

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends, Getting away for a little time off is not always easy for me. I have difficulty pulling away from my work. My last significant vacation time was over a year-and-a-half ago, prior to my coming to St. Pius X. When I do pry myself away though, I try to make it count!

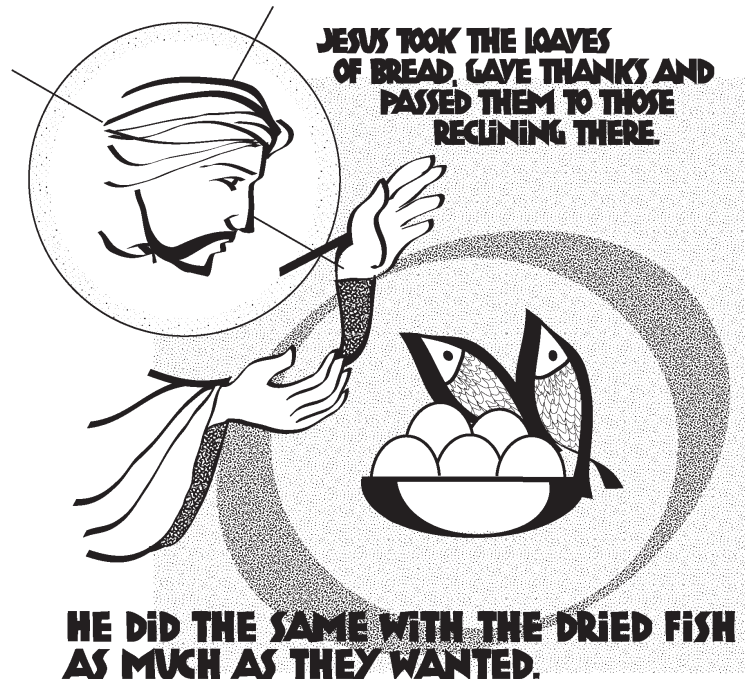
I just returned this past Tuesday from 12 days of being away. Technically, you could say that only four of those days really count as vacation time. Whether work was involved or not, I still found the time away to be quite refreshing.

I departed on July 13th to join some of our parish high school youth in Atlanta, Georgia for a youth conference. It was a profoundly inspiring event! It was amazing to see the approximately 2,500 youth, mostly from the southern states, gathered together for a weekend of song, worship, inspirational talks, and Masses. Along with the other priests in attendance, I devoted much of my time hearing the confessions of many of these youth. They came in wave after wave, seeking to be reconciled with the Lord. Almost without exception, each of these young people approached the sacrament with an edifying seriousness and a sincere desire to change. I never cease to be amazed at the power of conversion and faith that God gives to young people at these conferences. I also have to admit that it is always a rejuvenating experience for me as well.

As soon as the conference ended, we ate lunch on a lawn and piled into our vehicles for a road trip to the country. We made our way to a log cabin nestled in the woods near the border of South Carolina. Once we unloaded our stuff, we took a hike through Tallulah Gorge State Park. The beauty of the waterfalls and rushing rapids were but a portent of things to come. When evening came, we returned to the cabin and relaxing there, it somehow seemed appropriate that the youth became engaged in a card game called “Bang,” which is reminiscent of the gun battles, saloons, and prison breaks of the Old West. Oddly, the game originated in Italy. It was hilarious watching the youth engrossed in play.

The next morning, we all arose, drove a few miles, and immersed ourselves in a whitewater rafting excursion down the Chattooga River! Immersed is the right word because we ended up passing through some class 5 rapids, and with class 5’s, you are pretty much guaranteed to get wet. The most intense rapids are rated at 6, so we weren’t far from the most extreme and insanely insane of experiences! I have to admit that I had a blast going down those rapids. It was exhilarating and I’ve got pictures to prove it!

After an intense day, I had to leave the youth group behind and make my way to the University of Notre Dame. There, I joined some of my fellow priests for an institute for pastors of Catholic schools. Most educational seminars can be rather dull, but this institute was gratifyingly enriching. We explored some



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of the challenges facing Catholic education these days, and listened to some inspiring talks. It didn't hurt that we had the opportunity to tour such a fabulous, historical university still steeped in pride and tradition. I have to say that, despite some people's questions about the catholicity of the campus, I was impressed with the daily Mass attendance by the student body at the more than 40 chapels located on campus.

