

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends: It happened 42 years ago. The church was full of people and the excitement was electric as we prepared to walk down the aisle. I was wearing a well-pressed white shirt, some black trousers, and a black bow tie. My hair was slicked back as neat as could be, and I held my prayer book between my hands. I distinctly remember that I was a little nervous with all those eyes looking at me and the rest of the kids. I was about to receive the Lord for the first time on the day of my First Communion!

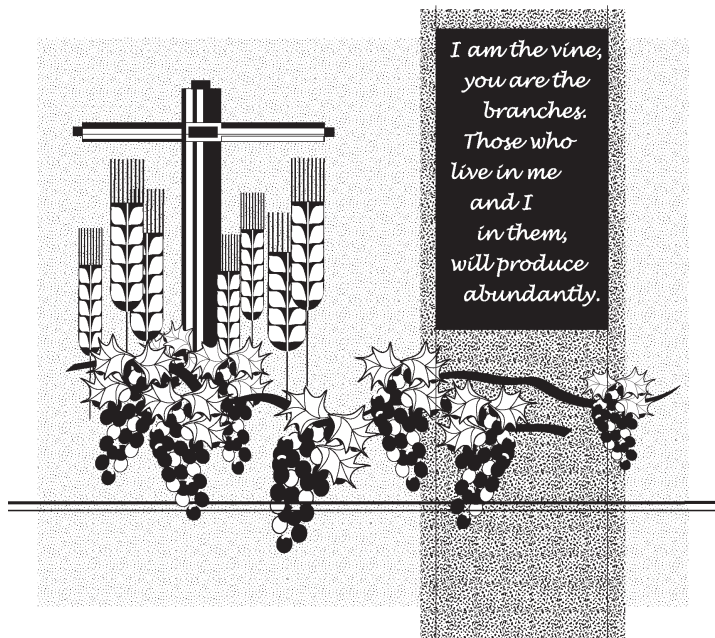
It is amazing some of the memories that stick out in our minds. That particular memory is one that returns to me with great clarity and one that, as I look back now, was very influential in my life. While writing this reflection, I sit here looking at a photo of me standing with Msgr. Michael Adams in front of the statue of St. Pius X right after my First Communion. Seeing the photo and reminiscing on that experience, I can see how God wove together that moment, along with many other moments, into a cloth of experiences that would lead me on the path to my vocation as a priest.

I don't think we always fully appreciate what a special gift it is to receive the Eucharist. Doing so week after week can in some ways seem rather routine. Yet, when we look back on all those years of receiving the Lord in the Eucharist, we can see how vital it is for us to be nourished at the Table of the Lord. It is a constant in our lives that sustains us, fortifies us, and keeps us united to the Lord and moving forward, especially when life is difficult.

It might seem natural for us to desire that Mass be a little more entertaining or that it spark our interest a little more. Sometimes Mass can indeed be uplifting and inspire us, and sometimes it can seem a little mundane. Whatever the case may be, the Mass is still life giving, always available to us, and draws us more deeply into a relationship of love.

The Mass is all about a love relationship. In our families, we experience a lot of routine in which we grow very accustomed to one another. We see one another day after day. Sometimes it is exciting – sometimes boring. Regardless, we develop love for one another. In fact, it is in this daily interchange with our families, with all of its struggles and hardships, that love is fostered. Likewise, it is in the regularity and consistency of attending Mass, whether exciting or commonplace, that we grow in love with our God. The Lord feeds us with His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, and His love lives within us. Imagine if we didn't have this ongoing relationship with God! Our lives would be empty!

The Eucharist is what keeps us connected to the vine. The Gospel this weekend reminds us that we cannot live apart from the vine. If we are separated from the vine, we lose that which gives us life and we wither and die. If we are separated from the Eucharist, we wither spiritually and hope withers along with it. That is why it is so important that we come to church and that we be able to receive the Eucharist. I might say that I want to worship



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God in the privacy of my own home, but then I am depriving myself of the very life that Jesus supplies in the Eucharist that keeps us connected to Him!

This weekend, a number of our parish children are receiving Communion for the very first time. They continue a long tradition that is a part of the life at St. Pius X. Let us pray that this will not also be their last Communion. Rather, may it be the first of many times that they are nourished at the Table of the Lord. May they find strength in Him and be sustained all the days of their lives! Congratulations and God's blessings upon all our First Communicants!



Welcome, New Parishioners!

Please welcome Billy Bell, Joe and Maria Balboa & family.

We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

Send a Card, Say a Prayer

Mrs. Tina Shepherd who is recovering from surgery at her son's home: 418 Palmetto, 78412.

From the Parish Mailbox

Last week we received a letter from Sister Patrick Bruen, written by one of her aides. She says she misses Corpus Christi and all her friends. She doesn't talk much but answers when asked a question and sits in her gerichair and watches all the going-ons. The aids take very good care of her and spoil her. She says "Hello!" to all who know her and ask for her. She says she is blessed to have known the good people of Corpus Christi and St. Pius X and sends her love to all. Her address is: 620 Roswell Road NW, P.O. Box 158, Carrollton, Ohio 44615.

