

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

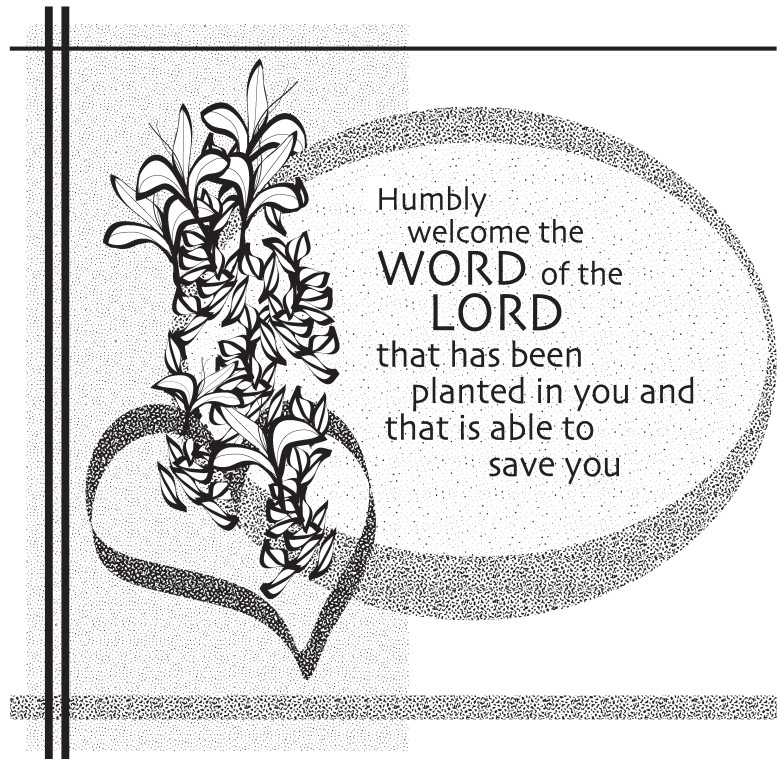
Dear Friends: When I was in the seminary, my mode of transportation was a small Datsun pickup that I had bought when I was in college. Not only was it handy for transporting my belongings to and from the seminary every school year, but it was a reliable vehicle. I really loved having that truck and it served me well. Every once in a while though, I encountered a problem with it. Being a poor seminarian, I didn't have much choice but to try to repair it by myself. Most of the time, I was successful. Yet, like many things in life, there were times when it was hard to find the true source of the problem.

Fortunately, I had spent time watching my dad repair our family vehicles, so I learned a lot from him. However, as anyone who has ever repaired cars can tell, sometimes one ends up trying one thing or another before encountering the real problem. Using our imperfect human mind to try to discern the issue at hand is obviously going to leave us scratching our heads from time to time. What we think is the problem turns out not to be. Only through trial and error do we find the key.

When it comes to dealing with our human issues, so often, we end up addressing the wrong problem altogether. That's what the Pharisees and Scribes in the Gospel were to learn from the mouth of Jesus. God gave them certain rules to live by to help govern their lives. The focus of those rules was to keep people in a right relationship with God. Unfortunately, the Scribes and Pharisees lost their way. They focused on the wrong things, and even made more regulations until they became more convoluted and conflicting. They distorted the original intent of the laws of purification and made them an end in and of themselves.

Often, we can get focused on the wrong things. When we distort the Word of God or get too preoccupied with certain external behaviors without focusing on the interior relationship with God, our vision is clouded, and soon, we lose our vision of God altogether. Sin distorts our vision. When we allow pride to get a hold of us, we can't then pinpoint what the source of our dissatisfaction is.

Some people who have a certain sinful behavior, can become blind to the behavior and the havoc that it is wreaking on the soul. The interior discord can lead to anxiety, dissatisfaction and despair. In an effort to try to fix the problem, such people can plunge themselves into worldly activities thinking that what they are lacking is just one more material possession to obtain or one more drug to take, or another work task to perform. In cases such as these, all the person is doing is avoiding the real problem. These pursuits fail to satisfy because they are



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addressing the problem in the wrong way. They don't really know what is wrong with themselves and so they look to things outside of themselves to satisfy the inner longing.

As Jesus says, though, it is not what is outside of us that defiles. It is what is within. To really effectively deal with the problems in our lives, we need to get at the source. We need prayer, spiritual formation and direction, and an attentive spirit to really get to the bottom of what ails us.

Jesus teaches that the real problem lies within. It is in the soul where the problem lies. It is there that discord, malicious thoughts, deceit and any number of other vices are born. It is not the things that are without that are the real problem. It is what is within.

Jesus encourages us to get to the heart of the problem. He encourages us to deal with what thoughts, grudges, greed, and maliciousness poisons us and creates problems. This can only be done through prayer, reconciliation, and frequent communion. Then the Lord reveals to us the core of our struggles and helps us to work through them. God bless,



St Pius X Women's Group

New Study!

