

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends: As I was looking for inspiration for my reflection this week, I decided that I needed a little fresh air to open up my mind and help me think. From my office, I had heard the whistles of the referee out on the basketball court and remembered that some of our school children were competing in volleyball games. Always enjoying a little healthy competition, I went out to watch and show support for the kids while hoping to come up with something to write about.

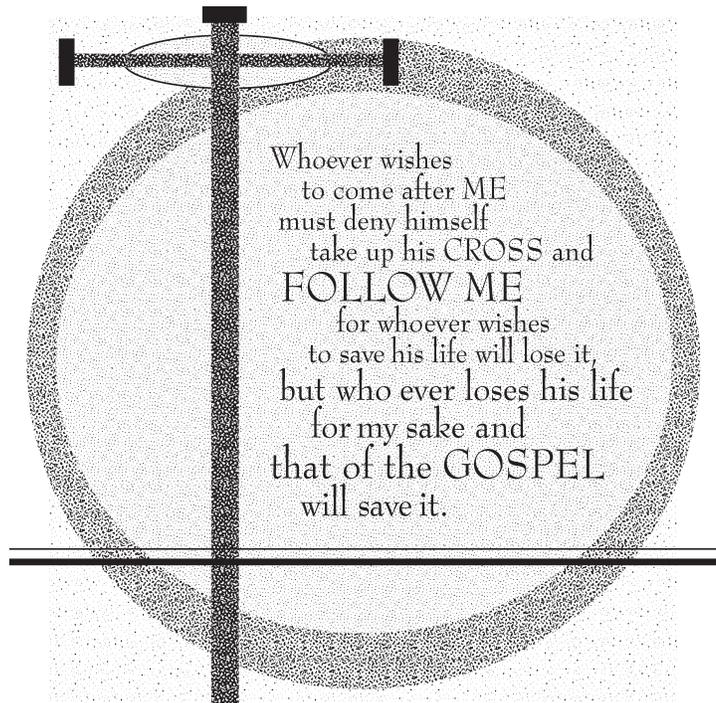
One of the things that I had noticed about the school teams this year is that they are getting some good training from their coach. They've been holding practices after school and are going through some good drills to help them develop their skills. Watching them warm up for the game, I could tell that they were getting markedly better. Obviously, the drills have been paying off. The kids' control of the ball and their ability to react was surprisingly good! One of the best indicators is that they have been winning some games! Even when they haven't won, they have been putting up some decent scores.

No doubt the practices have required some sacrifice of time and a little energy on the part of the students. I'm sure they've had to work hard and set certain things aside to improve their skills. The discipline of practice, though, makes a big impact and helps shape their character and forms them as a team. The end result is a better proficiency and confidence. As anyone who competes knows, just becoming a member of the team is not enough. There has to be a little work and effort in order to be a good team.

One of the things that I've noticed, is that the teams are fairly focused, unified, and acting like a team. There is good team spirit and no real egotists. Possessing that kind of attitude is remarkable for children their age and speaks highly of the character that is taught in our school. Such an attitude requires a sense of self-denial on the part of the students. This is a lesson that carries over into all aspects of life.

The Scriptures for today relate how Jesus huddled his “team” together for a little review of all the things that they had accomplished. They had just returned from being sent out two by two to teach and to heal. Jesus sent them in order to prepare them for the task that they were later going to take on as a life-long work. He was shaping them for the time when they would be called to imitate him and the hardships that he was going to endure.

After sharing their experiences, he began to teach them that he was going to suffer greatly and be killed. Little did the disciples know that they too would have to embrace a similar destiny. Jesus laid out for them what will be the true nature of discipleship; that it will involve taking up the cross and following the same path of suffering that he himself endures. The disciples would learn that being a disciple is not all about cruising along in life. True discipleship is the



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cross. It is not enough to say "I am a member of the team." Being on Christ's team involves discipline, sacrifice, self-denial, and unity.

Some preach that it is enough to call oneself Christian. They also imply that if we embrace the life of faith it will make one prosperous. But the way of Christ is the way of the cross. It often is fraught with perils and great personal challenges. As St. James clearly says in the second reading, faith requires a life of work. It is not enough to just say I am a Christian.

