

Saint Pius X
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL
50 Years of Faith
"To renew all things in Christ"

Feast of the Holy Family

Dear Friends,

Christmas is a very special time for families. People do their best to try to be with family during this time of year. If they aren't able, they at least try to make contact with their families, unless they are alienated from them because of strife or other unfortunate circumstances. Those who, for whatever reason are without family, still have an inner longing for family bonds. We were all made for family life and it is vital to our well-being.

Few of us believe that our families are perfect. In fact, I would venture to say that all of us could say that our families are fraught with problems. Even the closest families have issues to deal with. Growing up, siblings fight with each other. Parents get frustrated and impatient with their children because they don't do what they're told. Spouses don't listen well to each other or pay attention to each other's needs. Some families are touched by divorce. Others are challenged by conflicting personalities between in-laws.

Some families grapple with the graver challenges of single parenting, while others deal with loneliness and distance. Sometimes the death of a family member leaves its lasting effects on those who remain living. There are many families whose existence is frail.

Everyone's family is imperfect and every family possesses its share of trials and tribulations. We should not lose hope because of this. The imperfections become the breeding ground for holiness.

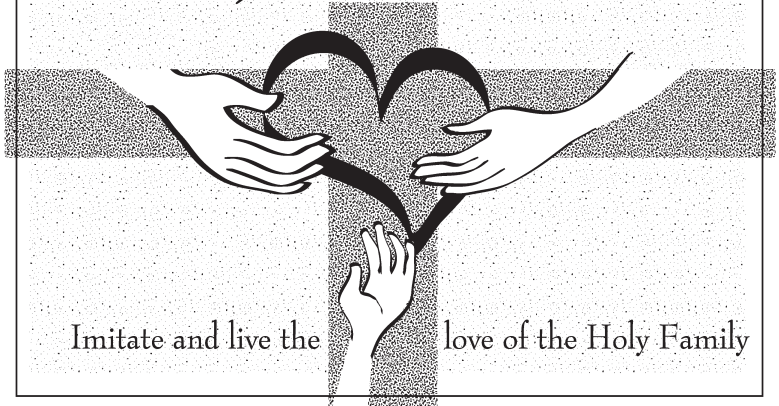
Jesus himself lived within the context of family. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is given to us today on this Feast of the Holy Family, as an exemplary model of what family life should be. In them, we see what it means to meet the daily challenges of life. In them we see what it means to hold a deep and abiding respect for one another. We also see in them what courage and faith looks like.

Certainly, none of our families can match the sanctity of the Holy Family. Nevertheless, we can learn from their example and strive to emulate their conduct in our lives. Together, they faced many struggles. Mary and Joseph had to take their son, Jesus, to live in Egypt because of the fear of Herod, who wanted to kill the newborn King of the Jews. No doubt, it was not an easy life to be in a foreign country and hash out a living away from relatives and friends who could have given daily support. The conditions must have been such that it helped to forge the mutual respect that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had for each other. They had already witnessed the profound action of God in their lives because of the birth of Jesus. They also learned how to deal courageously with the many unknown factors that they encountered. God always watched over them and gave them what they needed to live in confidence, harmony, and peace.

Like the Holy Family, we need to trust in the Lord, no matter what our family looks like. I always say that if our families look messy, it's not necessarily a sign that we have failed. There are many opportunities for growth amidst the messiness. Each family has its own set of circumstances that are different from any one else's. The challenges are thus going to be unique for each family and we should never compare our families to other's. Each day, we need to pray for the grace to do our best

The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

JESUS
MARY
JOSEPH



Imitate and live the love of the Holy Family

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and to teach our children the right things. We should never settle for the mediocre. Nor should we expect perfection. We should always face situations with courage and never underestimate the significance of our love, nor the power of the wrongs we do to hurt. Our children see and learn from us.

The life of prayer and faith within the family is vital to helping the family grow in unity and love. If we want to be more like the Holy Family, we need to keep connected to Jesus, who is the life of the family. If we center ourselves on faith and life in Jesus, then we will grow each day to be more and more like the model of union and love that marked the life of the Holy Family. God bless!

Shoes-shoes-shoes-shoes !!!!!

Thanks to everyone who took ornaments from the Giving Tree! Your response to put new shoes on those who are homeless was a statement of your generosity and a blessings to those who received the shoes. We collected over 400 pairs of shoes! Again, thank you for your response and your willingness to give to others. I am absolutely sure that our loving God is pleased and is blessing you each day.

Mass Schedule on New Year's Day

The Vigil Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31st, and then at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 1st. There is no evening Mass on New Year's Day.

Healing Mass Next Friday

Our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at Mass this coming Friday, January 3rd at 5:30 p.m. 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, 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. The next First Saturday is this coming Saturday, January 4th.

Parish Offices Closed

The parish offices will be closed Tuesday, December 31st, and Wednesday, January 1st, for the holiday. They will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd, at 9:00 a.m.

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 & 6:00PM(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.

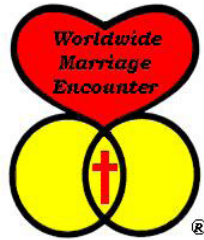
Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

A huge THANK YOU for your generous gifts to the Quality of Life - Annual Coat Drive. The Women's Shelter was ecstatic and grateful for receiving women's and children's winter coats. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Angels of Mary #2460 wouldn't have done it without each and every one of you!!!! THANK YOU!!!!