First meeting:

This Friday, Sept 7, 2012

9:00 a.m. in CC#2

We hope to see you there!

For more information, please contact Sarah Morrison @ sfm011@grandecom.net or 361-816-8246.

Acts of Charity

The Acts of Charity committee will meet in CC#1 on Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30 pm. Membership is open to those who want to be a part of this charitable work of our parish.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Altar this weekend were given by Betsy and Blake O'Lavin in celebration of the 50th jubilee of Sr. Angela Murdaugh, S.F.M.

Welcome New Parishioners

Please welcome our new parishioners: Gary and Ria Martinez and children, Rick and Bernadette Briones and children, and Christopher and Amy Szymanski and daughter.

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

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Next Sunday, September 9, we will begin the "Children's Liturgy of the Word". For the past number of years, all children in grades 1 through 5 are invited to leave the Church after the Gloria and opening prayer to hear the same Scripture Readings that we adults hear in the Church. Following the readings, the presider gives a simple explanation of the readings, the children participate in a "dialogue homily", recite the Creed and offer prayers of petition of their own. After about 20 minutes, they return to the main assembly in the Church, and are present with you for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. No registration needed, children simply come promptly when they are invited, and are supervised by the Presider at all times. No restroom break or drinks take place during this time, it remains Mass Time for the children.

From the Parish Mailbox

To the Catholic Daughters and Parishioners at St. Pius X from Sr. Rose & Staff: "We at the Mother Teresa Shelter are writing to thank you for the donation in food supplies you recently gave us. Please know that each smile and "thank you" our clients give us we accept on your behalf. Without your assistance we could not continue our mission in helping our brothers and sisters. May God continue to bless your generosity! God Bless!"

Come Join Boy Scouts!

St Pius X's Troop 157 will be hosting a membership drive on Monday, SEPT 10th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the SPX school cafeteria.

Boys 11 - 17 yrs of age who want to go camping, learn outdoor skills, leadership skills and life skills, as well as perform service projects, should come by to register.

For more information, contact:

Bob Martin (361) 728-6403 or

Frank Newell (361) 549-8711

St. Pius X Men's Club

The St. Pius X Men's Club would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Both the recent sale of the BBQ chickens and the BBQ chicken plates were very successful.

Centennial of the Diocese of Corpus Christi

The Last Mass.- After the last Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Adolph Marx and offered for the repose of the soul of its architect Charles Carroll, old St. Patrick's Cathedral was moved north of the ship channel to become Our Lady Star of the Sea. The altar, statues and stained glass windows were reinstalled for use by the new parish. Though many

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, September 2

1:30PM - Baptism class - CC#1

2:00PM - Private Mass & Reception - CH & PH

Monday, September 3

LABOR DAY - Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4

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

10:00AM - Journey - CC#2

12:30PM - MAP - CC#1

7:00-8:30PM - First Tuesday Snapshots - CC#2

8:00PM - Night Angels - CC#1

Wednesday, September 5

7-9AM - Joyful Pillars - CC#2

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

9:30AM - Staff meeting - R

3:30PM - Children's Choir - C/R

4:30PM - Youth Choir - C/R

6:30PM - Alhambra - R

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

Thursday, September 6

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

6:00PM - Bell Choir - C/R

7:00PM - Adoration - CH

7:00PM - Veritas - Cafeteria

7:30PM - Adult Choir - C/R

Friday, September 7 - First Friday

Communion home calls

9-11AM - Women's Prayer Group - CC#2

12:00-4:00PM - Faculty Meeting - CC#1

5:30PM - Healing Mass

6:30PM - School Family Fun Night - PH

Saturday, September 8

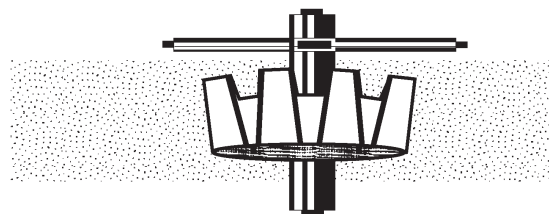
3:30-5:00PM - Sr. BB - CC#2

Sunday, September 9

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

Children's Liturgy begins

people were very sad to see their old Cathedral move, it allowed for the sale of the old church block, a valuable piece of city real estate. The funds helped make final payment on the debt from the Cathedral's construction, thereby allowing it to be consecrated.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD and CONFIRMATION I CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH AT 6:30 pm.



