

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends,

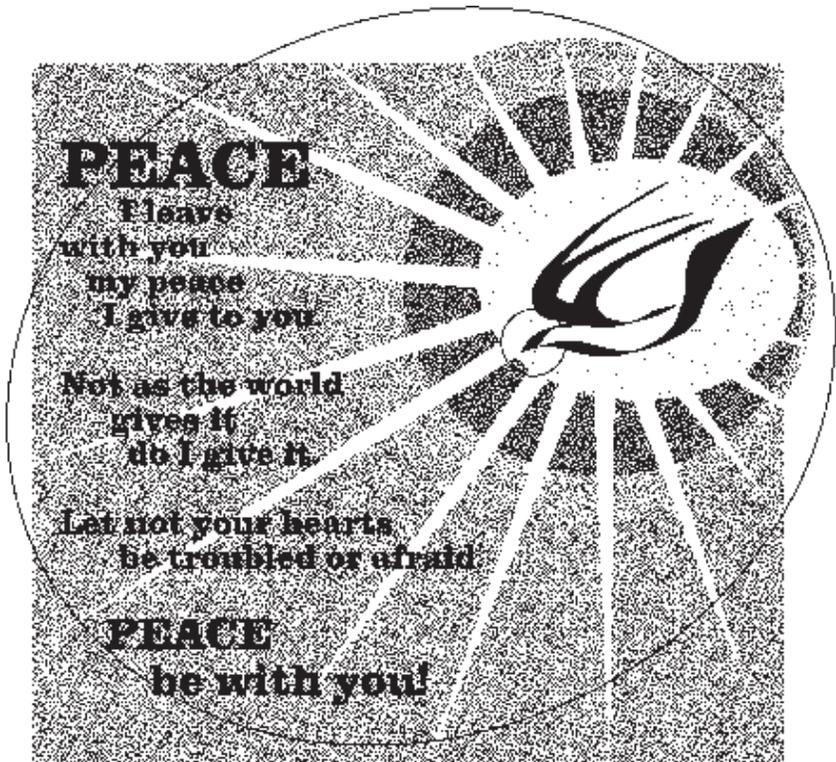
I appreciate many things about the church in Odem where I was first assigned as pastor. That first pastorate was a kind of proving ground where my pastoral capabilities were tested. I received much love and encouragement from the people as I waded through the many learning experiences there. But I also faced many challenges because there was so much about being a pastor that was new to me. As is the case with all parishes where I have been assigned, I grew to love and cherish the people and the special qualities unique to the community.

Odem espoused some very traditional small town virtues. One of the things I noticed immediately was the respect for elders and those in authority that was instilled into the young people from a very early age. This respect was supported and reinforced by the entire community. It was taught in the schools. It was likewise required in the churches. It was lived in the homes, and it permeated life in the community as a whole.

I was impressed with the fact that every student and every child was taught to say, "Yes sir" or "No ma'am." The coaches expected it. School teachers reminded them to say it. Parents mandated it. In some ways, these simple phrases fostered a deep respect for the dignity of every person.

It is lamentable that the teaching of some of these virtues are disappearing. Parents may want to instill these things into their children, but there is no guarantee that other parents will share the same ideals. I remember when I was growing up that my parents could count on other parents to back up and reinforce the same values that they had. There was a kind of shared understanding of what proper conduct was. By and large, community support was much stronger. I'm not sure that this is as much the case anymore. Over and over again, I hear stories about parents being pitted against other parents who don't seem to share their values. Parents struggle to seek out like-minded individuals in order to raise their children in an environment that is more supportive of their values.

The Church is a place where we look to be formed and shaped into a community that is of one mind and heart. We come to be fed by the Word of God and to be nourished at the table of the Eucharist. As Catholic Christians, we should resolve to be unified so that we can support families in Christ-like love. We do this by allowing ourselves to be formed by the Gospel and shaped by the life of grace. This has to be reinforced by regular participation at Mass and constant prayer.



