Dear Friends,

The past few weeks have been quite eventful! It all started with the celebration of First Communions for our little ones, and then Confirmations for 10th graders the following weekend. Next, we honored our graduates for their hard work and accomplishments at the graduation Mass. This past week, we closed out the school year by holding graduation for our 6th graders and kindergarteners, followed by an awards Mass for the rest of the schoolchildren. As I participated in all of these events, I couldn’t help but ponder what their future will be.

I have been amazed at each of the groups that I mentioned above. One thing that was immediately noticeable is the faith that is present in their lives. Without exception, they all have been exposed to the presence of God and the seeds of faith have been planted in their hearts to varying degrees. I wonder, though, what challenges lie ahead for them in faith. Will they hold fast to what has been given to them?

It might be tempting to think that they will be deprived of a good faith life. There is so much to worry about with the erosion of morals that has occurred in our society over the last few decades. When we look at the assaults on our beliefs and the increasing permissiveness that seems to be more prevalent, we might wonder if our children and our young people will be able to withstand them. When policies are imposed upon people of faith in a way that acts against their consciences, we may wonder if our young people will have religious freedom at all!

To be certain, these are genuine things to be concerned about. In some respects, we have become complacent, and therefore, slowly but surely, have forgotten our moral compass. Yet, there is also much for which to be hopeful. As I looked into the eyes and the faces of these young people who are growing up in our contemporary world, I could see the life of the Triune God at work in them. God promised to be with us until the end of time. The life of the Trinity is present and active within the Church, and therefore in these youth. Unlike ages past when, before the coming of Christ, God was perceived as someone who dwelt external to us in a temple, we understand that the life of the Triune God dwells within us. His presence is not external to us, but through the indwelling, is present in our hearts.

During all the celebrations of the last month, I have seen students who are more serious, and eager to do something productive with their lives. In fact, more and more, I see young people who do not want a faith that is mediocre or based purely on emotion. Rather, I see young people who want real depth and meaning in their lives. They want a relationship with the Lord and they want substance to their faith.
It is clear that there will be many challenges to our faith in the years ahead. More and more, our core beliefs and values will be tested by people who have no interest in what we believe. Yet, these tests to our faith will inspire men and women of true character and greatness. Perhaps we will even see martyrs rise up in our midst!

It seems to me that we will see some inspiring times in the Church in the years ahead. The true mettle of our faith will become more evident as we face the challenges that may come. God will purify and make his faithful more holy. How can we be sure of this? We can be confident because God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit lives in the hearts of the faithful. His life within us will empower us to do great things. Our children might give an even greater and more heroic witness! Let us stand united in faith, and pray for one another out of love. May God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you all!

Women’s Circle

The St. Pius X Women’s Circle is happy to announce the winner of the 50/50 raffle of $1,500.00 prize: Mr. Jim Wheeler of Dallas. Congratulations and thanks for supporting Women Circle’s fund-raising efforts.

Centennial of the Diocese of Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi College Academy

A desire for accessible Catholic education for youth of the Diocese of Corpus Christi by both Bishop Emanuel B. Ledvina and Catholic layman John Dunn resulted in one of Bishop Ledvina’s biggest achievements; the establishment of the Corpus Christi College Academy for the high school education of boys. Situated on land donated by Dunn for the purpose of Catholic education it developed into a regional boarding school making Catholic education accessible to the youth of the area. Run by the Benedictines it opened in 1928 with 55 students. Over the years many of the men who graduated became leaders in the Catholic community of the diocese, entering professions and business, holding public office and remaining faithful to the values learned at the academy by leading a fully developed Catholic lives. The school closed in 1972.
Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 3
1:30PM – Baptism Class – CC#1
6:30PM – Filipino Day - PH

Monday, June 4
2:00PM – Sultanas – R
6:00PM – VBS training - PH

Tuesday, June 5
6–8AM – Men’s Journey – CC#1&2
10:00AM – Journey – CC#2
10:00AM – 3:00PM – K. of C. – Cafeteria
7:00PM – Sacrament Series - CH
8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