We don't go looking for the cross, but we learn to accept the crosses in life, knowing that by losing our life, we save it. Like the discipline of practice, self-denial pays off in the end. God bless!



May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Olga DeVega, who was buried from our parish on the 10th of this month and also for the soul of Jeremy D. Gabrysch who was buried through our parish last Thursday.

Eternal rest grant unto them Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them!

Welcome, New Parishioners

Please welcome our new parishioners: Jerry & Melissa Lopez and family, Jonathan & Karla Duncan and son, and Mark & Maria Santos and son. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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 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. No registration is necessary.

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00PM. All women of the parish are welcome to join this ministry. Our purpose is to promote

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*

true Christian charity, the love of God and of our neighbor, and Christian family life.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Young children PreK-3 to Kindergarten will meet each Sunday 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

Altar & Rosary Society

The next meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society will be held on Thursday, September 27 at 9AM in CC#2. A program will be presented by Sister Barbara Netek IWBS on our Parish's Acts of Charity ministry. Coffee and fellowship will precede the program and meeting. Dues are payable at this time. All women of St. Pius X Parish are invited to the meeting and to join the Altar & Rosary Society. For additional information, contact Emily Dickinson at 446-2401 or church office at 993-4053.

Pius Travelers

The St. Pius Travelers will go to the Art Jamboree on Friday, September the 28th. We will have lunch at the U & I Restaurant and then go to the Art Center a block away. They will have art exhibits and vendor's booths to visit.

We will carpool from St. Pius Parking Lot at 12:00 noon. Please call the Anzaldua's at 993-6123 so that we can plan the carpools. You need not be a member to attend. Guests are welcome.

Friendship Circle Meets this Week

Ladies, let's begin our year with a Mass in church on Wednesday, September the 19th, at 11 AM for our husbands who have passed on. Afterwards we will meet in the Parish Hall, socialize, have lunch, meet new friends and enjoy the time together. We hope to see you then.

Retreat for Ladies of the Parish

January 26, 2013 is the date. Plan to come for a Saturday morning retreat just for you! Mark your calendar – save the date! More information will come later this Fall.

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-

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



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

1:30PM – Baptisms

6:30-8:30PM – Lifeteen - YC

Monday, September 17

5:00-6:00PM – Confirmation Class – YC

7:00-9:00PM – Church History – CC#2

Tuesday, September 18

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 – CH

6:30PM – Men's Club – PH

7:00-8:15PM – RCIA Team – CC#2

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#2

Wednesday, September 19

7-9AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

11:00AM – Friendship Circle - PH

3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R

4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM – CCD – CC#1&2 & Cafeteria

6:30PM – EDGE – YC

7:00PM – Women's Circle - PH

Thursday, September 20

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 21

9-11AM – Women's Prayer Group – CC#2

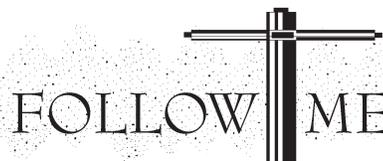
4:00PM – Webelos – CC#2

*6:30-9:00PM – Girl Scouts Father/Daughter
Dance - PH*

Sunday, September 23

8:00-10AM – RCIA – CC#2

6PM! If you need to have them picked up, please contact the church office to arrange a convenient time during that week.



YOUTH CORNER



EDGE for all (6th-8th grade) meet on **WEDNESDAY** September 19th at 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Will continue registration and have "Give It Away Now" night.

LIFETEEN for all (9th-12th grade) meet on **SUNDAY** September 23rd at 6:30pm to 8:30pm, right after the Youth Mass. Will continue registration and then have "Give It Away Now" night.

Both **EDGE** and **LIFETEEN** will begin this service project for the local homeless and encourage all teens to bring an item for donation.