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CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL "To renew all things in Christ"

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We come to partake of the Eucharist and to be formed into One Body in Christ.

This weekend is a joyful occasion because 62 young children from our parish will be receiving their First Communion. I know that they are eager and excited to encounter Christ in such a personal way. No other experience on earth is so profound. There is no greater treasure than to receive the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ. In this Sacrament, Jesus himself forms them and shapes them into his likeness.

As a community of faith, we need to support them and do what we can to encourage them to return again and again to this Sacrament. No other religious experience, no matter how sensational, can match the magnitude and richness of receiving the Lord in the Eucharist. It is far more profound and far superior to any feeling or sensation we can get from an inspiring song or an eloquent homily. What we receive is Jesus himself! I encourage all parents and parishioners to make sure that our children continue to see the inestimable value of the Eucharist and are reinforced in the importance of receiving it regularly! God bless!

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

Welcome new Parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners Josephine Ball, Corinna Longoria and Amy Nye. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

First Communion Sunday

Today is First Communion Sunday!



Congratulations to the children and to their parents! Sixty-two (62) of our young Catholics have studied for two years so that this day would become a reality for them. Please pray for these children and for their parents that the Eucharist will continually be their nourishment throughout their lives.

Deadline for New Online Giving Provider

As announced last week, 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. Our deadline for deactivating Logos is tomorrow, Monday, May 6th. 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.

Friendship Circle

Ladies of the Friendship Circle will meet at 11:30am next Wednesday the 15th in the Parish Hall. See you there!

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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will meet for the last time this semester today, May 5th, during the 10:00 a.m. mass. Thank you for allowing us to share the Catholic faith and God's word with your children this year.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

The Catholic Daughters invite all parishioners to participate this weekend, May 3rd-5th, in praying Rosaries for Unborn Babies. Sign-up sheets are available at the church doors. Join us in praying the rosary in the Church at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 5th. Thank you for your prayers.

Acts of Charity Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Acts of Charity Committee May 7th at 6:30 p.m. in CC#1. Anyone interested in the works of the Acts of Charity is invited to attend. Total donations for the month of April were \$3,206.52. Thank you for your kindness.

Parish Website Updated!

Effective Monday, May 6th, our parish website will have a new look! Be sure to visit the website to check out the new look and new features, including Daily Devotionals, Sacramental information and much more! In order to make it easier to find our website you may now go to www.spxcc.org. The address of www.stpiusxcc.org will also continue to work.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 5

First Communions 10 & 12 Masses

1:30PM – Baptism class – CC#1

Monday, May 6

3:00-4:00PM – Ballet class – PH

7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria

5:00PM – Confirmation class – YC

7:00-8:00PM – Adult Faith Formation – CC#2

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

Tuesday, May 7

6:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM- Journey – CC#2

12:30 – 3:00PM – MAP – CC#1

2:00PM – Adult Faith Formation – CC#2

6:00PM – Ushers' Meeting - PH

6:30PM – Acts of Mercy – CC#1

7:00-8:30PM – First Tuesday Snapshots – CC#2

Wednesday, May 8

7-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

8:00-11:00AM – 2nd Grade Reception - PH

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

8:00PM – Youth Band practice -CH

Thursday, May 9

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

2:00PM – May crowning – CH

6:00-9:00PM – Sports Awards - PH

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, May 10

9:00-11:00AM – Women of Faith – CC#2

6:00PM – Quinceañera Rehearsal - CH

Saturday, May 11

8:00AM – 12:00PM – Men's Journey – Cafeteria

3:00PM – Quinceañera - CH

Sunday, May 12 – MOTHER'S DAY

10:00AM – Scouts at Mass

11:00AM – Scouts – Cafeteria

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 June 2nd at 5:30pm Mass. Please RSVP by May 27th by signing up at the back of Church or by calling the parish office at 993.4053.

YOUTH CORNER



6th-8th Graders

This Wednesday - We come to the end of our Social Justice semester and the 2nd to last EDGE before Fall. We would like to invite ALL middle school youth to join us at the Youth Center at 6:30 pm.



