

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends: My journey to the priesthood was one that, in many ways, happened over time. Looking back, I can see clearly now that there were numerous little moments in my life where God touched me, molded me, and formed me in such a way as to open up my heart to respond to his call. I may not have realized it back then, but each of those events played a significant part in my vocation. God used them to elucidate what was the true desire of my heart and to free me to understand His will. It is God's desire to break through the obscurity that is present in our lives in order that we might see and know His love for us more clearly.

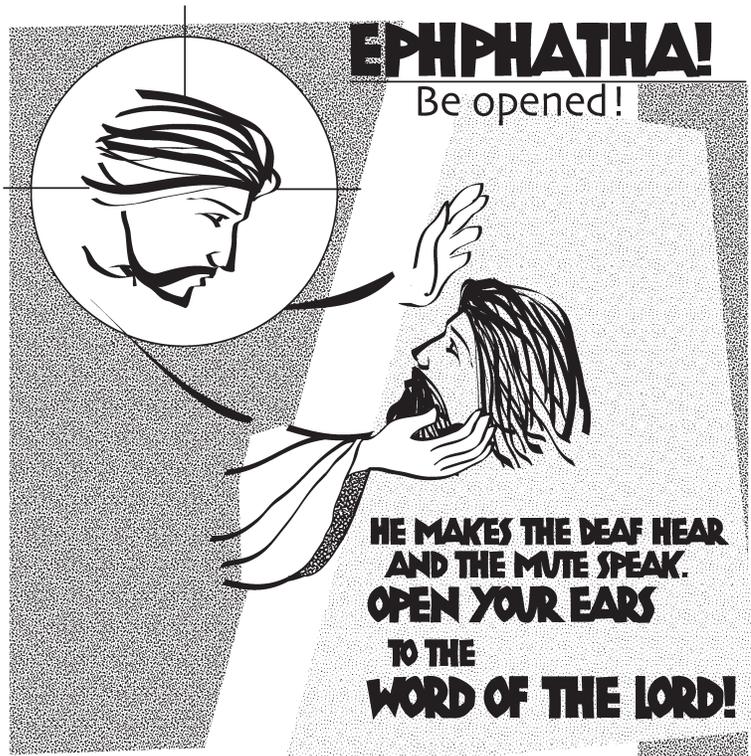
Probably the most powerful moment for me was on a particular retreat when I was spiritually moved in a profound way by God's love. Without me even looking for it, God reached into the profound depths of my being and revealed himself to me in a way that I had not known previously. It was a moment that I cannot fully describe, nor have I had anything like it since. It was a completely gratuitous act by God, which brought immense clarity to my heart. At that moment, I knew that God loved me more than I could ever imagine.

From that moment on, everything in my life took on greater clarity. When I read the Scriptures, for instance, it was as if I was reading them for the first time. They took on new meaning and they were much more inspiring. It seemed as though I understood them better and that they were directed right at me. As a result, all my priorities changed and I felt freed from the inhibitions that I once had.

My newfound freedom must not have been unlike the event recounted for us in the Gospel today. One can only imagine the transformation that took place in the life of the deaf man who had the speech impediment. When Jesus put his finger in the man's ears and touched his tongue, he said, "Ephphatha!" -- that is, "Be opened!" Immediately, the man was healed. His life suddenly became opened to a new world. More importantly, his life was now opened to the new world of grace and faith in Jesus Christ!

Jesus looks to open the hearts and lives of people in our world today. He is looking to open up the lives of people around us. We may not realize that there are people in our midst whose lives are constrained or inhibited by emotional scars or unfortunate circumstances. Perhaps we are the instruments that he wants to use to loosen the bonds that imprison these people.

An act of welcome -- of reaching out to a newcomer at church, a simple greeting of "hello," a kind word, or an offer to help to someone, can go a long way to open up



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someone who suffers from isolation, loneliness, fear, or despair. It is up to us to look beyond ourselves and to be attentive to those around us. It can make all the difference in the world!

In some cases, it is our own inhibitions that prevents us from reaching out to others. James, in the second reading today, says that we should show no partiality. Rather, we should welcome the poor as much as the rich. We should reach out to the stranger as we do our friends. Our simple gesture of love may release those who are impeded and open up the hearts of those who have become closed. Let's all strive to imitate Christ, by extending a healing and helping hand to those around us. We may not fully realize the impact that we can have, but at least we will not ignore the call to share God's love. God bless!