Renewed and fed by these experiences, I can't help but make some parallels to the Gospel this weekend. In it, Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Out of his compassion, he feeds the hungry hungry crowd. This event foreshadows Jesus' feeding of the multitude through the Eucharist. Jesus nourishes those who come seeking. Certainly, our young people, whether they be involved in a youth group, attending a Catholic school, or studying at a University, are hungering for the Lord. Jesus feeds them in manifold ways. I saw it personally in the experiences that I described above. I also felt my own weight of responsibility as a pastor to assure that the children in our own Catholic school be fed by the Word of God and through the training in religious values which will sustain

them in the varied experiences and challenges of life. Don't underestimate the value of Catholic education. It is not only preparation for life, but it is nourishment for eternal life! God bless!



### **May He Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard J. Villarreal, son of Santana & Maria Villarreal of our parish, who was buried through our church this past week.

### **Men's BBQ Chicken**

Support the Men's Club fundraiser! The Men's Club BBQ Chicken sale is this Sunday, July 29 after the morning Masses. \$7.00 for a whole chicken & \$4 for half.

### **Healing Mass**

This coming Friday, the 3rd of August, the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at the 5:30PM Mass. Those who are seeking healing in their lives are invited to take part in Friday's Eucharist.

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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*

## Pilgrimage to Italy for Year of Faith

Fr. Paul is leading a pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from October 15th - 25th, 2012 for the "Year of Faith" as proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. We will be visiting Venice, Florence, Assisi, Orvieto, Siena, and Rome. The cost for the trip is \$3,290.00 per person (all inclusive). If interested, please call the parish office at 361-993-4053 or you can obtain a copy of the brochure at our website at [www.stpiusxcc.org](http://www.stpiusxcc.org).

## Car Wash Fundraiser

Aaron Garcia, a Scout in Troop 157, is having a car wash fundraiser from 9:00am - 2:30pm this Sunday, July 29, next to the basketball court. Aaron is working on his Eagle Scout project and this fundraiser is benefitting the Ronald McDonald House.

## Free Seminar On Protecting Seniors Against Fraud

The City of Corpus Christi's RSVP and BBB are hosting a free one-day seminar on "Protecting Seniors Against Fraud, Scams and Abuse" on Thursday, August 23rd. Registration is required and seating is limited, so if you are interested please call (361)826-3199 by August 17th to register.

## We Can Help

If you or someone you know is in need of a hospital bed, or a power wheelchair (complete with attachments) please contact the parish office. Two parishioners have generously offered these items free for needy persons. Call 993-4053.

## CARE Deadline Approaching

Tuesday is the last day for bringing snack items for CARE boxes for our active military overseas. Items needed are: nuts, beef jerky, cookie/crackers, etc. that are individually wrapped. Please drop them by the church office by July 31. If you would like to contribute not only individually packaged snacks, but help pay for postage, please make the checks payable to "Coastal Bend Troop Support" and put it in the collection. The checks will be sent to the person in Rockport who boxes the items. Remember: NO chocolate. Individually wrapped snacks are being asked for. Deadline for this collection is this Thursday, July 31. Thank you so much!

## Group Traveling

Next Sunday, 10 parishioners are leaving to visit, learn about and enjoy the Pacific Northwest on an 8-day tour. Please pray for a safe and pleasant trip.

## Comings and Goings

*The Week at a Glance*



### Sunday, July 29

*Men's Club sale of BBQ Chicken*

*9:00AM-12:30PM - Aaron Garcia Car Wash*

*7:30PM - Adoration, Cynthia Garcia's Farewell- YC*

### Monday, July 30

*8AM-4PM - Faculty Meeting - CC#1*

### Tuesday, July 31

*7:00-9:00AM - Men's Journey - CC#1&2*

*10:00AM - Journey - CC#2*

*12:30PM - MAP - CC#1*

*1:00-4:00PM - Faculty Meeting - CC#2*

*5:00PM - Men's Club - CC#2*

*6:30PM - CMSE Core Class - CC#1*

*8:00PM - Night Angels - CC#2*

### Wednesday, August 1

*7-9AM - Joyful Pillars - CC#2*

*9:00AM-12:00PM - MAP - CC#1*

*9:30AM - Staff Meeting - R*

*9:30AM - Schola - C/R*

*6:30PM - Alhambra - CC#1*

### Thursday, August 2

*1:00PM - Bridge - CC#1&2*

*7:00PM - Adoration - CH*

### Friday, August 3

*5:30PM - Healing Mass*

*6:30PM - Santo Nino Mass*

### Saturday, August 4

*9:00AM - 12:00PM - Music Workshop - PH*

### Sunday, August 5

*8:00-10:00AM - RCIA - CC#2*

*1:30PM - Baptism Class - CC#1*

*5:00-9:00PM - Diocesan Vocations Dinner - PH*

## Friendship Circle

The "Friendship Circle" is made up of a group of ladies who meet once a month for lunch and socializing. Our regular meeting day is the 3rd Wednesday of each month, beginning in September. Women who are new to our parish and who are widowed are welcome to be a part of this group. Ladies, we will have our first gathering on Wednesday, September 19 with a Mass at 11AM for each one's deceased husbands. In the meantime, have a good summer and keep cool!!

