

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends,

It has been a while since I have used this letter to update you on how things are going in and around the parish. I thought that I would take a little time to highlight a few items, as well as some of the plans that are in the works.

As pastor, I am constantly aware of the responsibility that I have to be a good steward of the parish's finances. Good stewardship is not only the obligation of the parishioners, but also of the priests. With that in mind, we have made efforts to reduce expenses, while continuing to provide many of the same ministries and services that make our parish so vibrant and special. This balancing act, of course, is not always easy. Even though most parishioners expect that expenses go down, they still want to continue some of the events and ministries that bring us together and express our love for Christ and one another. For the most part, we have succeeded in providing the same services, but with a little less fanfare. It is something akin to offering a Toyota rather than a Mercedes. It still does the job, but with a little less luster.

One of the areas where we have tried to continue to provide the same quality and beauty is at Sunday worship. The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Faith. It is around the Eucharist that everything else revolves. Since the Mass is where most people are impacted, we have tried not to scrimp too much because there is nothing too extravagant for God. The poor man of Assisi, St. Francis, used to say that we should spare nothing when it came to Eucharistic worship and adornment of the altar. Even here, though, we have tried to use a little prudence. We save money by ordering smaller, less expensive hosts for communion. We also look for the best priced vendors for wine, candles, and other objects.

One of the things that many of you have noticed is that we have made a significant dent in the parish debt these last few months. There has been much effort at trying to knock down the debt by throwing as much money toward it as is reasonable. Soon you will see another large drop in the principal because we recently received our first disbursement of the parish's share of the Legacy of Faith ~ Future of Hope capital campaign of the diocese. From the campaign, \$59,161.97 has been returned to us so far! This will be applied directly to the parish debt! I would like to thank you for your generous response to this campaign. If everyone continues to meet their pledges, the parish should eventually receive approximately \$500,000.00 back. Therefore, I encourage you to keep up your pledges.

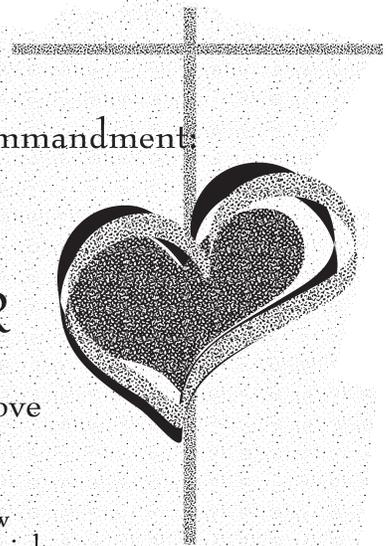
As we make progress on the debt, my plans are to start addressing some of the more pressing needs of the parish. One of the things that you will notice is that there are some maintenance issues on our facilities. The parish hall, the school, the rectory and other facilities need to be painted. We have already begun painting some of the exteriors. There are decaying eaves under the rooflines and walkways that need attention, as well as the surfacing of the parking lot. With the drought conditions and some water line breaks, some cracks have developed at the school cafeteria. There are a number of other issues that we will need to

It will be with you only a little while longer.
I will give you a new commandment:

LOVE
ONE
ANOTHER

As I have loved you,
so you should love
one another

This is how all will know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.



Saint Pius X
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL "To renew all things in Christ"

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face in the future, and I will be putting together a building committee to begin evaluating and prioritizing these needs. My personal hope is that we can get the parish and its facilities back in tip-top shape, so that the grounds are not only beautiful, but inviting and attractive for the many people who come here.

More immediately, you will soon see a newly revamped and useful website where information will be at your fingertips. We hope to make it possible for people to register as parishioners, as well as fill out applications for baptisms and give feedback online. We are also making a transition to a new Online Giving provider to make your contributions to the parish much more pleasant and seamless.

There are a few other things in the works, but I will let you know about these in the future. Please continue to pray for our growing parish, and thank you for your generous stewardship to the church. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Let's continue to make this a parish where these words ring true!

God bless!

Welcome new Parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners James and Kaye Presley, Elisa Anasco, Ramiro Lopez and Shelby Christal and Jerry Martinez and Erika Guerra. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

First Communion Sunday

Next Sunday, May 5th, is First Communion Sunday! Congratulations to the children and to their parents! Sixty-two (62) of our young Catholics have been working toward reception of



this Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for two years. First Communion will take place at the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass and at

the 10:00 and 12:00 Mass on Sunday. Please pray for these children and for their parents that the Eucharist will continually be their nourishment throughout their lives.