Welcome, New Parishioners

Please welcome our new parishioners Roxanne Sarmiento and children,; also, Frank G. Casares and Selina Molina. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00p.m. All women of the parish are welcome to join this ministry. Our purpose is to promote true Christian charity, the love of God and of our neighbor, and Christian family life.

Friendship Circle Meets Soon

This group of ladies will be meeting on September 19th to resume our monthly luncheon for the year 2012-2013. We will begin our time together with Mass at 11AM in church for the repose of the souls of our beloved husbands, followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. St. Pius women are invited to come to our gathering each month for the purpose of making new friends and renewing acquaintances. You need not call in your name to the office, or register..just come on the 19th. We hope to see you then.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy begins today. During the 10 & 12 o'clock Liturgies, children in grades 1-5 are invited to go with a Presider to a nearby room to hear the Readings for today and receive a

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 10AM and 12 noon 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

simple homily appropriate for their age. They profess the Creed, pray prayers of petition and then return to you for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We encourage you to prepare your child(ren) to be ready to meet the Presider in the aisle of the church when invited to do so, and then welcome them when they return to you for the rest of the Mass.

Acts of Charity

The Acts of Charity Committee meets every first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in CC#1. Our services within the parish community vary. We are planning, along with other organizations, to sponsor various activities in order to provide assistance to those who are in need. More information will come. Also included in this committee is the responsibility to help those who need financial assistance when hard times prevent them from being self sufficient. We assist individuals with funds to help pay rent and utilities. These funds come from your generosity in giving to the Acts of Charity each month through the "Black Bag" collection at Mass. Below is the financial report for this fiscal year beginning July 1.

Black Bag Collection (Acts of Charity)	\$4,293
Assistance (since committee formed)	\$3,443

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Young children PreK-3 to Kindergarten will meet each Sunday beginning today for a special class during the 10AM Mass. A meeting room called the "Atrium" is set up especially to enable the youngsters to learn more about God's love for them. The Atrium is located between the parish hall and the school. If your child isn't registered yet, please contact Jenny Ostrom at 657-0292 or Ostrom_jenny@yahoo.com

Another Thank You

Captain J.P. Reed in Kandahar writes to thank everyone who sent items for the CARE packages recently: "What keeps us going out here is the support of red-blooded Americans like yourselves who realize that we're still here and that there are marines, soldiers, sailors, and airmen and women still sacrificing their lives to eradicate evil..." Again, parishioners, thank you for your contributions.

Rummage Rummage Rummage

Coming soon! Mark your calendars, we will have our annual rummage sale September 28-29, 2012. You may drop off your donations starting September 24 from 8AM-6PM! If you need to have them picked up, please contact the church office to arrange a convenient time during that week.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, September 9

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

10:00AM & 12PM – Children's Liturgy

Monday, September 10

2:00-3:30PM – Sultanas – R

5:00-6:00PM – Confirmation Class – YC

5:30PM – Journey Board – CC#2

7:00-9:00PM – Church History – CC#2

Tuesday, September 11

7:00-9:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2

12:30PM – MAP – CC#1

2:00-4:00PM – Church History – CC#2

6:30PM – CMSE – CC#1

7:00PM – Catholic Daughters – PH

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#2

Wednesday, September 12

7-9AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R

4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM – CCD – PH, CC#1&2 & Cafeteria

6:30PM – EDGE – YC

Thursday, September 13

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 14

9-11AM – Women's Prayer Group – CC#2

4:00PM – Webelos – CC#2

12:00- 9:00PM – Reception – PH

6:30PM – Knights of the Holy Sepulchre Mass with

Bishop Mulvey – CH

Sunday, September 16

2nd Collection: Black Bag

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

10:00AM – Boy Scouts at Mass – CH & Cafeteria

12:00PM – Filipino Food Plate Sale after Masses

1:15PM – Baptisms

6:30-8:30PM – Lifeteen – YC

PRAISE
the LORD!

YOUTH CORNER



While we eagerly await the arrival of our new Youth Director on October 1, we will be meeting for registration, a service project, issue nights, and socials during the month of September.

EDGE (for all 6th-8th graders) will meet on **WEDNESDAY** September 12, at 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Bring a parent for registration and then stay for an "OVERSIZE" event.

LIFETEEN (for all 9th-12th graders) will meet on **SUNDAY**, September 16, at 6:30pm to 8:30pm, right after the Youth Mass. Bring a parent for registration and then stay for dinner and a Life Night event.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD—Our Religious Education program grades K-5 and Confirmation I began Wednesday evening. It was great to see the children and their parents coming back and some coming for the first time. If there is anyone who has not registered it is not too late. Please call or pick up a form at the office and register your children for CCD. Thank you to the Catechists and Parents who together are helping the children establish a relationship with our loving God.