## K.J.Z.T. Polka Mass

A Polka Mass, sponsored by the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas, K.J.Z.T., will be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church on Sunday, August 12th, at the 8:00am Mass. Kolaches, coffee and juice will be served in the Parish Hall after the Mass. For more information please contact Veronica Kleffner at (361)991-6671.

## YOUTH CORNER



LOCK-IN for Middle and high school youth on Friday, August 3 from 8PM to 7AM on Saturday, August 4 at the NEW Youth Center. Cost is \$5/person. Must have a signed Permission Medical Form in order to attend. Get forms at [www.stpiusxcc.org](http://www.stpiusxcc.org) - (go to the Youth Ministry link). Call 834-6530 to sign-up. Deadline is Thursday, August 2.

Movie night for Edge and Life Teeners on Wed., Aug. 1 in the NEW Youth Building from 6:30-8:30PM.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### COMING IN THE FALL: EPIC!



Learn the major people, places and events in our story as church. See the workings of the Holy Spirit among Jesus' followers. Join Sr. Annette in a one-year

journey through church history. We begin the week of September 10. Check the website and the bulletin for more information to come!

### FIRST TUESDAY SNAPSHOTS

Interested in learning more about your faith but cannot commit to a schedule of classes? Join Sr. Annette every First Tuesday of the month to take a look at just one aspect of our Catholic faith or tradition. We begin Tuesday, September 4 by reflecting on "What kind of God do you believe in?"



### ABOUT RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is for

- any non-Catholic who wants to find out more about the Catholic faith

- any Catholic who want to complete initiation by receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion

- any Catholic who has been away from the Catholic community and wants to be re-introduced to the Catholic way of life.

St. Pius X faith community begins inquiry sessions the Sunday, August 5. For more information, contact Sr. Annette Wagner at 993-0299 or [awagner@stpiusxcc.org](mailto:awagner@stpiusxcc.org).

## ALTAR SERVERS

### August 3

#### Healing Mass 5:30 p.m.

Christian Toren  
Benjamin Toren  
Joseph Toren



MC Matthew Montez  
Aaron Martin  
Andrew Montez  
Michael Speed

### July Aug 4-5

#### Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Stephanie Gibbon  
Reagan Gibbon  
William Tucker  
Michael Morin

#### Sun. 12:00 p.m.

MC Joseph Tarin  
Matthew Lutz  
Blake Finch  
Riel Posada

#### Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Toby Shull  
Tori Shull  
Christian Ramos

#### Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Olivia Tamez  
MC Steven Wendel  
Josh Ramirez  
Kyle Wendel

#### Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Blake Martin

## LECTORS

### 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUG 4	SAT	5:30	P.M.	David Brown
AUG 4	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Fred McCutcheon
AUG 5	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Alpha Patterson
AUG 5	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Joe Skrobarczyk
AUG 5	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Ralph Rodriguez
AUG 5	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Patricia Stegall
AUG 5	SUN	12:00	NOON	Ron Osman
AUG 5	SUN	12:00	NOON	Geraldine Rice
AUG 5	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Simon Purnell
AUG 5	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angie Quiroz

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### REGISTRATION for Religious Education

- Kinder through Fifth grade Sunday, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ages 4-5
- Confirmation I and II - Freshmen thru Senior.

Edge-grades 6-8

Life Teen (grades 9-12)

will begin the weekend of August 4-5 after all of the Masses. We welcome all youth ages 4-18 to be a part of the St. Pius X Parish Faith Formation process. For questions or information call 993-9024.



## Novena at St. Patrick

You are invited to join the parishioners of St. Patrick Church for a special Novena in honor of our Blessed Mother's Assumption into heaven beginning on Monday, August 6 at 5:30PM. Mass and concluding on Tuesday, August 14.

During the Masses, the sermon will be devoted to a special virtue of the Blessed Mother. Rosary and novena prayers will be prayed after each Mass.