Altar Servers Sept. 22-23

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.
Nicholas Lee
J.P.Lee

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

Sun. 10:00 a.m.
MC Jackie Lara
Brianna Salazar
Emily Salazar
Daniel Tindall
Ayden Smith

Sun. 5:30 p.m.
MC Olivia Tamez
MC Steven Wendal
Josh Ramirez
Kyle Wendel
Sarah Ramirez

Lectors

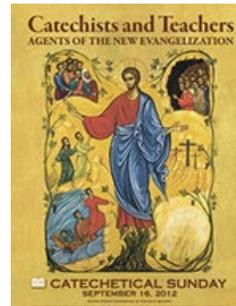
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEP 22 SAT 5:30 P.M. David Brown
SEP 22 SAT 5:30 P.M. Fred McCutcheon
SEP 23 SUN 8:00 A.M. Dennis Diersing
SEP 23 SUN 8:00 A.M. Tracie Jensen
SEP 23 SUN 10:00 A.M. Kathy Clark
SEP 23 SUN 10:00 A.M. Ralph Rodriguez
SEP 23 SUN 12:00 NOON Art Aubin
SEP 23 SUN 12:00 NOON Isabel Lopez
SEP 23 SUN 5:30 P.M. Inez Matthijetz
SEP 23 SUN 5:30 P.M. Alma Tamez

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TODAY IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY!

The 2012 Catechetical Sunday theme is: Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is especially opportune to recognize and commission catechetical leaders and catechist who are the backbone of the catechetical ministry. It is also an opportunity for all members of the Church to rededicate themselves to the mission of teaching the gospel in our community of faith and beyond.



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

We are proud to announce to you the community of St. Pius X that we have forty-four candidates in their second year of preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and to accept the adult responsibility for their Faith. Please pray for them each day that this preparation time be prayerful and fruitful.

CCD is well underway! We have wonderful Catechists and volunteers helping with the program. We thank God for these wonderful individuals who give their time and talent each week to share their faith and knowledge of the faith with the young people entrusted to their care. Please pray for the following who are involved in the Catechetical program:

Marcia Gomez	Patricia McKenna	Irene Martinez
Michelle Luera	Shelly Ritch	Pete Martinez
Martin Salazar	Margaret Barne	Nieves Frazier
Elva Salinas	Linda Lopez	Mario Bayarena
Penny Anzualda	Eliza Salinas	Deborah Salazar
Manual Anzualda	Angie Quiroz	Christine Smith
Shauna Quiroz	Christine Rodgers	Leticia Salazar
Sr. Barbara Netek		

Registration continues, so if you have not yet registered, are new to the parish, please come by and register your children. The Religious Education program does not begin and end with the reception of a Sacrament. It is continuous from elementary through high school.

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



Not too many activities happen during the two weeks of Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) testing for the students and staff at St. Pius X Catholic School. Things slow down to a crawl so that the students can concentrate on doing their best on the tests. These are tests that compare our students to all of the students in the nation that take the test at the same time of the year. We use the results as a diagnostic means of tailoring instruction for the students. If they are weak in a certain area, then we provide tutoring for them. It also gives us an idea of how we compare academically to other schools nation-wide.

We were able to have a few activities, however. Our volleyball season began for our students in 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Every year they compete against the other Catholic and private schools of the Parochial Sports League. It's a fun way to learn volleyball skills and good sportsmanship. All eyes will be on our 5th grade girls this year as they had a perfect basketball season last spring, going undefeated through the season as 4th graders. They started out on a good note last week by winning their first game against St. James Episcopal School. Way to go, Blue Jays! We also started our service project for September - Math-A-Thon, a program that helps raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital. The children get pledges from friends and family members for working math problems. We usually raise over \$3,000 each year.

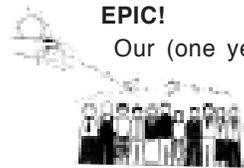
Our PTO is gearing up for our 29th Annual Halloween Carnival that will be held on Friday, October 26, 2012. Members have been soliciting donations for the Silent Auction as well as monetary donations. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so it takes many hands to do much work. Be on the lookout for a letter in the mail from the school in the next week or so. It will contain a set of 10 raffle tickets that we hope our parishioners will either purchase for themselves or sell to friends and family for us. There are many nice items in the raffle this year. We always have at least one or two winners from the parish. We ask that you return the ticket stubs and the money to the school office by October 24. They can be mailed in the return envelope provided or dropped at the office or rectory. Thank you, in advance, for supporting our school once again.

