

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends: The air was very crisp and cool as we stepped onto the bus after only a handful of hours of sleep. The beautifully illuminated medieval town of Assisi looked very inviting as it's lights pierced through the night sky from the hill upon which the town was built. Unfortunately, we were not going to be accepting an invitation to go back to Assisi this time. It was 3:30 in the morning and it seemed ridiculous that we would even be departing the hotel so early for our trek to Rome. There was a special reason for this unbelievably taxing exercise, though. We were setting out for an opportunity of a lifetime!

It was imperative that we leave early, because we had been privileged to obtain tickets to the Canonization Mass of seven new Saints for the Catholic Church! Among them were two new American Saints – St. Kateri Tekakwitha, and St. Marianne Cope. Also Canonized was St. Pedro Calungsod, the second Saint from the Philippines.

The Canonization Mass was not originally part of the itinerary. The pilgrimage was planned nearly one year in advance without any prior knowledge that there was going to be such a celebration. It wasn't until later that we discovered that the Canonization was scheduled on the day we would be arriving in Rome. It turned out to be providential because we were able to alter our itinerary a little so that we could participate. This necessitated that we arise at 2:30 a.m. in order to get to Rome early enough to get decent seats. Nobody seemed to complain. Most of us slept during the 2 1/2 hour road trip anyway.

Amazingly, the bus dropped us off in front of the Vatican with ample time to beat the throng that was gathering. When the barriers were opened, we managed to squeeze through the security checks and dash our way up to the front of St. Peter's Square in order to get a good vantage point from which we could easily view the Holy Father. Divine Providence surely was at work to enable our group to get such ideal seats! Not only were we perfectly positioned to get a clear vision of the pope during the Mass, we were in prime position to see him as he rode through the throng standing on his "popemobile" following the Liturgy!

We could not have asked for more! There we were, standing in the thick of history and rich Catholic tradition. This was the city where martyrs were made and where the Apostles trod. This was the seat of Christianity and we were participating in a significant moment along the timeline of faith. God gifted us with an unforgettable and grace-filled experience. We saw the pope, celebrated the Eucharist, and called upon the intercession of seven new Saints. The sun was shining, the weather was cool, and the elation of tens of thousands filled the air.

Our next few days in Rome plunged us deep into secular and sacred history. We got to see masterful pieces of art, toured the ancient colosseum, celebrated an early morning Mass in St. Joseph's Chapel in St. Peter's Basilica, prayed before the tomb of Blessed John Paul II and the uncorrupted body of St. Pius X. We traipsed through the halls



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of the Vatican Museums and gazed at the astounding beauty of the Sistine Chapel. We also tossed coins into the Trevi Fountain, marveled at the ingenuity of the Pantheon, visited the 3 other major basilicas of Rome, and tasted the obligatory gelato in Piazza Navona.

To cap off our trip to Italy, we paid one more visit to St. Peter's Square to attend the Wednesday Papal Audience with the Pope. We were able to get so close to him as he passed in his popemobile, that we could almost reach out and touch him.

Finally, we had to say "arrivederci" to this storied land. The hues of the homes and landscapes had made their impressions upon us. The culture, the food, the art, and the architecture inspired us. The language and the people impacted us. More than anything, the trip renewed our faith and drew us more deeply into the life of Christ! There is no place quite like Italy.

### A Thanksgiving Message

As this time of year rolls around, it is typical for us to reflect upon all the blessings that have come our way

throughout the year. In pondering the many wonderful things that have transpired over the past year, I am especially grateful to all of you for the love and support you have shown to Fr. Joseph and me during our first year here.

St. Pius X is truly a wonderful parish and it's people are second to none! On behalf of Fr. Joseph, the staff, and myself, I would like to extend to all of you a very blessed, joyful, and peaceful Thanksgiving Holiday. May you and yours experience great abundance as you gather with your loved ones! God bless!

-Fr. Paul

### Acts of Charity

Thank you to all of you who donated to the Thanksgiving project. We are assembling twenty-five baskets to be delivered on Wednesday. We are still in need of food items for these baskets. If you decide to bring any of the items, we ask that you have them at the church office no later than 4PM on Tuesday. Again thank you.

### No Adoration the Next Two Thursdays

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and the showing of the movie Restless

#### 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*

Heart - The Story of St. Augustine, there will not be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Thursday, Nov. 22nd or Thursday, Nov. 29th. Thursday night adoration will resume on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Welcome, new parishioners!**

Please welcome Deacon Manuel and Nelda Marroquin and family, and Joseph and Jasmine Treat and family.