9th-12th Graders

This Week - Fr. Paul recently told a joke about children, priests, sheep and a sheepdog. His joke is just the start of our night called, "Collared." We invite ALL high school students to join us at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center.

Next Week - There will be No Life Teen. Celebrate Mother's Day with your mama's.

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 22. The program will start at 6:00 pm and end at 7:30 pm. High School TOB will begin on Tuesday, May 21. 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 Parents Session on May 7 at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm to answer any questions about the program.

CORE Members NEEDED!!

1) Do you love your faith? 2) Do you love youth?
3) 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.

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 21. 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!

Altar Servers



May 11-12

Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Kevin Smith

Matthew Oliveira

Jacob Rivera

Ryan Park

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Andrew Shull

MC Toby Shull

MC Tori Shull

Christian Ramos

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Ryan Trevino

Sang Hoang

Natalie Trevino
Emilee Flores

Sun. 12:00 p.m.

MC Joseph Tarin

Quarter Morrison

Matthew Lutz

Riel Posada

Grace Morrison

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Ethan Pompa

Luke Bean

Adam Villarreal

Benny Myers

LECTORS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY	11	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Bud Colwell
MAY	11	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Fred McCutcheon
MAY	12	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Angie Ramos
MAY	12	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Joe Skrobarczyk
MAY	12	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Scouts
MAY	12	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Scouts
MAY	12	SUN	12:00	NOON	Delbert Hooper
MAY	12	SUN	12:00	NOON	Jenny Sehy
MAY	12	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Martha St. Romain
MAY	12	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angela L. Soliz

VIGIL OF PENTECOST

MAY	18	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Ron Osman
MAY	18	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Christine Wisian

PEACE
is my gift to you

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



"Spring showers bring May flowers." That's a little rhyme I learned as a child. God certainly blessed us with some wonderful showers this past week, especially the thunderstorm on Monday night. It's hard to believe that we have begun the month of May. Our school year is nearing the end. It seems like it was just a few months ago that it began!

The end of the school year always brings award ceremonies, graduations, parties, end of school field trips and a plethora of activities that can make one's head swim! At St. Pius X Catholic School, we are getting ready to enter the busiest month of the school year. Week before last, we thanked our volunteers and office crew for all they do. This past week was Teacher Appreciation Week, a week in which we honor the folks who have one of the most important jobs in the world, teaching!

As principal of our Blue Ribbon school, I can attest to the fact that we have the best of the best teachers and aides teaching our children. They are hard-working, dedicated and nurturing, and they consider what they do a vocation, not merely a "job." They form our children spiritually, academically, physically, emotionally, and morally, providing a solid foundation that is rooted in the Catholic faith. And they make learning fun! Our students are happy, bright, inquisitive and respectful, and they love coming to school. One of the reasons for that is they have teachers who believe in them and care about their success in school. Our teachers hold their students to high standards and have high expectations of them. And as a result, the children rise to meet those expectations.

So how did we honor our teachers and aides? Well, on Monday they were treated to a royal breakfast in the Teachers' Lounge. Parents brought egg casseroles, quiches, doughnuts, muffins, pastries and fruit. It was enough food for several days of breakfast. On Tuesday, students brought gift cards to their teachers, and throughout the day, teachers were treated to chair massages in the nursery of the Parish Hall! On Wednesday, the students brought their teachers a flower that was placed in a vase. On Thursday, parents filled in for the teachers at lunchtime so that they could go to an hour-long lunch off campus. That was a real treat as teachers normally have 30 minutes to down their lunch before getting back to the classroom! Friday was a noon dismissal day where the teachers were treated to a lunch provided by the parents before they began their faculty meeting. It was a nice ending to a great week for some fabulous teachers and aides. Thank you, parents, for making the teachers feel appreciated!

Today Mrs. Daehne's second grade "peeps" are making their First Communion at the 5:30 vigil and 10:00 and 12:00 Masses. This is a very special day for them, one that they will remember for the rest of their lives. Mrs. Daehne has done an outstanding job of preparing them. Thanks, Mrs. Daehne and parents!