Confirmation I class students go directly to the Cafeteria for class at 6:30pm. Mr. Bayarena will meet you there. All other students and parents will meet in the Parish Hall. If you have NOT registered, please do so BEFORE Wednesday. **Thanks! We look forward to having you; we are excited about this new Catechetical year.**

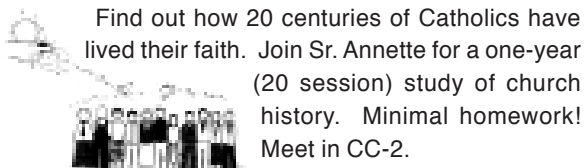
YOUTH CORNER



No Edge or Lifeteen this week, but keep an eye out for exciting news about our Edge and Lifeteen programs... coming soon!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

COMING SOON to CC-2: EPIC!



Find out how 20 centuries of Catholics have lived their faith. Join Sr. Annette for a one-year (20 session) study of church history. Minimal homework! Meet in CC-2.

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

FIRST TUESDAY SNAPSHOTS



During this Year of Faith, join Sr. Annette to explore a single aspect of our faith or how we Catholics express our faith. Meet in CC-2 the First Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. (NO HOMEWORK!) We begin September 4 by answering the question: What kind of God do you believe in? BYOB: Bring your own Bible!



Altar Servers



Sept. 7 – Healing Mass

Friday, 5:30 p.m.
MC Matthew Montez
Andrew Montez
Kevin Beckwith

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

Sept. 8-9

Sat. 5:30 p.m.
MC Tessa Heines
Blaine Buchanan
Theonna Wisner
Kraig Bray

Sun. 12:00 p.m.
Paris Hanna
Luis Lopez
Jacob Lugo
Paxton Hanna

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Andrew Shull
Christian Toren
Benjamin Toren
Joseph Toren

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Hannah DeGaish
Benjamin Mikulencak
Taylor Skrobarczyk
Amy Ayala

Lectors

SEP 8 SAT 5:30 P.M. Bud Colwell
SEP 8 SAT 5:30 P.M. Christine Wisian
SEP 9 SUN 8:00 A.M. Norman Acker
SEP 9 SUN 8:00 A.M. Angie Ramos
SEP 9 SUN 10:00 A.M. Richard Arizmendi
SEP 9 SUN 10:00 A.M. Theresa Arizmendi
SEP 9 SUN 12:00 NOON Clay Thompson
SEP 9 SUN 12:00 NOON Margaret Thompson
SEP 9 SUN 5:30 P.M. Frank Pompa

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:

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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School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



From all appearances, it looks like the students of St. Pius X Catholic School are very competitive. In the past week alone, there were three different contests. There was a contest for being one of the top ten sellers of the Fall Fundraiser, a contest for designing this year's Halloween t-shirt, and a contest for being elected to one of the five offices of Student Council. All of the contests were exciting. Unfortunately, the winners of all of the contests will not be announced in this week's bulletin as all of the contests ended on Friday and this column has to be written and turned in before then. The top ten winners of the Fall Fundraiser will be treated to a limousine ride to Gatti Town where they will eat pizza and play games. The winner of the t-shirt design contest will have his/her design on the Halloween t-shirts this year, in addition to getting \$10 worth of carnival tickets. The winners of the Student Council elections will become the leaders of the school as they serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain.

There were other winners, also. Our K-3 class, 2nd graders and 5th graders were treated to a popcorn party on Friday because they had the highest percentage of parents who attended the PTO/Parent Orientation on August 22. Seven students were honored for their good manners and were taken to Jason's Deli for lunch on Friday. This is part of our Manner of the Month program that promotes good manners. In case you didn't know, Bob and Sue Becquet of our parish allow students to eat free at their restaurant once a month. The children love getting to go to lunch with the Principal, especially the part where they get an ice cream cone after lunch. We thank the Becquet's for sponsoring this program each year. This is their 10th year to do so.

This coming week will be a short one for the students and staff since we have Monday off from school for

Labor Day. When we return it will be a busy week as we celebrate Grandparents Day on Wednesday and have a Family Fun Night on Friday. Our beloved grandparents are invited to join us for Mass on Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. and then visit the classrooms afterwards. Grandparents Day is not until Sunday, September 9, but we celebrate it a little early since we aren't