Wednesday, June 6
7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2
9:30AM – Staff meeting – R
6:30PM – Alhambra – CC#1
8:00PM – Youth Band practice - CH

Thursday, June 7
1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2
7:00PM – Adoration – CH

Saturday, June 9
Catholic Daughters’ sale of Bingo/Merienda tickets after 5:30PM Mass

Sunday, June 10
Catholic Daughters’ sale of Bingo/Merienda tickets after Masses
1:00PM – Meeting - PH
1:15PM – Baptisms – CC#1


Operating Revenue:
Sunday Collection.................................................. $ 20,917.41
Other Income ....................................................... $ 155.00
Total Operating Revenue................................. $ 21,072.41

Other Contributions:
Diocesan Priests Retirement .................. $ 135.00
Acts of Charity .................................................. $ 50.00
Catholic Communications ......................... $ 29.00
CRS - Rice Bowl ............................................... $ 30.00
Janosek Scholarship ........................................ $ 125.00
Black/Indian Missions .............................. $ 10.00
Cent/European Church .............................. $ 10.00
Catholic Charities ........................................ $ 1,035.00
Total Other Contributions ........................ $ 1,424.00

Total Contributions 5/27/2012 .... $ 22,496.41
Loan balance on Youth Bldg as of May 25, 2012 .......................... $1,048,130.29

Around the Diocese

St. Patrick Church - St. Patrick Altar & Rosary Society’s Annual Dessert/Card Party is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 3350 S. Alameda. Men and women, bring your own cards and games you wish to play. Donation is $5.00 per person. For more information, call Mildred Hoffer at 884-5975 or Trudy Charleston at 991-2158.

Young Adult Retreat.

The Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry will have a day and a half of spiritual renewal for young adults, 18-39, single or married. The retreat will be on July 6-7 at the Newman Catholic Student Center located at 7002 Ocean Dr. in Corpus Christi. It will start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, and end with a 6 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday. For more information, visit www.apostleshipofprayer.org/hof2012corpuschristi.html

Cemetery Expansion

The parish of St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Violet plans to begin construction of an expansion to the current Parish cemetery in the fall of this year. Burial plots will be offered for purchase by all members of the Diocese. Traditional burial plots will be initially offered at a discounted pre-construction cost of $1,500.00 through August 15, 2012. Traditional burial plots purchased after the August 15, 2012 date will be offered at $2,000.00 for each.

For those individuals wishing to take advantage of the pre-construction cost discount, please contact Linda Visor (361-387-3350) at the Violet Water Supply Corporation offices, during normal business hours (8AM – 4PM) Monday-Friday for purchase information.

“If this building were in Rome, it would be called a ruin.”
LIFE TEEN – High Schoolers, Join us next week for Movie Night on June 3

Welcome to High School! ALL incoming freshmen are invited to join Life Teen for “Freshmen Fish Fry” on Sunday, June 10.

Altar Servers  June 9-10
Sat. 5:30 p.m.
MC Stephanie Gibbon
Reagan Gibbon
William Tucker

Sun. 8:00 a.m.
MC Paul Freeman
Javier Camacho, Jr.
Justin Gomez

Sun. 10:00 a.m.
MC Andrew Thomas
Ben DeSive
Mackenzie DeSive

Sun. 12:00 p.m.
Joseph Tarin
Matthew Lutz
Blake Finch

Sun. 5:30 p.m.
Marisa Matthijetz
Issac Matthijetz
Nathaniel Quiroz

Lectors
MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUN  9  SAT   5:30   P.M.   David Brown
JUN  9  SAT   5:30   P.M.   Harold Lee
JUN  10  SUN   8:00   A.M.   Norman Acker
JUN  10  SUN   8:00   A.M.   Joan Hennings
JUN  10  SUN   10:00   A.M.   Kathy Clark
JUN  10  SUN   10:00   A.M.   Jennifer Kranvek
JUN  10  SUN   12:00   NOON   Arthur Kaler
JUN  10  SUN   12:00   NOON   Jenny Sehy
JUN  10  SUN   5:30   P.M.   Reagan Johnson
JUN  10  SUN   5:30   P.M.   Inez Matthijetz