† May He Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Dawson Boone who died this past week. His Memorial Mass is scheduled for Sat. May 19 at 11AM, here at St. Pius.

Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters will meet this coming Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 PM in CC#2. All ladies are invited to attend. Breakfast donations for the Mother Teresa Shelter are very much appreciated.

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. This weekend, 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.

Acts of Charity Committee

For many years, we have had a St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Pius X Church to give assistance to the poor and needy of our community. The needs of those who struggle with poverty and other unfortunate circumstances is ever changing. In order to meet those changing needs, we are looking for volunteers to help with what we are now going to call "Acts of Charity". If you are interested in volunteering in this new committee to give assistance to the poor of our community, please call Sr. Barbara Netek at 993-9024.

Around the Diocese

On Tuesday, 15 May 2012, (Feast of St. Isidore, patron of farmers)

Bishop Wm. Michael Mulvey will offer the Mass at Seedtime at 7pm in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church (Alice). Additionally, the Bishop will implore God's blessing on the year's harvests and impart a special blessing upon all farmers present. A light reception to greet the Bishop will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Financial Report for week ending 4/29/2012

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection	\$ 19,413.56
Other Income	\$ 250.00
Total Operating Revenue.....	\$ 19,663.56

Other Contributions:

Gregory flood victims	\$ 125.00
Diocesan Priests Retirement.....	\$ 2,734.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 10.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$ 50.00
Janosek Scholarship	\$ 125.00
Habeeb Scholarship.....	\$ 140.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$ 10.00
Total Other Contributions.....	\$ 3,194.00
Total Contributions 4/29/2012	\$ 22,857.56

Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of April 30, 2012\$1,058,597.22

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, May 6

HEB school cards are available after Masses

Tickets sold – Women's Circle 50/50 Raffle

8:30AM – RCIA – CC#2

1:30PM – Baptism class – CC#1

6:30PM – Life Teen – YC

Monday, May 7

8:00AM-4:00PM – Meeting – PH

2:00PM – Sultanas – R

3:30PM – Ballet – CC#2

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

7:00PM – Children's Confessions - CH

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

7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria

Tuesday, May 8

6-8AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

8:00AM-4:00PM – Meeting - PH

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2

12:30-3PM – MAP – CC#1

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

6:30PM – CMSE – CC#1

7:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#2

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

Wednesday, May 9

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

8:00-11:00AM – 2nd Grade 1st Communion

Reception – YC

8:00AM-4:00PM – Meeting - PH

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM- CCD – CC#1&2, Cafeteria

6:30PM – EDGE – YC

8:00PM – Youth Band practice - CH

Thursday, May 10

8:00AM – 4:00PM – Meeting - PH

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

2:00PM – May Crowning – CH

6:00PM – P.T.O. - PH

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, May 11

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

3:30PM – Chess – CC#1

3:30PM – Webelos – CC#2

Saturday, May 12

10:00AM – Confirmations at Cathedral

3:30PM – Meeting – CC#2

Sunday, May 13

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 48 CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS WEEKEND!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Sacramental Prep IIa, IIb, IIc for perfect attendance. Last week I was out of town and did not get to congratulate the 4th grade for perfect attendance. GREAT JOB parents and children!

May 16th will be our last day of CCD for the year. As always we have a fun night with hotdogs and the works. Parents, if you are able to donate either chips, dips, cookies, or punch to this fun night, please let me know ASAP. Please call at 993-9024. Thanks. Parents are invited.

St. Pius X Catholic Church Invites Children to



A summer kids' event called Sky will be hosted at St. Pius X from June 25 to June 29. At Sky, faith and imagination soar as kids discover that everything is possible with God. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience electrifying Bible adventures. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with Fly Away Finale—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Kids at Sky will join an international mission's effort to squash malaria in the African country of Mali—sending more than a million mosquito nets to protect Malian children.

Sky is for kids from 5 to 12 years of age and will begin at 8:30 am and end at noon each day. For more information, call 993-9024. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office or on the parish website (stpiusxcc.org). Space is limited and we will take registrations on a first come, first serve basis.

Altar Servers May 12-13



Sat. 5:30 p.m.

Mc Stephanie Gibbon
Reagan Gibbon
William Tucker
Michael Morin
Theonna Wisner

Andrew Montez
Michael Speed

Sun. 12:00 p.m.

Joseph Tarin
Matthew Lutz
Blake Finch
Riel Posada
Kate Soward

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Gabe Skrobarczyk
MC David Acker
Logan Campbell
Kevin Beckwith

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

Ethan Pompa
Luke Bean
Acadia Tamez
Benny Myers

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Blake Martin
MC Matthew Montez
Aaron Martin

Lectors

MAY 12	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Peter Anzaldua
MAY 12	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Fred McCutchon
MAY 13	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Dennis Diersing
MAY 13	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Joan Hennings
MAY 13	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Richard Arizmendi
MAY 13	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Theresa Arizmendi
MAY 13	SUN	12:00	NOON	Jenny Sehy
MAY 13	SUN	12:00	NOON	Isabel Lopez
MAY 13	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Reagan Johnson
MAY 13	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Simon Purnell

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 was a busy one for the students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School. We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week, cooked a meal for the Ronald McDonald House residents, honored our Blue Jay athletes at a Sports Awards Banquet, and started our school-wide Oceans Unit. All of that followed our successful 9th Annual Golf Classic that was held last weekend. There is never a dull moment around our school!

