

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Beads of sweat rolled down my back. I could feel my shirt becoming sticky from the ensuing dampness. The multiplicity of oscillating fans were not able to overcome the thickness of the air to bring much relief. Nor could the laborious whirring of their blades suppress the joyous four-part harmonies descending from aloft, suffusing the cavernous space. I didn't seem to mind the discomfort. There was something uplifting about this moment.

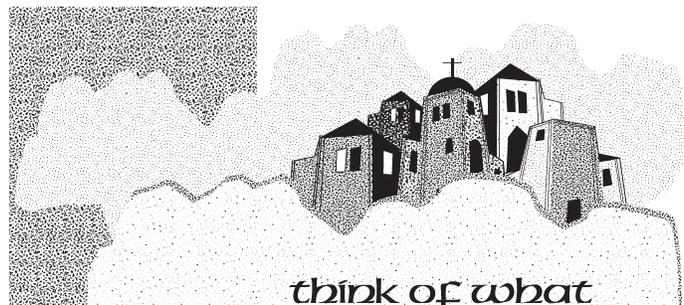
Humidity hung heavy in the air as people fanned themselves and swabbed their foreheads with handkerchiefs. Several substantial wooden doors that lined opposing sides of this sacred space were wide open, allowing light to pour in – creating a kind of airiness and an impression that there were no walls at all. Every pew was populated and the accumulation of people freely flowed out into the adjacent courtyards and through the front entryway. So many bodies were circulating about as devotees entered and exited this walled refuge in the midst of a bustling city. Seeing all these faithful, I realized that what I had anticipated to be a vacation was quickly taking on the form of a spiritual retreat.

I found inspiration as I looked out upon the congregation from my vantage point in the sanctuary where I was concelebrating Mass. The vestments I was wearing created for me a kind of personal sauna in the chapel of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Monastery in Cebu, Philippines during the first days of my vacation. On a normal day, the monastery, which houses a group of cloistered Carmelite nuns, is a haven for the faithful to come and pray. They step out of their chaotic lives into the calm of this serene sanctuary to find hope, help, and strength.

My traveling companions and I joined the many devotees who were engaged in a novena of Masses leading up to the July 16th feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. As I joined brother priests at the altar each day, I was astounded at the faith of the people of the Philippines. What is most striking is that average individuals came in droves every day of the novena, not because of any mandate, but because they wanted to freely give honor to Our Lady. I quickly learned that this was no isolated occurrence. This kind of devotion is woven into the fabric of their lives. Every church that I visited manifested the same kind of faith. On weekdays, one could often find hundreds of people attending Mass. Sundays were even more impressive. Faith seemed to come naturally to them, and I found it rather edifying. I couldn't help but wish that we could find this priority of faith present in our own culture here in America.

To give them credit, the people of the Philippines have been nurturing faith for centuries. It was Ferdinand Magellan, the global navigator, who first introduced Catholicism to the Philippines when he planted a cross in the ground in Cebu in the year 1521. The cross still stands today in a gazebo-like structure in the older part of town. The nascent faith would solidify as Spanish missionaries arrived to catechize and build upon these foundations. To the people there, faith is vital and devotion is strong. What I discovered during my time in the Philippines was that, even though so many people do not have much in terms of possessions, they are not lacking in faith.

The Gospel this weekend seems to indicate something similar. Jesus says, "though



*think of what
is ABOVE, not of
what is on earth.
then when christ
appears, you too
will appear with
him in glory.*

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one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." If we store up treasure for ourselves, but are not rich in what matters to God, we will find ourselves empty and without meaning in life. If, however, we have faith, we have everything. I found myself realizing anew how true this is as I followed the course of my trip through the Philippines. I found many simple, yet joyful people whose faith was most important. Granted, there were also many there who were on the fringes of the church, but still, there were far more who counted their relationship with God as their highest priority. I look forward to sharing further experiences in future letters. God bless,

Welcome new Parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners; Dinh and Phuong Luu and Israel and Melinda Vasquez and children, Eriel, Miranda, and Israel. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

Acts of Charity

There will be no meeting this month.

Recently Baptized

St. Pius X welcomes into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism: Lilyana Marie Streight, Silas James Habeeb-Cervantes, and Charlee Elizabeth Duren.

Save The Date for Feast of St. Pius Celebration!

Be sure to mark your calendars and save the date of Wednesday, August 21st. We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Pius. The 5:30pm Mass will be moved to 6:00pm and we will follow with hamburgers and hotdogs on the basketball court.

