

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

I stood on the quay contemplating the exotic view around me. I couldn't imagine a more idyllic scene. Charcoal-grey mountains with dome-shaped peaks that were ominously shrouded in mist, lurked mysteriously behind luxuriant green hills bathed in sunlight. One is called Mt. St. Paul because of its resemblance to the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. In the foreground, dense, green flora blanketed the hills all the way down to the azure water. Slender palm trees stretched upward toward the shoreline, as if to wave their fronds to us in greeting. The familiar pastel blue and white out-rigger boats with pink, orange, and yellow streamers sat off-shore quietly waiting for tourists. We had arrived on the westernmost island of Palawan. I felt like I was living in some kind of fantasy.

After the exhilaration of our first trip to see the butanding, the flight from Cebu to Palawan was relatively uneventful. Although it is quickly becoming a choice destination for international tourists, Palawan seemed laid-back. Apart from the main city of Puerto Princesa, where the likes of McDonald's and Shakey's Pizza had staked their claim, the rest of the island had the feel of a pristine paradise. I could easily imagine what it must have been like for the first navigators to set foot upon this island.

After a good night's sleep in a simple, locally owned pension house, we drove 1 1/2 hours to the place I mentioned above, to see the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River. It was voted one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature. We traveled by boat to the Underground River, passing majestic cliffs of limestone jutting up toward the sky. We soon landed on a beach, took a short walk through the jungle to the river, where we loaded a smaller boat to take our tour. The Cabayugan River runs underground for several miles through a system of caverns. The boat exited the sunlight and entered a subterranean world where our eyes fell upon impressive cave formations, large bats, and other underground marvels. Our spirited guide kept us entertained with lame puns and other witty jokes as he pointed out the numerous features. All in all, it was a wonderful experience which was finally topped off with our group singing karaoke in the van on our way back to the city. I never knew that a van could have a karaoke system installed, but in a country where karaoke is extremely popular, it doesn't really surprise me.

The next day mostly centered on doing a little snorkeling and resting on the beach. After one more overnight stay, we returned to the island of Cebu and the next few days were spent visiting with family friends, celebrating Mass for deceased loved ones in the local cemetery, doing a little souvenir shopping, and of course, eating.

Despite a few exotic adventures, my time in the Philippines was a deeply religious experience. I spent a good amount of time contemplating the faith of the people in the various religious celebrations I was a part of, I had time to rest and reflect on God's goodness and love, and I prayed for all the parishioners of St. Pius X on a regular basis.

One of the things that struck



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

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me about the people of the Philippines was how well faith was integrated into their lives. Church is of extreme importance and God has a primary place. I saw much poverty and simplicity all around me. So many people there have very little and they work very hard. Even so, they are a joyful people who seem to find contentment despite the little they have. I mentioned in my first reflections that the trip quickly turned into a kind of retreat. What it did for me was to renew my awareness of how God works marvelously in the lives of people, and how the Church can impact a culture if we all respond to God's call and commit ourselves to doing his will. The people I met were very friendly and family oriented, and that is something we need to regain in the disposable culture in which we live. When Jesus talks about the "narrow gate" in the Gospel today, he is inviting us to re-orient our priorities and walk the path of faith despite the difficulty. I learned a great deal from my friends in the Philippines about priorities. Would that we all do the same!

God bless,

Welcome new Parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners; 1) Cindi Havelka and children: Justin, Lauren, and Samantha, 2) Juan Herrera and Veronica Flores and children: Marlena and Ruben, 3) Steven Yzaguirre and Jeannie Hernandez and son Dominic and 4) Patrick Beck. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

Food Handler's Class

The St. Pius X Women's Circle is sponsoring a food handler's class on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 7:00pm in the Youth building. The charge is \$10.00 cash. If you interested please contact Mary Saylor @ 994-5204.

Men's Club Barbeque Dinner

The St. Pius X Men's Club annual barbeque dinner will be today from 11:00am – 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are being sold after all masses, as well as at the door.

† May He Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of long time parishioner, Judge Paul Nye, who passed away August 17th and was buried through our church on August 22nd. Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. Eternal rest grant unto him Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him!

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

Blood Drive Today

There is a blood drive today, Sunday, August 25th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m! All donors will receive donor store points and a Sonic coupon. The Blood Bank is having a 5K RUN/WALK on November 16 from 7 a.m. at the Heritage Park. Adults: \$25 before Oct. 25, \$30 after Oct. 25. Children 12 & under: \$20 before Oct. 25, \$25 after Oct. 25. Entry includes a race t-shirt. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to register, call (800)299-4943 or visit www.runforblood.com,

Collecting Items for the Care Packages

This is the last weekend that there will be a box for the items you wish to donate to the CARE boxes for the military. Items such as: small toiletry items, chapstick SPF 15, stick deodorant, lotion, mouthwash and toothpaste. Food items such as: snack bars, gum, individual drink mixes for water (not lemonade flavored), nuts/corn nuts, tuna in tear-open packs; Foot powder/anti/fungal cream, etc. Fun things like: word puzzle books, new greeting cards, small puzzle-type games, etc. These will be sent overseas to men and women serving our country.

