

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

If there is one thing that all cultures take pride in, it is food. Inevitably, when people begin to speak of what is distinctive about their culture, food is usually at the top of the list. Each locale has some kind of cuisine particular to it to boast about. Amazingly, it is this diversity that can also foster unity.

Last week, for instance, we had a “taste” of the Czech culture and music here at St. Pius X during the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Afterward, we served kolaches for breakfast in the parish hall. Being half Czech myself, I am usually an apologist for what truly defines a kolache. Every good Czech knows that real kolaches are pastries with fruit, cheese or poppy-seed filling, not wieners wrapped in dough as some would advertise. Knowing how delicious they are, it didn’t surprise me that the kolaches served that morning disappeared so quickly because everybody loves these tasty delights.

When I went to Chicago for a couple of days of vacation recently, I wanted to make sure to partake of the traditional Chicago fare. Some former residents proudly suggested that I eat a Chicago style pizza and an Italian beef sandwich dipped in peppers. I wasn’t about to leave Chicago without trying these, so I did. I have to admit, they were both delicious! I also inadvertently happened upon a hot dog stand called “The Wieners Circle” in the Lincoln Park area one night. I ordered a hot dog and noticed that some people came in after me and exchanged some verbal banter with the staff. There were obvious smiles during this, and I came to find out later that this particular hot dog stand is infamous in Chicago for its hot dogs and for the verbal abuse it gives its customers. Fortunately, I escaped the abuse.

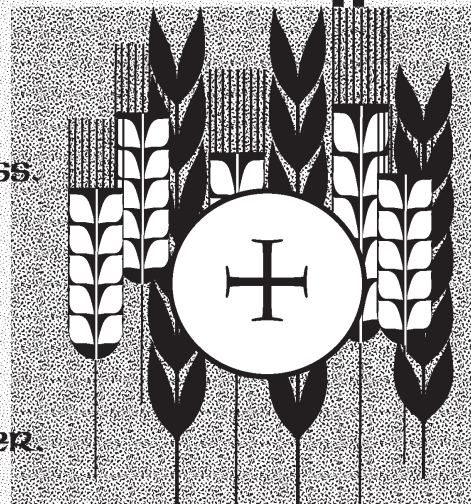
As I mentioned, virtually every culture has some kind of distinctive food. The Greeks have baklava and souvlaki. The people of Mexico have enchiladas and menudo, while Filipinos have lumpia and pansit. Germans have bratwurst and sauerkraut, while the Polish have sausage. Italians have pasta and the Irish have corned beef. This diversity of cuisine is something to be celebrated and contributes to a greater appreciation of culture and unity. Any ethnic festival or pot luck dinner will show how popular it is to try new foods.

Interestingly, despite the great diversity of dishes, there is one food that is both ancient and common across cultures. All peoples have some form of bread. It is no wonder that Jesus would choose this staple to be the means by which he would perpetuate his sacramental presence with us in the Eucharist. Jesus chose the simple elements of bread and wine, common to every culture, to become his Body and Blood as food for eternal life. It reminds us that essentially, we have a commonality in Jesus Christ who makes us one.

Jesus gathers those of diverse cultures from the far corners of the earth around

*your  
ancestors  
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and died  
nonetheless.*

*those who  
feed on  
the Bread  
I give  
shall  
live forever.*



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his table and he calls us all to share in this sacred mystery. In doing so, he binds us in His love. Continuing his "Bread of Life" discourse in the Gospel today, Jesus offers himself as food to conserve us in unity and to prepare us for eternity. Let's never fail to receive him, knowing that this food is of incomparable delight! God bless!



### Acts of Charity Committee

The Acts of Charity Committee meets every first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in CC#1. Anyone is welcome to join the committee at any time. During the year the Committee with the help of parishioners will sponsor various projects to reach out to those in need. There are many ways to reach out to others—helping hands, through monetary contributions and through prayer.

Presently one of the needs is giving a ride to those who want to attend Mass but do not have transportation. If you are able to do this or want more information, please contact Sister Barbara Netek at 003-9024. The Acts of Charity also helps those who fall short in paying utility bills or rent.

Appointments for assessing the need and what help can be given are taken on Tuesdays between 9am and 12 pm. Your generosity in the Black Bag collections helps St. Pius X Parish practice the Corporal Works of Mercy. Thank you for your generosity.