## Financial Report for week ending 7/22/2012

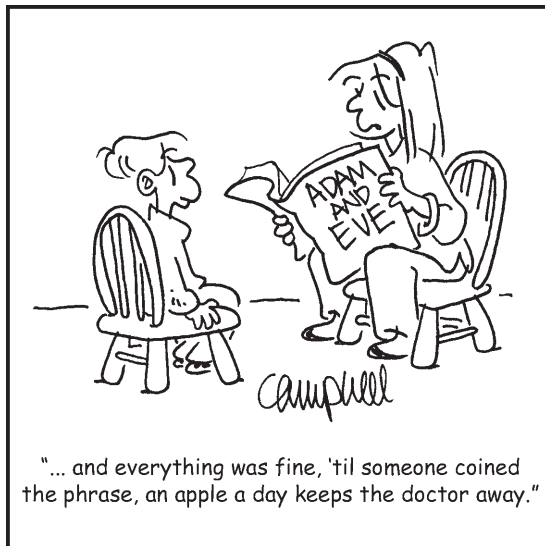
### Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 20,910.04
Other Income .....	\$ 142.18
<b>Total Operating Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$ 21,052.22</b>

### Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity.....	\$ 42.00
Janosek Scholarship.....	\$ 50.00
Church in Africa.....	\$ 41.00
Retired Priests.....	\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$ 15.00
<b>Total Other Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$ 173.00</b>
<b>Total Contributions 7/22/2012 ...</b>	<b>\$ 21,225.22</b>

Loan balance on Youth Bldg  
as of July 20, 2012..... **\$1,023,841.47**



## One Minute Meditations

### Get involved

Catholics have a long history of action – feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the poor. Are you doing all you can to help? If not, find out if there is a parish ministry that could use your time, talent, or treasure. Catholics like you are meant to make a difference.

### Run, don't walk

If you think you don't sin and don't need the Sacrament of Reconciliation, run – don't walk – to the nearest confessional. *"If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves"* (1 John 1:8). Unconfessed sin, especially when it goes unnoticed, forms a barrier between us and God. Penance, absolution, and life amendment helps to break it down.

### A Novena

Do you have a particular concern or an upcoming challenge? A novena – a prayer offered over nine consecutive days in preparation for a feast day or a special need – is a great way to ask for God's particular help.



## Mass Intentions



- Sat. 7/28 5:30PM Regina Richter by Wilfred & Sally Wiatrex  
 Sun. 7/29 8:00AM Michael Pacheco, Jr. by Penny Pacheco  
 10:00AM Jesus & Eduwiges Medina by  
 M/M Bonifacio Rodriguez  
 12:00PM For the Parishioners  
 5:30PM Neva Lee Gough by Bobby & Donna Gough  
 7:30PM Austin Diep by Lisa Nguyen  
 Mon. 7/30 8:15AM Mary Miller's Anniversary by her friends  
 Tue. 7/31 8:15AM Carlos Wagner's Anniv by Wilma Toledo  
 Mike Shropshire's Anniversary by Helen  
 Shropshire  
 Wed. 8/1 8:15AM William & Agnes Parker by Donna Parker  
 Maria Nguyen by Ho Nguyen  
 5:30PM Frank Montoya's Anniversary by Amparo  
 Montoya  
 John Ley by Ellsworth & Ley families  
 Robert & Nicole DelaGarza by Ben & Maria  
 Rodarte  
 M/M John Mendleski by Roseanne Conger  
 Dorothy Janosek's Ints by Mary & Art Salinas  
 Frank & Martha Kolda's 60th Wedding  
 Anniversary Ints. by Germaine Kraft  
 Thu. 8/2 8:15AM Bill Williams by Rosalie Williams Duplesis  
 Fri. 8/3 8:15AM Jim Yaklin by Peter & Joanne Volpe  
 Dawson Boone by Dorothy Mathews  
 Sister Julia Delaney by Roseanne Conger  
 5:30PM Laura Kolda by Martha & Frank Kolda  
 Bob Conwell by Ellen M. Dickson  
 Bill Traeger by Tommy & Charlotte Groner  
 Erich Wendl by Wayne & Camille Hojnacki  
 Timothy & Kim's Intentions by Fr. Joseph  
 Frank Baish by Bobby & Donna Gough  
 Sat. 8/4 8:15AM Thomas & Mary Fitzgerald by the Fitzgerald  
 Girls  
 5:30PM Jose E. Salinas, Sr. by Beatriz J. Salinas &  
 family  
 Sun. 8/5 8:00AM For the Parishioners  
 10:00AM Richard Fry by Dolores Fry  
 12:00PM Frank V. Mansheim's Anniversary by Joanie  
 Whitmire  
 5:30PM Maria Ruiz by Claudia Vergara

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

Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, John Boyd, Frances Branning, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Jason Cox, Alicia de Boza, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Bobby Floyd, Frances Galvan, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Jackson Gavarkovs, Elida Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Glenda Graham, Vickie Grainger, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Coleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Cathy Hervey, Chris Holland, Elizabeth Johnson, Dorothy Krause, Ed Lewis, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Raymond Richter, Marguerite Ross, Tim Salch, Carlos Samudo, Janie San Miguel & children, Amber Saylor, Terry Schacherl, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Luz Villarreal, Mary Lois Webster, Bea Wilson, Linda Witt, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.



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