The 12:00 Mass today is also our school Mass, so you will see our students in uniform serving as lectors, altar servers, choir members and gift bearers. Have a great week!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD classes are still in session until May 15th. Children receiving their First Communion this Sunday will receive their certificate and gift on Wednesday, May 8th. We will also have our Birthday Cookies this week. We will have an end of the Catechetical Year party on May 15th. If you would like to volunteer to bring chips or cookies, please call 993-9024 and let us know. Donations would be much appreciated.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Sacramental Prep IIc Mrs. Quiroz & Mrs. Lopez
Sacramental Prep IId Mrs. Ritch

Vacation Bible School

The theme for VBS this year is "Kingdom Rock - Where kids stand strong for God"

It will be held July 15th - July 19th from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Registration is limited and is on a first come first serve basis so the sooner the better. You can fill out the form on line and print it or you can pick up a form at the office. Registration begins May 8th. Website address for registration is:

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stpiusxcc>

Say a Prayer for...

Dottie Duerr who recently had a knee replacement.



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 on:

Monday nights on Monday, May 6, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Tuesday afternoons on Tuesday, May 7, 2:00 – 3:00 PM



Mass Intentions



- Sat. 5/4 8:15AM †Gilbert Schanen's Anniv. by Nancy Schanen
5:30PM †Owen Gerald Dunne's Anniv by Penny Pacheco
- Sun. 5/5 8:00AM †Marge & Dick Frosch's Anniv by Jeannie Cersosimo
12:00PM †Frank L. Lynch by Ruth Lynch
5:30PM For the Parishioners
- Mon. 5/6 8:15AM †Terry Duplessis Schacherl by Didear family
- Tue. 5/7 8:15AM †Mary Naranjo by Family
- Wed. 5/8 8:15AM †Rebecca & Santiago Hernandez by Norma Alaniz
†Richard Rodriguez by Frank & Dora Garza
†Edwin Imhoff by Albert & Betty Diemert
†John the Baptist Nguyen by family
†Richard Mathews & family by Dorothy Mathews
- 5:30PM †Filiberto Martinez by Carolyn Canchola
†Edmond Ford by Tommy & Charlotte Groner
†Michael Szepessy, Sr. by Walch family
†Gloria Salazar by Salem family
Brittany Rodriguez' Intentions by Diane Sehy
†Martha Kaler by Dorothy Koban
Ben Janosek's Intentions by Art & Mary Salinas
- Thu. 5/9 8:15AM †Michael Pacheco, Sr. by Penny Pacheco
- Fri. 5/10 8:15AM †Antonietta Wagner & Mary Hendrickson by W.T.
5:30PM †Margarita Guerrero by Ramirez, Leal & Hinojosa families
- Sat. 5/11 5:30PM †Dora Almendarez by Boyd, Swoboda & Almendarez families
- Sun. 5/12 8:00AM †Vera Catchings by Dewayne & Lisa Catchings
10:00AM For the Parishioners
12:00PM †Nancy T. Rodriguez Annv. by Rodriguez family
5:30PM Mother's Day Novena
7:30PM †Fr. Nguyen Van Liep by family

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, Robert Bordenet, Lucy Boyd, 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, Judy Slaughter, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Lydia Tey, Sara Trevino, 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.

Financial Report for week ending 4/28/2013

Operating Revenue:
Sunday Collection \$17,836.78
Other Income \$5,800.00

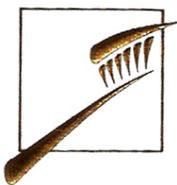
Total Operating Revenue .. \$23,636.78
Other Contributions:
Acts of Charity \$101.00
Janosek Scholarship \$125.00
Retired Diocesan Priest's \$3,901.35
Rice Bowl \$29.68
Catholic Charities \$5.00

Total Other Contributions \$4,162.03

Total Contributions \$27,798.81

Loan balance on Youth Bldg
as of April 30, 2013 \$793,924.58

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