### Join us for the Feast of St. Pius X!

This Tuesday, August 21st, is the feast day of our patron saint, St. Pius X. Join us in celebrating this special day with a Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Family Picnic with games for kids at 7:00 p.m. on the basketball court.

### Welcome New Parishioners

Please welcome our new parishioners: Ronald DeWitt, Maria Meza, Rudolph & Dora Corral, Kayla Johnston, Jesus & Julia Diaz and son, and Matthew & Linda Escobar and their children: Sarah, George, Manuel, Samuel and Caitlyn. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by John, Debra and Brian Janosek in memory of Christopher Janosek.

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*

## Men's Club Meeting

The next Men's Club meeting will be held on Monday, August 20 in the Parish Hall. Meal at 6:30PM, meeting at 7PM. All members are urged to come to this important meeting.



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**ANNUAL BARBECUE**

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**Sunday, August 26, 2012**  
**Parish Hall**  
**11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

1/2 Chicken BBQ  
Potato Salad and Beans

**One Plate – Only \$8.00**

*We'll Cook For You!*

## Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, August 22nd at 7:00p.m. All women of the church are welcome to join.

## Share your Faith

During the school year, the children in grades 1-5 who attend the 10am or 12 Noon Mass are invited to leave church and attend the "Liturgy of the Word" for children in another location. They return for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Adult leaders who want to lead this activity, read the readings, share their faith, profess the Creed, and offer prayers of intentions are certainly impressed by the sincerity and participation of the children. If you would like to be one the leaders, contact Sister Barbara Bluntzer at the church office to volunteer and get further information.

## Altar and Rosary Society

All women of St. Pius X Parish are invited to join the Altar and Rosary Society. Members share duties in caring for the sanctuary and sacristy and help supply the altar breads, wine and candles for worship during the months of January through June. They also participate in other parish activities throughout the year and also help financially in parish projects. Their next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 23 at 9AM in CC#2. Coffee and fellowship will precede the meeting. Dues will be payable at this time. For additional information, contact Emily Dickinson at 446-2401.

## Comings and Goings

*The Week at a Glance*



### Sunday, August 19

2nd Collection: Black Bag

Men's Club sale of BBQ tickets

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

9:00AM – 2:00PM – BLOOD DRIVE

1:30PM – Baptisms - CH

### Monday, August 20

6:30PM – Men's Club - PH

7:00PM – RCIA – CC#2

### Tuesday, August 21 – St. Pius X Feast Day

7:00-9:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2

12:30PM – MAP – CC#1

7:00PM – Feast Day Picnic - PH

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

### Wednesday, August 22

7-9AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

6:30PM – P.T.O. – PH

### Thursday, August 23

8:30AM – Altar Society – CC#2

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:00PM – Women's Circle – PH

7:00PM – Adult Choir – C/R

### Friday, August 24

6:30PM – Wedding rehearsal - CH

### Saturday, August 25

All day – Men's Club – PH Kitchen

2:00PM – Wedding - CH

### Sunday, August 26

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

Men's Club BBQ - PH

## Blood Drive

Blood Drive, today, Sunday, August 19 from 9AM to 2PM. Donate blood. You can help save 3 lives. Photo I.D. is required. You will get a free t-shirt & a Sonic coupon.

**WHOEVER EATS  
THIS BREAD, LIVES FOREVER!**

## YOUTH CORNER



**No LifeTeen Sunday, August 19.**

**No Movie Night Wednesday August 22.**

Hope to see all of you at the parish Feast of St. Pius X Celebration on Tuesday August 21st.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### COMING IN THE FALL: EPIC!



This year has been designated as The Year of Faith. Would you like to know how the faith has been lived through the centuries? IF so, join Sr. Annette for a one-year journey

through church history.

Monday (7:00 to 9:00 PM) class begins Sep. 10.  
Tuesday (2:00 to 4:00 PM) class begins Sep. 11.

### FIRST TUESDAY SNAPSHOTS

During this Year of Faith, spend some time looking at a single aspect of our faith or how we Catholics express our faith.



Join Sr. Annette in CC-2 every First Tuesday of the month to explore one topic deeply. (NO HOMEWORK!) We begin September 4 by answering the question: 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 has been away from the Catholic community, wants to be re-introduced to the Catholic way of life and perhaps complete initiation sacraments

Sessions are being held Sundays, from 8:30 to 9:45 in CC-2. For more information, contact Sr. Annette Wagner at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiusxcc.org.