Parish 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

Changing our Online Giving Provider

As announced last week, effective immediately, we are moving from Logos Online Giving to Our Sunday Visitor Online Giving. Thank you to those parishioners that have already gotten themselves set up in OSV and deactivated in Logos. Our new provider is much more user-friendly and offers many more features. If you currently use Logos Online Giving, please visit the parish website and take a few minutes to create a new account in Our Sunday Visitor. As of May 6th, we will discontinue using Logos Online Giving. If you have any questions, or need any assistance, please call the parish office at 993-4053 and ask for Lisa.

Usher Meeting

Fr. Joseph Nguyen would like all Ushers, as well as anyone interested in being an Usher, to attend a brief meeting on Tuesday, May 7th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please mark your calendars. We especially need ushers at the Sunday 12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m. Masses. Refreshments will be served.

St. Pius X Travelers Meeting

St. Pius Travelers will meet this coming Monday, April 29th in Community Classroom #1 at 9:30 am to discuss future events. Visitors are welcome. Please note the time change - 9:30 am instead of 10:00 am.

Healing Mass Next Friday

Our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at Mass this coming Friday, May 3rd, at 5:30PM. All who are infirm, preparing for surgery, or advanced in years are particularly encouraged to join us for the Sacrament of Healing.

First Saturday

Our Lady says: "Pray the Rosary every day! The Rosary can stop wars, the Rosary can bring world peace, and the Rosary can convert hearts." On the first Saturday of each month a Rosary will be said at 8AM before the 8:15 Mass. Our Blessed Mother asked us to make 5 first Saturdays for peace and the reparation of sins.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

A three-day Multinational Pro-life Prayer Event will be celebrated by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas here at St. Pius X Church on the weekend of May 3rd-5th. Parishioners are invited to pray for the unborn during those three days. Sign-up sheets will be available at the church doors beginning today and throughout the week. We thank you for your prayers. Join us in praying the Rosary at 11:30am in the Church, before 12:00noon Mass, on Sunday, May 5th.

Comings and Goings



The Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 28

9:00AM-2:00PM – BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, April 29

9:30AM – Pius Travelers – CC#1

3:00-4:00PM – Ballet class – PH

5:00PM – Confirmation class - YC

7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

Tuesday, April 30

6:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM- Journey – CC#2

12:30 – 3:00PM – MAP – CC#1

6:00-7:00PM – Men's Journey – CC#1

Wednesday, May 1

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 & Parents – PH, CC#1&2 & Cafeteria

6:30PM – Alhambra - R

8:00PM – Youth Band practice -CH

Thursday, May 2

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

6:30PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, May 3

9:00-11:00AM – Women of Faith – CC#2

12:00-4:00PM – Faculty meeting – CC#1

Saturday, May 4

9:00AM-1:00PM – Women's Journey #118 - Cafeteria

3:00-9:00PM – Afterglow – PH

5:30PM – Mass - First Communion

Sunday, May 5

First Communion at 10 & 12 Masses

1:30PM – Baptism class – CC#1

Graduate Scholarship and Graduation Mass

Graduating Seniors have the opportunity to apply for the Christopher Janosek and Emil Habeeb Scholarship. For more information call the parish office.

A Mass for the high school and college graduates will take place on May 26th at 5:30pm Mass. Please RSVP by May 20th by signing up at the back of Church or by calling the parish office at 993.4053.

YOUTH CORNER



6th-8th Graders

This Wednesday - Have you ever made a turkey cutout from drawing your hand on a piece of paper? Us, too. Will we be doing that? Eh...probably not, but if you want to find out what we are doing, come to EDGE at 6:30 pm and find out.



9th-12th Graders

This Week - What do an arms, the air, ply wood and balancing have in common? Something extraordinary? Something dangerous? Something combustible? Probably, but you won't know unless you come out to Life Teen at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center and find out!

Next Week - The Life Teen year has come and gone, and with only one Life Night after this one, we prepare for the coming year. What were the highlights? What were the lows? What were the things you don't remember? We want to see and hear from you at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center.

Theology of the Body for Middle School and High School

We will begin the Theology of the Body program for both middle and high school students in the summer. Middle School TOB will begin on Wednesday, May 22nd. The program will start at 6:00 pm and end at 7:30 pm. High School TOB will begin on Tuesday, May 21st. The program will start at 6:00 pm and end at 7:30 pm. Steubenville participants MUST attend! All middle and high school students are invited to attend. There will be a Special Theology of the Body Parent's Session on May 7th at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm to answer any questions about the program.

