

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

Dear Friends,

Throughout the course of my life, I have relished trying new foods and experiencing new tastes from a variety of cultures. Whenever I travel, I make it a point to try local specialties and typical foods of the area that I am visiting. I have to admit, that I haven't always liked everything that I have tried, but I have always liked trying. One thing's for sure, every culture contributes some spice or unique combination of ingredients that make for distinct and lively dishes. It seems to me that the Holy Spirit acts in much the same way with respect to our lives.

My adventurous approach to food has not always been a part of my personality. When I was young, I was a picky eater. I stuck to what was familiar. Like most children, I had a certain aversion to strange looking foods with strange textures. Like most adults, I eventually expanded my horizons and my taste buds began to acquire a taste for new things. With experimentation, I found that while there were certain foods that I despised as a kid, I savored them as an adult.

The seminary also had a big impact on my taste metamorphosis. For example, I avoided most chicken for many years because of a traumatic experience with food poisoning as a child. It wasn't until entering the seminary that I learned to eat it again as a matter of survival. As you might have guessed, the bulk of what we ate in the seminary was chicken.

It was also in the seminary that I was introduced to Vietnamese food. Several classmates were Vietnamese, and they invited us to their homes from time to time, to taste their traditional dishes. We also learned to try dishes from some of the other cultures represented at the seminary. As I progressed into priestly ministry, I became exposed to foods from a variety of other cultures as I was invited to people's homes and to cultural functions. Some of the international priests also contributed to the broadening of the scope of my culinary experience.

One of the things that I have come to appreciate in all of this is the multiplicity of ways that food can be prepared, and also the effect that spices can play in making food so enjoyable. The zest that each food brings only adds flavor to the whole experience of life. What if all we ever knew was bland food? What if we had to eat the same thing day after day and week after week? There would be no spark to our celebrations. There would forever be a monotony – a certain lifelessness to our daily experience. Our zest for life would be diminished.

It is interesting that, as we celebrate this great Feast of Pentecost, the image of life being given to dry bones comes to light. Like the food we eat, the Holy Spirit brings flavor to our lives. The Holy Spirit livens things up and adds zest to our



○ most blessed light divine,  
shine within these hearts of yours  
and fill our inmost being

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human experience. The Holy Spirit, with its myriad gifts, perks up our lifeless selves and enriches us with newness of life. The Holy Spirit brings vibrancy to our faith and spices us up out of our bland complacency.

There are times when someone might tell us something that evokes a reaction in us. Perhaps a person may say something that is a real zinger to our ego. Maybe it perks up our conscience. It might be a signal that we need to examine ourselves. It might also be a call to conversion. We should not always take everything that was said as an affront to our personal dignity. Sometimes it is the Holy Spirit speaking through that individual to call us to conversion.

The Spirit directs us to go forth into the world to be salt for the earth. By our speech and our actions, we are called to add our own flavor to this existence of ours so that Christ can be made manifest. Come Holy Spirit, come!

### **Welcome new Parishioners!**

Please welcome our new parishioner: Vicente Segovia. We invite him to become an active part of our growing faith community!

### **Men's Club Meeting**

The next Men's Club meeting is scheduled for this coming Tuesday, May 21st, in the Parish Hall. It starts with a meal at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All men in the parish are invited.

### **Women's Circle Meeting**

We will have our regular meeting this Wednesday, May 22nd, at 7:00pm. Please be sure to attend because we will be nominating and installing officers for 2013-2014.

### **Men's Club BBQ Chicken Sale**

The Men's Club will be selling BBQ Chickens after the morning Masses today. The cost is \$8.00 for a whole chicken or \$4.50 for half a chicken.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Rebecca M. Gilpin-Fritz, daughter of Patrick and Audrey Gilpin, who received her degree of Master of Arts in Psychology on the 18th of this month at the American Bank Center. Way to go Rebecca!!!

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#### 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: 8:15AM, 12PM & 5:30PM (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*

## ***Congratulations - Perfect Attendance!***

Please congratulate the following students who had perfect attendance at CCD classes for the entire year; Ethan Bensen, Dalina Cantu, Rebecca Galvan, Ruben Galvan, Ayden Garcia, Greg Leal, Bryce Marshall, Anahi Ortega, Denay Puentes, Ethan Ramirez, Olivia Ramirez, Benjamin Rios, Chazz Tamez, Leslie Velasquez and Dracen Yanez.