CONFIRMATION II class begins Monday, September 10. The first class is at 6:30 PM in the Youth Center. Candidates and their parents are required to attend. At that time information will be given concerning the requirements for the last year of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have not already done so, please supply a copy of the candidate's Baptismal Certificate.



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Altar Servers Sept. 15-16

Sat. 5:30 p.m.
MC Brittany McCarty
Dalton Zewicky
Kyle Pekar



Sun. 8:00 a.m.
MC Gabe Skrobarczyk
Logan Campbell
Kevin Beckwith

Sun. 12:00 p.m.
MC J.J. Arizmendi
Ace Castillo
Quarter Morrison
Christian Castillo

Sun. 10:00 a.m.
MC Blake Martin
MC Matthew Montez
Aaron Martin
Andrew Montez
Michael Speed

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

Lectors

SEP 15	SAT 5:30	P.M.	Harold Lee
SEP 15	SAT 5:30	P.M.	Dick Poremba
SEP 16	SUN 8:00	A.M.	Teresa Camacho
SEP 16	SUN 8:00	A.M.	Carl Chatelain
SEP 16	SUN 10:00	A.M.	Denise Hyde
SEP 16	SUN 10:00	A.M.	Larry Hyde
SEP 16	SUN 12:00	NOON	Ron Osman
SEP 16	SUN 12:00	NOON	Geraldine Rice
SEP 16	SUN 5:30	P.M.	Angela L. Soliz
SEP 16	SUN 5:30	P.M.	Mike Winstead

SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE) CLASSES

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

The contests are over and winners have been declared at St. Pius X Catholic School. The top ten salespersons of the Fall Fundraiser have been determined, new officers for Student Council have been elected, and a new design for this year's Halloween Carnival t-shirt has been chosen. In addition to that, our 5th graders have graduated from the Starbase Atlantis program and launched the rockets that they made in the class. Perhaps the most fun events of the week, however, happened on Wednesday when we honored our Grandparents, and on Friday when we had a Family Fun Night for our students and their families. It was a busy week for sure!

The top ten winners of the Fall Fundraiser will be treated to a limousine ride to Gatti Town on September 21, where they will eat pizza and play games. Congratulations to Sarah Grace O'Donnell, a 5th grader, who was the top seller. She sold \$942.50 worth of items. Following closely behind her was Taylor Skrobarczyk, a 6th grader, who sold \$930.50. The remaining top ten sellers were Sophia Garza (K-3), Evan Garza (K-4), Adam Black (K-3), Aracely Salazar (2nd), Sean Campos (2nd), Nicolas Capetillo (K-4), Kyler Ross (3rd), and Ayden Smith (4th). Go, Blue Jays!

Student Council officers were elected last Friday. Congratulations to Charlie Uecker (6th)-President, Ava Van Maren (6th)-Vice President, Rilley Arreola (5th)-Secretary, Sarah Grace O'Donnell (5th)-Treasurer, and Hudson Milulencak (4th)-Chaplain. These new leaders will serve the school well.

Congratulations are in order, again, for Sarah Grace O'Donnell. She was the winner of the t-shirt design contest and will have her drawing on the Halloween t-shirts this year. She will also receive a free t-shirt and \$20 worth of carnival tickets. The second place winner was Mary Arnolds, a 4th grader. She will receive \$10 worth of carnival tickets.

Our early celebration of Grandparents Day on Wednesday was well attended. This event has grown larger every year. It began with Mass at 8:15 a.m. and ended with a reception in the classrooms where grandparents shared stories with their grandchildren, and opened special cards that were made for them by the children. It was a special day for all.

The Family Fun Night on Friday evening was also well attended. Parents played games and made arts and crafts with their children and enjoyed good food prepared by Chefs Gracie and Ernie. This PTO-sponsored event was a big hit.

This coming week will be testing time for our students in grades 1 through 6 as they take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. It will also be the beginning of the volleyball season in which our 4th, 5th and 6th grade students compete against the other Catholic and private schools of the Parochial Sports League. On Monday evening there will be a meeting for all dads, granddads and uncles of our students who are interested in becoming Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) for the 2012-2013 school year. It looks like another busy week at St. Pius X Catholic School, doesn't it?



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

EPIC!



Our (one year) church history study begins this week. Find out how 20 centuries of Catholics have lived their faith. Minimal homework! Meet in CC#2.

