

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Dear Friends,

I may have mentioned it before, but if you have known me for any length of time, you know that I like basketball. I don't play the game myself. In fact, I'm not coordinated enough for most sports, aside from golf, volleyball, or tennis. I can shoot the hoops from a relatively stationary position, but try to get me to maneuver around other players or to fight through defenders for a shot, and you will discover that I am woefully deficient in agility and sufficiently clumsy. Nevertheless, the game is thrilling to watch and full of suspense. There are many aspects of the game of basketball that are analogous to faith.

What I like about basketball is that it is often unpredictable. An eight or a twelve point scoring run can change the whole tenor of a game. When a team is down by several points, the fire of one player can turn everything around in a very short period of time. There can be a little back and forth throughout the course of a game, but that makes it compelling to watch and full of suspense. Frequently, it all comes down to the last few seconds of the game (occasionally the last few tenths of a second) to determine the win. What really hooks me is that, when all seems lost or a team seems lifeless, a clutch shot can resurrect a win from what appears to be defeat.

Another aspect of the game that I find fascinating is precisely the team nature of the game. Granted, most team sports have that team component, but where else do you have statistics kept for "assists?" An assist is when one player passes the ball to another player in such a way that it leads to a score. It is truly an unselfish act for the sake of points for the team. Occasionally, the temptation of some players is to let the ego take over and not share the ball. If this happens, the likelihood of scoring is reduced and the consequences affect the whole team. Ball sharing builds the odds of scoring and relies upon the particular skills of other players to produce results.

I mentioned that basketball is analogous to faith. What I mean by this is that the resurrection of Jesus is a game changer. When it seemed like evil had the upper hand, God came through in the clutch. When all seemed lost at the point of Jesus' death on the cross, God snatched victory from the jaws of defeat by means of Christ's resurrection. Jesus' unselfish act on the cross, gained us a win for eternity.

In his words in the Gospel this weekend, Jesus extends his peace to his disciples. He says, "Peace be with you." Jesus dispenses peace to us through the Church. Peace comes through our willingness to play along with the team. In other words, peace is given to those who submit themselves to Christ and to the work of unity. We are called to live and work together as a team. It takes great humility to do this, especially when we mostly want to do things our own way. Rebelliousness is an enemy to peace. It builds up a wall between people and is based on the ego. It takes us setting aside our ego in order to surrender ourselves to Christ.

In our personal lives too, we often find ourselves in circumstances where we

And Jesus said to Thomas,

PUT YOUR FINGER HERE AND SEE MY HANDS AND BRING YOUR HAND AND PUT IT INTO MY SIDE, AND DO NOT BE UNBELIEVING, BUT BELIEVE.



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feel defeated. In those moments, we must remember that the power of the Risen Lord is far superior to any situation that looks like defeat. Christ is ultimately victorious, and in him, we can conquer all things. Jesus can transform everything in an instant!

God bless,



Our parish helped make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world suffering from poverty and hunger. To ensure that our donations will be put to use as soon as possible, please return your Rice Bowl to the church or parish office by April 14th. You can pour the contents of the Rice Bowl into the container at the back of the church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS
YEARS RICE BOWL COLLECTION.

Welcome new Parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners, Janis A. Mayer and Gertrude Mayer. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

Acts of Charity Giving Tree

The Acts of Charity "Giving Tree" is still on display in the back of the church if you haven't yet had an opportunity to place a leaf representing your Lenten "good deeds." Thanks to all of you who have helped the branches 'come alive' with your random acts of kindness and making this parish activity a great success! Please look for more Acts of Charity projects to come!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Please come celebrate with us this afternoon at 3 o'clock. We will pray the Chaplet for much needed rain. Jesus revealed in various revelations to St. Faustina that it was His desire that we celebrate this special feast day. Blessed John Paul II initiated the Divine Mercy Sunday and granted a plenary indulgence to those who participate. There will be cake, coffee and tea in the Parish Hall immediately following.

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

Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters will meet this coming Tuesday, April 9th, at 7 PM in CC#2. All women of the parish are invited to come and share in the Circle of Love.



ST. PIUS X MEN'S RETREAT

Sponsored by The Men's Club
Saturday, April 13, 2013
Check-In & Breakfast 7:30-8:00 am
Retreat 8:00 am-3:00 pm (includes lunch)
Social 3:00-4:00 pm (Games, snacks, beverages)
St. Pius X Youth Building

The theme of the retreat is St. Joseph: A Role Model for ALL Men. The one day retreat is free and open to ALL men of the parish 18 yrs and older.