MARRIED AND LOOKING FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Why not make a commitment to do something to improve your marriage – like making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? For more information contact Rolando & Nelda at 361-851-8306 or visit www.mecorpuschristi.org. Next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Corpus Christi is Feb 14-16, 2014



Epiphany Banquet for Parish Volunteers

Parish volunteers, ministers, and members of parish organizations are cordially invited to an Epiphany Celebration in your honor. Invitations were mailed out this past week, but with so many volunteers to keep track of, it sometimes happens that we inadvertently overlook someone, or mail does not get delivered properly. In order to assure that no one gets left out, if you are involved in one of our parish ministries or organizations and did not receive an invitation, please know that you are invited. The invitation is for you and your spouse or one guest only. Please RSVP by December 31st to the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD CLASSES will not meet again until January 8, 2014. There will be a parent meeting that evening.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES: We will break for the Christmas holidays and resume classes on January 13, 2014.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 29

Monday, December 30

11:00AM - Altar Server practice - CH

7:30PM - Angels - CC#1

Tuesday, December 31

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, January 1st

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Thursday, January 2nd

1:30PM - Bridge - CC#1&2

Friday, January 3rd

First Friday Communion Calls

5:30PM - Healing Mass - CH

6:30PM - Santo Niño Mass - CH

Saturday, January 4th

9:00AM-3:00PM - Women's ACTS - PH

4:00-10:00PM - JTD Afterglow - YC

7:00PM - Epiphany Ministries Party - PH

Sunday, January 5th

8:30AM - RCIA - CC#2

1:30PM - Baptism class - CC#1



ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE & LIFE TEEN Major News

Christmas Break

Both the EDGE and LIFE TEEN ministries will be taking a break during the Christmas and New Years' holidays. EDGE will resume on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm and LIFE TEEN will resume on Sunday, January 12 at 6:45 pm. We want to wish all the youth and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Find Us on Social Media

Website – www.stpiusxcc.org

Facebook – St. Pius X Life Teen

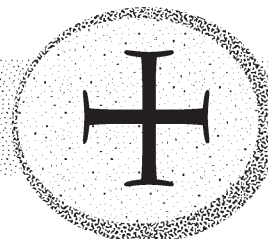
Twitter - @theCatholicYM

Instagram – StPiusXCCYouthMinistry

Youtube - spxcccouthministry

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

Holy Family
pray for us!



Mass Intentions



Sat. 12/28	5:30PM	† Mary E. Borjas by her daughters
Sun. 12/29	8:00AM	† Richard J. Shirley, Annv. by Patricia Janosek
	10:00AM	† David Case, Annv. by Mary Fodor
	12:00PM	For the Parishioners
	5:30PM	† David Huber by Jim & Mim Cook
Mon. 12/30	8:15AM	† Cecil Newbury by Sr. Mary Anne Pagano
Tue. 12/31	8:15AM	† Joyce Shirley, Annv. by the Shirley family
		† Albin & Dorothy Janosek by Janosek family
	6:00PM	† Felix & Bessie Matula by Fr. Paul
Wed. 1/1	9:00AM	For the Parishioners
	11:00AM	† Edna Medina by Elva Rodriguez
		† Grace Gonzalez by Eligio & Martha Saenz
Thu. 1/2	8:15AM	† Teresa Anorga, Annv. by Anorga & Tamez families
Fri. 1/3	8:15AM	† Janelle Ballard by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora
		† Debra Gerdes by Angie Gerdes
	5:30PM	† Ricardo Saenz, Annv. by Dolores Saenz
		† Nick Toledo, Annv. by family
		† Amparo Rodriguez by Emma & Pete Rivera, Jr.
		† Richard Rodriguez, Annv. by Elva J. Rodriguez
Sat. 1/4	8:15AM	† Paulita Barrera by Barrera family
	5:30PM	† Gumecinda Salinas by Art & Mary Salinas
Sun. 1/5	8:00AM	For the Parishioners
	10:00AM	† Anna Mae Moses by Theresie Krnavek
	12:00PM	† Chester Zablocki
	5:30PM	† Bruce A. Balli by P.A.G.A.
	7:30PM	† Fr. Nguyen Van Liep by family

Widowed/Divorced Support Group

Are you, or someone you know, widowed or divorced? Don't go it alone! Being widowed or divorced is painful and lonely. It takes someone who has been through your same circumstances to know what you are going through. Like the group that meets at 7:00pm every Monday for ten weeks starting this January 6th. You can learn to cope with your grief by sharing your experience. Come join us by calling John at 813-5825 (email jmoses1801@clear.net) or Charlene at 813-5285 for more information.

"WE CARE" for children and adults



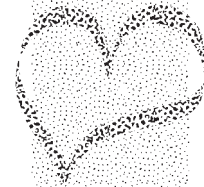
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Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Marcie Aguilar, Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Isabel Anorga, Luisa Arevalo, Ann Bednorz, Don Birt, Lucy Boyd, Bill Brumback, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Mary Lee Cantwell, Ashley Carroll, Jason Cox, Shirley Curry, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaihs, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Annie Dornak, Rhonda Dungan, Liz Elovitz, Yolanda Escobar, Bobby Floyd, Esperanza Garcia, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Cathrine Garofolo, Terry Garza, Elida Gonzalez, Steve Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, 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, Ben Janosek, Elizabeth Johnson, Julie Johnson, Irene Jordon, Dorothy Krause, Dora Lambert, Arlene Leep, Ed Lewis, Joe A. Martinez, 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, Paul Rossi, 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, Mary Ann Starkey, Mamie Stoner, Lydia Tey, Diane Thompson, Norbert & Rosalind Thonnard, Sara Trevino, Idolina Vela, Luz Villarreal, Melva Walet, John Weed, Bea Wilson, Jennifer Yaklin, Dolly Zihelli, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

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School News

By Principal Bryan Krnavek

Have a Blessed, Safe and Prosperous New Year from the staff and students of St. Pius X Catholic School.