## Altar Servers Aug 25-26

**Sat. 5:30 p.m.**  
MC Kevin Smith  
Matthew Oliveira  
Jacob Rivera  
Ryan Park



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

**Sun. 12:00 p.m.**  
MC Sara Rucker  
Ranger Quintero  
Lauren Cook  
Charlie Uecker  
Sarah Calaway

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**  
MC Evan Rodriguez  
William Soward  
Sang Hoang  
Brian Kostoch  
Kate Soward

**Sun. 5:30 p.m.**  
MC Nicholas Nye  
Gareth Purnell  
Gabriel Purnell  
Timothy Nye

## Lectors

AUG 25 SAT 5:30 P.M. David Brown  
AUG 25 SAT 5:30 P.M. Fred McCutcheon  
AUG 26 SUN 8:00 A.M. Dennis Diersing  
AUG 26 SUN 8:00 A.M. Joan Hennings  
AUG 26 SUN 10:00 A.M. Kathy Clark  
AUG 26 SUN 10:00 A.M. Jennifer Krnavek  
AUG 26 SUN 12:00 NOON Arthur Kaler  
AUG 26 SUN 12:00 NOON Mary Scott  
AUG 26 SUN 5:30 P.M. Inez Matthijetz  
AUG 26 SUN 5:30 P.M. Alma Tamez

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**CCD REGISTRATION** will continue throughout the month of August. You can obtain the registration form online or at either the parish office or the CCD office. We welcome all families who have children of Catechetical age 3-12. A Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class will be held on Sunday mornings for those who are interested. This will be for children ages 3-5 only. We are also registering for Confirmation I and Confirmation II classes.



## School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



We're back! Our summer vacation has ended. It was back to school for the students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School on Tuesday, August 8, 2012. It all went fairly smoothly. The first two days were noon dismissal days. That always helps us ease back into the groove of school. The teachers and staff members attended meetings and in-services the week before. Between the meetings and getting their rooms ready for the children, they stayed very busy. Our Meet and Greet the Teacher and Kinder Kamp were well attended. It gave the children and parents the opportunity to meet the teacher and bring in their school supplies a little early. That always cuts down on the first day jitters!

We are beginning the year with two new teachers, Mrs. Jane Comrie, P.E., and Mrs. Rebecca Taylor, Spanish, as well as a new teacher's aide, Mrs. Angela Ellison. All three ladies have substituted for us in the past, so they are familiar faces around our campus. We welcome them to our St. Pius X family.

We had a lot of changes to our school grounds over the summer. Our new playground equipment for the older children got delivered and installed, and was waiting for the kids when they returned. Our surveillance cameras were installed around the campus during the summer months, also. Now we can monitor the activity all around the school from the office. The fencing was installed at the end of school in May, so now our school is a safer place for all of the children. All of these improvements were made possible by our hard-working PTO members who raised funds for the school, by a grant from the Kenedy Foundation, by a successful golf tournament (thanks to a great golf committee) and through generous donations from some of our parents. Many thanks go to our parents and parishioners who support our fundraising events throughout the school year. You helped us complete several of our goals for our school.

Our enrollment is up this year. We have 179 students registered in grades K-3 to 6th. Four of our classes are completely filled: K-3, K-4, K-5 and 2nd grade. We still have some openings in the remaining grade levels, so if you know of anyone wanting to provide an excellent education for their children, please send them our way. St. Pius X Catholic School is a great investment in a child's future.

We are looking forward to another great school year. This weekly column is written to keep our parishioners updated on all the goings-on and activities of the best Catholic School in Corpus Christi!

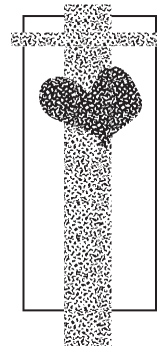
Have a blessed week!

## Around the Diocese

**The Art of the Cathedral** - The Art of the Cathedral maintains a Eucharist theme in both large pieces and small detail; its purpose is to inspire prayer and assist in contemplation of the mysteries of salvation. A visitor could spend hours pondering the acts of faith that are depicted within its walls. The largest pieces of artwork are the magnificent stained glass windows produced by a Chicago firm for the consecration of the Cathedral in 1952. The upper windows illustrate Scriptures and devotions that related to Corpus Christi, the Eucharistic presence of Christ. The lower, smaller windows portray moments and saints from the history of the Universal Church.