From the Parish mailbox....

Dear Fr. Joseph, I asked for permission to email you today so that I could wish you and Fr Paul and all the parishioners, faculty, students and staff of St. Pius X a very happy feast :) Lifting up all of you in a special way today and keeping you in my prayers. Hope all is well. Btw, if you get a chance, please let Sr. Angela Murdach know that we got her and her retreatants' prayers requests and read some of them aloud to each other during recreation after supper a couple nights ago, so we join all of them in prayer for these intentions as well. Praying for you by name each day and praying with you as I feel our spiritual closeness through the gift of your breviary. Please continue to pray for me, too! God bless you and all at St Pius X. With much love and gratitude, Your spiritual directee, Jenny

The Nye Family deeply and sincerely thank Fr. Paul, Fr. Joseph and the entire St. Pius staff for their unconditional love and support during the time of Judge Paul Nye's illness, death and funeral. We also would like to thank our parish family for your outpouring of love and encouragement during this difficult time. The Nye Family

Think Green

And THINK IRELAND! A week-long trip to the Emerald Isle is being planned for early summer 2014! Now is your opportunity to experience the verdant countryside, the delicious food, and the vibrant music of this intriguing island. Mark your calendar and come to an information session on November 17th or call Sister Barbara Bluntzer now at 945-3976

Comings and Goings



The Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 25

- 8:30-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2
- 9:00AM – 2:00PM – BLOOD DRIVE
- 11:00AM – 2:00PM – Men's Club BBQ - PH

Monday, August 26

- 7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria
- 7:00PM – Webelos – CC#1

Tuesday, August 27

- 6:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2
- 9:30AM-12PM – Sr. B.B. - Rectory
- 10:00AM – Journey – CC#2
- 12:00-3:00PM – MAP - CC#1
- 6:30PM – CMSE Core Class – CC#1

Wednesday, August 28

- 7-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2
- 7:30AM-2:00PM – School pictures - PH
- 9:00AM – 12:00PM – MAP – CC#1
- 7:00PM – Women's Circle - PH

Thursday, August 29

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

Friday, August 30

- 9:00-12:00PM – Student Council elections – PH
- 5:00-8:30PM – Serra Club meeting - PH

Saturday, August 31

Sunday, September 1

- 8:30-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2
- 1:30PM – Baptism class – CC#1

Discover Portugal, Spain, & France!

Fr. Paul is pleased to announce a 13-day pilgrimage to the Shrines of Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, and Lourdes from March 16 - 28, 2014. The cost of the tour is \$3,490.00 (All inclusive: includes air fare, hotels, 2 meals daily, ground transportation, airport taxes & surcharges, and tips) from Houston, TX. The itinerary includes: Lisbon, Porto, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Avila, Burgos, Loyola, Lourdes, Montserrat, & Barcelona. If interested, please contact Fr. Paul at 361-993-4053 or at pheffe@stpiouscc.org.

5K Fun Run/Walk for Mission of Mercy

A family 5K "Fun Run/Walk" will be held on Saturday morning, September 14th. The race begins at Cole Park on Ocean Drive at 7:30am. Funds benefit the MISSION OF MERCY MOBILE MEDICAL PROGRAM, which is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization that provides quality healthcare at no cost to the uninsured and those who "fall through the cracks" of our healthcare system. Registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under. To register go to www.vfitproductions.com or call Linda Salinas at (361)883-5500. WE HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL JOIN US FOR THIS EVENT!

ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE & LIFE TEEN Major News

Registration

We will continue to hold registration for the 2013-2014 EDGE & LIFE TEEN year every week at both programs! We continue to invite parents to register their youth for continued Christian faith formation. Please register your youth!!