We received news last week that HEB is again offering a \$.12 a gallon discount of their gasoline again if you purchase it with an HEB card through December. It just so happens that our school sells HEB cards as an on-going fundraiser throughout the school year. So if you want to help the school and save on gasoline at the same time, come by the school office and purchase some HEB cards. They come in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100. The school profits 4% of each card sold. So when you buy a \$10 card, the school makes \$4.

Our top ten winners of the Fall Fundraiser will be taken to lunch at GattiTown on Friday via a limousine. While there they will eat all of the pizza they want and play games. It's a nice way to award these go-getters who raised a lot of money for our school.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

EPIC!



Our (one year) church history study has begun. There is still time to join this week. We still have 19 centuries to go! Minimal homework! Meet in CC-2.

Monday, September 17 (7:00 to 9:00 PM)

Tuesday, September 18 (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 to 8:30 PM in CC-2.



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:

October 9 November 13

December 11 January 8

February 12 March 12

April 9 May 14

Schedule for Core classes: October 23

From the Parish Mailbox...

From Jack and Della Swoboda to Fr. Paul Hesse: After over 40 years as members of St. Pius X Church, we relocated to San Antonio. We lived in a two-story home in Corpus Christi for 39 of those years. When Della developed serious leg problems over the past few years, we were advised by her doctors to consider moving to a single level home. So we decided if we were going to sell our two-story home and move to a single level home, that we would go ahead and relocate closer to our sons and their families. We love living here in San Antonio, but we dearly miss all the wonderful parishioners we knew at St. Pius X and all the Alhambra and Sultanas that we socialized with over the many years. St. Pius X was truly our second family. We greatly appreciate all the love and support from you and Father Joseph over these past couple of years. We can never forget Msgr. Adams and Msgr. Shirley and all the priests that served with them that provided us with spiritual support throughout those many years. You all will always be in our prayers. Thanks and God bless!

Mass Intentions



- Sat. 9/15 5:30PM Pat Hill & Joan Duerr by Dotti & Sid 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
- Mon. 9/17 8:15AM Anna Brandeski Kreji's Anniv. by Chuck Gross
- Tue. 9/18 8:15AM Frank Baish by Bobby & Donna Gough
- Wed. 9/19 8:15AM William & Agnes Parker by Donna Parker
 Anzaldua Deceased Family Members by Pete & Nancy Anzaldua
 Mary and Pete Rabalais by Gerald & Connie Smith
 Gus Noll by Jean Deal
 Annie Rhodes by Jim & Mim Cook
 5:30PM Bill Traeger by Bettie Traeger
 Richard Villarreal by Olaya Gonzalez
 Frank & Martha Kolda's Intentions by Fred & Emily Dickinson
 Pat Reddick by Charlotte & Tommy Groner
 Ron Krnavek's Anniversary by family
 Sr. Patrick Bruen by Dorothy Krause, Judy & Bob
 Mary & John Kelly by Kathleen Horne
- Thu. 9/20 8:15AM Thelma Peterson's Anniversary by Helen Shropshire
- Fri. 9/21 8:15AM Dr. Donald Drinkard by Dr. Richard & Kathryn Carlson
 5:30PM John Ley's Anniversary by the Ellsworth & Ley Families
- Sat. 9/22 5:30PM Maximina Rivera by Ramirez, Leal & Hinojosa Families
- Sun. 9/23 8:00AM Chris & John Janosek by Dewayne & Lisa Catchings
 10:00AM Lester Cunningham by Carolyn Buehrig
 12:00PM Jack La Feber by Jeanne La Feber
 5:30PM For the Parishioners
 7:30PM Gio A. Kim Nguyen by Van Nguyen



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Financial Report for week ending 9/9/12

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection	\$ 19,792.13
Other Income	\$ 1,525.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 21,317.13

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity.....	\$ 65.00
Janosek Scholarship.....	\$ 50.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$ 30.00
Catholic Relief Srv.....	\$ 5.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$ 10.00
World Mission.....	\$ 2.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 162.00
Total Contributions 9/9/2012	\$ 21,479.13

Loan balance on Upward and Onward Shortfall:
 as of August 31, 2012\$1,006,850.11



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