**Convalidation Seminar** - The purpose of this seminar is to prepare couples seeking to validate a civil or otherwise irregular marriage. Convalidation brings such marriages into conformity with Church teachings and sacramentalizes the bond. Couples are asked to speak to their priest before attending the seminar to ascertain whether it is the right program for meeting their needs.

The next convalidation seminar is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles located at 3901 Violet Road in Corpus Christi. The seminar will be held in St. Matthew's Hall from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The goal of the seminar is to help couples enrich their civil marriage or prepare to remarry in the sacrament of matrimony. There is a fee of \$50 per couple. Couples must pre-register to attend. No walk-ins will be accepted. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 10.



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASSES

### REMINDER

PLEASE CHECK the expiration date on your blue Safe Environment Card. If it is expired or about to expire come in for a re-certification class.

### **ALL CLASSES ARE IN CC#1 AT 6:30 pm**

#### **Schedule for re-certification classes:**

August 14	September 11
October 9	November 13
December 11	January 8
February 12	March 12
April 9	May 14

#### **Schedule for Core classes:**

August 28	October 23
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## Mass Intentions



- Sat. 8/18 5:30PM Bob Shirley by Mary & Art Salinas
- Sun. 8/19 8:00AM Wayne Irvin's Anniversary by John, Debra & Brian Janosek
- 10:00AM For the Parishioners
- 12:00PM Patrick Sehy's Anniversary by Diane, Kevin & Jenny
- 5:30PM Ken Morgan's Anniversary by Ken & Liz Morgan
- Mon. 8/20 8:15AM Mary Whitmire's Anniversary by Joanie Whitmire
- Tue. 8/21 8:15AM Elvira R. Zamora by Elva Z. Zamora
- 6:00PM J. R. Janos by family
- Wed. 8/22 8:15AM William & Agnes Parker by Donna Parker
- In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Josie Sheldon
- Sr. Agueda's Intentions by Fr. Joseph Joe Hawkins, III by family
- 5:30PM Margarita Guerrero by Ramirez, Leal & Hinojosa families
- Bill Traeger by Peter & Joanne Volpe
- Dawson Boone by Lory Moore
- Yvette Klodniski by Roseanne Conger
- Regina Richter, CDA Court #246 by Catholic Daughters
- Angie Rossi by Ben Janosek
- Richard Villarreal by Olaya Gonzalez
- Thu. 8/23 8:15AM Agnes Parker's Anniversary by Donna Parker
- Fri. 8/24 8:15AM Michael Pacheco, Jr. by Penny Pacheco
- 5:30PM Fern Kolda by Frank & Martha Kolda
- Sat. 8/25 5:30PM Alice Sosa's Anniversary by Adrian Sosa & Family
- Sun. 8/26 8:00AM For the Parishioners
- 10:00AM Bob Conwell by Ellen M. Dickson
- 12:00PM Chester Zablocki by Aneda Zablocki
- 5:30PM Joe McCullough by Peter & Joanne Volpe
- 7:30PM Gio A Kim Nguyen by Lisa Nguyen

Give  
Thanks  
to the LORD

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

Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, John Boyd, Frances Branning, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Jason Cox, Alicia de Boza, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Liz Elovitz, Yolanda Escobar, Juan A. Flores, Bobby Floyd, Frances Galvan, Raymond Garcia, Jr., 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, Martha Kaler, Dorothy Krause, Ed Lewis, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Roberto Reyes, Raymond Richter, Marguerite Ross, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, Janie San Miguel & children, Amber Saylor, Terry Schacherl, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Lydia Tey, Idolina Vela, Luz Villarreal, Melva Walet, Mary Lois Webster, Bea Wilson, Linda Witt, Dolly Zihelli, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

## Financial Report for week ending 8/12/2012

### Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection.....	\$ 21,382.98
Other Income.....	\$ 110.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$ 21,492.98</b>

### Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity .....	\$ 63.00
Janosek Scholarship .....	\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities .....	\$ 35.00
Catholic Relief Srv. ....	\$ 110.00
<b>Total Other Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$ 233.00</b>

**Total Contributions 8/12/2012.....\$ 21,725.98**

Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of July 31, 2012 .....\$1,021,519.90



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