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 361-993-4053 for more information.

Car Wash

We will be holding a Car Wash today to benefit the Steubenville conference trip for our high school students. We want this to be as successful as possible, and so, we invite you to bring your cars to the Youth Center to be washed for only \$10. We will also accept donations, but most of all, we accept your continued prayers!

Altar Servers

May 4th & 5th

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

Sun. 8:00 a.m.
MC Javier Camacho, Jr.
Nicholas Lee
J.P. Lee

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



Sun. 12:00 p.m.
MC Sara Rucker
School will serve

Sun. 5:30 p.m.
MC Alex Rossi
Franceska Alvarado
Millicent Alvarado
Kelsey Thomas

LECTORS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY	4	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Peter Anzaldua
MAY	4	SAT	5:30	P.M.	David Brown
MAY	5	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Dennis Diersing
MAY	5	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Tracie Jensen
MAY	5	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Kathy Clark
MAY	5	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Patricia Stegall
MAY	5	SUN	12:00	NOON	School
MAY	5	SUN	12:00	NOON	School
MAY	5	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Simon Purnell
MAY	5	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angie Quiroz

LOVE one another, says the LORD

Early Registration for EDGE and Life Teen

We want to invite parents to register their youth for the 2013-2014 year this month. We will have new registration forms available in the Youth Center starting April 21st. Please take advantage of this opportunity, especially for parents of youth moving from 5th-6th grade and 8th-9th grade. We know there will be plenty on your plates come August!

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



This past week was a busy one for the students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School. We had a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast for our volunteers, took club and team pictures for the yearbook, went to Jason's Deli with the mannerly students from Manner of the Month, took a field trip to see the ballet, "Cinderella," and participated in the Jr. Buc Parade. Factor in Progress Reports and a Free Dress Day, and it all adds up to a very fast-paced week.

Our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast that was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday morning gave the students and staff an opportunity to let our volunteers know how much we appreciate them. The teachers and staff provided the breakfast and the children entertained them with songs, skits and poems. Mrs. Daehne's "Peeps" gave a special tribute to the various types of volunteers such as the Green Team, a grandfather who is always taking pictures, room mothers who provide parties, the golf committee, etc. They not only dressed the part, but also had props such as gardening utensils, golf clubs, pizza boxes and cameras. The skit was very creative and went over well with the parents and grandparents who attended. The 5th graders sang their favorite barnyard song, and the 6th graders read poems they had written. The Early Childhood classes are always cute no matter what they do! The volunteers were also given gifts as tokens of our appreciation.

It took quite a while to take all of the group and team pictures on Thursday. Besides having 6 teams of boys and girls' volleyball and basketball, we also had several scout groups, a very large Student Council group, safety patrol, lectors, cantors, choir, and altar server groups. The faculty also took a group picture before school started, and if you think it's difficult to get groups of kids to all smile and look in the same direction at the same time, you should see what it entails to get a bunch of teachers and staff members to do the same!

On Friday, our 1st, 5th and 6th graders went to see the ballet performance of "Cinderella." Afterwards they got to eat lunch off campus. That was almost as much fun as going to see the ballet!

Our Rummage Sale last Saturday was very successful, thanks to the hard work of many parents, teachers, grandparents and parishioners. We made approximately \$4,400! That was much better than we did last year. The money will go towards shade structures for our playground. A special thank you goes to Ms. Virginia Medrano for all her help with the sale. She was there all during the week to help set up and price items, then spent all of Saturday morning at the Rummage Sale. Thanks, Virginia!

Sr. Barbara Bluntzer helped the children celebrate Earth Day during the week. She took each grade level, one at a time, and talked to them about our fragile earth and how we need to take care of it. The children always love her talks. Thanks, Sr. Barbara! God bless you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Perfect Attendance

This week Sacramental Prep IIb —catechists, Mr. & Mrs. Martinez and Sacramental Prep IIc—catechists Mrs. Quiroz & Mrs. Lopez had perfect attendance. Congratulations and keep up the good work!



Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting Wednesday, May 1st in the parish hall at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendar.

Dates to Remember

- May 5th First Communion Sunday
- May 13th Meeting and Confessions for Confirmation II candidates and their sponsors
- May 19th Confirmation at Corpus Christi Cathedral

Blood Drive

A "Blood Drive" is scheduled for today, April 28th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donors will be required to show a photo I.D and will receive donor store points and a Sonic coupon.