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

### **St. Pius X Welcomes Our Newly Ordained Deacon, Manuel Marroquin!**

Last Saturday, November 10, 2012, Bishop Wm. Michael Mulvey ordained 23 men to the permanent diaconate. One of them, Deacon Manuel Marroquin, has been assigned to ministry here at St. Pius X Parish. He and his wife, Nelda, were formerly parishioners at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. We would like to congratulate Deacon Manny and Nelda and give them a warm and enthusiastic welcome to our parish! Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments after the Sunday, 10 a.m. Mass to welcome them to St. Pius X.

### **Thanksgiving Meal**

The Thanksgiving Meal will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 AM Mass. There is a list at the back of the church to sign up.

### **† May He Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Gerald W. Smith who passed away last week and the funeral was held at St. Pius on the 13th.

### **Men's Club**

The next Men's Club meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 PM for the meal and 7PM meeting. All men of the parish are invited. For more information, contact Randy at 960-3220.

### **Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine**

St. Pius X parish is proud to be bringing this film to Corpus Christi. The first showing is sold out already, so we have added one more showing that same night and time (November 29, 2012, @ 7:00 p.m) in the same theater complex (Century 16 Theater) on a different screen.

ONLY 200 TICKETS LEFT FOR THIS SHOWING

To purchase tickets, or for more information, contact:  
St Pius X Catholic Church 361-993-4053

## **Comings and Goings**

*The Week at a Glance*



### Sunday, November 18

2nd Collection: BLACK BAG

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

11:00AM – Reception for Deacon Manuel  
Marroquin - PH

4:00-5:15PM – Scouts class – CC#2

### Monday, November 19

No school this week

8AM-6PM – Thanksgiving baskets – PH

7:00PM – Questions and Answers for RCIA –  
CC#2

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

### Tuesday, November 20

7:00-9:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2

6:30PM – Men's Club – PH

7:30PM – Debussy Concert - CH

### Wednesday, November 21

OFFICE CLOSSES AT 12 NOON

7-9AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

10:00AM – Altar Server practice - CH

No CCD

### Thursday, November 22

OFFICE CLOSED

10:00AM – Mass – CH

11:30AM – Thanksgiving meal - PH

### Friday, November 23

OFFICE CLOSED

9:00-11:00AM – Women of Faith – CC#2

### Saturday, November 24

10:00AM – 4:00PM – Chopin Society Student  
Concert - CH

### Sunday, November 25

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

1:30PM – Gathering – CC#1

4:00-5:15PM – Scouts Class – CC#2

8:00-10:00PM – Vietnamese gathering - PH

Be watchful  
for you do not  
know the day  
or the hour





## YOUTH CORNER



No EDGE this week. Give thanks to God for all that you have, and have a wonderful Turkey Day!



**This Week** - How many hotdogs can you eat in 5 minutes? Can you hula hoop? How is your alphabetical prowess? More importantly, can your team survive the race? Come out to Life Teen for the 1st Annual Life Teen Relay Races. It's going to be epic!

**Next Week - No Life Teen on November 25.** Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and good luck with those "Black Friday" shopping deals...and lines.

### FALL HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

Registration for the fall retreat has begun. Be sure to fill out forms and turn them in at the Youth Center before November 25. The retreat will feature beautiful scenery, a high ropes course, outdoor adventures, and a faith workout for the ages. We invite ALL high school students to attend. In the case of scholarship help, please see Robert Streight for information.

**Summer Trip 2013:** Steubenville Florida and Universal Studios! Information coming soon!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### CCD

We will not have class this Wednesday, November 21. Happy Thanksgiving to all! See you November 28.



### Perfect Attendance

Sacramental Prep II a-Mr. & Mrs. Anzualda  
Sacramental Prep II b-Mr. & Mrs. Martinez  
Sacramental Prep II c-Mrs. Quiroz/Mrs. Lopez  
Sacramental Prep II d-Mrs. Ritch

**Congratulations to these four classes!**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### Question & Answer Session

Fr. Paul Hesse will meet with the RCIA members Monday, November 19, in CC-2 for a Question and Answer Session.

Anyone interested in participating is welcomed to come. We will begin at 7:00 PM and end no later than 8:30.