Upcoming EDGE & LIFE TEEN Events

TONIGHT – LIFE TEEN: Puzzled

Wednesday, August 28 – EDGE: Crazy Kickball

Sunday, September 1 – LIFE TEEN: Emmanuel

Wednesday, September 4 – EDGE: #Word of the Lord

Friday, September 6 – LIFE TEEN @ Flour Bluff vs. Carroll

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

EDGE Fall Kick-Off

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. Find Us on Social Media:

Website – www.stpiusxcc.org

Facebook – St. Pius X Life Teen

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

DISCIPLESHIP THEN AND NOW



What does it really mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Join the DVD study with Fr. Anthony Gittins, C.S.Sp. An experienced missionary, pastor and now professor at The Catholic Theological Union, Fr. Gittins focuses on what makes true disciples in the New Testament and now. (No homework!) Sessions are on Monday 7:00 to 8:30 PM and Tuesday 2:00 to 3:30 PM. We meet in CC-2 beginning Monday, Sep. 23 and Tuesday, Sep. 24. Questions? Contact Sr. Annette at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiusxcc.org

Altar Servers

Aug. 31-Sept. 1



Sat. 5:30 p.m.

Matthew Oliveira

Jacob Rivera

Ryan Park

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Toby Shull

MC Tori Shull

Christian Ramos

Sun. 12:00 p.m.

Paris Hanna

School will serve

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

Jeremy Bedolla

Ben DeSive

Mackenzie DeSive

Helena Van Maren

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

Eathan Pompa

Luke Bean

Adam Villarreal

Benny Myers

LECTORS

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUG	31	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Peter Anzaldúa
AUG	31	SAT	5:30	P.M.	David Brown
SEP	1	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Alpha Patterson
SEP	1	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Carole Zanetti
SEP	1	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Hester Rodriguez
SEP	1	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Patricia Stegall
SEP	1	SUN	12:00	NOON	Marion Maas
SEP	1	SUN	12:00	NOON	Geraldine Rice
SEP	1	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Inez Matthijetz
SEP	1	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Frank Pompa

Interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Feel called to consider joining the Catholic Church?



The process for those interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church has begun! There is still time to come and see if this is the right time for you. We meet this Sunday from 9:00 to 9:45 AM in Room CC-2. Our schedule will change after the Labor Day weekend. For more information about future meetings, contact Sr. Annette Wagner at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiusxcc.org.

School News

By Principal Bryan Krnavek

The students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School are back into the groove of school and their activities are in full swing. We have just completed our second full week of school and have already had our first PTO meeting and Parent Orientation, first fire drill of the school year, and RAIN! By the time this week ends, our Fall Fundraiser will have ended, a student designed Halloween T-Shirt selected, and our 4th, 5th and 6th graders will have elected new Student Council officers. If you attend the 12:00 Mass next weekend, you will see our students in uniform for the first school-wide Sunday Mass.

Our first PTO meeting/Parent Orientation was well attended. It provided parents with lots of information about the school, fundraisers and goals for the year. After the meeting, parents visited the classrooms where they met with the teachers and learned about their child's curriculum, teacher expectations, rules and regulations. Before the meeting and orientation, parents of 4th, 5th and 6th grade students met to discuss plans for the upcoming Parochial Sports League activities. St. Pius X school students participate in fall Volleyball and spring Basketball.

This Wednesday our 5th and 6th graders will participate in the annual "Liturgy to Begin the School Year" at the Corpus Christi Cathedral. This is an annual Mass that is celebrated by Bishop Michael Mulvey and the pastors of parishes that have schools. All of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese send their exiting classes to this Mass where the lectors, altar servers, banner carriers and choir members are all students. It will be an amazing sight to watch all the attending school students participate in this mass.

Student Council elections will be held on Friday. Results will be published in next week's bulletin. The offices that will be up for grabs are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain. Our school has the best Student Council in town. Last year they raised over \$1500 with their Healthy Heart Cart sales. These are snack items that they sell after school on the court. They donated \$1000 of their proceeds to our school library for new books. Their sponsor is Mrs. Stovall, our 5th grade teacher. AWESOME group of young ladies and gentlemen!

Our Blue Jay of the Day and Student of the Week reward programs are in full swing. Students selected through one of these programs are announced during our morning announcements. On this coming Friday, several students will be treated to lunch with Mr. "K", catered by Jason's Deli, as a reward for using good manners for the month of August. We thank Bob and Sue Becquet for sponsoring our Manner of the Month program and allowing our students to eat free.

Have a Blessed Week!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Registration for Religious Education continues. You may pick up forms at the Parish Office or on line at www.stpiusxcc.org. We are registering student from Kinder – 8th grade, Confirmation I and II. Religious Education must be continuous from First Grade – Confirmation II. Over the last several years we have noticed a significant drop off in attendance after First Communion and then the child comes for Confirmation preparation. Missing Catechesis after First Communion to Confirmation has proven to be a severe handicap for children in their faith development. Our faith development, our life in Christ, must be a continuous, beginning in early childhood.

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.