Sign-up sheets are located at the entries of the church to secure your place. May also RSVP by email to tagbro1@stx.rr.com.

St. Pius X Mail Box...

From Dolores Puckett - I wish to thank Fr. Hesse and Fr. Joseph and all the kind people that were thoughtful enough to stop by or send me "Get Well" wishes while I was in the hospital. I am doing a lot better, hoping and praying that this might be all that is needed. I'm also thankful to my Sultana sisters and Women's Circle that were thoughtful and supportive. This church has always been supportive and that's why I feel like it's my second home. Thank you again!

Think Spring!!

Ladies of the Friendship Circle will meet at 11:30am on Wednesday, April 17th, in the Youth Building for a spring time luncheon. We will enjoy each other's company and celebrate the spirit of the Easter Season! See you there!

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 7

Youth Jewelry Sale
Scouts sale of Waffle Breakfast tickets
1:30PM – Baptism class – CC#1

Monday, April 8

3:00-:00PM – Ballet class – PH
5:00PM – Confirmation class - YC
5:30PM – Journey Board – CC#1
7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria
8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

Tuesday, April 9

6:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2
10:00AM- Journey – CC#2
12:30 – 3:00PM – MAP – CC#1
5:00-8:00PM – School Science Night – PH
6:30PM – CMSE – CC#1
7:15-8:30PM – RCIA Team – CC#1
7:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#2

Wednesday, April 10

7-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2
9:00AM – 12:00PM – MAP – CC#1
9:30AM – Schola – C/R
3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R
4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R
6:30PM – CCD - CC#1&2 & Cafeteria
6:30PM – PTO meeting – PH
8:00PM – Youth Band practice -CH

Thursday, April 11

8:30-11:00AM – School pictures - PH
1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2
5:30-9:00PM – Diocesan DRE Appreciation Dinner- PH
6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R
7:00PM – Adoration – CH
7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, April 12

9:00-11:00AM – Women of Faith – CC#2
3:00PM – Mother/Daughter Tea set up - PH
6:30PM – Chopin Concert - CH

Saturday, April 13

1:00-5:00PM – Mother/Daughter Tea – PH
8:00AM – 4:00PM – Men's Retreat - YC

Sunday, April 14

10:00AM – Scouts at Mass - CH
11:00AM – Scouts – Cafeteria



YOUTH CORNER



6th-8th Graders

This Wednesday - Have you ever played pick up stix with 2x4's? What about playing foosball tied to poles? Can you imagine ping pong with tennis rackets? It's all a part of our next EDGE night called, "Oversized." Hope to see you Wednesday at the Youth Center at 6:30 pm!



9th-12th Graders

Steubenville Announcement

Registration for Steubenville will officially end on April 14. We need to register with the conference, as well as, purchase tickets for our trip. If you would like to register before the deadline, please contact Robert at the Youth Center. We want to thank everyone who helped make our jewelry sale such a great success. Many thanks go to the entire parish for being so generous to our youth.

This Week - When has a door-to-door salesman ever come to your house? Have you ever encountered a girl scout selling cookies? What do you do when an infomercial comes on with the newest and best product? At Life Teen on Sunday, April 7 at the Youth Center, we discover what it means not sell, but give. Wanna know the secret? Be there at 6:30 pm!

Next Week - The sand. The waves. The sunshine. The fish. That awkward sea smell. If you haven't guessed, we mean the beach. We want to invite ALL high school youth to Life Teen at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center to get Back 2 the Beach!

CORE Members NEEDED!!

Do you love your faith? Do you love youth? Do you think that God is calling you to serve in ministry? We are looking for people of faith to come and help us in delivering the message of God to the youth of the church. We are currently looking for ages 19-25; however, we will speak to anyone who has a yearning to teach the young church. Please call Robert Streight at (361)452-4513 for more information.

5th Grade and 8th Grade IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

Starting on Wednesday, April 3rd, ALL 5th Grade students are invited to register and attend EDGE (6:30-8:00 pm). Likewise, on Sunday, April 7th, ALL 8th Grade students are invited to register and attend Life Teen (6:30-9:00 pm). We would like to make the upcoming transitions as seamless as possible, in order to help prepare them for the major changes they will be making after the summer and into the next CCD year. We ask that parents register their children upon 1st drop off in order to make sure all waivers are .

Altar Servers



April 13 & 14

Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Kevin Smith
Matthew Oliveira
Jacob Rivera
Ryan Park

Sun. 12:00 p.m.