Our parents made sure that our teachers felt appreciated during Teacher Appreciation Week. They showered them with a nice breakfast on Monday morning and gift cards on Tuesday. On Wednesday, each teacher received flowers from the children, and on Thursday, room mothers watched the classes so that the teachers could go to lunch off campus. On Friday they were provided a very nice lunch by PTO members. It was a nice way to honor some very hard-working folks, our teachers. Many thanks to the PTO for making them feel special.

On Tuesday, our teachers provided hot dogs and hamburgers to the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. They also brought all of the items that the students donated during the Stock the Pantry Drive that was held during the month of April. Several of the students that went with us helped organize the pantry and added the items we donated.

On Thursday, we had our annual Sports Awards Banquet to honor our Blue Jay athletes who played volleyball and basketball this year. The guest speaker was Adam Farrell of Pinnacle Performance. All of the athletes received trophies and awards. Our 4th grade girls received an extra trophy for having won all of their basketball games. This was in spite of having only six girls on the team! Congratulations to 6th graders, Evan Pangilinan and Jordyn Harney, who were awarded the prestigious Blue Jay Award. This award is given to the boy and girl who have played both volleyball and basketball in 4th, 5th and 6th grades, have displayed good sportsmanship and leadership, and have remained in good academic standing all three years. Evan is the son of Gin and Stella Pangilinan, and Jordyn is the daughter of Joseph and Jill Harney. A special thank you goes to Stella Pangilinan, the Booster Club chairperson who organized the banquet, and to her husband, Gin, who made and produced the video that was shown at the end of the banquet. Kudos to them!

Today our second graders are joining all of the second graders of the parish in making their First Holy Communion. They have been preparing for this special day all year. On 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. The 12:00 Mass is our school Mass. Our students will serve as the lectors, altar servers, gift bearers and choir members. It will be our last school Mass of the school year.

We are still working on the golf tournament report, so the results will be given in next week's bulletin. Ask Estella Phillips how she likes her new Taylor-Made golf club that she won from the raffle! She was pretty excited to hear that news!

Have a blessed week!

YOUTH CORNER



Edge – Edgers, Join us May 9 is our Annual Messy Olympics. Be sure to dress to get dirty!!! Bring a towel too!

Life Teen – High Schoolers, do ever have questions about life, faith, God, boys or girls? Join us May 6 for a night on questions and answers.

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

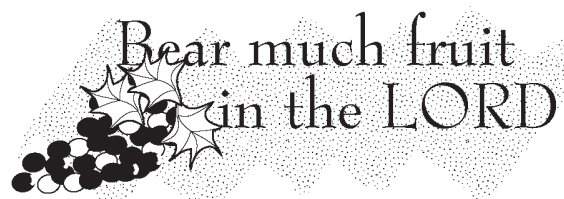
A Mass for the high school and college graduates will take place on May 20. Please RSVP by May 14 by signing up at the back of parish hall or by calling 993.4053.

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.diocesecc.org)



Mass Intentions



- Sat. 5/5 8:15AM Josephine Kolda by Martha & Frank Kolda
 5:30PM Bob Shirley by Willie Mae Shirley
- Sun. 5/6 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
- Mon. 5/7 8:15AM Joe Shropshire by Pat Booth
- Tue. 5/8 8:15AM Bob Glorfield, Jr. by the Glorfield family
- Wed. 5/9 8:15AM Mitzi Mendleski by Altar & Rosary Society
 Elena Montenola by Elizabeth Lomanpao
 Robert Alatorre by Hipolito & Mary Munguia
 5:30PM Michael Pacheco, Sr. by Penny Pacheco
 Arthur Karp by Lorraine Karp
 Margarita Guerrero by Ramirez, Leal &
 Hinojosa family
 Jim Yaklin by Pat & Sandy De Gregorio
 Bill Traeger by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora
 Robert King by Lory Moore
 Angie Rossi by Phyllis Benesh
- Thu. 5/10 8:15AM Antonieta Wagner & May Hendrickson
 by Wilma T.
- Fri. 5/11 8:15AM Michael Pacheco, Jr. by Penny Pacheco
 5:30PM Nancy T. Rodriguez by Ruben Rodriguez
- Sat. 5/12 5:30PM Dora Almendarez, Helen Boyd, Irena
 Swoboda by the Boyd, Swoboda &
 Almendarez family
- Sun. 5/13 8:00AM Vera Catchings by Lisa & Dewayne
 Catchings
 10:00AM Felicitas Rodriguez by Elvira Wendl
 12:00PM For the Parishioners
 5:30PM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA



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Want something better than a vacation for your marriage this summer?

Try a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND. June 22 – 24, 2012 at O.L.C.C. Retreat Center (C.C., TX) Deadline to sign-up: May 20th. Go to: www.mecorpus.org or Email: ccwwme.register@gmail.com or Call: 361-851-8306

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