Kingdom Rock VBS Makes A Difference

This summer during Vacation Bible School we had an objective to fee over 300 hungry children for one week at 50 cents a child. The children attending VBS surpassed their goal. We collected \$323.82-- enough to feed 648 children. It was sent to World Vision which provides essential care, encouragement, and hope to hurting children and families. We received a Thank You from them and I wanted to pass it on to the families and children who participated. CONGRATULATIONS! This is what Jesus and Pope Francis are calling us to as Catholics—love and take care of the poor and hungry.

Safe Environment

Please check your Safe Environment blue card for the expiration date. There are over 50 individuals whose card has EXPIRED! You have two months to take the recertification class before your name is taken off the volunteer list. You can check the website under the Ministries tab for the heading Safe Environment. Those with expired cards are listed. If you are no longer active as a volunteer in the parish, please call Sr. Barbara at 993-9024. If you are new to a ministry and are not certified, you must fill out the application form, take the CMSE class and have the background check on file before you serve in the ministry. There is a CMSE CORE class on August 27th at 6:30pm in CC#1.

Mass Intentions



- Sat. 8/24 5:30PM † Fern Kolda by Frank & Martha Kolda
 Sun. 8/25 8:00AM † Millie Dulak by M/M Morgan
 10:00AM For the parishioners
 12:00PM † Connie Moreno by Rogelio & Linda Perez
 † Juan De Los Santos by Minga De Los Santos
 5:30PM † Michael Szepessy, Sr. by Diana Ramos
 7:30PM † Fr. Nguyen Van Liep by family
 Mon. 8/26 8:15AM † Richard Mathews & family by Dorothy Mathews
 Tue. 8/27 8:15AM † John the Baptist Nguyen by family
 Wed. 8/28 8:15AM † Sr. Patrick Bruen by the Mathews family
 † Mary Brandesky by the Sykora family
 † Thomas & Mary Fitzgerald by the Fitzgerald girls
 † Abel Chapa by Gary & Kathy Clark
 5:30PM † Anna T. Nicolas by the Feudo, Jonasen, Speed families
 † Patrick DeGregorio by Lila Acevedo
 † Dorothy Corcoran by Chuck Gross
 † Bruce Balli by M/M Martin Rivera
 † Edmond Imhoff by wife Laura
 † Sally Muller by Bill Wagner
 † Leo Gonzalez by Alan & Cathy Harvey
 Thu. 8/29 8:15AM † Michael Pacheco, Jr. by Penny Pacheco
 Fri. 8/30 8:15AM † Charles & Martha Kaler by the Mathews family
 5:30PM † Elizabeth Ann Wetegrove by Roseanne Conger
 Sat. 8/31 5:30PM † Salome & Mary Naranjo by Diane Ponte
 Sun. 9/1 8:00AM † Max Almendarez Annv. by Boyd, Swoboda & Almendarez families
 10:00AM † Dorothy Janosek by Lisa & Dewayne Catchings
 12:00PM † Jesus Maria Villarreal by Santana & Mary Lou Villarreal
 5:30PM For the parishioners



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Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Marcie Aguilar, Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Isabel Anorga, Luisa Arevalo, Janelle Ballard, Ann Bednorz, Don Birt, Sgt. 1st Class William Boone, Lucy Boyd, Bill Brumback, Bob Buchanan, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Mary Lee Cantwell, Ashley Carroll, Jason Cox, Shirley Curry, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Rhonda Dungan, Liz Elovitz, Yolanda Escobar, Anne Everson, 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, Suzy Guzman, Colleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Chris Holland, Graham Hughes, Elizabeth Johnson, Julie Johnson, Mary Kelly, Dorothy Krause, Dora Lambert, Harold Lee, Arlene Leep, Ed Lewis, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, Johnnye Lee Mokry, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Toufic Nicolas, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Ron Randolph, Raymond Richter, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Marguerite Ross, Albert Rubio, David Russell, 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, Stephen Tagliabue, Dora Tenpenny, Lydia Tey, Diane Thompson, Norbert & Rosalind Thonnard, Sara Trevino, Mary Vall, Idolina Vela, Luz Villarreal, Melva Walet, Bea Wilson, Sandra Woolery, Dolly Zihelli, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

Financial Report for week ending 8/18/2013

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection \$17,360.53
 Assumption \$1,099.00
 Other Income \$1,500.00
 Total Operating Revenue .. \$19,959.53

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity \$2,468.42
 Janosek Scholarship \$25.00
 Habeeb Scholarship \$629.00
 Catholic Charities \$18.00

Total Other Contributions \$3,140.42

Total Contributions \$23,099.95

Loan balance on Youth Bldg
 as of August 16, 2013 \$743,529.42