MC J.J. Arizmendi
Paris Hanna
Luis Lopez
Jacob Lugo
Paxton Hanna

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Andrew Shull
MC Toby Shull
MC Tori Shull
Christian Ramos

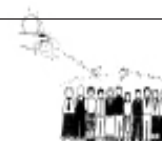
Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Marisa Matthijetz
Isaac Matthijetz
Benjamin Mikulencak
Hudson Mikulencak

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Lali Rodriguez
MC Joshua Harney
Jordyn Harney
Joe Aidan Harney

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The following classes had perfect attendance this week:
Sacramental Prep IIa Mr. & Mrs. Anzualda
Sacramental Prep IIb Mr & Mrs. Martinez
Sacramental Prep IIc Mrs. Quiroz & Mrs. Lopez
Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Dates to remember:

April 27th First Communion Retreat
(child and parent(s) required to attend)
May 5th First Communion Sunday

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASSES

Schedule for re-certification classes:

April 9 @ 6:30pm in CC#1
May 14 @ 6:30pm in CC#1

Please check your cards for expiration date and update if your card is expired.

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



By the time this bulletin goes to print, the 10th Annual Golf Classic of St. Pius X Catholic School will have happened and hopefully be a good memory in the minds of many golfers and planners of the tournament. The days leading up to its planning were fast and furious, but well worth the effort. We will give a full report in next weekend's bulletin. But for now, a gigantic thank you goes to Frank and Susy Battaglia for being the tournament sponsor. Without their help, our tournament would have never gotten off the ground. God bless them!

Our Easter break was glorious. The 3½ days that we had off from school were just the boost we needed to finish out the school year. Hard to believe, as of today there are only 35 more days of school left until our summer break! Those 35 days will go by at a record pace because of all the activities that take place in April and May.

Our 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Michele Stovall, received a surprise last Wednesday. She was notified in person that she had been chosen as the Teacher of the Week from the radio station, the Beach 96.5. Mr. Drew Stone and his representative from the station came up to the school and presented her with a bouquet of flowers, a plaque, and a gift. Evidently her students turned in her name for the award. Mrs. Stovall has a long history with our school. She has been teaching at St. Pius X for 28 years. She is also a former student of St. Pius who began as a second grader the year the school opened in 1966. She doesn't have far to travel to work each day as she lives across the street! Her husband, Sid, has been trying to persuade her to go to work for him at his business, Ascuba Ventures. But she keeps turning him down, thank goodness, for she is an exceptional teacher. We are happy that she chooses to do what comes naturally to her -- teaching children. Congratulations, Mrs. Stovall!

Another honor came to our school the week before our Easter break. We were notified that ALL of our 5th and 6th graders are accomplished writers and will be published! Creative Communications holds writing contests every year. Our 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Kathi Urbis, loves to enter her students' work into writing contests and does so regularly. This year, it paid off in a big way. Usually half of the class's work gets chosen. But never before have all of our entries been chosen! In the letter of acknowledgement to Mrs. Urbis from Creative Communications, Ms. Shannon Hernandez, the Assistant Editor said, "We would like to congratulate you and your teaching efforts. Clearly, you students have a great talent for writing, but the teacher is the one who helps bring that talent to the surface. Thank you again for your interest in our contest and sharing the talents of your students with others. We look forward to seeing many of your students' essays in print." Congratulations, Mrs. Urbis, for helping our Blue Jays shine!

As you can see, St. Pius X Catholic School not only has wonderful students, but also has great teachers as well. Throw in a mix of fantastic parents and you have a Blue Ribbon school. We are very blessed!

LECTORS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

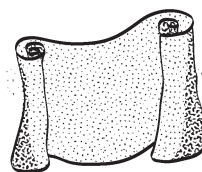
APR13	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Bud Colwell
APR 13	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Fred McCutcheon
APR 14	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Teresa Camacho
APR 14	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Joe Skrobarczyk
APR14	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Scouts
APR14	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Scouts
APR 14	SUN	12:00	NOON	Art Aubin
APR 14	SUN	12:00	NOON	Tambra Milot

Teacher Honored

Congratulations to Mrs. Michele Stovall, 5th grade teacher at St. Pius X Catholic School, for being chosen as the Teacher of the Week from radio station, the Beach 96.5. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers, a plaque and a gift last Wednesday, April 3. Her students nominated her for the award. Mr. Drew Stone, disc jockey, paid a surprise visit to her classroom to make the presentation. Mrs. Stovall has taught at St. Pius X for 28 years. She is a fantastic teacher!