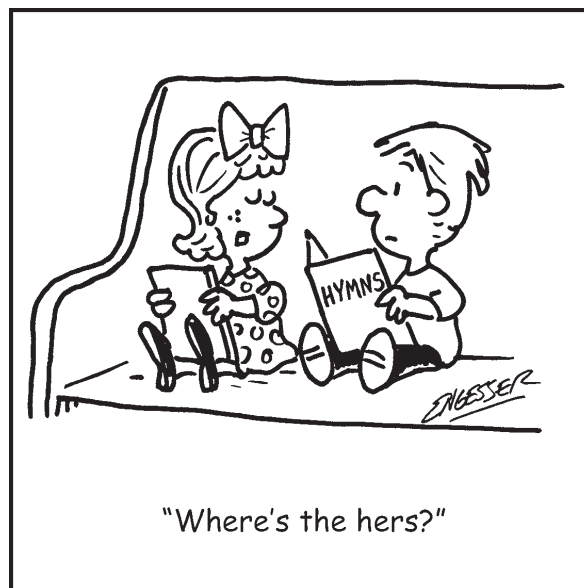
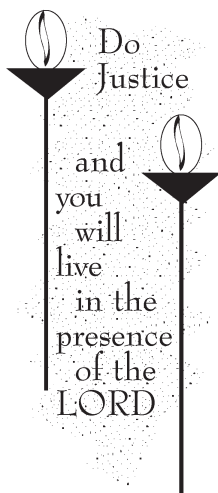
in school on Sunday. We always have a good turn out for this event. Some grandparents even come from out of town to attend!

Our Family Fun Night on September 7 will be just what its title says—a fun night for all of our families. There will be food to eat, games to play and a chance for parents to meet and visit with each other. The evening is sponsored by our PTO, and it, too, is an event that has grown larger each year. Thanks, PTO!

If you attend the 12:00 Mass today, then you will see our students in uniform. Several of them will be participating as servers, lectors, gift bearers and choir members. We will be doing this on the first Sunday of every month at the 12:00 Mass. Pray for us. We will be praying for you! God Bless You!

Around the Diocese

Eucharistic Ministers Needed in a Hospital Setting: The Christus Spohn Spiritual Care Department needs Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers to distribute the Eucharist to patients in a hospital setting. Those who participate in this special ministry need a caring spirit, a desire and a unique heart to help the sick, a deep devotion to the Eucharist and willing to undergo special training. If you would like to have more information about this extra ordinary ministry, please call Elizabeth A. Mendoza, Administrative Secretary for the Christus Spohn System Spiritual Care Department at 881-3616.



*Be doers of the Word
and not hearers only*

Mass Intentions



Sat. 9/1	8:15AM	Reba P. Downey by Fr. Don Downey
	5:30PM	Max Almendarez' Anniversary by Boyd, Swoboda & Almendarez families Charles Peterek by Marion Peterek
Sun. 9/2	8:00AM	Cecil A. Downey by Fr. Don Downey
	10:00AM	Thomas & Mary Fitzgerald by the Fitzgerald girls
	12:00PM	Frank K. Mansheim by Joanie Whitmire
	5:30PM	For the Parishioners
Mon. 9/3	8:15AM	John Ley by the Ellsworth & Ley families
Tue. 9/4	8:15AM	Berniece Zimmerman by the Sehy family Leonard Hardigree by family
Wed. 9/5	8:15AM	William & Agnes Parker by Donna Parker Debra Gerdes' Anniv. by Angie Gerdes Kenneth Gerdes by Angie Gerdes Sandra Sykora by Allen & Janet Daehne
	5:30PM	Antone Dornak by the Wik family Arthur Karp by Lorraine Karp Cecil Thompson's Anniv. by Frances Thompson Angie Rossi by Ben Janosek Frank & Martha Kolda's Intentions by Art & Lou Kaler Marina Arguindegue by the Trevino family Pat Reddick by Charlotte & Tommy Groner
Thu. 9/6	8:15AM	Jerry Alan Schiebrel by Tomas Duran
Fri. 9/7	8:15AM	Pat Janosek's Intentions In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Josie Sheldon Keith Tucker's Intentions by Paul Tisdale
	5:30PM	Joe McCullough by Peter & Joanne Volpe Regina Richter CDA Court 246 by Catholic Daughters Frank & Martha Kolda's Intentions by Anna Vrazel Richard Villarreal by Olaya Gonzalez Abrahan & Consuelo Trevino by family Carlos Casas by family John & Mary Kelly by Kathleen Horne Grace Gonzalez by Martha Saenz
Sat. 9/8	5:30PM	Regina Richter by Wilfred & Sally Wiatrek
Sun. 9/9	8:00AM	Joseph Darilek by the Didear family
	10:00AM	Richard O'Keeffe's Anniversary by Jacqueline O'Keeffe
	12:00PM	Alvino Campos by Stella Campos
	5:30PM	For the Parishioners

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

Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, John Boyd, Frances Branning, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Bill Brumback, 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, Maria Griffin, 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 8/26/12

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection	\$ 31,274.17
Other Income	\$ 1,105.00
Total Operating Revenue.....	\$ 32,379.17

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity.....	\$ 270.00
Janosek Scholarship	\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$ 10.00
Catholic Relief Srv.....	\$ 10.00
Total Other Contributions.....	\$ 315.00
Total Contributions 8/26/2012 ...	\$ 32,694.17

Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of August 27, 2012\$1,010,187.69



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