### DECEMBER FIRST TUESDAY SNAPSHOT:

#### If this is Advent, what are we waiting for?

Let us explore the importance of Advent for adult Catholics. Advent is meant for adults—to be more than hectic holiday preparations . . . more than a time to accumulate bills . . . more than a conflict between sacred and secular. Come and find out what Advent offers our life as believers. We meet on Tuesday, December 4, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE) CLASSES

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

**CORE CLASS** (first time certification): **Nov. 27.**

**RE-CERTIFICATION:** Please check your blue cards and if it is expired, attend one of the following recertification classes. There are some changes in the certification process and they will be explained to you. Please bring your expired certification card with you.

#### Re-certification class dates:

December 11	January 8
February 12	March 12
April 9	May 14

## Centennial of the Diocese of Corpus Christi

The Permanent Diaconate: Following the recommendations of the second Vatican council, in 1967 Pope Paul VI restored the ancient practice of ordaining to the diaconate men who were not candidates for the priesthood. The Diocese of Corpus Christi ordained its first class of deacons in 1977. These men are known as permanent deacons. Their ministry consists of service in three areas: the Word, the Liturgy and Charity. The ministry of the Word includes proclaiming the Gospel during the Mass, preaching and teaching. The liturgical ministry includes various parts of the Mass proper to the deacon: being an ordinary minister of Holy Communion and the proper minister of the chalice. The ministry of charity involves service to the poor and marginalized and working with parishioners to help them become more involved in charitable works.

All time belongs to the Lord

## School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



Those week-long school vacations seem to come along just at the right time for teachers and staff members. It's amazing how that happens! The students get so excited before holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. It's difficult even for the best teachers to contain that excitement. The past two weeks at St. Pius X Catholic School have been full of activities that have kept the students pretty busy. But even though the teachers were keeping them busy, the students were counting down the days to the beginning of the most exciting time of the year.

So what has been going on in the past couple of weeks? Well, we've had a Veterans Day Celebration to honor our Veterans, a Science Fair, Progress Reports, a St. Nicholas Christmas Book Fair, a School Advisory Council meeting and a Diocesan Catholic Educators Conference. We also collected items for the military for Christmas, and food for the needy via Catholic Charities!

Our Veterans Day celebration was well attended. The children enjoyed singing all of the patriotic songs for the veterans, especially the songs for each branch of the military. They also made special cards for them. One of our parents, Jeremy Taylor, was the keynote speaker. The adults and children as well were spellbound by his talk about his experiences as a pilot in the Navy. The Veterans Day program was organized by our 6th grade teacher, Kathi Urbis, and our 5th grade teacher, Michele Stovall. Robbie Johnson of our church Youth Band played the piano accompaniment for the songs that were sung. The 6th grade students were emcees. We thank them and we thank our veterans who keep our country safe.

Our Science Fair yielded some great science projects, as usual. The top three winners in each grade level will now advance to the Diocesan Science Fair that will be held in January. The winners from there will go the Coastal Bend Science Fair. We wish our winners good luck at the next level.

At the Diocesan Catholic Educators Conference (DCEC) on Friday, three of our faculty members were recognized for their years of service in the Diocese. Mrs. Stovall, our 5th grade teacher, was recognized for her 30 years with the Diocese. 28 of those years have been spent at St. Pius X! She started out as a St. Pius student when she was in the 2nd grade, and then came back "home" to a teaching position after earning her degree in education. She is such an integral part of the school, it's hard to imagine St Pius without this master teacher! Mrs. Van Maren, our 3rd grade teacher, was recognized for 5 years of service to the Diocese. Mrs. Van Maren is also a former student whose 3 daughters are students of St. Pius (the oldest is now a student at IWA Middle School). Mrs. Clark, the

principal, was recognized for 10 years of service to the Diocese, all spent as principal of St. Pius X. She is not a former student of St. Pius, herself, but her six children are. The old saying is true, "Once a Blue Jay, always a Blue Jay!"

We received the results of the Halloween Carnival at our School Advisory Council meeting last week. It was the best carnival ever for our school. Thanks to the great leadership of Jackie Heath, our PTO president, and D'Ann Tatsch, our Carnival Chairman, we made over \$42,000! That's about \$4,000 more than we made last year with a lower attendance! Kudos to these ladies, and a big thank you, again, to all of the folks who contributed in any way to making this carnival such a big success.

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving from the students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School!