Workshop

Our Seminarian, James Hernandez, will be giving a workshop on his experience at World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro. The workshop will cover four homilies Pope Francis delivered to the young people and the world, where he elaborates on the theme of WYD 2013: "Go and make disciples of all nations!" (cf. Mt 28:19) The workshop will take place on Monday, August 5th, at 7:00pm in CC#1.

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

Saturday: 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 2:00PM

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays

Farewell from Our Seminarian

Dear St. Pius X Parishioners, my time at St. Pius X has gone by quickly but has been most enjoyable. I am glad to have had the chance to get to know the parish and parishioners. Working with Fr. Paul and Fr. Joseph has been a great opportunity to grow and develop as a future minister of the Church. I have had such a great time leading the workshops, movie nights, serving in Mass, helping with Vacation Bible School, and simply spending time with you. My time at St. Pius has helped deepen my calling and what has drawn me to the priesthood. During the last movie night held in the youth center, I experienced a beautiful moment in which I felt the joy of serving Christ. At the end of the night I led a prayer, which may seem simple, but helped me realize that this sort of action is what makes me happy. I wish to stand before God for His people to offer their prayers to Him and bring them closer to Him. This has been an inspiration to me, because I know that God wants me to grow closer to Him as well. I have experienced what Pope Francis said at the final Mass in Rio: "One who evangelizes is evangelized, the one who transmits the joy of faith receives more joy." I truly have received this joy from my short stay at St. Pius. I would like to thank every parishioner for your warm heart and open arms. Thank you very much for allowing me to share and grow with you on our journey of faith. May God bless you and may our Blessed Mother protect you. In Him, James

Movie Night

Come and join us to watch a screening of "Molokai: The Story of Father Damien." In 19th-century Hawaii, lepers are exiled to the island of Molokai and left to fend for themselves without any outside assistance -- until a courageous priest named Father Damien risks his own life to help ease their suffering. Although he's shunned by his church's greedy elders, Father Damien inspires others to reach out to the residents of Molokai. The screening will take place on Friday, August 9th, at 7:00pm in the Youth Center.

Seek Jesus - Pray

Have you said yes to Jesus and want to experience His love more deeply? Use the power of silence as you learn the concepts of deep prayer. All men and women in the parish are welcome to journey in faith together with others from the area and across the Diocese. There will be a "Day of Reflection and Prayer" on Saturday, August 24th, at Most Precious Blood, 3502 Saratoga Blvd. Mass will be at 8:00am and ends in Benediction at 2:30pm. There are registration forms and more information at the back of the church.

Comings and Goings



The Week at a Glance *Sunday, August 4*

Men's Club sale of BBQ tickets
8:30-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2
1:30PM – Baptism class – CC#1

Monday, August 5

8:00AM-4:00PM – Faculty meeting – CC#1
7:00PM – Workshop – CC#1

Tuesday, August 6

6:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2
10:00AM – Journey – CC#2
12:00-3:00PM – MAP - CC#1

Wednesday, August 7

7-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2
9:00AM – 12:00PM – MAP – CC#1
6:30PM – Alhambra - R

Thursday, August 8

1:30PM – Bridge – CC#1&2
6:00PM – Stewardship – CC#2
7:00PM – Adoration – CH

Friday, August 9

7:00PM – Movie Night – Youth Bldg.
7:30PM – Wedding Rehearsal – CH

Saturday, August 10

8:00AM – 5:00PM – Eagle Scout Ceremony – YC
1:00PM – Wedding - CH

Sunday, August 11

Men's Club sale of BBQ tickets
8:30-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

Save the Date

A "Fun Run" to help support the work of the Mission of Mercy will be held on Shoreline Drive downtown on Saturday, September 14th. Adults and children are invited to take part in this 5K event. The run will benefit the work of the Mission of Mercy, which is to provide a traveling medical clinic for needy persons in Flour Bluff, Robstown, Bishop, Orange Grove & Corpus Christi.

Collecting Items for Care Packages

We have boxes in the foyer of the church for items you wish to donate to the CARE boxes that will be sent to the service personnel on active duty overseas. Items needed include; chapstick SPF 15, stick deodorant, lotion, mouthwash, toothpaste, foot powder, anti-fungal cream, etc. Food items such as snack bars, gum, individual drink mixes for water (not lemonade flavored), nuts/corn nuts, tuna in tear-open packs. Fun things like word puzzle books, new greeting cards, small puzzle-type games, etc. If you have a friend or family member you would like to have a box sent to, please give their name and address, along with yours, to the church office. Please include the time that the person is expected to return to the States, as these boxes are sent only to those in "war" zones.

ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE & LIFE TEEN Major News

Registration

We will be outside of the Sanctuary doors after Masses THIS Saturday and Sunday holding registration for both EDGE & LIFE TEEN. Registration will include waiver forms and pictures. This year, we will have permanent nametags for each youth with their picture, name and school.