## ***Graduate Scholarship and Graduation Mass***

Graduating High School Seniors have the opportunity to apply for the Christopher Janosek and Emil Habeeb Scholarships. 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 the Church or by calling the parish office at 993-4053.

## ***SPX School Principal Announces Retirement***

Kathy Clark, our school principal, has announced her retirement effective June 30, 2013. She is the longest serving principal of the school – having served ten years in the position. During her tenure, the school has seen many improvements and honors, including recognition as a Presidential Blue Ribbon School! We are saddened to see her departure, but are glad for her many years of dedication to make St. Pius X School and exceptional institution for Catholic formation and education. Mrs. Clark has said that we should see her continue to be involved in other capacities in the life of the school. We wish her abundant blessings as she moves into retirement and look forward to seeing her around the school in the future. Thank you, Mrs. Clark, for influencing the lives of so many children! We will be diligent in our search for another excellent principal so that the fine tradition of quality Catholic education will continue at St. Pius X School!

## ***David Bayardo Being Ordained Deacon***

The Diocese of Corpus Christi joyfully announces the ordination of David Javier Bayardo and Luis Alfredo Villarreal to the Sacred Order of Deacon on Saturday, June 1st, at 10:00 a.m. at Corpus Christi Cathedral. A light reception will follow in St. Joseph Hall. David will serve as Deacon on Sunday, June 2nd, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass here at St. Pius, with a reception taking place before Mass at 4:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall.

## **Comings and Goings**

### *The Week at a Glance*



#### *Sunday, May 19*

2nd Collection: ACTS OF CHARITY

Men's Club Sale of BBQ Chickens

1:30PM – Baptisms – Ch

2:30PM – Trip meeting – CC#1

3:00PM – CONFIRMATIONS AT CATHEDRAL

#### *Monday, May 20*

12:00-3:00PM – Student Council party - PH

7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

#### *Tuesday, May 21*

6:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM- Journey – CC#2

12:30 – 3:00PM – MAP – CC#1

7:00PM – Men's Club – PH

7:00-8:15PM – RCIA Team meeting – CC#2

#### *Wednesday, May 22*

7-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:00AM – 12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

7:00PM – Women's Circle - PH

8:00PM – Youth Band practice -CH

#### *Thursday, May 23*

8:30AM – Altar Society – CC#2

12:00-3:00PM – Student Council – PH

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

4:00-9:00PM – Principal Retirement - PH

6:30PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

#### *Friday, May 24*

#### *Saturday, May 25*

4:00-9:00PM – Reception - PH

## ***Priesthood Ordination***

The Diocese of Corpus Christi joyfully announces the ordination of Christopher Becerra to the Order of Presbyter on Saturday, June 8th at 10:00am at Corpus Christi Cathedral. Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

## ***Please Pray for Confirmation Candidates***

Please offer special prayers for all the young men and women who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Corpus Christi Cathedral this Sunday afternoon. It is a special privilege for them to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit on this special feast of Pentecost.

# ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY

## EDGE & LIFE TEEN Information

Although we are inviting underclassmen to serve at the Annual Senior Reception on June 2nd after Mass, EDGE & LIFE TEEN is officially over for the Summer.

Please look online at [www.stpiusxcc.org](http://www.stpiusxcc.org) for more information on upcoming events.

EDGE will resume Wednesday, August 21st from 6:30-8:00 pm!

LIFE TEEN will resume Sunday, August 18th from 6:45-8:30 pm!!

## Senior Mass and Reception

As the Class of 2013 prepares to graduate, please join us in celebration of their accomplishment with Mass on Sunday, June 2 at 5:30 pm and Reception following Mass in the Youth Center.



## Theology of the Body

Theology of the Body will begin THIS Tuesday, May 21 from 6:00-7:30 pm for High School and Wednesday, May 22 from 6:00-7:30pm for Middle School.

All middle school & high school youth and parents are invited to attend!!

## 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.groupvbapro.com/vbslezstpiusxcc>

## Altar Servers



### May 25-26

Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Tessa Heines  
Blaine Buchanan  
Kraig Bray  
Hannah Cazalas

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Paul Freeman  
Kevin Beckwith  
Santiago Mendizabal  
Lucy Kainer

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Jeremy Bedolla  
Ben DeSive  
Mackenzie DeSive  
Helena Van Maren

Sun. 12:00 p.m.