### Altar Servers Nov. 24-25

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

MC Stephanie Gibbon  
Reagan Gibbon  
Theonna Wisner  
Michael Morin



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

MC Andrew Shull  
MC Toby Shull  
Tori Shull  
Christian Ramos

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

MC Sara Rucker  
Ranger Quintero  
Charlie Uecker  
Sarah Calaway

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

MC Andrew Thomas  
MC Jeremy Bedolla  
Ben DeSive  
Mackenzie DeSive

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

MC Ethan Pompa  
Luke Bean  
Acadia Tamez  
Benny Myers  
Adam Villarreal

### Lectors

#### CHRIST THE KING

NOV 24 SAT 5:30 P.M. Fred McCutchon  
NOV 24 SAT 5:30 P.M. Ron Osman  
NOV 25 SUN 8:00 A.M. Dennis Diersing  
NOV 25 SUN 8:00 A.M. Ethel Dulak  
NOV 25 SUN 10:00 A.M. Hester Rodriguez  
NOV 25 SUN 10:00 A.M. Patricia Stegall  
NOV 25 SUN 12:00 NOON Delbert Hooper  
NOV 25 SUN 12:00 NOON Marion Maas  
NOV 25 SUN 5:30 P.M. Angie Quiroz

## Mass Intentions



- Sat. 11/17 5:30PM Ray & Lola Rhode's Anniversary by Agnes Heiman, Estella Potsches & family
- Sun. 11/18 8:00AM Gregorio Zamora, Sr. & Manuel Laurel by Elva Z. Laurel
- 10:00AM Johnny Gollihar's Anniversary by Helen Shropshire
- 12:00PM Chester Zablocki by Aneda Zablocki
- 5:30PM For the Parishioners
- Mon. 11/19 8:15AM Thomas & Mary Fitzgerald by the Fitzgerald girls
- Tue. 11/20 8:15AM Pat Janosek's Intentions
- Wed., 11/21 8:15AM Frances Galvan by Emma Cuellar  
 Javier Davis by Elva Z. Laurel  
 John Kelly by Kathleen Horne  
 Mary Kelly by Kathleen Horne  
 Silverio Valencia by Marie Vasquez  
 The Thise Family by Ardeeth Weed  
 30th Wedding Anniv. Intentions of Lee and Lucy Rogers
- 5:30PM Gilbert Schanen by Nancy Schanen  
 Jesus Mario Villarreal by M/M Santana Villarreal  
 Anna Grassetonio by Tommy & Charlotte Groner  
 Olga De Vega by Goldie Acuna  
 Ruben Landin by M/M Brent Ocker  
 In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Good Health by Berta Guerrero & family  
 Graciela T. Noyola by the Trevino family  
 Frances Galvan by Emma Cuellar  
 Sister Patrick by Art & Mary Salinas  
 Dorothy Krause's Intentions by Art & Mary Salinas
- Thu. 11/22 10:00AM Thelma Peterson by Helen Shropshire
- Fri. 11/23 8:15AM Frank & Martha Kolda's Ints. by Goldie Acuna
- 5:30PM Jesus Mario Villarreal & Richard Villarreal by M/M Santana Villarreal
- Sat. 11/24 5:30PM Martin Hinojosa by Ramirez, Leal & Hinojosa families
- Sun. 11/25 8:00AM Chris & John Janosek by Robert Janosek
- 10:00AM Richard Fey by Dolores Puckett
- 12:00PM For the Parishioners
- 5:30PM Hermila Reyna's Anniversary by Cassie Wheeler
- 7:30PM Austin Diep by Elsa Nguyen

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

Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, Sgt. 1st Class William Boone, Bill Brumback, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Reana Carter, Riana Carter, Sherry Coveyou, 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, 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, Lucas Jean-Baptiste Ramirez, Matteo Jean-Baptiste Ramirez, Elizabeth Johnson, Martha Kaler, Mary Kelly, Dorothy Krause, Arlene Leep, 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, Ron Randolph, 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, Adrian Sosa, 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 11/11/12

### Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection .....\$ 18,958.11  
 Other Income .....\$ 180.00  
 Restless Heart Ticket Sales .....\$ 840.00  
**Total Operating Revenue.....\$ 19,978.11**

### Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity.....\$ 189.00  
 Janosek Scholarship.....\$ 25.00  
**Total Other Contributions.....\$ 214.00**  
**Total Contributions 11/11/2012..\$ 20,192.11**

Loan balance on Youth Bldg  
 as of November 15, 2012.....\$ 797,612.19

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