Please register your youth!!

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!

Parent Connection

On Sunday, August 11th, St. Pius X Youth Ministry will be meeting with parents of both middle school and high school students to introduce the CORE team, give important information on the upcoming year and finish registration for both ministries.

Parent Connection will start at 6:30 pm and run until 7:30 pm. The meeting space will be in the Youth Center.

Upcoming EDGE & LIFE TEEN Events

Saturday & Sunday, August 3rd & 4th – EDGE and LIFE TEEN Registration

Sunday, August 11th – Parent Connection

Sunday, August 18th – Fall Kick-Off for LIFE TEEN

Sunday, August 21st – Fall Kick-Off for EDGE

Check out www.stpiusxcc.org for more information on summer events!

Fall Kick-Offs

The Fall Kick-Off will take place at the park next to St. Pius X School. Please be sure and bring clothes that you don't mind getting extremely dirty. No white shirts, shorts or pants are allowed at the kickoffs. Parents are invited to stay and participate with us in the Kick-Off, but please be sure to bring enough towels for everyone getting in the car because YOU WILL GET MESSY!

Please look online at www.stpiusxcc.org for more information. Join us on Facebook at St. Pius X Life Teen or check out the promo for the Fall Kick-Off on Youtube at www.youtube.com/spxccyouthministry

For more information, contact: Robert Streight (361) 452-4513 or rstreight@stpiusxcc.org

Altar Servers

August 10-11

Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Stephanie Gibbon
Reagan Gibbon
Theonna Wisner
Michael Morin



Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Christian Toren
Benjamin Toren
Joseph Toren
Justin Gomez

Sun. 12:00 p.m.

Paris Hanna
Luis Lopez
Jacob Lugo
Paxton Hanna

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Jackie Lara
Brianna Salazar
Emily Salazar
Daniel Tindall

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Matthew Quiroz
Acadia Tamez
Nathaniel Quiroz

LECTORS

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Bud Colwell
10	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Fred McCutcheon
11	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Norman Acker
11	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Teresa Camacho
11	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Richard Arizmendi
11	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Theresa Arizmendi
11	SUN	12:00	NOON	Delbert Hooper
11	SUN	12:00	NOON	Jenny Sehy
11	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Simon Purnell
11	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angie Quiroz



Interested in finding out more about being a Catholic?

St. Pius X faith community invites you to an inquiry session this Sunday, August 4th. Meet members of the parish RCIA team and find out about the process. We meet from 9:00 - 9:45am in CC#2. For more information, contact Sr. Annette Wagner at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiusxcc.org.

School News

By Principal Bryan Krnavek



It's almost here! Summer vacation is quickly coming to an end. It is back to school for the students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School on Thursday, August 8th. Classes begin at 7:45 a.m. and there will be noon dismissal on the 8th and 9th. Students will be dismissed from the basketball court at 12:00 p.m. on these two days. No lunch will be served on these two days but those staying in after school care will need to bring a lunch. Dismissing school at noon makes the transition back to school a little easier on students, parents and teachers. The first full day of class will be Monday, August 12th and school will be dismissed at 3:15 p.m.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, teachers and staff will attend various meetings, trainings and in-services. Between meetings, our teachers will be getting their rooms ready for the return of the students. The "Meet and Greet the Teacher" and "Kinder Kamp" were well attended. It gave the children and parents the opportunity to meet the teacher and bring in their school supplies a little early. That always cuts down on the first day jitters!

We are looking forward to another great school year. This weekly column is written to keep our parishioners updated on all the goings-on and activities of the best Catholic School in Corpus Christi!

Have a blessed week!

CREATING AND MAINTAINING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE)

REQUEST: In order to update records and to have an accurate accounting of all who are in ministry in our parish, I would like to ask all leaders, chairpersons, coordinators to provide me with an updated list of those serving in your organization. The following ministries require its volunteers to meet the requirements.