MC Sara Rucker  
Ranger Quintero  
Charlie Uecker  
Sarah Calaway

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Brian Pompa  
Cole Morin  
Toby Johnson  
Colby Christopher

## LECTORS

### MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY	25	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Al Hesse
MAY	25	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Dick Poremba
MAY	26	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Norman Acker
MAY	26	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Carole Zanetti
MAY	26	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Denise Hyde
MAY	26	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Larry Hyde
MAY	26	SUN	12:00	NOON	Art Aubin
MAY	26	SUN	12:00	NOON	Tambra Milot
MAY	26	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Inez Matthijetz
MAY	26	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Frank Pompa

## Youth Selling T-Shirts

Our youth group will be selling Catholic themed t-shirts after all Masses on Memorial Day weekend, May 25th & 26th, and the weekend of June 1st & 2nd. Funds raised will be used for the Stuebenville Youth Conference in Florida. The cost will be \$20 and we will have sizes S / M / L / XL / XXL.

Kindle in our  
hearts the fire  
of your love



## School News

*By Principal Kathy Clark*



The end of school is always an exciting time for students. Teachers do their best to keep a lid on that excitement, but it isn't easy. If we could bottle that energy, we would never have to collect a dime in tuition!

This past week we had Final Registration for parents who had already pre-registered their children for the 2013-2014 school year. It was an opportunity for them to get school supply lists and calendars, as well as purchase gently-used uniforms at bargain prices.

Two speakers visited the school on Monday and Tuesday this past week and gave talks to the students about ocean life. Mr. Sid Stovall, owner of Ascuba Ventures, spoke to the children about the underwater marine life. The children enjoyed his video and had many questions to ask him about his experiences as a scuba diver. Ms. Deanna Gallier of the Stranded Marine Network spoke to the children about her work with stranded marine life. She also talked to them about water safety, a timely and important topic with summer vacations around the corner.

On Wednesday, our K-5 teacher, Elizabeth Vasquez, was surprised with a visit from the disc jockeys from K-Bay radio station. She was presented with the "Teacher of the Week Award" and given a certificate, candy, gift card and game. Way to go, Mrs. Vasquez!

On Thursday, representatives from Dr. Kennedy's Dental Office spoke to students in K-3, K-4, K-5 and 1st grades about dental hygiene and proper brushing techniques. The children were given toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss to use at home.

This week will be our last full week of school. It will be filled with parties for Student Council and Safety Patrol members, a "Move-Up Day," a PTO meeting, our final Manner of the Month outing, the ever popular Field Day and picnic, and a volleyball game between the graduating 6th graders and the faculty.

Our Student Council and Safety Patrol members will get a well-deserved party for their hard work this year. "Move-Up Day" gives students in K-3 through 5th grade the opportunity to visit their next year's teacher and classroom. The 6th graders get to move "down" to K-3 and visit their teacher, Mrs. Ramos, and aide, Ms. Terry. They probably have the most fun of all. It gives them a reality check on how much they have grown through the years.

The final Manner of the Month outing on Thursday will give 7 mannerly students the chance to have lunch with the principal at Jason's Deli. We appreciate parishioners Bob and Sue Becquet's generosity in sponsoring this program for the children. It's a great way to reward children for using good manners.

The Field Day and school picnic on Friday will be a fun day for the children in grades K-5 through 6th grade. Our little ones in K-3 and K-4 will have their own separate "Splash Day." After the picnic, the 6th graders will have the

opportunity to play the "Fearless Faculty" in a game of volleyball. Fr. Paul and Fr. Joseph will hopefully lend a hand to the teachers and staff who will need some help in defeating the spunky 6th graders! It should be a fun week at St. Pius X Catholic School!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Thank you to all of you who contributed to the CCD end of the year picnic. We had a wonderful time and now we are going to take a break before resuming classes in the fall. Parents - thank you for bringing your children to classes each week so that they could continue to learn more about their faith and experience it as well. May God bless all of you during the summer.

## Vacation Bible School

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELP PREPARING THE PROPS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. SO...if anyone has a bit of time they could come and help us paint (tempora paints) the characters and background for VBS it would be much appreciated. It is whatever time you can give. Just call and let me know. Young and seasoned are invited.

