chester Zablocki by Aneda Zablocki
	5:30PM	For the Parishioners

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

Madison Beckwith, Dawson Boone, John Boyd, Frances Branning, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Stella & Michael Campos, Norma Conolly, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Bobby Floyd, Frances Galvan, Jackson Gevarkovs, Elida Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Glenda Graham, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Coleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, Corina Herndon, Cathy Hervey, Chris Holland, Elizabeth Johnson, Dorothy Krause, Dorothy Mathews, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Pat Reddick, Terry Schacherl, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Silverio Valencia, Jr., Mary Lois Webster, Bea Wilson, Linda Witt and all those who asked for and need our prayers.



Create Understanding About Our Faith

Almost one out of four Americans is Catholic, yet misconceptions abound about our teachings and beliefs. Why not become an ambassador and spread the truth of our Catholic faith?

Remember our roots. Jesus established the Catholic Church and promised "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. The Church is the guardian of truth that comes from God, not from men.

Explain the rules. It is said that we have lots of rules. The guidance we get from the Church helps us to live holy selfless lives that keep us right with God and teach us how to love our brothers and sisters. The goal is our salvation.

Have ready answers. Perhaps the answers to questions or misassumptions aren't on the tip of your tongue. If you have a smartphone, download a free Catholic Bible or an app like iPieta that gives you a selection of Catholic literature for quick answers. At home, keep a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The glossary helps locate subjects easily (available at www.usccb.org, 800»235-8722).

Share the love. From the first, the Catholic Church has been about action: caring for the sick and the poor, teaching children, welcoming immigrants, fighting for justice. Living selfless lives of charity and love is the best way to show others the true Catholic Church.