- Youth Ministry and Youth Groups
- Children's choirs
- Religious Education
- Catholic Schools
- Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venture Crew,

Explorers

- Child care services (babysitting)
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors
- Altar Servers
- Ushers
- Ministers to the infirmed and homebound

Please provide me with a list as soon as possible! Thank you! Sr. Barbara Netek, CMSE Coordinator

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Beginning of Another Catechetical Year

The clock is ticking and we are nearing the beginning of another Catechetical Year. Registration will begin in mid-August and CCD/Religious Education classes will begin on September 4th. Each year we ask you, the parishioners of St. Pius X to consider answering God's call to be a Catechist (CCD teacher) with our children in the parish. Again, please begin considering this call. If you have a desire to spread God's love and God's message to others, this is the time to call and become a volunteer Catechist. Classes meet each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We do have a curriculum guide to use in our instruction. Seasoned Catechist are always available to help out. We are all a busy people. Why not be a busy person for God—a messenger of the Good News of God in our world today? Please call Sr. Barbara Netek at 993-9024 or 688-2654 or email her at bnetek@stpiusxcc.org



Registration for CCD Classes

We will have registration for CCD classes after all of the Masses the weekend of August 24th-25th. The registration form can be found on our parish website if you would like to download it and then send or bring it in to the parish office. A Baptismal Certificate is needed for all 1st and 2nd grade children and any other child preparing for First Holy Communion. Please attach a copy to the registration form. All 2nd grade children at St. Pius X School are also required to register for the Sacramental Preparation program for First Holy Communion. It is the same registration form and a copy of the Baptismal Certificate must be attached.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation I classes are held on Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30pm and Confirmation II classes are held on Monday evenings at 5:00-6:00pm or 6:30-7:30pm. Registration for Confirmation classes is the same form as CCD classes. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate is required for registration. Confirmation I classes begin on September 4th and Confirmation II classes begin on September 9th.

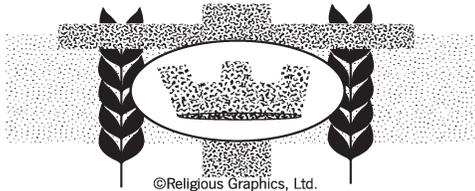
Is Your CMSE Card Expired?

Please check your blue CMSE card to make sure that it has not expired. If you are unsure, you can always check our website for a current listing of names whose card has expired. At our homepage go to Ministries/Safe Environment. Sr. Barbara Netek will be offering re-certification classes on the second Tuesday of each month beginning in August. Please watch the bulletin.

Mass Intentions



Sat. 8/3	8:15AM	† Laura Kolda by Frank & Martha Kolda
	5:30PM	† Jose E. Salinas by Beatriz A. Salinas & family
Sun. 8/4	8:00AM	† Bruce Bayerlein, Dale & Iluminada Gunnar by Bayerlein family
	10:00AM	For the parishioners
	12:00PM	† Alvino Campos by Stella Campos
		† Frank Montoya, Anniversary by Amparo Montoya
	5:30PM	† Raul Rodriguez by the Rodriguez family
Mon. 8/5	8:15AM	† Francis Mansheim Anniversary by Evelyn Mansheim
Tue. 8/6	8:15AM	† Jovita Reyes Anniversary by Delfina McHugh
Wed. 8/7	8:15AM	† Edwin Imhoff by Albert & Betty Diemert
		† John the Baptist Nguyen by family
		† Richard Mathews & family by Dorothy Mathews
		† Mary Brandesky by Sykora family
		† Thomas & Mary Fitzgerald by Fitzgerald girls
		Pat Janosek's Birthday Intentions by Art & Mary Salinas
	5:30PM	† Filiberto Martinez by Carolyn Canchola
		† Anna T. Coccia Nicolas by Sadie Aboud
		† Plutarco Cantu by Dora Garza
		† Patrick DeGregorio by Alice Didear & family
		† Elvira R. Lopez by Robert Lopez
		† Dorothy Corcoran by Marguerite Hoelscher
		† Bruce Balli by Libby & Joe Chaney
Thu. 8/8	8:15AM	† Allen Benesh by Jackie & Phyllis Benesh
Fri. 8/9	8:15AM	† Jose E. Salinas by Beatriz A. Salinas & family
	5:30PM	† Richard "Dick" Fry Anniversary by Dolores Puckett
Sat. 8/10	5:30PM	† Fritzie Muttera & Roman V. Arevalo by Lory Moore & family
Sun. 8/11	8:00AM	For the parishioners
	10:00AM	† Filiberto Martinez by Carolyn Canchola
	12:00PM	† Bob Noack Anniversary by Penny Pacheco
	5:30PM	† Michael Szepepsy, Sr. by Diana Ramos
	7:30PM	† Fr. Nguyen Van Liep by family



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Financial Report for week ending 7/28/2013

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection	\$16,467.58
Other Income	\$415.02
Total Operating Revenue ..	\$16,882.60

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity	\$130.00
Janosek Scholarship	\$25.00
Solidarity in Africa.....	\$10.00
VBS Collection for Needy.....	\$70.00

Total Other Contributions \$235.00

Total Contributions \$17,117.60

Loan balance on Youth Bldg
as of July 19, 2013 \$756,067.30