Scholarship Donations

We are currently accepting donations for our two scholarships; the Christopher Janosek and Emil Habeeb Scholarships. The graduating seniors in our parish will have the opportunity to apply for this scholarship money. Information on how to apply will be in future bulletins. If you would like to donate to either of these scholarships, you can drop your donation in the collection basket or make an online contribution.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION PLANNING SESSIONS

Are you hoping for a class on a certain topic next year? Do you want to put your 2¢ worth into the discussion?

Join Sr. Annette in planning for next year. She is holding listening sessions for class for:

- Monday nights on Monday, May 5, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- Tuesday afternoons on Tuesday, May 6, 2:00 – 3:00 PM



Mass Intentions



Sat. 4/27	5:30PM	† Grace Gonzalez by Martha Saenz
Sun. 4/28	8:00AM	† Milada Darilek's Annv. by family
	10:00AM	† Maria Arellano's Annv by Elva Arellano Rodriguez
	12:00PM	For the Parishioners
	5:30PM	†MaryFitzgerald by Fitzgerald girls
	7:30PM	†Gio A. Kim Nguyen by Lisa Nguyen
Mon. 4/29	8:15AM	†Carmen T. Rios by Rosa Rodriguez
Tue. 4/30	8:15AM	†Terry Duplessis Schacherl by Didear family
Wed. 5/1	8:15AM	†Nancy Kendrick by Ellsworth family
		†Roberto Villarreal's Anniversary by Elva Garza
		†John the Baptist Nguyen by family
		Lucy Boyd's Intentions by Elva Rodriguez
	5:30PM	† Filiberto Martinez by Carolyn Canchola
		†Mary & Peter Rabalais by Connie Smith
		†Gerald Smith by Connie Smith
		†Jim Yaklin by Connie Smith
		†Joe Hardeman by Byron & Cassie Wheeler
		Matthew Rodriguez' Intentions by Diane Sehy
		Special Intention by Kemp family
Thu. 5/2	8:15AM	†Bettie Schacherl by family
Fri. 5/3	8:15AM	†Richard Rodriguez by Elva V. Garza
		†Alicia Quesada by Fr. Joseph Nguyen
		†Sebastian & Dorotea Ramirez by Esperanza Garcia
	5:30PM	†Michael Szepessy by James & Chris Salem-Carr
		†Nick Toledo by Tommy & Charlotte Groner
		†Grace Gonzalez & Irma S. Nichols by Elgio & Martha Saenz
		†Gloria Salazar by Salem family
		†Celia R. Saenz by Rene & Elma Garcia
		†Martha Kaler by Ken & Elizabeth Morgan
		†The Fay family
Sat. 5/4	8:15AM	†Gilbert Schanen's Annv by Nancy Schanen
	5:30PM	† Owen Gerald Dunne's Annv by Penny Pacheco
Sun. 5/5	8:00AM	†Marge & Dick Frosch's Annv by Jeannie Cersosimo
	10:00AM	†Sara Murphy by Maxine Sommers
	12:00PM	†Frank L. Lynch by Ruth Lynch
	5:30PM	For the Parishioners

"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, Jay Francis, Esperanza Garcia, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Terry Garza, Elida Gonzalez, Glenda Graham, Vickie Grainger, Maria Griffin, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Colleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Chris Holland, Graham Hughes, Elizabeth Johnson, Mary Kelly, Dorothy Krause, Arlene Leep, Ed Lewis, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, Johnnye Lee Mokry, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Anna Nicolas, Toufic Nicolas, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Ron Randolph, Raymond Richter, Rebecca Rosales, Marguerite Ross, Albert Rubio, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, Amber Saylor, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Lydia Tey, Mary Vall, Idolina Vela, Josie Velasco, Luz Villarreal, Melva Walet, Bea Wilson, Dolly Zihelli, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

GOD
is **LOVE**

Financial Report for week ending 4/21/2013

Operating Revenue:
Sunday Collection \$21,645.63
Other Income \$1,757.10

Total Operating Revenue .. \$23,402.73

Other Contributions:
Acts of Charity \$2,904.52
Janosek Scholarship \$25.00
Retired Diocesan Priest's \$205.00
Rice Bowl \$3.87
Catholic Charities \$115.00

Total Other Contributions \$3,253.39

Total Contributions \$26,656.12

Loan balance on Youth Bldg
as of April 22, 2013 \$855,950.05