## VBS registration

You can either register online or we have registration forms available at the parish office. If you registered online and hit the pay now button and nothing happened, it is because we had a glitch in the system. It is now fixed and so you can go back to the site and hit the button and pay. Thanks for your patience.

## Principal Position Open at SPX School

St. Pius X Catholic School is seeking applicants for the position of principal beginning the 2013-14 academic year. The school serves approximately One-hundred eighty-five students in a 3K through Sixth Grade setting. The position begins July 1, 2013. The ideal candidate will demonstrate high expectations and foster teamwork and parental/community involvement. S/He is a person who is resourceful, able to multi-task, and dedicated to the spiritual and educational formation of the students. The candidate will be expected to work in close communication and collaboration with the pastor and the Office of Catholic Schools and will be supportive of the overall parish mission. The position begins July 1, 2013. The deadline to apply for this position is Friday, May 31, 2013. For a full description of the position and the procedure for applying, please contact the parish office at 361-993-4053 or visit the diocesan website at [www.diocesec.org](http://www.diocesec.org).

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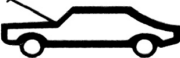
## Mass Intentions



- Sat. 5/18 5:30PM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
 Sun. 5/19 8:00AM † Vera Catchings' Annv. by Lisa & Dewayne Catchings  
 10:00AM John Gross by Chuck Gross  
 Joan Duerr & Pat Hill's Annv. by Sid Duerr & Dottie Hill Duerr  
 12:00PM For the Parishioners  
 5:30PM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
 Mon. 5/20 8:15AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
 Tue. 5/21 8:15AM † Bob Shirley by Art & Mary Salinas  
 Wed. 5/22 8:15AM † M/M Teófilo Rodriguez by M/M Bonifacio Rodriguez  
 †Patricia Deere by Betsy & Buddy Deere  
 †Alicia Quesada by Fr. Joseph Nguyen  
 † Dorothy Janosek by Karen & Harly Day  
 5:30PM † Augusto Gross by Chuck Gross  
 †Anna Brandesky Kreji by Chuck Gross  
 †Gloria Salazar by Joe Salem family  
 †Claude & Sally Dixon by Beatriz & Roberto Gonzalez  
 † Mary Benavides by family  
 † Martha Kaler by Real Fay  
 † Alene Koenig by Karen & Harly Day  
 † David Gregory by Dr. Richard Carlson  
 Thu. 5/23 8:15AM † Randy Havel's Annv. by Dianna Havel  
 Fri. 5/24 8:15AM † Terry Duplessis Schacherl by the Didear family  
 5:30PM †Michael Szepessy by James & Chris Salem-Carr  
 Sat. 5/25 5:30PM † Ellen Hubbard by Carolyn Buehrig  
 Sun. 5/26 8:00AM †Chris & John Janosek by David Janosek  
 10:00AM †Jemima Cecilia Scecina by Frank & Martha Kolda  
 12:00PM † Alvino Campos by Stella Campos  
 † Connie Moreno by Alicia Garcia  
 5:30PM For the Parishioners  
 7:30PM † Fr. Nguyen Van Liep by family

## INVISIBLE MONASTERY

We NEED your help! Build the culture of vocations. Via the Vocations Office new Web site [ccpriest.org](http://ccpriest.org), we can 'enter the monastery' and pray for vocations. The idea was inspired by a 2012 Vatican document urging the faithful to "organize an 'invisible monastery' in which many persons, day and night, are committed to continuous prayer for priestly vocations." Please join us in this new endeavor.

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

Mag, Marcie Aguilar, Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Isabel Anorga, 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, Harold Lee, 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, John & Irene Rosales, 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 5/12/2013

Operating Revenue:  
 Sunday Collection ..... \$22,444.12  
 Other Income ..... \$1,531.35

Total Operating Revenue .. \$23,975.47

Other Contributions:  
 Acts of Charity ..... \$75.00  
 Janosek Scholarship ..... \$225.00  
 Habeeb Scholarship ..... \$150.00  
 Retired Diocesan Priest's ..... \$78.00  
 Catholic Home Missions ..... \$80.00  
 Catholic Comm. Campaign .... \$200.00

Total Other Contributions ..... \$808.00

Total Contributions ..... \$24,783.47

Loan balance on Youth Bldg  
 as of May 13, 2013..... \$787,617.49