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
COMING IN THE FALL: EPIC!
How did the Church get from the Acts of Apostles to today? Plan to join a quick journey through church history starting this fall. Watch for more information on our website or in the bulletin. Or ask Sr. Annette at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiusxcc.org

SUMMER READING FOR ADULTS
Have a little time to yourself this summer? Don’t forget the Parish Adult Library has a wide range of books—from fiction to theology. You can find the library in the church, next to the Ladies’ Room. Check-out and return is on the honor system. Enjoy!
School News
By Principal Kathy Clark

This past week was the final week of school for the students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School. It was filled with parties, graduations and awards ceremonies. We also rewarded students who had perfect attendance for the last nine weeks and those who had been on time to school every day.

Most of the classes had end of school parties in their classrooms. Our 5th graders, however, had a swim party as their final celebration. Mrs. Stovall’s husband, Sid, who owns Ascuba Venture, allowed the kids come for a swim and picnic at their pool, and gave them an opportunity to try scuba diving. It was a nice way to wind up a great school year.

We had two graduation ceremonies on Wednesday, one for the K-5 class, and one for our 6th graders who will be headed to middle school next year. There were many “Kodak” moments when Mrs. Vasquez’ kindergarten class proudly marched down the aisle of the church in their caps and gowns. The 6th grade graduation ceremony was a little more somber. Two of the graduates, Sang Hoang and Aaron Martin, were recognized for having attended St. Pius since they were 3 years old. More than half the class attended since K-4 and kindergarten. That says a lot about our school when the students stick around that long!

Many students were awarded medals for having A Honor Roll, A-B Honor Roll and perfect attendance for the year. Certificates were given for the highest averages in each subject. The highest award, however, was the Principal’s Award for the highest overall average in each grade level. Congratulations are extended to those students: Elizabeth Arnolds (1st), Kyler Ross (2nd), Mary Arnolds (3rd), Sarah Grace O’Donnell (4th), Taylor Skrobaczyk (5th) and Esme’ McMullan (6th).

Our K-4 teacher’s aide, Maggie Gonzalez, was also recognized on Wednesday, for her 21 years of service to our school. She is retiring this year and taking a well-deserved break after having worked side by side with Mrs. Bryan all these years. She was presented with a plaque that commended her dedication and service to our school. Ms. Maggie has certainly made a difference in the lives of many children. She will be missed.

On Thursday, we honored the 1st through 5th grade students for their accomplishments. We also bid farewell to two of our families who are moving out of town, the Tucker’s and the Casey’s. Both families have been very involved in our school. We also said good-bye to our P.E. teacher, Coach Ashley, who got married this spring and is moving to be with her husband.

Friday was a workday for the teachers, a chance to pack up their classrooms and clean out cabinets and drawers. When they return in August, they will be rested and ready to begin a new school year. We wish them and the students a safe and happy summer vacation.

Good advice
On a visit to his son-in-law Moses, Jethro noticed that Moses mediated every dispute that arose between the Israelites. The workload was overwhelming so Jethro suggested Moses delegate to assistants. Moses did, and the community grew as a result. Sometimes it just takes a friend with perspective to see solutions to our most pressing problems.

God doesn’t joke
The residents of Sodom and Gomorrah were so sinful that the Lord decided to destroy the cities. He sent angels to lead Abraham’s nephew, Lot, and his family to safety but the daughters’ fiancées wouldn’t follow and were destroyed because they thought Lot was joking about the wrath of God.

Even today, people think it’s okay to joke about God and sin. Catholics know that God’s wrath is fearful and sin is no joke at all.

Old Testament diplomacy
“A mild answer turns back wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger”

(Proverbs 15:1).
Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins…


“I’m having trouble in computer class, sir. Please send technical support.”