Monday, September 10 (7:00 to 9:00 PM)

Tuesday, September 11 (2:00 to 4:00 PM)

OCTOBER SNAPSHOT:

What do we mean by TRINITY?

A neat term we have memorized, but what are we trying to say? Join Sr. Annette to explore this single aspect of our faith. Tuesday, October 9, from 7:00



Come Join Boy Scouts

St Pius X's Troop 157 will be hosting a membership drive tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 10, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the 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.

From the Parish Mailbox...

From Barbara Little to Fr. Paul & parishioners at St. Pius: "It is with such joy in my heart to be able to thank you and your parishioners for your generous gift to Catholic Charities. Since starting work here earlier this month, I have been able to witness first hand how your on-going support helps those in our community who are struggling. They are truly the face of Jesus. May God continue to bless you and your parishioners".

From Dean & Michael Winstead to the Parishioners at St. Pius X: "We wish to thank all of you for your prayers, rosary and Novena and who attended Mass on behalf of our family members, Aaron Michael, Michael Winstead also Keith and Amy Tucker. God answered all our intentions and prayers. Our family is proof that God listens to us".

Catholic Daughters Meeting

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, September 11, 7 PM at the Parish Hall. Installation of officers and induction of new members will take place. Visitors are always welcome.

Mass Intentions



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
Mon. 9/10	8:15AM	Jerry Alan Schiebrel by Tomas Duran
Tue. 9/11	8:15AM	Roberta Torres' Anniversary by Deacon George & Estela Phillips
Wed. 9/12	8:15AM	Gilbert Schanen by Nancy Schanen William & Agnes Parker by Donna Parker In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Josie Sheldon Sandra Sykora by Allen & Janet Daehne
	5:30PM	Brenda Moore Lienweber by Lory Moore Anton Dornak by the Wik Family Frank & Martha Kolda's Intentions by Art & Lou Kaler Richard Villareal by Olaya Gonzalez Pat Reddick by Charlotte & Tommy Groner Sr. Patrick Bruen by Carolyn Buehrig John & Mary Kelly by Kathleen Horne Christine Rosenast by M/M Mario Lopez
Thu. 9/13	8:15AM	Thomas & Mary Fitzgerald by the Fitzgerald Girls
Fri. 9/14	8:15AM	Roberto Alatorre's Anniversary by Family
	5:30PM	Dick Frosch by Bob & Jeannie Cersosimo
Sat. 9/15	5:30PM	Pat Hill & John Duerr by Dotti & Syd Duerr
Sun. 9/16	8:00AM	Michael Pacheco, Jr. by Penny Pacheco
	10:00AM	For the Parishioners
	12:00PM	Chester Zablocki by Aneda Zablocki
	5:30PM	Joe McCullough by Isabel Black

Centennial of the Diocese of Corpus Christi

Jubilee of Bishop Mariano S. Garriga.- In May 1961 Bishop Mariano S. Garriga was ready to celebrate his diamond jubilee of life, golden jubilee as a priest and silver jubilee as a bishop. He wanted to celebrate the occasion by realizing one of his dreams for the diocese—the establishment of a minor seminary to promote the fostering of local priestly vocations. Plans included a Mass at the Memorial Coliseum followed by a banquet for 600 guests. Later a public reception was extended to the whole community. Four cardinals were on hand for the festivities, including James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles and Albert Cardinal Meyer of Chicago.

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

Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, Sgt. 1st Class William Boone, John Boyd, Frances Branning, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Bill Brumback, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Reana Carter, 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, Alois Lup, Arlene Lup, Cynthia Lup, 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 9/2/12

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection	\$ 22,037.08
Other Income	\$ 920.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 22,957.08

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity.....	\$ 75.00
Janosek Scholarship.....	\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$ 5.00
Catholic Relief Srv.....	\$ 5.00
Respect Life	\$ 20.00
Total Other Contributions.....	\$ 130.00
Total Contributions 9/2/2012	\$ 23,087.08

Loan balance on Youth Bldg
as of August 31, 2012\$1,010,187.69

Around the Diocese

KJT MEETING - Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012 - KJT (Catholic Union of Texas) Society #72 meeting at 2 PM- Moravian Hall 5601 Kostoryz Info: 852-1409.

Peer Grief Support Group - Are you widowed or divorced? Having a difficult time? There are no counselors, or ministers, just people like you that have experienced the same pain. The group is sponsored by the Family Life of the Diocese. We meet on Mondays at St. Patrick's Parish Hall at 7:00PM. For info call John Moses, 361-813-5825.