Published Writers

The entire 5th and 6th grade students at St. Pius X Catholic School were notified recently that their essays on "Celebrating What Is Important to Me – Spring 2013" had won and would be published! This is a rare occurrence according to Shannon Hernandez, Assistant Editor of Creative Communication. In a letter to their writing teacher, Kathi Urbis, Ms. Hernandez stated, "Clearly, your students have a great talent for writing, but the teacher is the one who helps bring that talent to the surface. Thank you for sharing the talents of your students with others." Congratulations to the 5th and 6th grade students of St. Pius X Catholic School, and to their writing teacher, Kathi Urbis! Great job!



Once I was dead, but now
I am alive forever, therefore,
John,
write on the scroll
what you see.

Mass Intentions



Sat. 4/6	8:15AM	†Ronald Vrazel by Anna Vrazel
	5:30PM	†Bill Traeger's Anniversary by Bettie Traeger
Sun. 4/7	8:00AM	†Bruce Bayerlein, Dale/Illuminada Gunnar by Bayerlein family
	10:00AM	† Keith Kraft's Anniversary by Family
	12:00PM	† Alvino Campos by Stella Campos †Connie Moreno by Alicia Garcia
	5:30PM	For the Parishioners
Mon. 4/8	8:15AM	†Terry Duplessis by Stanley & Burene Spalek
Tue. 4/9	8:15AM	†Michael Szepessy by James & Chris Salem-Carr
Wed. 4/10	8:15AM	†Jack Fodor's Anniversary by Mary Fodor †Mariano Rios by Rosa Rodriguez †Fr. Nguyen Van Liep by family †Edwin Imhoff by Pete & Nancy Anzaldua
	5:30PM	†Abraham & Consuelo Trevino by the Trevino Family †Filiberto Martinez by Carolyn Canchola †Jose D. Salinas by Martha Ruiz Salinas †Gloria Salazar by the Salem Family
Thu. 4/11	8:15AM	†Jeremy Gabrysch by Edward Gabrysch
Fri. 4/12	8:15AM	†Josephine Russell by Deanna Havel
	5:30PM	†Angie Rossi's Anniversary by the Rossi Famil
Sat. 4/13	5:30PM	MM. Bonifacio Rodriguez' 60th Wedding Annv Intentions
Sun. 4/14	8:00AM	†J. R. Janos by Maria Revetta
	10:00AM	†Jean McCullough by St. Pius Adult Choir & Schola
	12:00PM	†Connie Moreno by Wilma Toledo
	5:30PM	For the Parishioners
	7:30PM	Fr. Nguyen Van Liep by Family

PEACE

Be with you



"WE CARE" for children and adults



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Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Marcie Aguilar, Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Manuel Balbin, Bruce Balli, Madison Beckwith, Ann Bednorz, Don Birt, Sgt. 1st Class William Boone, Bill Brumback, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Sherry Coveyou, Jason Cox, Shirley Curry, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Liz Elovitz, Yolanda Escobar, Juan A. Flores, Bobby Floyd, Esperanza Garcia, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Terry Garza, Elida Gonzalez, Glenda Graham, Vickie Grainger, Maria Griffin, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Coleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Chris Holland, Graham Hughes, Lucas Jean-Baptiste Ramirez, Matteo Jean-Baptiste Ramirez, Elizabeth Johnson, Mary Kelly, Dorothy Krause, Arlene Leep, Ed Lewis, Alois Lup, Arlene Lup, Cynthia Lup, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, Johhnye Lee Mokry, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Anna Nicolas, Toufic Nicolas, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Dolores Puckett, Ron Randolph, Raymond Richter, Rebecca, Rosales, Marguerite Ross, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, Janie San Miguel & children, Amber Saylor, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Lydia Tey, Idolina Vela, Josie Velasco, Luz Villarreal, Melva Walet, Bea Wilson,

Financial Report for week ending 3/31/2013

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection	\$ 20,266.69
Other Income	\$713.01
Memorials.....	\$275.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 21,254.70

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity.....	\$206.00
Janosek Scholarship.....	\$125.00
Habeeb Scholarship.....	\$25.00
Holy Land (Good Friday).....	\$1,369.33
Easter Flowers	\$147.00
Rice Bowl	\$94.00

Total Other Contributions \$1,966.33

Total Contributions 3/31/2013 \$21,254.70

Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of March 25, 2013 \$917,803.52